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OSE BOARD WELCOMES YOU!



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OSE TOOK PART IN CONFERENCES

Some members of the Board were lucky to take part in different Occupational Science and Therapy Conferences around the world. Margarita Mondaca and Silvia Veiga-Seijo (supported by P4PLAY programme) attended the Inaugural World Occupational Science Conference (August, 2022, Vancouver). The board had the amazing opportunity of meeting occupational science scholars and discussing current relevant topics for the discipline, highlighting decolonization and social transformation through occupation as key topics.

Georg Gappmayer and Silvia went to Paris to attend the 18th World Federation of Occupational Therapy Congress. OSE Board successfully submitted a poster with the title "Occupational Science Europe: History, Vision, and Values". They also could discuss the value of occupational science for occupational therapy practice in the different sessions.

Finally, Margarita and Georg attended the 26th Annual Meeting of ENOTHE in Tbilisi (Georgia). This networking experience helped to advance in different collaborations.

We hope to see you next year in Odense!

Occupational Science Europe: History, Vision and Values
 Miranda Cunningham, Aileen Louise Bergshain, Kawthar El-Qasem, Georg Gappmayer, Margarita Mondaca, Anne-Le Morville & Silvia Veiga-Seijo

<p>Introduction</p> <p>Although initiated in Europe, OSE recognizes occupation as both a global and situated phenomena and therefore welcomes all people, regardless of location, with an interest in occupational science. The network was initially formed at an international conference at Plymouth University in 2011.</p>	<p>Practical Implications</p> <p>To achieve its objectives OSE hosts a biennial conference and provides free online resources for sharing news, discussion, research opportunities and links. The next conference is planned for August 2023 and will be in accordance with the network's vision that understandings of occupation are embedded within everyday and disciplinary discourses, enriching everyday life for all people. OSE encourages and supports ongoing and future collaborations that are open, non-discriminatory, and socially responsible between all people with an interest in occupational science, particularly recognizing the multiple cultures and languages of Europe. Anyone can join OSE. It is free of charge and has no formal registration process.</p>				
<p>Objectives</p> <p>The aim of Occupational Science Europe is to support the development of occupational science throughout Europe and beyond. OSE is an interdisciplinary network that honors its origins in occupational therapy by actively supporting the study, development and promotion of occupational science. Executive boards and committees work jointly, which are:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Conference</td> <td>Social Media</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Interdisciplinary</td> <td>Research</td> </tr> </table>	Conference	Social Media	Interdisciplinary	Research	<p>Conclusions</p> <p>OSE was created to support the development of occupational science in Europe and beyond. It offers opportunities for networking, collaboration and learning between students, researchers, practitioners, and people interested in human occupation.</p>
Conference	Social Media				
Interdisciplinary	Research				

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OSE 2023 CONFERENCE: ODENSE

The next Occupational Science Europe Conference will be in Odense next year (24-26 August, 2023) and it has the call for abstracts open! Do not miss this opportunity!



Occupational Science Europe

The OSE 2023 conference.
24. - 26. August in Odense, Denmark.

Situated occupation and everyday life:
Towards environmental, economic, social inclusiveness and sustainability.



The OSE 2023 conference focuses on how environmental conditions and changes on all levels (societal, community, and individual) influence and situate occupation and everyday life of people in all life situations and socio-economic contexts.

Themes

Potential topics comprise interdisciplinary subjects and situate occupational science topics from a broad perspective. We invite proposals for oral- and poster presentations and panel/interactive/workshop sessions addressing one of the following 4 themes:

- **Occupation, inclusion, equality and social transformation**
Examining the potential of an occupation-based approach to address issues of inclusion, equality and social transformation in societies
- **Advancing inclusive, sustainable and just ways of living**
Examining the potential of new and alternative ways of living that are occupational just and socially inclusive
- **Advancing inclusive research**
Exploring the potential of inclusive methodology and partnerships in occupational science research
- **Occupation, exclusion and everyday life**
Examining the consequences of exclusion from occupations in everyday life

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

OSE 2023 Conferece

"Situated occupation and everyday life towards environmental, economic, social inclusiveness and sustainability"

Start of submission 16th November 2022
End of submission 15th January 2023

Full information:

<https://www.ucl.dk/international/the-ose-2023-conference>



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**DEADLINE:
15 JANUARY**

[Submission guidelines and types:](https://www.ucl.dk/international/the-ose-2023-conference)

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LANGUAGE GROUPS

News from the Société Francophone de Recherche sur les Occupations

This summer has been extraordinary in terms of meetings and exchanges for the members of the [Francophone Society for Occupational Science \(SFRO\)](#), with two world congresses within a few days (ISOS and WFOT). Vancouver and its first world congress dedicated to occupational science was a great opportunity for francophone researchers from Canada, France, Switzerland and USA to meet with the international community of occupational scientists, and to draw up an overview of current and future issues for the discipline. Both congresses will be presented through two short reports in the next edition of the [Francophone Journal of Research in OT \(RFRE\)](#).

On the Swiss side, [The Human Occupation and Health \(OHS\)](#) center from the University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Western Switzerland, which aims to contribute to the development of occupational science at the local level, has two new collaborators: Léa Nussbaumer as assistant and Virginie Stucki as co-leader, alongside Nicolas Kuhne, who is co-leader of OHS since its debuts. Léa just graduated from the European Master of Occupational Therapy while Virginie recently obtained her PhD from the Faculty of Social and Political Sciences of the University of Lausanne, Switzerland. Both share a strong interest in social justice issues and advocacy for vulnerable individuals or groups.”

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News from the Austrian association of Occupational Science (AOS)

The Austrian Association of Occupational Science was able to share their story of funding the association at the [18th World Congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists](#) in Paris in August. As AOS is mostly operating via online environments it was the first time that part of the board members met in person.



Part of the Board members took a picture at the 18th Congress of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists. In the picture you board members stand in front of a gratify wall that was displayed at the Congress. Following board members where represented: Mona Dür, PhD, MSc (President), Thomas Morgenthaler, MScOT (Vice Secretary), Karin Lettner-Hauser, MHPE (Financial Treasure), Katrin Pechstädt, MScOT (Media Officer), Magdalena Schlögl, BSc (Vice media office), Mag. Katharina Fechner (Representative for the Austrian Occupational Therapy Association).

Annual online Congress and preparations for second term elections

The annual “**O’Science day**” was successfully held on Friday the 25th of November on the topic of “**Occupational Science as an interdisciplinary discipline**”. Experts from Austria, Germany and Switzerland with different professional backgrounds participated in panel discussions, gave presentations, and contributed to workshops. Currently, the board is working on planning the **annual assembly** including the board election for the second two-year term of the Austrian Association of Occupational Science.

<https://austrianoccupationalscience.com/en/2007-2/>

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News from the German Occupational Science group)

The German Occupational Science group dOS exists now for seven months as a registered association and continues to be a lively and open group which meets biannually with the goal of promoting occupational science (OS) in Germany. The group has currently 25 members and publishes their meetings and activities. As dOS has become an important platform for establishing an OS discourse in Germany, current meetings focus on introducing and discussing international occupational science literature in the German language and context. On February 24th 2022, the 8th dOS working meeting took place as a virtual journal club, focusing on the relevance of key OS concepts for occupational therapy teaching, by using the article "Occupational science concepts essential to occupation-based practice: Development of expert consensus" (Backman, Christiansen, Hooper, Pierce, & Price, 2021).

At the annual German Occupational Therapy Congress in Bielefeld (May 21st 2022) dOS also held a session on 'Teaching occupational science as a science relevant to occupational therapy'. The session started with a brief introduction of the dOS-group and was followed by an international perspective on teaching occupational science in occupational therapy programs. Shifting the perspective to Germany, two empirical studies were introduced and discussed. The studies explored how OS is currently used in exemplary occupational therapy degree courses in Germany. The audience was interactively involved with their ideas on OS in Germany and provided encouraging feedback, highlighting the importance of promoting and advancing possibilities to learn and teach OS in OT education in Germany. This goal, as well as providing OS literature in the German language are both part of dOS' mission statement.

Anybody interested in more information about the dOS group or in joining the next meeting is invited to contact us via the following email address: osdeutsch@gmail.com.



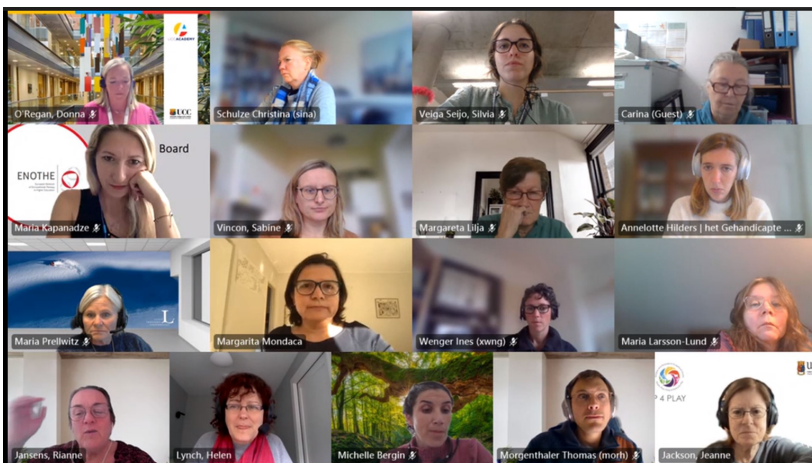
dOS meeting to found the association dOS, Zoom, November 16th, 2021

Reference:

Backman, C. L., Christiansen, C. H., Hooper, B. R., Pierce, D., & Price, M. P. (2021). Occupational Science concepts essential to occupation-based practice: Development of expert consensus. *American Journal of Occupational Therapy*, 75. <https://doi.org/10.5014/ajot.2021.049090>

PARTNERSHIPS

OSE is one of the partner organizations of the **P4PLAY programme** (European Joint Doctorates programme in Occupational Science for Occupational Therapists). One member of the board attends their regular partner meetings. In September, Margarita Mondaca (Chair), introduced the mission, role, and work that OSE has been doing in the P4PLAY Partners Meeting. The meeting was very fruitful to generate a conversation about the role of OSE and discuss future plans to strengthen our alliances and collaborations together. Exciting times are coming, keep an eye on our networks!



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ISTTON will deliver a **workshop** in the pre-conference of the next Occupational Science Europe 2023 Conference (Odense). More details will be announced soon. Stay tuned for more information!



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Thank you very much!



If you know any educational programme (masters, PhD), courses or workshops about occupational science, send it to us!



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If you have anything that you want to share in the next newsletter in June 2023, or if you want to give us feedback - please contact us! occupationalscienceeurope@gmail.com

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