



4th Social Policy Research Conference, Version 4.2

ESPAnet Austria - CALL FOR PAPERS

27-28 September 2021, University of Graz

We would like to invite you to the upcoming Research Conference of ESPAnet Austria (Version 4.2) - the network of social policy researchers in Austria. Although social policy issues feature strongly in the public discourse, scientific exchange based on research and analysis could still be strengthened. Social policy research in Austria is a multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary field that deals with a broad range of topics from different disciplines using different theoretical and methodological perspectives. ESPAnet Austria's research conferences contribute to deepening the scientific discourse and improving the exchange across disciplinary, theoretical and methodological differences.

This time, the conference will take place from **27-28 September 2021** at the **University of Graz**, Austria. The research conferences planned for 2020 and for April 2021 in Graz had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If it is not possible to meet in Graz in September 2021, the conference will take place in a digital or hybrid format. In addition, a policy forum on the topic of the 'Future of the Welfare State' is planned after the conference sessions, to which you are all warmly invited (more information will follow).

Call for Papers

We cordially invite established researchers as well as PhD students to take part in the Call for Papers and submit abstracts on their socio-political research topics. Since the exchange across disciplinary boundaries is particularly important to us, we invite colleagues from different disciplines to discuss their theoretical or empirical work in a multidisciplinary environment. Young researchers in particular are encouraged to submit their work.

The research conference will focus on social policy research in Austria and social policy research on Austria, analyses from a regional, national or comparative perspective as well as in a European or global context.

Abstracts

Abstract submissions should include the following:

- Title of the paper
- Name of the author
- Abstract with information on background and research question, method or approach, results and discussion (length: **max. 300 words**)
- Institution, postal and e-mail addresses of the authors

Abstract submissions are possible until **7th of June 2021**.

Please send abstracts in Word format to espanetaut2021@uni-graz.at by e-mail.

Organizational aspects of the conference

- Date: 27-28 September 2021 (from/until noon to enable arrival or departure on the respective day)
- Location: University of Graz (ReSoWi-Zentrum, Universitätsstraße 15, 8010 Graz), Austria
- Conference fee: € 50
- Conference languages are German and English
- Local Organization: Margareta Kreimer, Institute of Economics & Daniel Reiter, Institute of Economics/Graz Schumpeter Centre, University of Graz, Austria
- Website: <https://espanet-austria-2021.uni-graz.at/de/>

ESPAnet (www.espanet.org)

ESPAnet (The European Network for Social Policy Analysis) is a network of European researchers in the field of social policy research. The network was founded in 2002 to promote the development of research and teaching in social policy analysis and to support interdisciplinary exchange and cooperation between researchers.

ESPAnet Austria (<https://www.wu.ac.at/sozialpolitik/espanet-austria>)

ESPAnet Austria follows the objectives of ESPAnet and aims in particular at the following:

- Promotion of inter- and multidisciplinary exchange and cooperation between social policy researchers in Austria
- Support young researchers in developing their skills and knowledge in social policy analysis

The focus lies on:

- Austrian social policy
- Austrian social policy from a comparative European and global perspective
- International and supranational social policy and its significance for social policy in Austria
- Promotion of the visibility of social policy research in Austria