URBAN SOS - FINLAND NEW SLIETTER

GREETINGS

Welcome Team Finland to the Uban SOS Partnership. As we move through the 3 years of our project to explore Social Work in the context I thought a newsletter might be a good way to keep everyone up to date.

While working in our meeting one of the members shared an excellent quote which I thought would serve us well as we move through this time of uncertainty and co-creation.

"It is not necessary to know everything to understand something." (Geertz, 1972:318)



TPM1

The first Transnational Partnership Meeting in Ghent took place in the beginning of November 2019. We were warmly welcomed by Artevelde University of Applied Sciences as the host and Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences as the meeting chairman. We worked very hard on defining our concepts and how the outputs should progress



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KEY DATES

Date 1: Output 1-Framework for Analysis 1.1.2020-1.9.2021

Data collection and thick description creation begins in January 2020. More instructions will follow.

Date 2: TPM2 Amsterdam 20.-22.4.2020

We will have rough drafts of our 'cases' and thick descriptions ready for this technical meeting

Date 3: TPM3 Helsinki

General Meeting tentatively scheduled 28.-30.10.2020

PICTURES FROM THE TPM

Social Work in Urban Areas - student mid-term projects from Rabot and Sluizeken-Tolhuis-Ham.



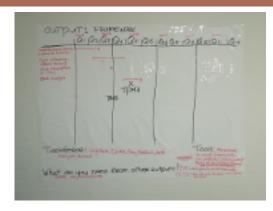
Study visits to the Rabot neighborhood and to the Social Restaurant Toreke as well as to Overkop (low threshold youth houses)



On the final day we looked closer at gamification and the possibilities to make our cases come alive to support learning.



FRAMEWORK FOR ANALYSIS

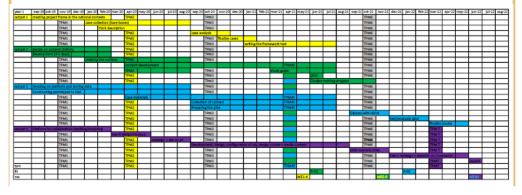


Output 1 or Framework for analysis was discussed and debated for quite some time. There was much confusion about what 'phronetic' analysis is and what is might look like for us in the project. There was a lot of discussion by the professional workers from the field about how this would look in practice. Dorthe Høvids Possing (Copenhagen) and her workfield partner Frey Sonne from Kofoeds Skole shared an example of a case they are considering. Here are some of the highlights of the discussion for your consideration.

In our framework for analysis, we are not creating a new approach, Flybjerg (2012) already did this; we are applying it in a new context. We are trying to understand what kind of cities environments we want and what kind of social workers we will need in order to achieve this. We are looking at the experience of the city and what kind of consequences it will have on the wellbeing of residents in the future. Through specific examples and cases we can answer the big value and power questions posed by Flybjerg...and that is what phronesis is. Phronesis means practice wisdom, something we all have but often apply tacitly or unconsiously rather than in an examined way. It is not often acknowledged as 'real' knowledge. We are seeking to change this by trying to elevate phronetic knowledge with epistemic knowledge. Phronesis places practice over discourse and our version of phronesis is the *urban phronetic approach*; looking at the places and contexts of the issues. The focus is the city.

PROJECT TIMELINE

New timeline file is uploaded to Teams in project management and project plan



Happy Holidays

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VALUE AND POWER QUESTIONS (FLYBJERG, 2012)

Flybjerg's 8 questions:

5 Power Questions (related to power relations)

- Who gains and who loses
- Through what kinds of power relations
- What possibilities to change existing power relations
- Is it desireable to do so
- Of what kinds of power relations are those asking the questions themselves a part

3 Value Rational Questions (related to direction we are heading in)

- Where are we going
- is this desireable
- what should be done

Data collection and interviews/observations will begin in the spring. Each country will analyse 2 cases one which will be gamified for the platform. We need to decide on the particular cases or challenges that we agree makes sense for us to look at and then we share our viewpoints on that case in order to have good questions so we may build a good thick description. As we move along, we will work to come up with a way to make this transferable to cases for the outputs.

When we are thinking about the organizations or cases we want to use we need to remember that the case should be something that practitioners or students can use to train their place sensitivity. This is related to flybjerg's idea of context when working with phronesis. Analysing and taking into consideration the context is half the work.

I will be working this fall to create more concrete guidelines for interviewing and data collection.

UPCOMING TEAM MEETINGS

I would like to have one meeting in later December if possible when I have some more information about the timelines and tasks. I have met with the coordinators virtually and we are working on getting you more concrete information as soon as possible.

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