



4th Annual Conference of ALTER-ESDR

Questioning contemporary societies through the lens of disability

Paris - France, 2-3 July 2015

The conference is organised in the context of the annual meeting of Alter - *European Society for Disability Research / Société Européenne de Recherche sur le Handicap*. Its goal is to offer a European and international multidisciplinary view of disability research, across the whole spectrum, addressing both sociohistorical and political dimensions as well as the subjective experiences of the actors, as well as to take disability as a category of analysis, that reveals the modes of social organisation.

The 2015 theme of the conference « **Interrogating contemporary societies through the lens of disability** » invites the submission of theoretical and empirical research and innovative papers addressing topics that include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Politics of disability and disability as a political issue
- Mobilising law and the rights of persons with disabilities
- Theoretical and conceptual innovations on disability studies
- Participatory research methods and applied research
- Disability and work : inability, activation and employability
- The politics of inclusive education
- Emerging professions in the field of disability and vulnerability
- Gender, sexuality, reproduction, parentality and embodied experiences
- Disability, discrimination and intersectionality
- Literary, media, film, scenic and aesthetic representations of disability

Languages of the conference

Papers can be presented in English, French and/or Sign Language. Simultaneous English/French translation will be available in the plenary sessions.

How to submit an abstract

The deadline for submitting abstracts is: **28 February 2015**.

Abstracts should be sent to the following address : 4th.Alter.conference@gmail.com

Abstracts should be no longer than 300 words (Times New Roman, 12 points). They can be submitted in English or French and must include: title of the paper, name and affiliation of the authors, email address of the contact author, language that will be used (English, French, Sign Language). They should also detail the problematic, the method used, and if appropriate the data collected and the type of analysis undertaken, as well as some elements of the bibliography.

Proposals for organizing whole sessions of four presentations are also accepted. They must include: title of the session, name and affiliation of the authors, email address of the contact author, language that will be used (English, French, Sign Language). An abstract of the session must be submitted with the abstracts of the four papers that it will encompass, each no longer than 300 words and following the format described above.

Notifications of the acceptance of the papers will be sent to the contact author by mid-april 2015.