

Introduction

The research group *Praxeology* from the University of Bergen, Department of Global Public Care and Primary Care, held their yearly conference addressing Master students and Ph.D. students together with senior researchers in March 2015 at Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, avenue de France, Paris.

The seminar was organised in collaboration between the research group *Praxeology* and The Norwegian Research Council/Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH), and Programme Franco-Norvégien (PFN) in Paris.

The seminar offered presentations and discussions of a broad spectre of praxeology research, with emphasis on projects performed within the framework of or inspired by Pierre Bourdieu's theory of social practices.

The seminar was interdisciplinary oriented and therefore of high relevance to scholars in several disciplines such as health science, social science and educational studies and was open to researchers and Ph.D. students working within these fields.

Presentations were given by researchers from France, Romania, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, along with presentations by students.

The conference was prepared by Professor Karin Anna Petersen, University of Bergen, Associate Professor Elisabeth Hultqvist, University of Stockholm, and Assistant Professor/Ph.D. student Kjersti Lea, University of Bergen in cooperation with Programme Franco-Norvégien's (PFN) director Professor Bjarne Rogan from University of Oslo and responsible administrative Kirstin B. Skjelstad.

Recently Programme Franco-Norvégien (PFN) has changed its name to Centre Universitaire de Norvège à Paris (CUNP), and from July 2016 the director of the centre in Paris is professor Johannes Hjellbrekke, who comes from Department of Sociology, University of Bergen.

The task of the centre is to strengthen and support research environments between Norway and France and individual researchers from human and social sciences. Research recruits and established researchers in particular from the involved institutions and participating faculties are expected to benefit from the centre's activity. Especially Ph.D. courses and seminars and Ph.D. and Post.Doc. scholarships from Norway to France are supported, and also scholarships to establish French researchers' visits to Norway and scholarship from the NFR/FMSH.

Centre Universitaire de Norvège à Paris (CUNP) is affiliated to Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH) which is an institution housing a lot of larger or smaller research centres and programmes. For further information see: <http://www.paris.uio.no/>

Although CUNP is not financed by the Norwegian Council of Research regarding Medicin, Health and Care the Centre has been very helpful and supported us organising our conference during the last years. Therefore our group has been able to organise the conference at FMSH, meet with researchers from France, and develop research objects related to our programmes in Norway .

The articles presented in this special issue of *Praktiske Grunde* [Practical Reasons] were originally presentations by the keynote speakers and senior researchers from France, Romania, and Sweden at the 2015-conference. In a later issue of the journal, we shall present additional work from researchers from Denmark, Norway, and Sweden belonging to the praxeology tradition.

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