

DisABILITY MUNDUS

Call for applications for participation in a

Doctoral School in Disability Research

Dates: 2-4 July 2012. Location: Paris, EHESS

Host and sponsors: Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), KU Leuven, Metropolitan University of Manchester, Disability Studies in Nederland (DSiN), and VU Amsterdam

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Background and themes

DisABILITY MUNDUS is a doctoral school, organized in conjunction with the ALTER European Association on Disability Research (AESDR) and Disability Studies in the Netherlands (DSiN) and intended to support research efforts on disability with a focus on the European continent. The school is targeted towards doctoral scholars, including pre-doctoral and post-doctoral, who wish to share their research ideas and projects with senior researchers. We will in particular also focus on research efforts in the context of European settings, including research that focuses on human rights, societal innovations, and critical issues that pertain to culture and society. Four axes of research have retained in particular the interest of *disABILITY MUNDUS*: (1) the socialization and articulation of people *as* disabled, as a result of interfaces with the provisions and procedures of contemporary societies; (2) the making of public space in the contexts of cities; (3) the intersections of disability with other significant phenomena (such as migration, sexuality); and (4) the impact of technology. The program will allocate time towards formal sessions, focused discussions, and networking. The conveners endeavor to tailor activities to directly support the doctoral research of the participants.

*Applicants are required to send in (1) a 500-1000 words statement regarding their doctoral research that includes disciplinary approaches and a motivation to participate in the doctoral course and (2) a text that has been published or work in progress. These materials are to be sent before March 8, 2012 to patrick.devlieger@soc.kuleuven.be. Notification of acceptance of the application will be sent before March 30, 2012. There are no fees to participate in this doctoral school. Lunches for the participants will be equally provided. Participants are requested to organize their transport and accommodation. There will be a possibility to stay at Cité Universitaire in Paris at reasonable prices. Participants in the doctoral school are equally invited to participate in the ALTER Annual Meeting which is taking place in the same location. Participation in this Annual Meeting will require a separate registration (see enclosed). Venues of the *disABILITY MUNDUS* doctoral school and ALTER Annual Meeting are wheelchair accessible. Other arrangements with regard to accessibility or adaptations can also be made upon request.*



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