

One of the targets the European Integrated Project CAPRIGHT (short for “Resources, Rights and Capabilities: in search of social foundations for Europe”) is to promote the cross-national analysis of individual working lives under the aspects of collective resources and employment quality. One of the CAPRIGHT working groups is using the capability approach promoted by Amartya Sen as a sensitising concept to evaluate employment and social protection programmes and institutions of the welfare state according to the sets of options and choices – or capabilities – they provide for individuals’ professional trajectories. This common research effort will use existing surveys on individual career and work development in some European countries and in Argentina, as well as other forms of quantitative and qualitative investigation tools. The project will propose an analytical and methodological framework for employment and welfare policy making that is committed to promoting capabilities.

As this project reaches its mid-term, the CAPRIGHT working group on individual working lives is organising a public workshop to discuss questions that arise from applying the capability concept to life course research and from comparing findings on working lives for different countries. The CAPRIGHT working group hopes to benefit from an exchange with other eminent researchers in this field.

Venue

The Workshop “Sen-sitising life course research? Exploring Amartya Sen’s capability concept in comparative research on individual working lives” will be held as a public event within the context of the next meeting of the CAPRIGHT Network, 24th to 26th September 2008, in Goettingen, Germany. The CAPRIGHT network welcomes researchers from the field of life course research who would like to participate in its debates.

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A CAPRIGHT Workshop



 **Goettingen** 

24th/25th September 2008



Duration: 1 ½ days

Wednesday 24th September

- 14:00** **Opening and welcome**
Peter Bartelheimer (SOFI/CAPRIGHT) and Josiane Vero (Céreq)
- Panel 1: Life course, resources and capabilities**
Chair: *Bernadette Clasquin (GREE, Nancy/ CAPRIGHT Coordinator)*
- 14:15** **Paper 1:** "Towards analysing individual working lives in a resources/capabilities perspective"
Peter Bartelheimer, Nathalie Moncel, Joan Miquel Verd, Josiane Vero (WP3 - CAPRIGHT)
- 15:00** **Paper 2:** "The life course research perspective on individual working lives: Findings from the European Foundation research"
Ute Klammer (Universitaet Duisburg-Essen/ CAPRIGHT Scientific board)
- 15:45** **Paper 3:** "The capability approach and the dynamics of life course"
Nicolas Farvaque (Office de Recherches Sociales Européennes, Lille)
- 16:30** **Coffee break**
- 17:00** **General discussion**
Discussant: Bettina Kohlrausch (SOFI - Göttingen)
- 18:30** **End of Panel 1**
- 19:30** **Workshop Dinner**

Thursday 25th September

- Panel 2: Research perspectives in CAPRIGHT**
Chair: *Joan Miquel Verd (QUIT, Barcelona)*
- 09:00** **Paper 4:** "Professional development and young adult trajectories"
Tanja Schmidt, Berlin (SOFI/Socio-economic Reporting Network)
Discussant: Ingrid Tucci and Olaf Groh-Samberg (DIW, Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin)
- 10:00** **Paper 5:** "Capability for life long learning in French companies"
Marion Lambert and Josiane Vero (Céreq, Marseille), Delphine Corteel and Bénédicte Zimmermann (CRIA/EHESS, Paris)
Discussant: Holger Alda (BIBB, Bonn)
- 11:00** **Paper 6 :** "Labour trajectories, work-life balance and social assistance policies in developing countries. Insights from Argentina"
Corina Rodríguez Enríquez (Conicet - Ciepp, Buenos Aires)
Discussant: Emanuela Abbatecola (DISA, Genova)
- 12:00** **Lunch break**
- Panel 3: Using longitudinal data in a cross-country perspective**
Chair : *Robert Salais (IDHE, Cachan/ CAPRIGHT Coordinator)*
- 12:45** **Paper 7:** "Testing an amended Sen approach: opportunities and restrictions of GSOEP, HILDA and other European datasets"
Ruud J.A. Muffels, Tilburg University)
- 13:30** **Paper 8:** "Global pressures and transformation turbulences - work biographies and skill formation of West and East German men born 1971"
Karl Ulrich Mayer (CIQLE, Yale University)
- 14:15** **General discussion**
Discussant: Peter Bartelheimer (SOFI/ CAPRIGHT)
- 15:00** **End of Workshop**

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