



## RN16 'Sociology of Health and Illness'

# Call for Sessions

**ESA RN16 Mid-Term Conference, May, 19-21, 2016**

**Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, New University of Lisbon, Portugal**

### **New directions in health care work and organisations**

In contemporary societies, the social organisation of healthcare is facing many challenges that may lead to fundamental transformations. Major challenges emerge from global economic trends towards marketization and the ways most States are restructuring the public sector. Side effects are already taking place, in particular how work is structured and organizations compete in the context of limited resources. Consequences are set also on the side of users. However, it must not be undermined that some fields in healthcare and players may face expansion and new opportunities in this context, namely those linked to technologies and management. In sum, changing policies and governance result in comprehensive challenges to the social organisation of healthcare that warrant further attention, including different models of governance; greater involvement of technologies; the emergence of new health professions and competition for professional jurisdictions; the incentive of private healthcare systems; possible implications for users in the access to and consumption of healthcare. These new directions may vary within and among countries and globally.

We invite the submission of SESSION PROPOSALS addressing these issues from any area of sociology of health and illness, either in comparative perspectives or in one dimension. If you are interested in organising a session please send the proposal including: title, the call for papers (no more than 150 words); name and full contact details of the session organizer and, if appropriate, up to two co-organizers (names, affiliations, country, e-mails) by email (as word file) to the ESA RN16 programme coordinator Helena Serra ([helena.serra@fcs.unl.pt](mailto:helena.serra@fcs.unl.pt)) and co-coordinator Tiago Correia ([Tiago.Correia@iscte.pt](mailto:Tiago.Correia@iscte.pt)) no later than **30 June 2015**.

Decision on the final selection of sessions will be made by the ESA RN16 Board in August 2015. The selected Call for Papers will be launched in September 2015 and abstracts invited for submission via the ESA online system.

Session organizers and possible co-organizers are responsible for overseeing the selection of papers in due time, recruiting a session chair if necessary and plan the session as indicated by the ESA RN16 programme coordinators.

Do not forget that session organizers must be ESA RN16 members.