

Dear all,

Disability Studies in the Netherlands (DSiN) and VU University Medical Center Amsterdam invite you to submit your abstract for the 3rd International Disability Studies Conference 'The Art of Belonging'. The conference will take place in Amsterdam, The Netherlands from Thursday, November 30th to Saturday, December 2nd, 2017.

In a world that is increasingly divided along different lines, varying from socio-economic to bodily differences, the 'art of belonging' is of utmost importance. How and why do people practice the art of belonging in different places of the world, how are these practices informed by the past and which practices are future-proof? Our conference will bring together scholars from different disciplines, engaged citizens and artists to discuss these questions and exchange ideas and practices.

We will in particular focus on the way belonging, commonality and/or partnership is enabled by disability and people with disabilities and how disability in these cases intersects with other categories like gender, race and class. Moreover, we will discuss the difficulties of the art of belonging: how to deal with different forms of inequality, exclusion and stigma?

Applications are invited from experts with academic, professional and or experiential knowledge at any stage of their careers representing diverse disciplinary backgrounds and various geographical regions. Furthermore, presentations reflecting this variety are most welcome, either in the form of academic papers, posters and creative presentations. We especially encourage the presentation of work-in-progress.

The conference is initiated and hosted by the foundation Disability Studies in the Netherlands (DSiN) and the Department of Metamedica/Medical Humanities, EMGO Institute for Health and Care Research, VU University Medical Center Amsterdam.

Deadline for submission of abstracts is 18th of April 2017. To submit your abstract and read about further details of the conference please go to www.disabilitystudies.nl

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We look forward to meeting you in Amsterdam!
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