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Occupational Science Europe Board Elections 2023

- We received 4 candidates.
- Voting is closed.
- We are looking forward to welcoming the new member of OSE board.
- Thank you very much to all candidates for submitting your proposal!

DIALOGUE SESSIONS



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DISENTANGLING THE CONCEPT OF PLACE WITHIN OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE

DIALOGUE SESSION BETWEEN

Dr Carri Hand

Phd student Fiona Loudoun

Dr Ines Wenger



DATE

January 23, 2024



TIME

6 pm (GMT)



PLEASE REGISTER:

<https://forms.gle/qZ84roaF5JTJfwdH9>

As part of our collaboration with P4PLAY, OSE is launching the first Dialogue session with Dr. Carri Hand, PhD student Fiona Loudoun (P4PLAY) and Dr. Ines Wenger (P4PLAY).

- Dialogue session “Disentangling the concept of place within OS”
- Seminar session about Place in Occupational Session
- Date: 23th of January, 6pm (GMT)
- Please register here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGZudJskR61MsP5iE3WJyYJrJETzaQ9EBQ1RuoihzhgB5Liew/viewform>

Join us in our dialogue session about place!

OSE CONFERENCE 2023

OSE Board facilitated a workshop at OSE Conference 2023: Occupational Science Europe: Why, with whom, and where to?

This dialogical session aimed to facilitate conversations and collaborative thinking about societal needs and the discipline's response to them in terms of priorities and actions, focusing specifically on Europe and its connections worldwide.



The purpose of the workshop was to discuss and co-create the mission statement of OSE. For this, we employed a silence discussion session.

The questions were:

- What should OS focus on?
- How could OS contribute to societies?
- What modes of knowledge creation do we use and which we overlook?
- Who is missing from the conversation/debate in OS?



Big thank you to everyone who came along to build together the Occupational Science Europe Mission Statement!



OSE wants to thank and congratulate the Conference Committee for all their hard work and organising an amazing conference!
We hope to see you all in 2025!

OSE CONFERENCE 2025

We are happy to announce that the next Occupational Science Europe Conference will be hosted by the University of Essex (United Kingdom).



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OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE CONFERENCES

Scholars situated in diverse universities across Europe were present at the SSO USA Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Their presentations were_

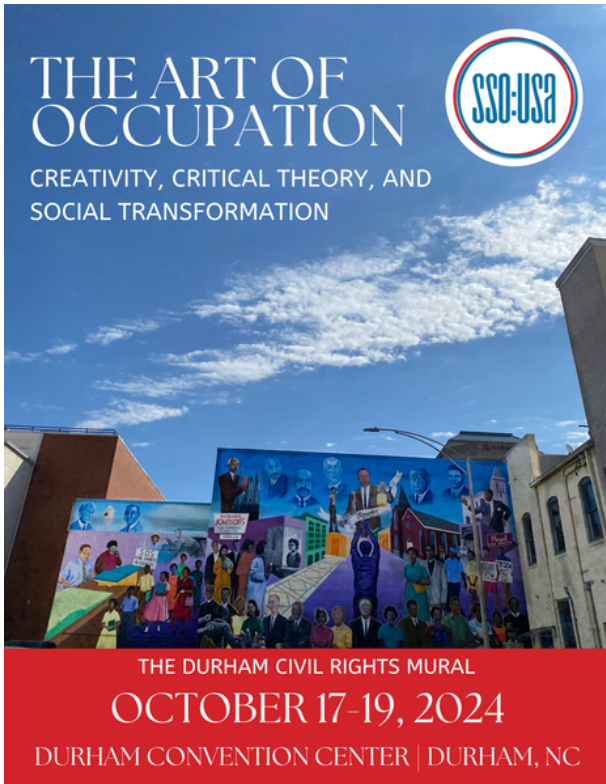
“Envisioning and shaping the future of occupational science in Austria” - Julia Unger, Mona Dür, Magdalena Schlögl, Karin Lettner-Hauser

Towards humanistic and encompassing understanding of human occupation, the concept of vulnerability - Staffan Josephsson, Rebecca Aldrich, Margarita Mondaca

The occupational singularity: A theory of accelerating technological disruption of human occupations - Pedro H. Albuquerque, Sophie Albuquerque

Save the date for the next SSO USA Conference 2024. Call for papers open!

Calling for Conference host for the next World Occupational Science Conference!



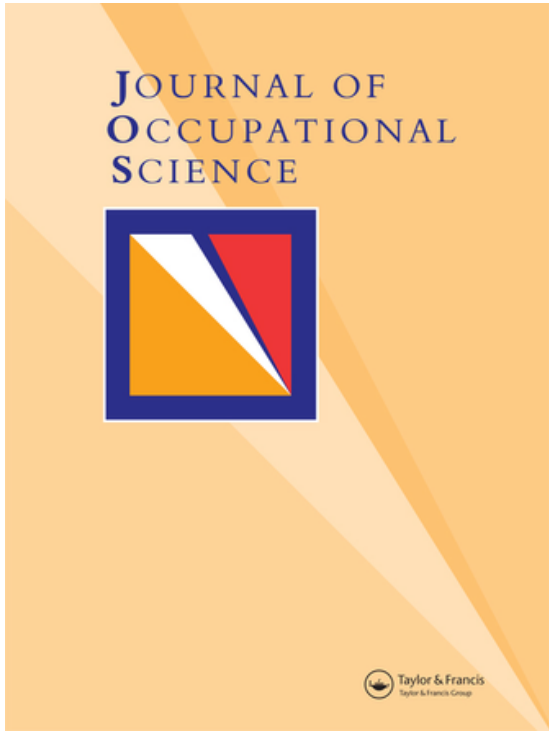
- Deadline: February 4, 2024
- Visit: <https://ssou.memberclicks.net/>

- Submit proposals here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZ433vpEpzxLpmpj9F-AR175anCI3hVcMawN0ziBTW_Boz-Q/viewform

JOURNAL OF OCCUPATIONAL SCIENCE

Call for papers Journal of Occupational Science

“Special issue: Situated occupation in everyday life: Towards environmental, economic, social inclusiveness and sustainability”



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CALL FOR PAPERS

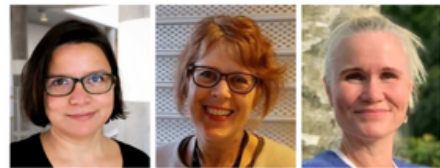
Special issue: Situated occupation in everyday life: Towards environmental, economic, social inclusiveness and sustainability

This special issue furthers the conversations that emerged at the Occupational Science Europe conference in Odense in August 2023. Its focus, occupations situated in everyday life, brings forward discussions about the relationships among human occupation, health, and society with the goal of enhancing inclusion, equity and social transformation by exploring the potential of new and alternative ways of living. Society is understood as a social group characterized by people involved in regular social interactions and occupations, sharing a physical or social space, and/or organized by common political and cultural expectations. Submission is open to all presenters at the conference, along with other submissions that align with the topic. Submissions may be theoretical, educational, or research based. Submissions using inclusive methodology and societal partnerships in occupational science are also welcome. The vision for this special issue is to bring together a variety of interdisciplinary topics of interest to the international occupational science community.

Guest Editors:
 Assistant Professor Margarita Mondaca (Sweden)
 Associate Professor Sissel Horghagen (Norway)
 Postdoc Stina Meyer Larsen (Denmark)

Deadline for submission: 1 April 2024

Journal Links
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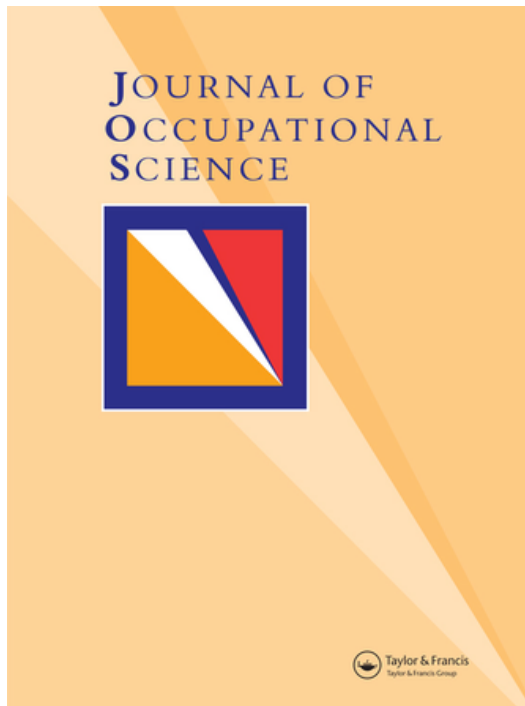
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Submissions: <https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/rocc20>

Call for papers Journal of Occupational Science

“Innovations in research methodologies in Occupational Science”



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CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Issue: Innovations in research methodologies in Occupational Science

Research in human occupation is diverse and complex and requires unique approaches. Theoretical, ethical, and methodological coherence is essential to creating and sharing knowledge for societal change and transformation.

In November 2023, the Canadian Society for Occupational Science hosted a symposium focused on innovations in research methodologies in occupational science. Following on from that symposium, the Journal of Occupational Science is inviting submissions for a special issue based on papers presented at the symposium and welcoming new papers relevant to innovative and novel methodologies in occupational science.

We especially invite submissions on the following:

- Research innovations in education in occupational science
- Novel theoretical approaches and methodologies that advance the study of occupational science
- Creative research design to enhance the impact of occupational science research in improving the well-being and life changes of individuals, groups, or collectives.


International contributions are encouraged, as well as those from authors at a range of career stages, from early career to more established writers. Authors are invited to present their abstract in both French and English.

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 Dr. Christine Guptill, Professeure agrégée, École des sciences de la réadaptation, Université d'Ottawa
 Dr. Lynn Shaw, Professor and Director, School of Occupational Therapy, Western University
 Dr. Atul Jaiswal, Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Rehabilitation Therapy, Queens University
 Emilie St-Arnaud-Trempe, Candidate au doctoral, École des sciences de la réadaptation, Université d'Ottawa

Due Date for Submissions: April 22, 2024
 Anticipated publication date – April 2025

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LANGUAGE GROUPS

News from the Austrian association of Occupational Science (AOS)

In January 2023 the board of AOS has been newly elected and since then continued an interdisciplinary approach to promoting occupational science in Austria. In a two day strategy meeting, the board discussed and planned the focus and events of the second period of the Austrian Association of Occupational Science.

In June and September, two member meetings with topics highly relevant in occupational science, occupational balance and occupational choice, took place. The board and the participating members had the chance to exchange and discuss and all gave the feedback that the sessions have been meaningful and empowering for them.



Additionally, we had an extraordinary member assembly to approve several adaptations AOS' articles of incorporation.

Currently, the board, especially the event division is preparing the annual O'Science Day which will be online in November 2023. The focus of the O'Science day this year will be interdisciplinarity in occupational science. In addition, the board has started with the planning and organization of the O'Science Day 2024, which will be the first O'Science day taking place in person in Salzburg.

Additionally, the board has started to produce "couch talks" with occupational scientists with and without occupational therapy background. These talks will be video recorded and published in social media to raise public awareness of occupational science as a multidisciplinary science. Furthermore, the board is preparing a workshop on the promotion of OTs' occupational balance to be delivered via Ergotherapie Austria in 2024.

Further information can be found here:
<https://austrianoccupationalscience.com/en/2007-2>



LANGUAGE GROUPS

News from the German Occupational Science group

The German Occupational Science group dOS e.V. exists now for about one and half year as a registered association (e.V.) and continues to be a lively and open group which meets biannually with the goal of promoting occupational science (OS) in Germany. The group has currently 26 members and publishes their meetings and activities. As dOS has become an important platform for establishing an OS discourse in Germany, current meetings focus on introducing and discussing international occupational science literature in the German language and context.



Fig. 1: New logo from dOS

The 9th working meeting took place online on November 17th 2022 and was evaluated by its participants as a productive meeting. The topic was "Covid-19 as a topic in OS". After brief impulses prepared by some members the group worked with and discussed the article "A hundred days in confinement: Doing, being, becoming, and belonging among older people in Sweden during the COVID-19 pandemic" (Carlsson et al. 2022).



Clare Hocking visited Germany in April 2023. Here, dOS organized in cooperation with the Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences (ASH), a **workshop** on occupational justice entitled "**The idea of occupational justice: Relevance and application in Germany**".

Fig. 2: Conversation between Clare Hocking and Silke Dennhardt (dOS) at the occupational justice workshop in Berlin on 13.04.23

LANGUAGE GROUPS

The workshop was held in a hybrid form. The aim of the workshop was to initiate an exchange in Germany that would create a stronger basis to understand the concept of and to initiate working towards reducing for occupational injustice. Clare began by explaining the link between occupational justice and well-being and the importance of including all members of a society. Her lecture was repeatedly interrupted by small thinking exercises, in which the workshop participants discussed in small groups (online and on site) given questions on the contents in German. This made the workshop very active. In the second part, the focus was on how occupational justice is currently defined in the OS, what occupational injustices are (and what they are not). In the afternoon, an intensive working group phase followed for the participants on site. Small groups analyzed inequalities and occupational injustices that selected groups experiences and worked out ways to counteract them using either Sen's Capability Approach or the Participatory Occupational Justice Framework (POJT) . Overall, the workshop was able to achieve important objectives of the dOS, such as providing access to OS in the German language and offering a space for discussion and networking. It was inspiring to be able to meet Clare Hocking in person and to discuss the development of occupational science and justice in Germany and in relation to international OS perspectives.

To promote another of dOS's objectives, that is, to encourage beneficial relationships with the occupational therapy (OT) profession and to advance possibilities to learn and teach OS in OT education, dOS also held again a OS-Session at the occupational therapy (OT) Congress in Würzburg in May. The well-received session was based on invitations of two guests outside the discipline and profession. As part of the session, there presentations, were contextualized and related to OS which prompted an inspiring discussion. Right before the congress, dOS also launched its new website. In July, dOS met for its annual general meeting virtually. For the upcoming Fall, on November 17th 2022, members will come together in person for their next working meeting. Anybody interested in more information about the German OS group or in joining the next meeting in Lübeck, Germany is warmly invited to contact dOS via the following email address: **osdeutsch@gmail.com** or visit our new website: **<https://www.occupationalscience.de/>**

PARTNERSHIPS

New partnership with ROTOS!



OSE and ROTOS have just started a collaboration through which build joint strategies, deepen ideas and spread-out knowledge. Hence, María Alonso-Ferreira (Chair of Social Media Committee) has been chosen as a CO-OP member of the ROTOS foundation.

Since the 4th of July and from now on we will be attending ROTOS meetings in order to widen our networks and finding common spaces to develop our disciplines.

OSE is one of the partner organizations of the **P4PLAY programme** (European Joint Doctorates programme in Occupational Science for Occupational Therapists). One member of the board attends their regular partner meetings. In June, Margarita Mondaca attended the first P4PLAY Partner Meeting and workshop in person, celebrated on the 5th June 2023 in Glasgow.

The aim of the workshop was knowledge translation. The meeting also created space for dialogue around the translation of knowledge in occupational science for societies and networking with other European organisations.



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