## Emerging topics in youth research Dr. sc. Dunja Potočnik

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#### **Youth Partnership**

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### What are the new and emerging topics in the youth field?

Attendee's answers

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transition education-work digital immigrant communi adult health peace security youth inclusion digitisation sex-lovelife war life skills climate action employment menstrual digitalization ressilence labour market youth policy covid-19 entrepeneurship participation digital transformation impact of youth work

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social innovation career objective orivatelife

dilemma of ai in youth wo

### Factors influencing youth research topics

Prior research findings (needs, status and aspirations) Geopolitics Economic factors Age group Minority status

Who initiated the research (bottom-up, collaborative process, top-down)



### Youth Partnership research topics



Political participation



Social inclusion



Youth policy development and evaluation



**Sustainability** and climate change



Digitalisation and AI



Youth and conflict



**Mental health** and well-being



Access to rights



Strengthening youth work and its recognition



Training and education of youth workers

#### International youth research topics

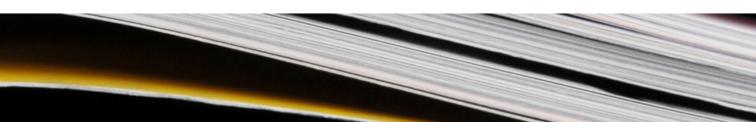
International scientific journals with specific focus:

- Children and Youth Services Review study of social service programs for children and youth
- International Journal of Child, Youth and Family Studies study of services assisting children, young people and families
- Journal of Youth Development education, social inclusion, mental health

<u>International scientific journals covering wide range topics:</u>

- International Journal of Adolescence and Youth
- Journal of Youth Studies
- Young: Nordic Journal of Youth Research

The International Social Survey Programme - ISSP (adults) - modules: citizenship; environment; family and changing gender roles; health and health care; leisure time & sports; national identity; religion; role of government; social networks; social inequality and work orientation



#### National level

- Estonian Youth Work Centre youth work, social inclusion and education (not limited)
- Finnish Youth Research Society wide range
- Planet Youth, Iceland substance abuse, leisure time and sport
- Institute for Social Sciences, Portugal wide range
- Youth Institute, Germany wide range
- Institute for Social Research, Croatia wide range
- The Anna Lindh Foundation Euro-Mediterranean region education, democracy



### **Traditional research topics**

- Social structure and intergenerational mobility
- Value orientations
- Education (formal, non-formal, informal)
- (Un)employment
- Entrepreneurship
- Skills and jobs for the future
- Youth transitions (to labour market and to independent life)
- Leisure time
- Social inclusion
- Political participation
- Physical health

- Substance abuse
- Sexuality
- Pregnancy and early parenthood
- Discrimination
- Gender equality
- Migrations
- Refugee and asylum seeker status
- Impact of war conflict on young people and their families
- Volunteering
- Delinquency and juvenile crime
- Religion



#### Different focus levels

#### Macro

#### Meso

#### Micro

# Macro-level topics that are getting on recognition

- Mental health
  Pandemics
  Youth and climate change
  Trust in science and scientists
  Fostering supportive environments
  - Providing meaningful opportunities



### **Meso-level topics** that are getting on recognition

- The right to self-determination
- Peer pressure
- Depression and suicide among young people
- Education and academic pressure: balancing success and well-being
- Early career guidance
- Precarious employment and meaningful jobs
- Reconciliation of private and work life
- Impact of virtual reality and social networks on different aspects of young peoples' lives: education, family life, relations with peers and friends, physical activity, self-image and identity building, mental health

- Influencers
- Bulling among peers
- Cyberbullying
- On-screen violence
- Today's celebrities and how they shape lifestyles and life choices of the youth
- Gender identity and stereotypes
- Perception of one's own sexuality
- changes
- Impact of war conflict on young people • Youth culture and subcultures • Ethnic elements in youth culture • Radicalisation and violent conflicts

Adapting life choices to environmental







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#### YOUNG WOMEN HAVE A LOWER SENSE OF POLITICAL EFFICACY AND IT AFFECTS THEIR PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS

Only 2.2% of parliamentarians are young people under 30 and less than 1% are young women.

Only 23% of young women think that their say will be considered by their governments, compared to 31% of young men.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHALLENGES IN CONVENTIONAL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION



67.9% received comments

based on gender stereotypes.

47% received death threats or threats of rape or beating.

14.9% physical violence.

relating to their physical appearance

85.2% of female MPs across European

in the course of their term of office.

Up to 24.7% suffered sexual and

58.2% experienced online sexist attacks.

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countries suffered psychological violence



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