

Advancing global perspectives on occupation: discussing the contribution of a kaleidoscopic European perspective to a World occupational science conference

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Description of Workshop

The International Society for Occupational Science (ISOS) proposes this workshop to discuss the ideal approach for a world occupational science conference that could advance research and development in occupational science and therapy. To stimulate globally-informed dialogue, this workshop's aims are: Identifying topics of interest in European contexts; Discussing the unique contribution European stakeholders could make during a world occupational science conference; Generating ideas about conference structures to bridge dialogue between participants across the globe. Members of the ISOS Board will facilitate the session using the *World Cafe* approach to promote collaborative dialogue and knowledge-sharing. Following a brief introduction, participants will be randomly assigned to smaller tables to address the first objective. After ten minutes, participants will be asked to select another table to dialogue with different people about the second objective. The same procedure will be repeated for a final round regarding the third objective. ISOS Board members will pose specific prompts to stimulate dialogue during each round. Material will be provided to write down key ideas. During the last part of the session, participants will share insights generated through their discussions, and facilitators will summarize main ideas, share recent insights gathered during the 2018-WFOT Congress and outline next steps.