



But what does that mean: to perceive something?

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Dear members of the network of vignette and anecdote research!

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform you about news and developments in our network. At the networking meeting on May 15, 2020 in the virtual room of the *Pädagogische Hochschule Tirol*, we discussed a range of topics, issues and questions related to the network. Future issues will be continued by the core team that was established in the organizational meeting in the afternoon of that day.

In this first newsletter of the VignA – the Vignette and Anecdote Network – we would like to inform you about the preliminary results of current debates. Readers can also find out more about the network's homepage and about upcoming events.

These are the members of the core team for the next two years:

- Evi Agostini (University of Vienna)
- Hans Karl Peterlini (University of Klagenfurt)
- Gabriele Rathgeb (University of Education in Tyrol)
- Johanna F. Schwarz (University of Innsbruck)

The following issues will be pursued further at the next network meeting that will be organized by Prof. Birgit Engel and her team in Münster, Germany (THANK YOU!):

- We are happy to have experienced such great response to our invitations and such lively discussions among the participants from many corners of the world, which we regard as a sign of great attractiveness of our research approach.
- The online format of the meeting made it a lot easier for many to take part or allowed our international colleagues to participate in the first place; in the future, it is advisable to organise *one* of the two annual networking meetings online and *one* in a face-to-face format; fluid forms may also be useful.
- The program of the meeting turned out to be very tight; thus it makes sense to plan less, realise it more loosely and give ample time for exchange and discussion

- The connection between content-related work (morning) and the discussion of organizational issues (afternoon) proved to be successful and should be maintained.
- The meetings should be open to all interested parties.
- It would be desirable that texts sent in advance are actually read. At the meetings there is not enough time to explain the basics of vignette and anecdote research. This would require other formats, e.g. further training (concepts for this would have to be worked out if necessary).

The core team has decided on the following issues in several meetings:

- The coordinating team of the network consists of four to five members who are supposed to represent three to four knots (people from partner institutions) of the network.
- Core tasks of the team in charge, such as “inner matters”, “outreach” and “think tank”. The core team acts as a coordinator, takes on the lead for the dissemination and further development of vignette and anecdote research.
- The core team is an information hub (conferences, literature, projects, the website) and is responsible for distributing tasks, e.g. asking people who are willing to support the core team in organizational matter such as updating distribution lists et. al.
 - Evi Agostini has agreed to be the speaker of the core team for one year (THANK YOU VERY MUCH!).
 - Johanna F. Schwarz is the coordinator of the THINK TANK group and will gather members of the core team and network when it comes to further pursuing content matters of our research approach. She is also responsible for OUTREACH, particularly for our international colleagues.
 - Gabriele Rathgeb is responsible for keeping the minutes.

We are happy to announce further roles and tasks affiliated with VignA:

- **Scientific Advisory Board**
 - Käte Meyer-Drawe (RUB Bochum, Germany, retired)
 - Michael Schratz (University of Innsbruck, Austria, retired)
 - Siegfried Baur (University of Bolzano, Italy, retired).
- **Website**
 - Alexandra Miltner (University of Vienna, Center for Teacher Education)
- **Social media and communication:**
 - Jasmin Donlic (University of Klagenfurt, Institute for Educational Sciences)

The Locations of the Network

School Board of Liechtenstein, Liechtenstein; Free University of Bozen, Italy; KPH Edith Stein (Tyrol), Austria; University of Graz, Austria; Leibniz University of Hanover, Germany; Leopold-Franzens-University of Innsbruck, Austria; Alpen-Adria University of Klagenfurt, Austria; Panepistimio Dytikis Macedonias, Greece; University of Pretoria, South Africa; University of Education Tyrol, Austria; University of Education Vienna, Austria; University of Education Zurich, Switzerland; University of Vienna, Austria.

Sites of our (inter-)national partner institutions

We are happy and grateful that so many people from so many backgrounds and countries have been willing to participate as cooperation partners. These can be found on the homepage, which will go online shortly. We hope to attract a lot more 😊!

Preferred Formats of the Network

SYMPOSIA

- Symposia are supposed to take place once a year at the end of August, at varying sites of cooperating institutions and on different phenomena of learning, teaching and leadership
- The contributions will be published as volume in our home-grown series *Erfahrungsorientierte Bildungsforschung* (8 volumes, currently)
 - The 5th International VignA Symposium 2020 in Thessaloniki will hopefully be staged at the end of August 2020.
 - 2022: Vienna (University of Vienna in cooperation with PH/KPH Vienna) – requested
 - 2023: Berlin (possibly in cooperation with HU Berlin) – requested
 - 2024: Pretoria (in cooperation with the University of Pretoria) – agreed

NETWORK MEETINGS

- Should take place twice a year (spring and autumn) at different locations and with different hosts.
- Should serve both the content work (workshop character) as well as the discussion of organizational questions. The organizers are responsible for the precise design and focus. We think of scheduling the second meeting as part of the symposium. In this case, fluid formats, both online and face-to-face are possible.

Network meeting 2021

As mentioned above Prof. Birgit Engel, Prof. Tobias Loemke and Dr. Kerstin Hallmann have agreed to stage and host the next VignA Network Meeting from **February 5 - 7, 2021**. The meeting will be organised together as an online event with the *International Art Education Research Colloquia* by the Münster Art Academy on issues relating to professional, artistic and aesthetic education

The TOPIC of the meeting is:

Methodological and methodological approaches to the embodied nature of research in professional research. The call has already been sent to the network.

Homepage: State of affairs

- Thanks to Evi Agostini and Alexandra Miltner, a great website has been created for the network. This will go online shortly. We will send you the link once it can go online. In the course of creating the homepage, a logo for our network was developed. We owe this to Tobias Loemke. More about the artist and his work you can find here: <https://www.tobiasloemke.de/>

FAQs

Johanna F. Schwarz and Michael Schratz will meet soon to discuss a list of core questions and issues related to our research approach and provide accessible answers which can then be uploaded to the website.

Last, but not least

From November 2020 to December 2022, the University of Vienna will coordinate the recently acquired EU project “Professionalization of pedagogues and pedagogical executives through learning research with vignettes/Pro-Learning”. Jointly with six other locations of the network – the PH Vienna, the University of Klagenfurt, the University of Hanover, the Free University of Bozen/Bolzano, the University of Western Macedonia and the School Board of Liechtenstein in cooperation with the PH Zürich – a handbook for prospective pedagogues and pedagogical executives will be developed on the basis of the vignette methodology. For professionalization purposes, training modules are also being developed for these target groups.

Save the date!

- February 5-7, 2021: Network meeting in Münster (online conference)

We look forward to any feedback on this **newsletter**. Please inform us about projects and initiatives at your institutions that are related to VignA!

We wish you a good start to your working/academic year and hope to see you again at one of the next events in our network!

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