

Newsletter no. 7, spring 2019

This time we publish a short newsletter about what happened in the project in January, February and March 2019.

Data analysis:

When it comes to further analysis of data, we still work on coding non-play and risky play in the video observations. In addition, we are continuing the statistical analysis of the data material; both analysis related to the first data collection (T1) and the second data collection (T2) separately, but also T1 and T2 seen in relation to each other including changes in results in light of the interventions.

Transcribing the interview data is also work in progress and the initial analysis of the directors and co-researchers' interviews will start in early May.

Master Students:

Patricia Obee, our Canadian Master's student, traveled home to Victoria (Vancouver Island) in mid-February, and she is completing her Master's thesis now. She is expected to defend her work during May 2019.

Kristin V. Knudsen, our master's student at QMUC, is in the final phase of her project and will deliver her thesis on May 13th.

Publications:

In March 2019, the first two articles from the project were published in the International Journal of Play. You can find the articles here:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21594937.2019.1580336>

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/21594937.2019.1580338>

In addition, Ole Johan has an article on indoor environment, well-being and physical activity in review, while at the same time he is finishing the work on an article about spaces for rough and tumble play in indoor environments. Randi works on an article on symbolic play and Rune and Ellen Beate are working on an article about children's involvement and loose parts/available materials in the ECEC outdoor environment.

The plans and work with the book/anthology for the project is under development, and it is now clear that it will be published from the publishing house Universitetsforlaget, and several authors are already working on their texts.

In March 2019, Rune Storli and co-researcher Aud Sigrun Moe published a nice little practice article in barnehage.no: <https://www.barnehage.no/artikler/tumlerommet-et-kinderegg-for-lek-laering-og-begeistring/460339>

Conferences:

The project group has received acceptance for a total of four presentations at the EECERA conference in August 2019 (<https://www.eecera2019.org/>); One self-organized symposium with three presentations and a single presentation.

Randi has received acceptance for an abstract at the IRLF EC conference in September 2019.

Further working plans

In May 2019 we will arrange workshops in both Oslo and Trondheim where all the co-researchers in the project as well as the architect and landscape architect will participate. Based on the results from T2 we will work on the criteria for ECEC institutions' indoor and outdoor environment.