

Newsletter no. 8, spring 2019

This is a newsletter about our work in the project during April, May, June and July 2019.

Data Analysis:

We have finalized all the basic coding and first analyses of the observation material, and more advanced statistical analyses will be run as needed in relation with our work on further publications. In addition, we have started to code all the observation data to look at risky play. In this work, Rasmus Kleppe from OsloMet has joined as a researcher in the project. Transcribing the interview data is in its final phase, and analyses of the interview material is in progress and will continue during fall 2019.

Master Students:

Kristin V. Knudsen, our Master's student at DMMH, defended her Master's thesis on May 13, with a very good result.

Patricia Obee, our Canadian master's student from the University of Victoria (UVIC) defended her master's thesis in mid-June. She has also been accepted into the PhD program at UVIC.

Publications:

In June 2019, the third article from the project was published in the European Early Childhood Education Research Journal (EECERJ). You can find it here: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/1350293X.2019.1634238>

This is the second article in Ole Johan's thesis, and his article number three is also shortly ready for submission to a journal. His third article is about the importance of tumbling-rooms in the ECEC's indoor environment. Rune and Ellen Beate and Ole Johan have also completed an article on children's involvement and play materials in the ECEC's outdoor environment; it was recently submitted to a journal for review. Randi and Maria Brennhovd



(OsloMet, who has been involved as a researcher in the project) are working in the final phase of an article on symbolic play, and they are also starting to write an article on how to manage processes of change in ECEC institutions based on interviews with ECEC managers and ECEC teachers. May Liss has started the work on an article on what characterizes non-play in our data material, and Ole Johan and Ellen Beate have started writing the fourth article in Ole Johan's PhD-thesis focusing on what characterizes environments that promote a high level of both well-being and physical activity among the children.

Writing on articles / chapters for our planned anthology is in process. The anthology will be published at Universitetsforlaget and Ellen Beate and Rune will serve as editors.

Scientific Reference Group (SRG):

The annual meeting with SRG was held on 20 May at QMUC. Results from T2 were presented, but the meeting was mainly focused on the preliminary criteria for indoor- and outdoor environments in ECEC, and to receive input from the members of SRG on these. We agreed to use SRG for further communication about the criteria and website as it moves into its final stage during fall 2019.



Work on the criteria and webpage

In May 2019 we arranged workshops in both Oslo and Trondheim where all the co-researchers in the project, as well as the architect and landscape architect, participated. We presented results from T2, and worked on the criteria for the ECEC's indoor and outdoor environment.

In June, we had two meetings with Hilde Amundsen that we have engaged as the web-editor for developing of the web-resource, which will be one of the main results of this project. Hilde has started developing the first draft of the web-resource that will eventually be found on the website barnehagemiljø.no. We plan to launch the web-resource at the closing conference in May 2020.

Conferences:

The research group is now preparing its four presentations at the EECERA conference in August 2019 (<https://www.eecera2019.org/>), and that Randi is preparing her presentation at the IRLF EC conference in September 2019.

We been accepted with an abstract for the Norwegian Kindergarten Research Conference 2019 - Play and interaction in the diverse kindergarten in Stavanger, October 2019:

<http://www.uis.no/barnehageforskningskonferanse2019>

Closing conference 2020:

Although it is a while before the project ends, we are in the process of planning our closing conference. The dates for the conference are 26 and 27 May 2020, and it will be held at QMUC's campus in Trondheim. There will be presentations from both researchers and ECEC teachers. More information about the conference content will be published on our website and on the FEI/QMUC's website as the program is further developed.

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