

Closing remarks

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Aims and Objectives

- **Increase and deepen knowledge about OS**, so as to better understand its evolution and development in social context, how it is experienced by those subject to it, how it is constituted and constructed by those that practice it; and what its impacts and consequences are for those affected by it
 - Advancing the state of the art
 - Advancing research utility and utilisation
 - Advancing public awareness
 - Building research capacity
 - Developing skills and networks of young researchers

Programme

	Experiencing OS	Decision-making and OS	Practising OS	European policy and practice
<i>Phase 1: Descriptive and evaluative work</i>	?	?	?	?
Phase 2: Developing comparative work				
Phase 3: Progressing comparative work				
Phase 4: Prescriptive and normative work				

Hopes for this conference

- Evidence that we are beginning to expose and develop a fruitful area for study
 - Not instrumental or administrative research, but critical scholarship?
- Help to facilitate **critical** reflexivity amongst all those involved in OS
 - What is the relationship between this academic field and its subjects and objects of inquiry?
 - Can we do AI in a field that lacks a critical sociology?
- Value and represent lived experience (both supervisees and supervisors)
 - Who offered the normative critique?
- Edge towards a significant social scientific contribution to the development of legitimate and constructive OS

What have we done?

- Reviewed and synthesised research on four key themes across many jurisdictions
- Described the methods and the findings
- Identified commonalities and differences, producing some significant new findings
- Identified methodological limitations

What's next?

- Making sense of it all
 - How do we explain the divergences and convergences that we have observed in the development of OS between jurisdictions across Europe?
- What do we do with it all?
 - How do we connect new knowledge with policy and practice developments and with public debate about OS?

Making sense



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The field

Capital

Symbolic

Economic

Social

Cultural

Habitus

What do we do next?

- The book of the conference (and the film?)
- Online briefings
- Next year's work
 - Working groups x2
 - Short term scientific missions x8
 - Second conference x1
 - Knowledge exchange activities (ideas?)
- All focused on developing comparative work