Rethinking institution and deinstitutionalization from a disability perspective
Welcome to you, who decided to enter our academic institution to immerse yourself in the world of the ALTER 2022 Conference, hosted by AutonomiCap.

ALTER, is the European Society for Disability Research, founded in Paris in 1989, with the objectives of promoting and structuring research on disability, disseminating its results, creating and developing a European/international network open to researchers in the humanities and social sciences interested in any aspect of the question of disability and otherness, and establishing connections with all actors in the field. For this purpose, ALTER organizes every year, since 2012, a two-day international conference, in partnership with a host university. ALTER is also the eponymous journal launched in 2007: ALTER, European Journal of Disability Research, a quarterly peer-reviewed journal publishing articles in English and French. Initially published by Elsevier, and since January 1, 2022, by Editions de l’EHESS for its paper version, the journal is also available in open access on the OpenEdition Journals website.

AutonomiCap is an interdisciplinary research team based at the University Saint-Louis-Brussels, which studies the way in which the notions of autonomy and disability interact and reconfigure each other. It is also, in partnership with the Marie Haps Faculty of Translation and Interpretation, the organizing committee of the ALTER 2022 Conference.

2022 is the 10th anniversary of the ALTER International Conference. And these 10 years will be celebrated over two days, July 7 and 8, 2022, or even three if we include the pre-opening on July 6.

It will be celebrated around a theme inviting us to “rethink the institution and deinstitutionalization from a disability perspective” and to question the stakes and the different meanings that this conceptual trilogy entails.

This will be celebrated with a rich scientific program, posters and interventions of field actors, as well as cultural insights intended to change the focus and shake up views.

This will be celebrated thanks to an inclusive catering, numerous supporters, and your active participation.

May the celebration be beautiful and congenial. May this ALTER 2022 Conference capture the eyes and the attention well beyond words and its academic dimension. May we, gathered here, contribute to change views, step by step.

And if you already feel like organizing the next conference, don’t hesitate: send ALTER a proposal for a partnership with a European university. After Paris, Leuven, Lisbon, Stockholm, Lausanne, Lille, Cologne, Rennes, Brussels, it will be ... So, ready or not to take up the challenge?

Isabelle Hachez & Nicolas Marquis
Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles
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For the 10th anniversary of the ALTER Conference, the Organising Committee chose to invite «rethink institutions and deinstitutionalisation from a disability perspective».

The debates around institutions and deinstitutionalisation are protracted, divisive, and seized upon by a variety of actors: academics, practitioners, field workers, but also increasingly by the people concerned themselves. Although these debates are not specific to the field of disability, they take on a particular significance in it insofar as they embody fundamental questions: what is a worthy life? what is an «inclusive» society? what is a good way to act on or with others? The Covid crisis has hit the institution of residential homes for people with disabilities hard and has brought the objective of deinstitutionalisation back to the forefront. But what exactly does deinstitutionalisation mean? And what does its opposite mean: institutionalisation? Finally, what are we talking about when we talk about institutions?

The intuition behind the choice of this theme is that there is still work to be done to clarify the issue from a scientific perspective, at the crossroads of polysemous concepts enlisted by plural and gradual approaches.

The idea of this conference is therefore to unfold the notion of institution under all its aspects and in various contexts, from the perspective of different fields and from occasionally distinct positions, depending on the country or the disability considered. It also aims to examine the history, the stakes, and the experiences of the various forms of deinstitutionalisation, to trace the possible contours of an inclusive society respectful of the choices of people with disabilities.

The ways of embracing this theme are potentially infinite. The narrowing of the field of possibilities and the prevalence of certain themes, versus the absence or low occurrence of others, is due to the very propositions the Organising Committee received following the call for papers which circulated in French, English and International Signs. In total, the conference will feature around 100 papers, divided into 25 sessions (5x5 parallel sessions).

The papers will be given by speakers from a wide range of backgrounds. Four renowned speakers will also take part in the conference: the current chair of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Rosemary Kayess, the former Belgian judge at the European Court of Human Rights, Paul Lemmens, the American philosopher Eva Kittay, whose expertise in the field of disability has long been recognised, and the French sociologist Olivier Giraud, a specialist in the politics of care. The 25 sessions cover Belgian and international issues, and focus on a dozen general themes, ranging from mental health and internment to independent living, ageing, the concepts, policies and experiences of institutions, education and care providers.

The keynote speeches and sessions held in the main auditorium (OM10) are interpreted simultaneously into French, English and International Signs, while the other parallel sessions (OM20, OM21, OM22 and OM30) are held in French or English, without interpretation.
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Wednesday July 6

Pre-opening of the ALTER Conference

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm:
Welcome
Welcoming words
- Welcoming word by Isabelle Hachez & Nicolas Marquis, Professors at Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles
- Opening of the exhibition « Alternate Worlds » by Assal Sharifrazi (Face B & Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)
- Presentation of Rémi Gendarme-Cerquetti, movie director of «Fils de Garches», by Miranda Boldrini (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)

5:10 pm - 6:30 pm:
Film « Fils de Garches » (2020)

Rémi Gendarme-Cerquetti is author-director of documentary film. Born in 1983 in France, he holds a degree in mathematics and a second degree in performing arts with a film option. He then discovered advocacy filmmaking and documentary cinema. He then obtained a Master’s degree in creative documentary filmmaking, «Crédoc» in Angoulême. His films Rialette autopsie and Une affaire de décor have been selected in several festivals. In 2020, his film Fixex Kids (Fils de Garches in French) received the Prix Bartok from festival Jean Rouch 2020 and was in competition at the Traces de vies festival in Clermont-Ferrand. Rémi Gendarme-Cerquetti has a significant disability. He is interested in sexuality issues, has been involved in family planning and is involved in the Association des Paralysés de France.

Fixed Kids is the story of a bad memory. Regular trips to the hospital as a child marked my life and the lives of the children who had my disability. Twisting a little to try to straighten myself out. So it’s a story of a different memory and a different body. The bad memories of orthopaedics, the rigorous ones. This film is the story of these children who were born in the 80s with a strange body and desires... like everyone else. It is the story of two journeys. One is to meet former children that I have only just met. The second is a dive. Going back to this place full of ghosts and try to describe it, to see a little bit of what I hardly understood...

6:30 pm - 7:15 pm:
Debate in presence of Rémi Gendarme-Cerquetti (movie dir.)

7:15 pm - 8:30 pm:
Drinks and opening of the exhibition « Alternate Worlds » (Face B)

From the conception to the realisation of varied and meaningful projects, FACE B shapes new open spaces connected to the city. FACE B traditionally refers to one side of a vinyl. It is the side where nothing is expected and everything is possible. It is the side where the artist can reveal another facet of his or her creativity, the one that decompartmentalizes our society and leaves room for our collective imaginations.

The cultural exhibition Alternate Worlds commissioned by FACE B asbl consists of three parts:

1) a selection of pieces of art by 5 artists in residence at the Ateliers Indigo that supports artists with disabilities, active in its plastic arts, stage and music workshops. The association provides them with a team of qualified artists to accompany and train them, in a favourable space to the development of their practice. It aims to improve their working conditions and promote their creations. In the framework of the ALTER Conference exhibition, you will be able to discover the works of Valérie De Witte, Charles El Dadah, Alice Forsberg and Yann Piet.
https://www.ateliers-indigo.be
Valérie De Witte https://www.ateliers-indigo.be/copie-de-sydney-capitao
Charles El Dadah https://www.ateliers-indigo.be/copie-de-mickael-verhaeghe
Alice Forsberg https://www.ateliers-indigo.be/aliceforsberg
Yann Piet https://www.ateliers-indigo.be/copie-de-yassine-el-hassnaoui

2) a selection of 3 artists from the Centre d’Art Brut et Contemporain, la « S » grand Atelier. The « S » grand Atelier, a renowned Belgian Centre d’Art Brut et Contemporain, brings together artists with mental disabilities to share their talents in workshops led by art professionals. One of the objectives of the « S » is to bring raw practices out of isolation by leading to artistic and human encounters. During the ALTERconference, you will have the pleasure to discover the works of Sarah Albert, Irène Gérard and Dominique Theate.
La « S » grand Atelier https://lasgrandatelier.be
Sarah Albert https://lasgrandatelier.be/db/?view=Artistes&id=73
Irène Gérard https://lasgrandatelier.be/db/?view=Artistes&id=16
Dominique Theate https://lasgrandatelier.be/db/?view=Artistes&id=47

3) a selection of works from the Art et Marges Museum. Located in the heart of Brussels, the Art et Marges Museum, a museum of outsider art, questions art and its boundaries. Its collection was built up in the mid-1980s by self-taught artists, artistic workshops for mentally disabled people and psychiatric institutions. It now comprises more than 4000 international works produced outside the mainstream of the art world. Its temporary exhibitions, three a year, bring together artists from both sides of the margin, questioning the boundaries of art and its very definition.
https://lasgrandatelier.be

FACE B a créé un site web et est fort active sur Instagram :
Site : face-b.org - Instagram : https://instagram.com/f_a_c_e__b/
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Gourmet Welcome
Conference kicks-off
• Short film « Now You Know »

An original creation whose main theme is disability, « Now You Know » is a two-minute short fictional film written and directed by Cédric Guénard and Jean-Philippe Thiriart. Its aim is to encourage reflection on this subject and to encourage dialogue.

The directors discovered the «Fais ton court!» competition, launched by «The Extraordinary Film Festival», an international film festival on the theme of disability and difference organised by the non-profit organisation EOP!

Their film had to be shot with a smartphone, a tablet or a mini portable video camera. Cédric and Jean-Philippe chose to work with a mobile phone. It was impossible for them to remain insensitive to the theme and the technical challenge!

A disability can be invisible. The choice is then to reveal it to everyone or to hide it. What is the line between a person’s disability and what constitutes their personality? Is it inevitable, at least at times, to hide behind certain types of disability?

Distribution
Matthieu Pierre Olivier
Léa Jeanne Abraham
Alice (6 months) Zoé
Alice (8 years) Lucie Rolain
Alice (18 years) Elsa Houben

Film crew
Assistant director Emma Colle
Scriptwriter Laurie Noël
Chief operator Jean-François Metz
Electrician Simon Coll
Sound engineer Clément Grumberg
Boom operator Luis Quero Amaducci
Stage managers Louis de Meester
Image editing Yulissa Reynard-Feytis
Calibration Robin Zschau
Sound editing, mixing and composition Clément Grumberg
Costumes, hair, make-up Siem Pascaud
Decoration Delphine Synadino
Making of Keelig Gervalle
Poster Philippe Lozinski

• Conference opening by Isabelle Hachez, Nicolas Marquis et Yves Cartuyvels, professors at Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles
• Welcome to the host institution by Caroline Gaussian, Administrative Director of USL-B
• Speech by Karine Lalieux, Minister for Pensions and Social Integration, responsible for the Disabled and the Fight against Poverty
• Speech by Nadia Hadad, co-president of ENIL and member of the GRIP Board
• Speech by Véronique Ghesquière, Head of the Disability and UN Convention Department at UNIA (Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities)
• Practical information (auditorium, catering, etc.)

Keynote by Rosemary Kayess (UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities)
Session chaired by Isabelle Hachez (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles) & Nicolas Marquis (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)

Rosemary Kayess is a leading human rights lawyer from Australia. She has demonstrated extensive leadership in the field of disability research and disability rights. She has contributed greatly to human rights and discrimination law both nationally and internationally. In 1995, she became chairperson of the Australian Centre for Disability Law. She was appointed as a designated expert to the Australian Government delegation which contributed to the drafting of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. In 2018, Kayess was elected to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, becoming vice-chair in 2019. In the same year, Rosemary was awarded the Human Rights Medal by the Australian Human Rights Commission. She has recently been elected Chair of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2021.

She is currently teaching as a Senior Lecturer at the University of New South Wales Faculty of Law (UNSW, Australia). Among her most important publications, in 2008 she co-wrote with P. J. French the groundbreaking article: «Out of Darkness into Light? Introducing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities» (Human Rights Law Review).

Keynote by Paul Lemmens (KU Leuven)
Session chaired by Isabelle Hachez (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles) & Nicolas Marquis (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)

Paul Lemmens is Full Professor Emeritus at the Faculty of Law of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven, Belgium) and former Belgian judge at the European Court of Human Rights (2012-2021). Currently, he serves back as Councillor in the Belgian Council of State. His numerous writings focus on the European Convention on Human Rights and the scope of fundamental rights, such as the right to equality, freedom of expression and
### Thursday
#### July 7

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the right to a fair trial.

In relation to the Alter 2022 Conference theme, his participation in the drafting of a Belgian report on mental health and fundamental rights (2009) and a separate opinion in the case of Caamaño Valle v. Spain (judgment of May 11, 2023) concerning the right to vote of persons with mental disorders are noteworthy.

11:00 am - 11:30 am :
- Debate with Rosemary Kayess and Paul Lemmens

11:30 am - 1:00 pm :
- Coffee Break (Location: lobby)

### Parallel sessions 1 to 5

Abstracts of the different sessions can be found on the conference website: https://alterconf2022.sciencesconf.org/

**SESSION 1 : Concepts and History of (De)Institutionalisation**  - session chaired by Valérie Aucouturier (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)

General theme: Concepts of institutions and de-institutionalisation
- Quelle conception de l’autonomie dans l’appel à la désinstitutionalisation ? Une analyse à partir des notions d’agentivité et de vulnérabilité. Miranda Boldrini & Valérie Aucouturier (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)
- Beyond Erving Goffman’s “Total Institution”: Rethinking Institutions for Persons with Disabilities from the Perspective of Dispositif Analysis. Anne Waldschmidt, Sarah Karim & Fabian Rombach (University of Cologne)
- A Fragile Alliance: Disability Politics and Segregated Institutions as (Pseudo-) Social Movements in Post-War Britain. Luke Beesley (University of Brighton)

**SESSION 2 : La désinstitutionalisation dans la perspective des tiers aidants – session chaired by Anne-Françoise Cannella (Administratrice générale adjointe de l’AVIQ, agence wallonne pour une vie de qualité)**

General theme: Work and lived-experience of the institution
- Quand la lutte pour la propriété d’un problème remet en cause l’existence des institutions. Le cas de l’espace de la cause du handicap. Aude Lebrun (CURAPP-ESS, Université de Picardie)
- À l’ombre du processus de dés/institutionnalisation, la famille. Éduquer les enfants atteints de déficiences multiples. Myriam Winance (Inserm)
- Repenser l’institution et la désinstitutionalisation à partir du handicap ? Quelles solutions juridico-pratiques pour les aidant.e.s au regard des enjeux de la désinstitutionalisation du handicap ? Clémence Merveille & Arnaud Picqué (Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles)
- Une désinstitutionnalisation symbolique ? Quand la formation professionnelle s’empare de l’humanisation des soins pour les personnes âgées en établissement. Célia Poulet & Iris Loffeier (HES-SQ/HESAV)

**SESSION 3 : Étudier les critères de l’échec et de la réussite dans les « nouvelles institutions » de la psychiatrie – joint session proposed and chaired by Nicolas Marquis (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)**

General theme: Mental health and interment
- D’une condition expérimenter au monde réel : la remédiation cognitive pour la schizophrénie comme technologie de réorganisation de l’offre de soin en santé mentale. Baptiste Moutaud (CNRS - Université Paris Nanterre)
- Organisations et relations : évaluer l’accompagnement au logement des personnes souffrant de troubles psychiatriques graves. Nicolas Henckes (CNRS - Paris Descartes)
- Une pair-aidance de « qualité » ? Aurélien Troisoeufs (GHU-Paris - Paris Descartes)
- Comment faire un bon patient désinstitutionalisé ? Le dispositif des « réunions partenaires » comme révélateur d’attentes et de tensions. Nicolas Marquis & Chloé Daelman (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)

**SESSION 4 : Le domicile, nouvelle frontière de l’institution ? les conditions de possibilité du choix pour les personnes accompagnées. Handicap, grand âge et santé mentale – joint session proposed by all speakers and chaired by Delphine Moreau (EHESS)**

General theme: Independent Living
- L’accompagnement à domicile, support du choix retrouvé ou persistance de prises institutionnelles intrusives ? Delphine Moreau (EHESS)
- Subir, négocier, refuser : la réception différenciée de l’accompagnement à domicile. Marcos Azevedo (EHESS, CEMS, CermeSS)
- Dynamiques et logiques d’adhésion à un dispositif de type EHPad « hors les murs ». Louis Braverman (Laboratoire d’Économie et de Gestion des Organisations de Santé)
- Les habitats à visée inclusive pour personnes âgées et personnes en situation de handicap ; entre logique de libre choix et contraintes institutionnelles. Noémie Rapenno & Cécile Rosenfelder (EHESS)

**SESSION 5 : Deinstitutionalisation and Public Policies: Comparative Perspectives**

General theme: Public Policies
- Explaining Subnational Differences of Deinstitutionalization in Austria. Angela Wegscheider & Melanie Schaur (Johannes Kepler University Linz)
- (De)institutionalisation of People with Intellectual Disabilities in Italy and Sweden. Ida Norberg (Stockholm University), Mabel Giraldo (University of Bergamo), Simo Vehmas (Stockholm University), Mara Westling Allodi (Stockholm University), Morgane Leblanc (EHESS, CEMS, Cermes3)
- Handicap : entre logique de libre choix et contraintes institutionnelles. Cécile Rosenfelder (EHESS, CEMS, Cermes3)
- Ressources et conditions de réussite de la désinstitutionnalisation. Anna Boldrini (EHESS, CEMS, Cermes3)
- Zentren in Deutschland – aus der Sicht der Menschen mit psychischer behinderung. Markus Wegscheider (EHESS, CEMS, Cermes3)
- Explaining Subnational Differences of Deinstitutionalization in Japan. Ryoko Takahashi (Kanazawa University, Japan)
- Development of Dynamic Interpretations of the CRC and the CRPD Regarding the Institutions as a Viable Alternative Care Option for Children with Disabilities and the Ways Forward. Lazar Stefanovic (University of Vienna)

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm :
- Lunch buffet (Location: Agora, on the ground floor of the building)
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2:00 pm - 3:30 pm:
Parallel sessions 6 to 10

SESSION 6: Institutions at Work: Disability and Labour – session chaired by Andrea Benvenuto (EHESS)
General theme: Work and lived-experience of the institution
• Ingénieries institutionnelles, ce que le handicap nous apprend des institutions scientifiques. Marion Ink (INSERM CEMS/EHESS)
• Working with Disabilities: What Role Do Institutions and Professionals Play in Disabled Persons’ Experiences of Labour Market Participation? Fabian Rombach, Anne Waldschmidt & Sarah Karim (University of Cologne)
• Ce qu’être sourd veut dire aéro-médicalement : constituer un état, instituer une incapacité, vivre l’expérience handicapée. Antoine Février (Institut de Recherche en Santé Publique)

SESSION 7: Nuances et paradoxes des vies en institution – session chaired by Nathalie Zaccai-Reyners (Université Libre de Bruxelles - ULB)
General theme: Work and lived-experience of the institution
• La production sociale de l’autonomie : Construire une trajectoire vers la sécurité et le bien-être des femmes en situation de handicap et de violence conjugale. Liandre Labrecque-Lebeau (CREMIS - Université du Québec en Outaouais), Martine Lévesque (CREMIS - Université de Montréal), Linda Gauthier (RAPPLS), Corynne Laurence-Ruel (Université de Montréal) & Yolanda Muñoz (McGill University).
• Pour le meilleur et pour le pire ? Les effets tout à la fois protecteurs et délétères des établissements médico-sociaux à l’égard du tabagisme des personnes avec un trouble psychique. Sébastien Saetta (Centre Max Weber - Établissement public de santé Barthélemy Durand), Adel Fermand & Alain Leplège (Établissement public de santé Barthélemy Durand - Université de Paris)
• Le travail des « habiletés sociales » : un outil d’émancipation vis-à-vis des institutions ? Adrien Primerano (IRIS - InsERM), Arthur Vuattoux (IRIS - Université Sorbonne Paris Nord), Aurélie Damamme (Cresppa - Université Paris 8) & Ivan Garrec (IRIS - Université Sorbonne Paris Nord)
• Responsables, incapables et autonomes ? Les parcours institutionnels des prisonniers (dits ou se disant) handicapés. Vana Zdravkova (Laboratoire Interdisciplinaire pour la Sociologie Économique)

SESSION 8: L’État de la désinstitutionnalisation. Politiques et instruments de la déshospitalisation en santé mentale – joint session proposed and chaired by Pierre Robicquet (École des hautes études en sciences sociales) & Tonya Tartour (Centre de sociologie des organisations)
General theme: Mental health and internment
• Équipes mobiles, patients mobiles. Transformations de la première ligne de soins psychiatriques en Belgique. Gérald Deschieter (ULouvain), Nicolas Marquis & Sophie Pesesse (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)
• Se serrer la ceinture et élargir son périmètre d’intervention. Comment le financement de l’hôpital psychiatrique façonne les parcours de soins ? Tonya Tartour (Cermes3, IFRIS)
• La familialisation de l’accompagnement et du soin en matière psychiatrique en Belgique. Les proches aidants et la requête d’hospitalisation contraire. Antoine Printz (ULouvain)
• La désinstitutionnalisation des adolescents avec trouble mental : l’expérience de l’équipe mobile Karavelle en Belgique francophone. Raffaella Di Schiena, Bruno Piccinin & Etienne Joiret (Centre Hospitalier Jean Titeca) & Sarah Karim (University of Cologne)

SESSION 9: Why and How Independent Living Matters: Comparative Perspectives in the EU – session chaired by Angela Wegscheider (Johannes Kepler University Linz)
General theme: Independent Living
• Independent Living for Disabled People in Portugal: Political Rhetoric, Policy and Practice. Fernando Fontes (Universidade de Coimbra)
• Autism, Independent Living and Deinstitutionalization. José Miguel Nogueira (ISCTE – Instituto Universitário de Lisboa)
• Deinstitutionalisation of People with Intellectual Impairment. Comparing Italian, German and Swiss Good Practices of Independent Living. Ines Guerini & Fabio Bocci (Università Roma tre)
• De-institutionalization in Sweden: Lights and Shadows from the Perspective of Disability Organizations. Mabel Gilardo (Université di Bergamo), Jamie Bolling (Independent Living Institute of Stockholm) & Riitta Leena Karlsson (former Disability Ombudsman of the City of Stockholm)

SESSION 10: Disability and Norms: Pervasive Stereotypes – session chaired by Jogchum Vrielink (Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles)
Thématique générale: Conceptions des institutions et de la désinstitutionnalisation
• Stereotypes as Institution: Exploring (Re)institutionalisation and the Negotiation of Possibility. Philippa Mullins (American University of Armenia)
• Bodies, Relations and Desires. Conceptualisations About Intimacy from a Disabled Perspective. Chiara Pagliaionga (University of Padua)
• Norms as Produced by «Institutions» and «Community-based Services» within a Human Rights Framework: Reflections and Challenges to Rethink (De)institutionalization and Community Living Policies. Rita Barata (Instituto Universitário de Lisboa)
• Carers’ Narratives of Deinstitutionalisation in Bulgaria: Between Over-responsible Parenting and Generational Antisystemic Sentiments. Galina Concharova (Sofia University)

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm:
Coffee Break (Location: lobby)
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Parallel sessions 11 to 15

SESSION 11: Allocations et désinstitutionalisation. De l’octroi des allocations à leur usage : les conditions du déploiement d’une vie quotidienne hors les murs – joint session proposed by Noé Rimbourg (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles) and co-chaired by Noé Rimbourg & Louis Bertrand (EHES – Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)

General theme: Independent Living
- L’élément aide humaine de la prestation de compensation du handicap (PCH): une prestation réductrice, incomplète et contradictoire. Cyril Desjeux (Handeo, France) & Roselyne Touroude (UNAPAM)
- La relation entre la pauvreté et le handicap. Koen Hermans (KU Leuven)
- De l’évaluation du droit aux allocations à la production d’un statut : conditions, usages et effets inattendus de la reconnaissance administrative en Belgique. Noé Rimbourg (Université Saint-Louis Bruxelles)
- Personal Budgets and Legal Capacity. More Autonomy, More Tension. Tim Oppenhagen (Hasselt University - University of Leuven)

SESSION 12: Le vieillissement : l’impensé de la désinstitutionalisation ? – joint session proposed and chaired by Valérie Hugentobler (HES-SO, Haute école de travail social et de la santé Lausanne, Réseau de compétence « Âge, vieillissements et fin de vie »)

General theme: Work and lived-experience of the institution
- Handicap, vieillissement et désinstitutionalisation. Muriel Delporte (Université de Lille)
- Vieillissement au travail et handicap : quand la structure organisationnelle s’immisce dans les parcours. Nathalie Burnay & Amélie Pierre (Université de Namur)
- Interroger l’accompagnement en institution au prisme du vieillissement. Aline Veyre, Valérie Hugentobler, Melissa Ischler & Ophélie Guerdat (Haute École de Travail social et de la Santé de Lausanne)
- Faire vivre l’injonction du respect de l’autonomie en pratique ? Une étude en contexte résidentiel auprès de personnes âgées présentant des difficultés cognitives. Claire Rommelaere (Université de Namur), Cesar Meuris & Maël Pulcini (Centre Ressort, Haute école Robert Schuman), Charlotte Breda (Centre Max Weber, Collectif Dap) & Sébastien Saetta (Centre Max Weber - Pôle Universitaire de Psychiatrie, Secteur Saint-Etienne), Eric Pakra, Cesar Meuris (Centre Ressort, Haute école Robert Schuman)

SESSION 13: Mutations des institutions et trajectoires individuelles en santé mentale – session chaired by Abraham Franssen (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)

General theme: Mental health and internment

SESSION 14: Protéger le travail : enjeux et perspectives – session chaired by Olivier Giraud (CRS)

General theme: Employment and sheltered employment
- Après la désinstitutionalisation, quelles redéfinitions des espaces institutionnels aux États-Unis ? Le cas des organisations à but non lucratif spécialisées dans l’intégration sur le marché de l’emploi. Marie Assaf (Centre d’études nord-américaines)
- La désinstitutionalisation et ses nouveaux métiers : l’exemple des «référentes parcours» dans la formation professionnelle de stagiaires reconnus.e.s handicapé.e.s. Michaël Segon & Jérôme Bas (Céréa)
- Un milieu qui protège de quoi ? Le rapport du milieu protégé au milieu ordinaire de travail. Mathéa Boudinet (Observatoire sociologique du changement / LIEPP – Sciences Po)
- Inclusion, activation et les ambivalences de la désinstitutionalisation. Emilia Rosenztein (Haute école de travail social et de la santé Lausanne HES-SO)

SESSION 15: Comparative Perspectives on Mental Health and Deinstitutionalization – session chaired by Yves Cartuyvels (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)

General theme: Mental health and internment
- Nowhere to Go? Mental Health Care in Comparative Perspective. Isabel Perera (Cornell University)
- Where is Deinstitutionalisation Going in the Mental Health Field? Tracking Trends in the European Union. Jan Pfeiffer (Mental Health Europe)
- Benevolent Spokespersonship as a Barrier to Deinstitutionalisation in Bulgaria. Ina Dimitrova (Plovdiv University)

Maël Pulcini & Yvonne Quenum (Pôle Universitaire de Psychiatrie, Secteur Saint-Etienne)
- L’expérience du COFIR comme institution « capacitante » et émancipatrice en santé mentale. Julien Grard (Aix Marseille Université - Hôpitaux de Marseille)
- Penser la désinstitutionalisation par l’autodétermination des personnes vivant avec des troubles psychiques : le cas des directives anticipées en psychiatrie en France. Frédéric Mougeot (Centre Max Weber, Collectif Dap)
- Institution ou individualité : quelle alternative nous livre l’analyse des témoignages personnels de la schizophrénie ? Rosanna Wannberg (EHES, Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)
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8:15 am - 8:45 am:
Gourmet welcome

Welcome by Valérie Clatigny, Minister for Higher Education, Social Welfare Education, University Hospitals, Scientific Research, Youth Welfare, Houses of Justice, Youth, Sport and Promotion of Brussels

Keynote: Eva Feder Kittay (SUNY): « Caring Institutions and Community »

Session chaired by Miranda Boldrini (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)

Eva Feder Kittay is Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, Emerita, at Stony Brook University, New York. Kittay’s research focuses on feminist philosophy and ethics, social and political theory, and disability studies. She is internationally recognized as one of the most prominent contributors to the ethics of care, starting with her Love’s Labor: Essays on Women, Equality, and Dependency (Routledge, 1999).


Kittay’s most recent book, Learning from My Daughter. The Value and Care of Disabled Minds (Oxford University Press, 2019), provides a discussion both theoretical and personal of cognitive disability, which questions the centrality traditionally attributed to normalcy as part of a good life, and critically interrogates the conception of the personhood of disabled people which lie within discussions on bioethical matters such as prenatal testing.

9:45 am - 11:15 am:

SESSION 16: L'internement ‘pénal’ en Belgique à l'épreuve du handicap et de la désinstitutionnalisation – joint session proposed and chaired by Sophie De Spiegeleir (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles) & Yves Cartuyvels (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)

General theme: Mental health and internment

- Internement, privation de liberté et handicap : une nouvelle grille de lecture.
  Yves Cartuyvels (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)

SESSION 17: Nouvelles formes d'institutions : potentialités et limites sur le terrain – session chaired by Cisèle Marlière (CSNPH)

General theme: Work and lived-experience of the institution

- Critique et justification de la vie en institution du point de vue de personnes directement concernées participant à la démarche Capdroits. Arnaud Beal (École de Psychologues Praticiens, Démarche Capdroits) & Benoît Eyraud (Université Lyon 2, Démarche Capdroits)
- Handicap : la fin des institutions de prise en charge, vraiment ? Christelle Achard (Université de Caen Normandie)
- Réseau, institution et travail social. Laurent Dupont (Les Tropiques asbl)
- Des dérives dans le domaine du handicap suite à la désinstitutionnalisation ? : La réponse-en-réseau aux « incasables » qui reconfigurent les frontières. Roberto Toledo (EHESP)

SESSION 18: Perspectives éducatives et (dé)institutionnalisation – session chaired by Carole Van Basselaere (UNIA) & Thomas Dabeux (ASBL Inclusion)

General theme: Education

- La contre-productivité institutionnelle et la convivialité. Pertinence et limites de la pensée de Ivan Illich pour la critique de l’institutionnalisation. Quentin Landenne (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)
- L’inclusion modifie-t-elle l’institution scolaire ? Pratiques d’accompagnement des « cas d’élèves » aux prises avec la norme de l’élève « régulier » au lycée. Sabine Baudont (Université Versailles Saint-Quentin, CEANRIS) & Gaël Coron (EHESP)
- Composser avec ou sans les institutions du handicap ? Analyse de récits biographiques de personnes ayant grandi avec une déficience visuelle ou avec des troubles dys, en France. Célia Bouchet (Observatoire sociologique du changement, Sciences Po)

SESSION 19: Habitat, autonomie et dépendance – session chaired by Florence Degavre (UCLouvain)

General theme: Independent Living

- Le droit à l’habitat en autonomie des personnes handicapées dans le cadre de la révolutions numérique. Une illustration à partir du déploiement des compteurs dits « intelligents » en Région wallonne. Basil Gomes (Université Saint-Louis Bruxelles) & Elisa Boisson (Université de Mons)
- Un Habitat Inclusif Solidaire : Les défis de l’inclusion. Ce qui compte, c’est le cheminement inclusif / Ghislain Magerotte (Université de Mons), Nathalie Dandoy (UCLouvain), Laurence Braet (Habitat et Participation asbl) & Anne
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**Ketelaer** (asbl DHEI - Droit Handicap Et Inclusion)
- Avoir besoin d’aide pour certains actes de la vie quotidienne et gérer sa vie soi-même : une dissociation nécessaire pour une juste politique du handicap.
- Paul Van Walleghem (chercheur indépendant)
- Le maintien à domicile des personnes âgées vivant avec des troubles cognitifs: une réinstitutionnalisation imposée par une approche biomédicale et économique de la dépendance. Rebecca Durollet (Université de Genève)

**SESSION 20 : Rethinking Sheltered Work: Contrasted Perspectives** – session chaired by Nicolas Henckes (CNRS)

General theme: Employment and sheltered employment
- Rethinking Sheltered Workshops and Crippling the Institution of Work. Katharina Heyer (University of Hawaii)
- From Segregation to Participation: Connecting Sheltered Workshops and Local Communities in Japan. Anne-Lise Mithout (Université de Paris)
- Doing Differences at Work: Comparing Practices in Inclusive and Sheltered Work settings for Persons with Learning Difficulties. Sarah Karim, Anne Waldschmidt & Fabian Rombach (University of Cologne)
- Sheltered Workshops in Times of Inclusion? Compared Views Between France and Sweden. Fanny Jaffrès (EHESP-ARENES)

11:15 am - 11:45 am : Coffee Break (Location: lobby)

11:45 am - 1:15 pm:

**SESSION 21 : Inclusion et exclusion scolaire** – session chaired by Sébastien van Droogenbroeck (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)

General theme: Education
- Vers une «détotalisation» des ESMS ? Ethnographie d’une équipe mobile d’appui médico-social pour la scolarisation des enfants en situation de handicap (EMAS). Godefroy Lansade (Centre de Recherches Interdisciplinaires en Sciences humaines et Sociales de Montpellier)
- L’inclusion scolaire peut-elle fabriquer de l’exclusion ? Réflexion à partir de l’éducation tournée vers les personnes soudées, entre institutionnalisation et désinstitutionnalisation. Carlos Dindin & Isabelle Gobatto (Passages - CNRS)
- En route vers une école inclusive en Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles (FWB)? Chislain Magerotte (Université de Mons), Dominique Paquot (École fondamentale Singelijn) & Jean-Pierre Coenen (Ligue des droits de l’enfant)

**SESSION 22 : Histoire(s) d’institutions et de la désinstitutionnalisation au XVe siècle – joint session proposed and chaired by Gildas Brégain (Univ. Rennes, CNRS), Mariama Kaba (HfH-Zurich ; IHM-Univ. Lausanne) & Jérôme Bas (CSU, Céreq)

**SESSION 23 : Désinstitutionnalisation et care au Québec : clinicalisation and judiciarisation on the continuum of services – joint session proposed and chaired by Guillaume Ouellet (Centre intégré universitaire de santé et de services sociaux du Centre-Sud-de-l’Île-de-Montréal ; Université du Québec à Montréal)

General theme: Mental health and interment
- La régulation en continuum : passer de la prise en charge au soutien. Guillaume Ouellet (Université du Québec à Montréal)
- Clinicalisation des pratiques policières et judiciaires : surveillance et contrôle ou thérapie ? Emmanuelle Bernheim (Faculté de droit, Université d’Ottawa, Chaire de recherche du Canada en santé mentale et accès à la justice)
- Lorsque les pratiques d’intervention se heurtent aux logiques d’exception : Quel rôle pour les agents thérapeutiques dans la clinique de la contrainte ? Pierre Pariseau-Legault (Département des sciences infirmières, Université du Québec en Outaouais)

**SESSION 24 : Hébergement et grande dépendance – session proposed and chaired by Isabelle Hachez (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)

General theme: Independent Living
- Hébergement et grande dépendance : vers une grammaire de la désinstitutionnalisation en droit international des droits fondamentaux. Isabelle Hachez & Louis Triaille (Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)
- « J’habite dans ma maison et pas dans celle où tu travailles ... une autre institution est possible ». Cinzia Agoni (GAMP - Groupe d’Action qui dénonce le Manque de Places pour personnes handicapées de grande dépendance)
- Dépendant au jour le jour : de l’idéal inclusif à la réalité de terrain. Vincent Fries (licencié en psychologie)
- La désinstitutionnalisation des personnes en situation de handicap vue par le Conseil Supérieur National belge des Personnes Handicapées. Gisèle Marlire & Véronique Duchenne (CSNPW)

**SESSION 25 : How to Grasp Institutions’ Persistence and Renewal: Perspectives from the Field – session chaired by Isabelle Ville (EHRESS)

General theme: Work and lived-experience of the institution
- La « désinstitutionnalisation » précoce des hommes aveugles dans la France métropolitaine pendant la première moitié du XXe siècle. Gildas Brégain (Université de Rennes, CNRS)
- Vivre en institution en Suisse entre 1950 et 2010 : Expériences vécues d’enfants et adolescents avec handicaps physiques ou multiples. Mariama Kaba, Viviane Blatter, Carlo Wolfisberg & Susanne Schirber (Haute école intersectorielle de pédagogie curative » par HfH-Zurich; IHM-Univ. Lausanne)
- La fabrique institutionnelle d’un ethos anti-institutionnel (Garches, 1949-1975). Jéréôme Bas (CSU, Céreq)
- Le parcours de vie entre défense sociale et maladie mentale de Maxence C. Étude d’un cas de dégénérescence dans la Belgique du XXème siècle. Samuel Dal Zilio (Université du Luxembourg)
Friday  
July 8

**2nd day of the ALTER Conference**

**General theme:** Concepts of institutions and de-institutionalisation
- The Institutions, They Are A-changin’: Change in Institutions, Renewing of Their Critique in France and Belgium. Louis Bertrand (EHESP - Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles)
- The Constituents of the Ruling Relations: Understanding Relational Experiences of People with Intellectual Disabilities and Their Support Workers Through Institutional Ethnography. Deborah Lutz (Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main)

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm :
- Room OM10

**Lunch buffet (Location: Agora, on the ground floor of the building)**
Performance conference « Quasimodo aux miroirs » by No Anger

“*A researcher and performer, No Anger writes the blog « A mon geste défendant » — To My Defiant Gesture. In 2019, she obtained a PhD in political science. She participates in anti-validist fights, wishing to express the power of her disabled body and thus highlight the social oppressions she experiences daily. No Anger has created a new skin for herself, through dance and writing. Her work follows these two axes which are sometimes mixed in her performances: she writes texts which accompany her dance and complete it. She believes in the possibility of artistically reinventing her body and her sexuality. In 1996, the Disney film The Hunchback of Notre Dame was released. In 1998, the musical Notre Dame de Paris premiered. I am a child of the 1990s; I watched this cartoon and listened to the musical assiduously. So throughout my childhood, I was around the character of Quasimodo, a rare representation available of the disabled body, and I gradually built myself with this narrative. I always had an ambivalent relationship with Quasimodo: I identified with him in spite of myself, I was afraid to be him, I did not want to be him. This character and what was said about him haunted me; I gradually learned to inhabit him and to shape him as I pleased. This is the path that my performance describes. It will also make the link with concepts that I developed in my thesis, in particular that of “corps-repoussoirs”. This concept is based on the idea that certain representations of bodies, fictional bodies, structure a certain way of looking at bodies, and reflect the ways in which bodies are shown in the social world, especially through cultural productions. These fictions of bodies often provide models or counter-models to which the gaze and real bodies must conform or not. It is these counter-models, these negative images of bodies that I call “repoussoir” bodies. These “repoussoir” bodies allow for a kind of ordering among real bodies, because, just as there are fictions of bodies that say what bodies should be, “repoussoir” bodies prescribe what bodies should not be and the ways in which they should not show themselves.**

How, then, did Quasimodo gradually teach me to believe myself to be a repoussoir body? How did social logics, through cultural productions, shape my intimate narrative and build vulnerability into that narrative?”

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm :
- Coffee Break (Location: lobby)
- Room OM10

**Keynote:** Olivier Giraud (CNRS)

Session chaired by Myriam Winance (Inserm/Cermes3)

Olivier Giraud is a research director at the CNRS. He was co-director of Lise (2013-2018), a research centre he joined in 2011 after having been a researcher at CURAPP, CEE and the Marc Bloch Centre (Berlin). A specialist in comparative public policy, he works in particular on gender regimes in France and Germany, public policies for the care of the elderly at the European level, as well as on the issues of care at the local and global levels.

In addition, Olivier Giraud has participated in the ANR ZOGRIS and the ANR Marianne 2. He coordinated with Barbara Rist the research project (2016-2019): “Remuneration and status of caregivers: Life course, family transactions and types of use of support systems” (CNSA funding).

4:45 pm - 5:15 pm :
- Speech by Tyler Zoanni, winner of the Alter Society's Young Author Award
- Room OM10

This year marks the second edition of ALTER’s Young Author’s Award. The conference offers this year’s winner, Tyler Zoanni, the opportunity to present his work as a guest speaker on the following theme: « Constitutive Inclusions: on Disability, Christianity, and institutionality in Urban Uganda ».

Tyler Zoanni is a Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, and will start as an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Bremen in October. He received his PhD in sociocultural anthropology from New York University, with prior studies at Chicago and Harvard. Tyler is finishing a book on cognitive impairment, disability politics, and religion in Uganda. His articles have appeared in Cultural Anthropology, Medical Anthropology, Cambridge Anthropology, Ethos, and Somatophere. Finally, Tyler is a filmmaker, and his first film, The Ladies, is about Ukrainian migrant women in NYC who make dumplings for their church.

5:15 pm - 5:30 pm :
- Concluding remarks by Nicolas Marquis (Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles), Isabelle Ville (EHESP) & Henri-Jacques Stiker (Paris-Diderot, ALTER founding member)
- Room OM10

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm :
- Drink (Location: lobby)

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The ALTER Conference focuses on the issue of disability through a rich scientific programme and artistic events, but also by giving a special place to associations, groups and (des)institutions that live, work or stand on the front line, to individual or collective actors who trouble or move the borders in the fields of disability and mental health.

In an area sometimes perceived as fragmented, it is of paramount importance to bring together perspectives from the field, from the professional world, and from experiential and scientific expertise, to give visibility and to strengthen the links between people and groups.

Today, many of these actors are confronted with the questions, hopes, tensions and uncertainties generated by the transformations in the ways of acknowledging, supporting and caring for people with disabilities.

Many associations, mainly Belgian and French-speaking, have seized the opportunity to present a poster of their work or their position.

Would you like to know more and get challenged? Pay a visit to them, come to the Agora (floor 0, near the reception). The posters will be on display and permanently accessible, and during the lunches you may find someone close to some of them ready to engage in a discussion!

Our partners for the catering

For the 10th anniversary of the ALTER Conference, the catering is in tune with an inclusive society thanks to the support of various service providers.

The service is provided by the Cap Event team, with the products of the Nos Pilifs farm, and the assistance of the caterer Le Sésam' for the lunches and delicious foodtrucks for the Thursday evening party.

Cap Event was created in 2017 with the idea of changing the way people look at disability and shaking off prejudices, by honouring diversity and the potential of everyone in inclusive events.

An adapted work company, the Brussels farm No Pilifs cultivates a world of differences by offering, among other activities, organic, ethical and sustainable products: those that will delight you, we hope, at the opening of the days and during the gourmet breaks.

Sésam' is the social economy sector of the ASBL Bouillon de CultureS. A community house located in Schaerbeek since 1980, Sésam' supports a multicultural society project and has, among other things, a mission of social integration, of school assistance programmes, of fighting against discrimination and of citizenship education.

Finally, on Friday 8 July at 19.00, the 65 degrés restaurant will bring together those who, through their support, have made this conference possible: political and institutional actors, keynote speakers and the scientific network close to the ALTER and AutonomiCap teams. For sure, this evening will be inclusive. We would have liked it to be also accessible to all, but the reality principle led us to limit it to a limited number of participants. However, we did not want to fail to mention this friendly and symbolic place which deserves to be highlighted and closes the ALTER Conference as a matter of course.
Thanks to all of you who... »

The issue of disability leads us to delve into the depths of vulnerability in order to understand our common humanity. When faced with such fundamental issues, as resources are scarce, skills fragmented, and engaged people exhausted, the only fruitful way out is to combine them to weave a network capable of supporting them.

The history of this conference, combining art and science, is first of all that of the confidence shown by the board of ALTER towards the AutonomiCap research team for the organisation of the 10th edition of the ALTER Conference.

It is also that of an institution - the University Saint-Louis-Brussels - which seized the opportunity to make this event a turning point, by not only leaving it to the Conference to rethink the institution and deinstitutionalisation from a disability perspective, but by reflecting on how the university meets disability itself.

Prequels and sequels of the ALTER Conference

The ALTER 2022 Conference is a beautiful scientific opportunity, but also a unique occasion for our academic community to take up the issue of disability and to gather “as an institution” around a number of events and projects. The context of the ALTER 2022 Conference is:

**Lead-up to the conference**

- a teasing at the launch event of the new academic year for the staff and faculty announcing, on the proposal of the Rector, the ALTER Conference and its related projects to the entire university community (10 September 2021)
- the seminar on «students with special profiles and reasonable accommodation» organised by the Educational Administration Service and AutonomiCap, with the participation of UNIA, the Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities. (26 October 2021)
- two 180° conferences organised by AutonomiCap, the Rector and the Administrative Director of USL-B for the university community

2. Anne Dasnoy and Christian Nile, «Disability, Sexuality, Emotion... and me??» (9 February 2022)
- a reflection initiated by the USL-B on the accessibility of its buildings to people with disabilities, with the support of the Commission for Inclusive Higher Education and the nonprofit organisation AccessAndGo-ABP
- a revised evacuation policy and signage of the Ommegang site with regard to the ALTER Conference
- sustained exchanges with the University’s administrative services, the Vice-Rector for Quality and students to consider the setting up of an «inclusive community project», in relation with the issue of disability

**Follow-ups :**

- the visit of Professor Lisa Waddington, who will be awarded an honorary doctorate by the University in recognition of her outstanding expertise in disability law and equality issues (16 May 2023)
- the holding of two seminars, following her conference on the theme «When University and disability meet», to extend the reflection and lead to the adoption of new guidelines to frame our practices (October 2023)
- a university certificate in continuing education over disability issues is in project

In short, the momentum is there, discussions and projects are underway, and other ideas will emerge. It is up to us to take the next steps, to create the desire and gather the troops around these issues:

ready or not to act for a university that is both reflective and inclusive?
Finally, the history of the ALTER 2022 Conference is also about the opportunities offered by the organising committee to public and private actors, which they wholeheartedly took, to make this event an institutional and inclusive time. Without them, the contours of the ALTER 2022 Conference would have been quite different. Many thanks for their support to the European Research Council under the EU Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme (grant agreement no. 850754); to the FNRS; to UNIA; to AVIQ; to Valérie Glatigny, Minister of Higher Education, Education and Social Promotion, University Hospitals, Scientific Research, Youth Aid, Houses of Justice, Youth, Sports and Promotion in Brussels; to Karine Lalieux, Minister of Pensions and Social Integration, in charge of the Disabled and the Fight against Poverty; to Caroline Desir, Minister for Education; to Alain Maron, Minister of Climate Transition, Environment, Energy, Public Hygiene, Social Action and Health; to the Brussels Capital Region; to the Walloon-Brussels Federation; to the Roger De Spoelberch Foundation; to the Delacroix Foundation; to the National Lottery, and to the Council for Cultural Policy of the USL-B.

In addition to the official sponsors, there are the people behind the scenes who played a decisive role. We would like to thank Céline Frémault, Member of Parliament and Fraction Leader in the Brussels Parliament, as well as Pierre Jadoul, Rector, and Caroline Gauvin, Administrative Director, who, in their wake, have brought various departments of the University on board: Thanks for their smiles and expertise to Salahedine Hajji (IT service); Laurence Albert (student and social affairs service). Thanks to AccessAndGo, to Face B and to the artists, to Rémi Gendarme-Cerquetti and his «Fils de Garches», to Jean-Philippe Thiirart and his team of «Now You Know», to No Anger, to CapEvent and its caterers, to Nos Piéfils and its delicacies, to the restaurant 65 degrés, to Arnaud Saussez and his camera, as well as to the student jobbers who accompany us in this adventure.

Thanks to the keynote, to the speakers and to the session chairs whose time and expertise are the essential ingredient of this conference. Thanks to the associations and institutions that agreed to share their work through a poster.

Thanks to the members of the Organising Committee and the administrative support of our research centers for the challenges they have met, with a special recognition to Chloé Daelman without whom the final stretch would have seemed very long.

Finally, a team of students aware of accessibility issues is present in the conference premises and corridors, to give you an overview of the conference space; we freely admit that they may slightly deviate from spatial reality and the rules of art ;)

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**Thanks !**

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**Thanks to you, you, you, ...; and also to you, you, you, ..., without your presence 1+1 would never have made 3.**

**Accessibility**

The University Saint-Louis - Brussels is made up of several buildings, which are unequally accessible to people with disabilities. Even in the oldest of these buildings, an inclusive process is underway at the joint initiative of the University’s rectoral team, its administrative director, the Educational Administration Service, the Commission for Inclusive Higher Education and the ALTER Conference Organising Committee.

This process combines forms of universal accessibility and different types of reasonable accommodation that anticipate or complement it. If the challenge is huge and imperfectly dealt with to date, the university institution - whose support and dynamism we praise - has dedicated all possible energy to welcome you in the best conditions.

The general signage of the Ommegang buildings hosting the conference has been reviewed with regards to the conference, and supplemented by conference-specific signage. With the advice of the AccessAndGo association, which we would like to thank warmly, we tried to do this in a way that is as artisanal as it is enthusiastic. We have therefore created a graphic cross-section of the 4 floors on which the conference will take place, with the catering areas in red and the rooms where the various keynote speakers and sessions will be held in light blue. The toilets are indicated in regal blue, while those accessible to PRM are indicated by a pictogram. Water fountains are also indicated by a «tap» pictogram. The aim of these sections is to give you an overview of the conference space; we freely admit that they may slightly deviate from spatial reality and the rules of art ;)

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All conference rooms and floors are accessible:

- By stairs
  - Via stairway A or B (starting from floor 0 towards floors 1 and 2):
    - Floor 0: Reception, cloakroom: Accueil, vestiaire, Agora
    - Floor 2: OM10 (top), OM20, OM21, OM22: rest room
  - Via stairway C (connecting floors 2 and 3):
    - OM30
- Via lifts (3 lift shafts and 1 PRM lift shaft, grouped in one place)

Each floor has restrooms and, except for the 3rd floor, a water fountain. The PRM restrooms are located on the 1st floor (in the Lobby) and on the 3rd floor.

If you are not sure, do not hesitate to ask the student jobbers!

In case of an emergency evacuation, simply follow one of the many evacuation routes indicated by the green signs. Specific guidelines have been communicated to the rescue staff and student workers for PRMs and the hearing impaired.
PRM Accessibility

All conference rooms and floors are accessible to people with reduced mobility. For your convenience, you will find here the answers to the most frequently asked questions with regards to the floor you are on.

If you are...

On floor 0
  • How do I get there?
      The floor is accessible from the outside at ground level
  • What can be accessed?
      Reception / Cloakroom / Agora, all fully accessible
  • Where is the nearest PRM restroom?
      In the lobby (1st floor) or on the 3rd floor (via lifts)

On floor 1
  • How do I get there?
      By the PRM lift
  • What can be accessed?
      OM10 / exposition / lobby
  • Where are the PRM spaces in OM10?
      There are 8 PRM spaces at the bottom of the auditorium (the first row is reserved for accompanying persons)
  • Where is the nearest PRM restroom?
      In the lobby (1st floor)

On floor 2
  • How do I get there?
      By the PRM lift
  • What can be accessed?
      OM20-21-22 / rest room
  • Where are the PRM spaces in OM20-21-22?
      These rooms are fully accessible
  • Where is the nearest PRM restroom?
      In the lobby (1st floor) or on the 3rd floor (via lifts)

On floor 3
  • How do I get there?
      By the PRM lift
  • What can be accessed?
      OM30
  • Where are the PRM places in OM30?
      There are 4 PRM spaces at the back and sides of the auditorium
  • Where are the nearest PRM restrooms?
      Near the lifts on the 3rd floor

In the event of an emergency evacuation, there are sufficient evacuation chairs for PRM. These chairs are available in the lobby (1st floor). Emergency personnel and some jobbers are trained in their use. If you, as a PRM or an accompanying person, would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact them.
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