

## Call for papers: PhD Workshop on the Sociology of Health and Illness

The European Society for Health and Medical Sociology will hold its first PhD Workshop this summer on 24<sup>th</sup> August. The in-presence workshop predates the <u>main conference</u> which takes place in Forlì. The PhD workshop will provide participants with a wider understanding of the theoretical foundations and practice of social research applied to health.

The one day workshop is designed to discuss participants research and to help young scholars to develop their analytical skills, share and critically reflect on their work, the work of others, and of the heterogeneous disciplinary traditions the workshop will reflect. The aim is to bring a group of PhD students together to think critically through their research, to learn about emerging approaches to doing theory and methods, to raise important challenges and conundrums, and to get feedback on their writing and thinking.

We invite PhD students at any point in their research and writing trajectories to submit a proposal addressing different perspective of sociology of health and illness. The workshop will be convened by senior scholars from the field of medical sociology and beyond, in relation to specific topics or themes across the PhDs attending. The workshop is intended for PhD students in the social sciences and in public health interested in a sociological approach to health and illness.

The workshop will be structured around meetings for feeding back on each other's work, alongside a regular communal social *aperitivo* and other social activities to foster cooperation, support and the building of friendships and networks.

You do not need to take part in the main conference to attend the workshop but of course we encourage the participation of such a nice occasion to meet other scholars and listen to our key-notes speakers. The cost of the workshop is covered by the ESHMS, however selected students will be asked to pay the membership fee.

To apply, please send a 500 word extended abstract (exclusive references), as a Word.doc or PDF, which outlines your research project (Research problem, Aim/Hypothesis, conceptual framework, methodology/methods, research design, expected outcomes, key references) plus full name, institution, and the student contacts to both Antonio Maturo (antonio.maturo2@unibo.it) and Veronica Moretti (veronica.moretti4@unibo.it) by May 30th. You will be notified of acceptance by June 12<sup>th</sup>. Published and under revision articles are also accepted though they should be related to the PhD thesis.

The number of participants is restricted to 6. All participants have to submit papers of 2000-4000 words by **July 31**. Language of the workshop is English.