

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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Niklas	Baer	Head of a Specialised Unit for Psychiatric Rehabilitation at the Psychiatric services of the Canton Basel-Landschaft, Switzerland. Working since 1993 in the field of psychiatric rehabilitation, psychiatric services planning. From 1990 to 1993 I worked at an organisation for social integration of ex-prisoners. From 1994 to 1999 I worked as head of a vocational rehabilitation organisation for people with mental disorders (financed by the Swiss Invalidity Insurance). Since 2000 I have been working at the Psychiatric Services of the Canton Basel-Landschaft, first as scientific coworker for the planning of the psychiatric services, and since 2005 as head of a specialised unit for psychiatric rehabilitation (Fachstelle für Psychiatrische Rehabilitation). We are doing research, education and training for professionals of both the rehabilitation and mental health systems, and are initiating new rehabilitative projects as well as conceptual work for rehabilitative organisations.
James	Bolton	Deputy Director for Health within the Health, Work and Wellbeing Directorate. He is also Deputy Chief Medical Adviser, leading on Health and Benefits Policy as well as several key Health and Work initiatives. He has overall responsibility for development and maintenance of policy in relation to health aspects of benefit entitlement assessments; for the overview of professional standards in relation to the provision of medical services to the department; for support to the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council; and is the Senior Responsible Officer for initiatives such as the Fit Note. He leads on the medical aspects of welfare reform policy development and implementation as well as contributing to development of the Directorate's overall strategy on Disability and Work.
Tony	Cline	Tony Cline is co-director of the part-time professional doctorate programme for experienced educational psychologists at University College London and Visiting Professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Bedfordshire. Tony initially worked in inner city and suburban areas around London as a teacher in primary and secondary schools and as an educational psychologist. After a period as Principal Educational Psychologist for the Inner London Education Authority, he moved into higher education on a full-time basis, where he has held various posts. His 80+ publications have covered a wide range of subjects, including psychological assessment, child guidance services, dyslexia, the education of bilingual children and selective mutism.
Marie Jose	Durand	Marie Jose Durand is the director of the Centre for Action in work Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation, and full professor at Medicine Faculty of Sherbrooke university. I have also a research chair in work rehabilitation. I published many articles and reports of work rehabilitation. I have developed an expertise in the evaluation of the worker capacities and also with the development and evaluation of programs in the natural setting. In the last three years we developed the therapeutic return to work for workers with common mental disorders. Two reports on evaluation of the risk factors and obstacles to return to work will be available in fall.
Serge	Ebersold	Serge Ebersold is professor of sociology at the Higher Education and Research Institute for teacher training and research for special needs education (INSHEA) and head of the research department. He coordinates, inter alia, an OECD project looking at pathways of students with disabilities from tertiary education and to employment and was analyst in the directorate for Education in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) between 2006 and 2009. Prior to joining the OECD he was professor at the University of Strasbourg where he taught disability sociology for 15 years and researched on persons with disabilities' education and employment opportunities. He published several books and articles on participation opportunities for students with special needs and their family, among them, Disability in higher education (OECD, 2003).

Richard	Frank	Professor Frank is US Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation and is also the Margaret T. Morris Professor of Health Economics in the Department of Health Care Policy at Harvard Medical School. He is also a research associate with the National Bureau of Economic Research. Dr. Frank is engaged in research in three general areas: the economics of mental health care, the economics of the pharmaceutical industry, and the organization and financing of physician group practices. Under grants from NIDA and the MacArthur Foundation, Dr. Frank and colleagues are studying the performance of social insurance programs for people with mental and addictive disorders.
Patrik	Hesselius	Patrik Hesselius is currently a political advisor in the Prime Minister's Office (Policy Coordination Office). He is on leave of absence from his research positions at the Institute for Labour Market Policy Evaluation (a research institute under the Swedish Ministry of Employment) and Uppsala University. His field of specialisations are labour and health economics. He has published numerous articles especially in the area of sickness absence and sickness monitoring.
Jan	Høgelund	Jan Høgelund is working as a senior researcher at the Danish National Centre for Social Research, Denmark. He has obtained a MA in economics from Copenhagen University (1990) and a PhD in public administration from Roskilde University. Jan Høgelund's research focuses primarily on how various policy interventions affect the labour market attachment of people with health problems.
Rachel	Jenkins	Rachel Jenkins is a psychiatrist, epidemiologist and mental health policy maker. She has been Director, WHO Collaborating Centre, Institute of Psychiatry, Kings College London since 1997 where she is also Professor of Epidemiology and International Mental Health Policy, working with governments, international and national organisations to give support on mental health policy and implementation to low and middle income countries, as well as on research and training, with a variety of projects in Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Europe. She initiated the British national psychiatric morbidity survey programme, and led the mental health aspects of the Foresight Project on Mental Capital and Wellbeing. She has around 350 publications, including 30 books and monographs.
Mary	Kyriazopoulou	Project Manager for the European Agency for Development in Special Needs Education since 2001. She is largely involved in strengthening collaboration with the European Commission, the European Parliament and other institutions and organisations. Some other projects that she has been involved include, Multicultural diversity and special needs education, Transition from school to employment and Early childhood intervention, Before that and for ten years, she has been working as expert, in Brussels, responsible for the field of Social Integration and Independent Living for the implementation of three European Action Programmes for the Equalization of Opportunities for and the Integration of Disabled people in Europe.
Richard	Layard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emeritus Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics, until 2003 the founder-director of the Centre for Economic Performance. • Now heads the Centre's Programme on Well-Being. • Since 2000, a member of the House of Lords. • Has worked on unemployment, inflation, education, inequality, and post-Communist reform • Was an early advocate of the welfare-to-work approach to European unemployment, and co-authored Unemployment: Macroeconomic Performance and the Labour Market (OUP 1991, 2nd ed. 2005), as well as Tackling Unemployment and Tackling Inequality (Macmillan, 1999) • His work has influenced policy in many countries and in 2008 he was awarded the IZA Prize in Labour Economics.

Werner	Leixnering	Dr. Leixnering is an adult and & adolescent psychiatrist; psychotherapist and was trained at the university hospital of Vienna. Since 2001 head of department for adolescent psychiatry / Landesnervenklinik Wagner-Jauregg, Linz, Upper Austria. Various training activities in the fields of consultant & liaison psychiatry, mental health, psychiatric rehabilitation and special education. Board member and consultant psychiatrist for Pro Mente Austria and SOS children's villages Austria. Actually promotion of school to work transition projects for youth with mental health problems.
Michael	Linden	Director of the Research Group Psychosomatic Rehabilitation at the Charité University Medicine Berlin, and Director of the Department of Behavioral and Psychosomatic Medicine and Head of the Rehabilitation Centre Seehof, Teltow/Berlin. Professional Certifications: State Licence as Specialist in Neurology, Psychiatry, Psychosomatic Medicine and Psychotherapy; Psychologist and State Licensed Psychological Psychotherapist; Professor of Psychiatry at the Charité University Medicine of Berlin. Research interests: Adjustment and reactive disorders, cognitive disorders.
Arnstein	Mykletun	Arnstein Mykletun is senior researcher at Norwegian Institute of Public Health, professor of public health at University of Bergen, and honorary senior research associate at Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London. Head of Research Section for Mental Health Epidemiology at University of Bergen. Publications mainly within mental health epidemiology, with a particular interest for sickness absence and disability benefits. Mykletun was head of a recent expert group whose assignment was to provide advice to the Norwegian government for reduction in sickness absence.
Petter	Odmark	Petter Odmark is an economist and political scientist. He is presently working as advisor to the Director General of the Swedish social insurance agency, primarily with issues related to the sickness insurance. Petter has worked for several government commissions related to social insurance, the latest being the Work Ability Commission. Before that he has worked as a researcher for the Swedish federation of professional associations, in the Swedish Parliament and in the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs.
Solveig	Osborg Ose	Solveig Osborg Ose is an economist and works as a senior researcher at SINTEF, which is the largest independent research organization in Scandinavia (non-profit). Her doctoral thesis from 2003 concerned different topics of sickness absence. Since 2003 she has been working as a researcher at the Department of Mental Health, which after a re-organization in 2008 is now called SINTEF Health Services Research. She is the manager of the research group Work and Health within this department. She has been involved in the evaluation of the National Action Programme for Mental Health (1999-2008) and has been the project manager for the evaluation of the Inclusive Working Life Agreement (2001-2009) that was completed in 2009.
Rachel	Perkins	Rachel Perkins is the Director of Quality Assurance and User Experience at South West London and St. George's Mental Health NHS Trust. Her background is in clinical psychology and she is also a long term user of mental health services, Vice Chair of Rethink, a member of the Department of Work and Pensions Disability Employment Advisory Committee (DEAC) and in 2009 was commissioned by the UK Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to lead an independent review into how Government might better support people with mental health problems to gain work and prosper in employment. (Realising ambitions: Better employment support for people with a mental health condition, DWP, December 2009). She has written and spoken widely about recovery and social inclusion for people with mental health conditions and has pioneered the UK development of programmes to help people with mental health difficulties to access employment and education based on the 'Individual Placement with Support' approach, including one designed increase employment opportunities within mental health services for people who have themselves experienced mental health problems. Her latest book, written with Julie Repper, is Social Inclusion and Recovery: A Model for Mental Health Practice (2003, Balliere Tindall).

Roland	Schneider	Roland Schneider is senior policy advisor at the Trade Union Advisory Committee (TUAC) to the OECD. Following an apprenticeship as a toolmaker, Mr. Schneider completed studies in mechanical engineering and political science. From 1981 to 1985, he conducted research projects at the Economic and Social Research Institute of the German federation of trade unions (DGB), before joining DGB as a full-time official, concerned with issues related to the introduction of new technologies and the improvement of working conditions. At TUAC, which he joined in 1998, he works on employment, labor market, and social policy issues, as well as on education and training issues.
Alain	Sommer	Dr. Alain Sommer is President of the Task Force for Health Policy of the Business and Industry Advisory Committee (BIAC) to the OECD. Since 2006, he is head of Financial Shared Services at Arcelor Mittal (France) with a special interest in health and health promotion of the company's workforce. Prior to joining Arcelor Mittal in 2000, he was a senior manager at Andersen Consulting. Dr Sommer is also an associate professor at the Conservatoire des Arts et Metiers (Paris).
Helene	Sultan-Taieb	Hélène Sultan-Taïeb is a health economist, professor at the university of Bourgogne (Dijon, France). She is specialized in occupational and safety health. Her research activities deal with the analysis of the costs of diseases imputable to risk factors exposure at the workplace (psychosocial risk factors, carcinogens) and cost-benefit analysis of prevention policies. She is an expert for several institutions (INSERM, French Ministry of Labour, Haute Autorité en Santé, Agence Nationale de la Recherche) and participates in a network of economists for the European Commission.
Josée	Van Remoortel	Josée Van Remoortel is Senior Policy Advisor of Mental health Europe and worked more than 40 years in mental health. Executive Director of MHE from 1993 to 2003. Executive Director of the Flemish association for Mental Health from 1977-1993. Deputy Director of the Belgian League for Mental health from 1969 to 1977. Assistant at the university of Ghent Department of psychiatry 1962-1969. I am trained in social sciences and management and am a member of different associations as well on the local level, national as European level.
Kristian	Wahlbeck	Professor Wahlbeck is currently the Senior Technical Officer, WHO Regional Office for Europe and Research Professor, National Institute for Health and Welfare (on leave of absence 2010). He is an expert on mental health policy and mental health service systems. He is a Doctor of Medical Science, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Medicine 1997 (Thesis: The brain renin-angiotensin system in schizophrenia and pain disorder). He was Adjunct Professor of Psychiatry, University of Tampere 2001. He has a degree in Psychiatry, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Medicine (1993) and is a licensed psychotherapist, National Authority for Medicolegal Affairs (1995). Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates Certificate (1988).
Harvey	Whiteford	Dr Whiteford is the Kratzmann Professor of Psychiatry and Population Health at the University of Queensland and Principal Medical Advisor (Mental Health) for the Australian Department of Health and Ageing. Dr Whiteford trained in medicine, psychiatry and health policy in Queensland and at Stanford University. He has held senior clinical and administrative positions, including those of Director of Mental Health in the Queensland and Australian governments and at the World Bank in Washington DC. He has worked on the design and implementation of regional and national level mental health programs in Australia, Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. His research interests are in mental health policy analysis, structural reform of mental health services, developing measures of service performance and measuring the impact of mental disorder on role functioning and productivity.

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