

Distinct Contributions of Educational Researchers in VETNET

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Distinct Contributions of Educational Researchers in VETNET who were/are in VETNET

- 2000 Michael Eraut 'Non-formal learning and tacit knowledge in professional work'
- 2008 Felix Rauner and Rupert Maclean et al. – 'Handbook of Technical and Vocational Education and Training Research'
- 2008 Stephen Billett et al. – 'Vocations and Learning'
- 2008 'Empirical Research in Vocational Education and Training'
- 2009 Pascaline Descy et al. – 'Fourth Report on Vocational Training Research in Europe'
- 2011 Marg Malloch et al. – 'The Sage Handbook of Workplace Learning'
- 2014 Stephen Billett et al. – 'International Handbook of Research in Professional and Practice-Based Learning'





First VETNET board with

- Curt Finch
- Juhani Kirjonen
- Joost Lowyck
- Heinz Mandl
- David Raffé



EERA Networks

Title: *Vocational Education and Training*

Scope: The mission of the network is to stimulate the international exchange of research results in the field of vocational education and training. The field faces practical problems that call for multidisciplinary solutions, and the network encourages membership from different disciplines, such as educational administration, curriculum theory, instructional theory, research methodology, educational psychology, sociology and economics.

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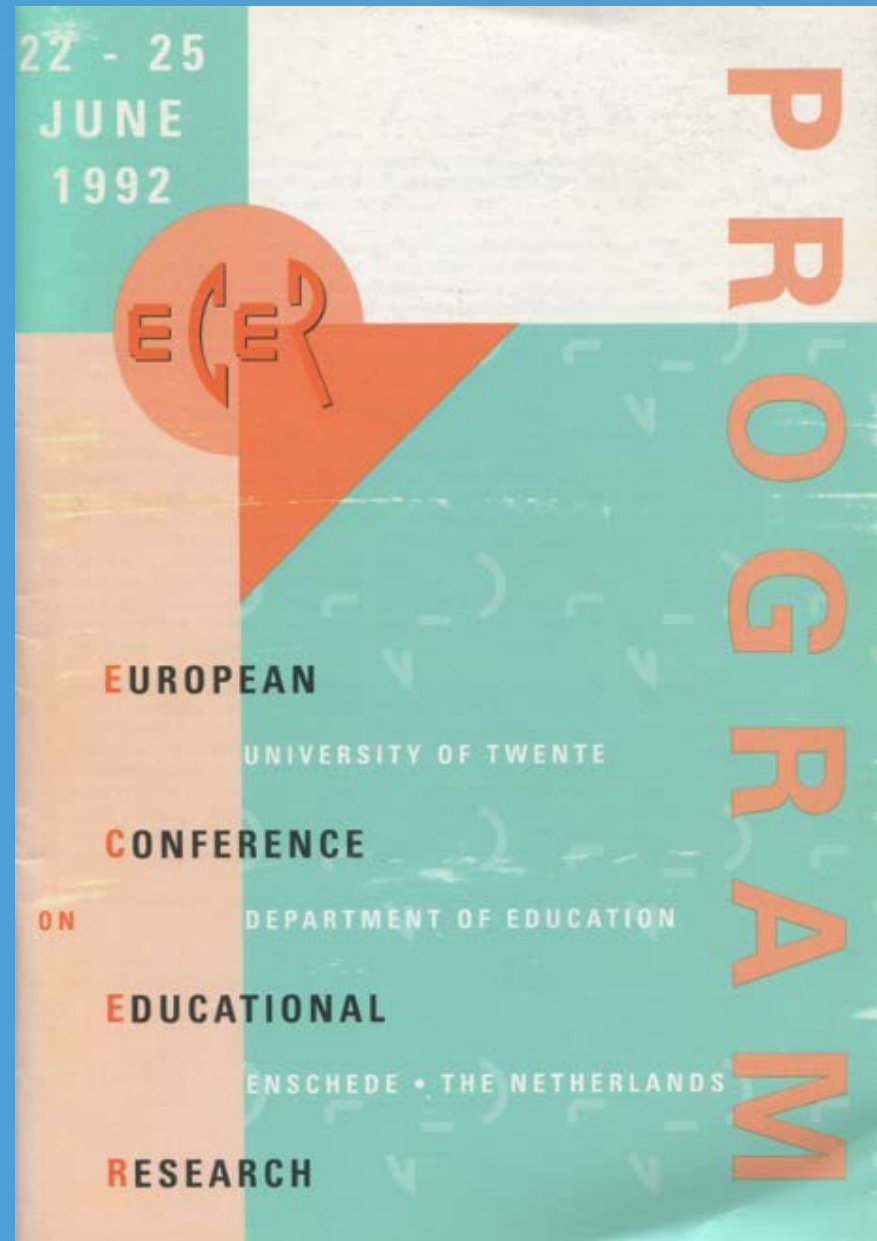
My long term questions/goals in the early 1990s

1. Will it be possible to create a European network of VET researchers?
2. Will EERA be a good umbrella organization for VETNET?
3. Will VETNET researchers be interested in sharing their research results?
4. Will VETNET have the potential to become a research planning platform at European level?
5. Will VETNET become a network which can contribute to answering European questions in policy and practice?
6. Will the VETNET community be able to develop a focused body of knowledge?



ECERs

- 1992 Enschede pre-EERA ECER
- 1995 Bath, first EERA ECER
- 1996 Seville, first VETNET
- 1997 Frankfurt
- 1998 Ljubljana
- 1999 Lahti
- 2000 Edinburgh
- 2001 Lille
- 2002 Lisbon
- 2003 Hamburg
- 2004 Crete



ECERs cont'd

- 2005 Dublin
- 2006 Geneva
- 2007 Ghent
- 2008 Gothenburg
- 2009 Vienna
- 2010 Helsinki
- 2011 Berlin
- 2012 Cádiz
- 2013 Istanbul
- 2014 Porto
- 2015 Budapest
- 2016 Dublin



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ECER European Conference on Educational Research

DUBLIN 2005

7 - 10 September

Conference Programme



**University College Dublin
School of Education and Lifelong Learning**

During 1996-2015 VETNET had around 1,500 sessions with...



- Opening session speakers
- Keynote speakers
- Network meeting speakers
- Symposium chairs, speakers and discussants
- Paper presenters
- Roundtable presenters
- Poster presenters
- Junior researchers



VETNET dinners... (2005)



Distinct contributions of researchers in VETNET



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Many persons involved in many roles

- Convenors
- Board members
- Local hosts
- Organizers social events
- Program chairs
- Authors/Presenters
- Reviewers
- Session chairs
- Panellists
- Session discussants
- Editors
- Documentalists
- Web managers
- Conference participants



Web managers – thanks!

Representation of VETNET in the Public Domain

Images by Sabine Manning



VETNET Homepage im European Training Village (ETV) 2001-2003 (Cedefop)

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VETNET Main page

Welcome to VETNET

VETNET (The Vocational Education and Training NETWORK) is one of the networks of the European Educational Research Association (EERA). It was created in 1994, at the University of Twente, as a multi-disciplinary platform for exchanging research results in the field of vocational education, corporate training and development, professional education and adult education. Its scope is broadly aimed at the relationship between education and training on the one hand, and the world of work on the other hand. The activities of VETNET have been geared to

- organising the annual European Conference of Education Research (ECER) as for the domain of the network;
- reviewing the national research networks in the field of VET;
- linking up with other international platforms (AHRD; AERA; European Commission, CEDEFOP).

The VETNET web site was first hosted by Bankakademie Frankfurt (1998/99) and is now included in the European VET environment of the Training Village

For latest news please look up [VETNET Info](#)


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EERA NETWORK
Vocational Education and Training Research

European Journal
Policy Report
Non-formal learning
TTnet
eLearning
Research Laboratory
Skillsnet
Guidance
Returns to training
Quality Forum
Social Partners
Scenarios and Strategies
Vetnet
Lifelong Learning
Transparency
Common certificates
Agora
Cedra
ERO

VETNET Homepage 2004-2008


by Graham Attwell & Mike Malloch



European Research Network in Vocational Education & Training

ecer 2008 sessions | ecer 2008 authors | ecer weblog | discussion

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Welcome to the VETNET site

VETNET is a European Research Network in vocational education and training, part of the European Education Research Association (EERA). This site is designed to provide news and information about VETNET activities. It is designed, edited and maintained by [KnowNet](#) as a service to the VET-research community. We have provided an online presence for the VETNET strand of the ECER conferences since 2004.

The abstracts and session-details for ECER 2008, Gothenburg, are available from the mini-calendar below. Full papers and slide presentations are also available from the session or paper pages (where authors have submitted them). [Photos from ECER 2008](#) have been posted in the [ECER weblog](#). The [paper proceedings of ECER 2008](#), linking up to the VETNET resources, have been published on the [WIFO](#) site. ... New: see the [VETNET meetings](#) and [VETNET documents](#) pages for post-ECER 2008 information.

Wednesday, September 10					
9:15 - 10:45	11:15 - 12:45	14:00 - 15:30	16:00 - 17:30	17:45 - 18:45	19:15 - 20:30
Symposium Session 1a <i>Concepts of Anticipation of the Demand for Qualifications and Competences (1308)</i>	Session 2 - VETNET Opening Colloquium: Knowledge Creation Through Interactive Research	Research Workshop 3a <i>Plural Governance of Dual Systems of Vocational Education and Training in Selected European Countries</i>	Symposium Session 4a <i>Innovative Instruments for the Accreditation of Vocational Learning Outcomes in Europe (208)</i>	EERA Keynote 1 and 2	EERA Welcome ceremony, music & reception
Symposium Session 1b <i>A common framework for the professional development of trainers (981)</i>		Paper Session 3b <i>VET Systems, Reforms and International Development</i>	Paper Session 4b <i>VET Systems, Reforms and International Development</i>		
Paper Session 1c <i>Curriculum, Pedagogy and Learning</i>		Paper Session 3c <i>Curriculum, Pedagogy and Learning</i>	Paper Session 4c <i>Curriculum, Pedagogy and Learning</i>		

Proceedings edited by Sabine Manning



VETNET ECER Proceedings

Current research in European vocational education and human resource development



Proceedings of the VETNET programme
at the annual European Conference of Education Research ([ECER](#))
provided by the Research Forum WIFO

Proceedings > [\[2000\]](#) [\[2001\]](#) [\[2002\]](#) [\[2003\]](#)
Papers from 2004 onwards see [VETNET home page](#)



[WIFO Home](#)

ECER VETNET Proceedings

Current research in vocational education and training across Europe

www.ecer-vetnet.wifo-gate.org

Papers presented at the annual European Conference on Educational Research ([ECER](#))
by the European Research Network in Vocational Education and Training ([VETNET](#))

Proceedings papers

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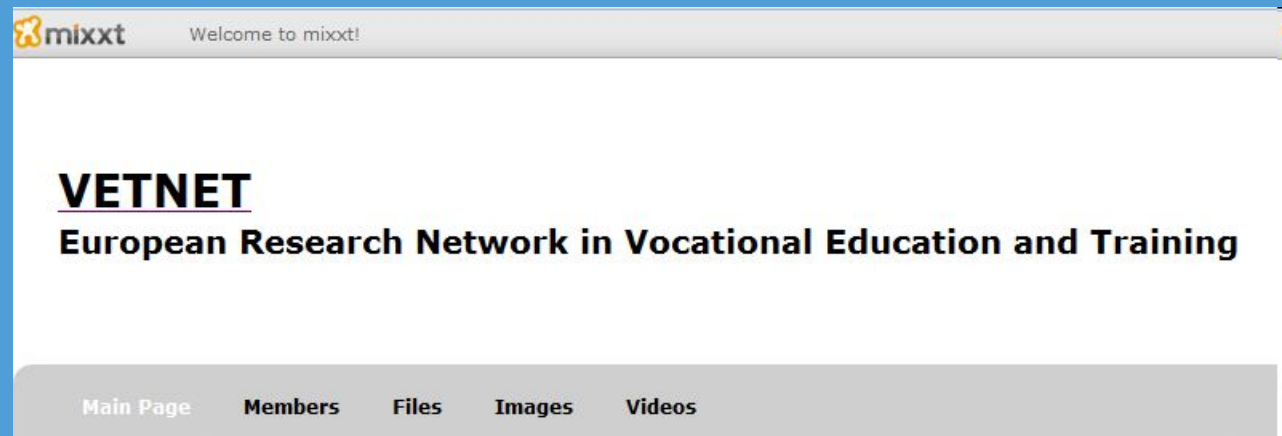
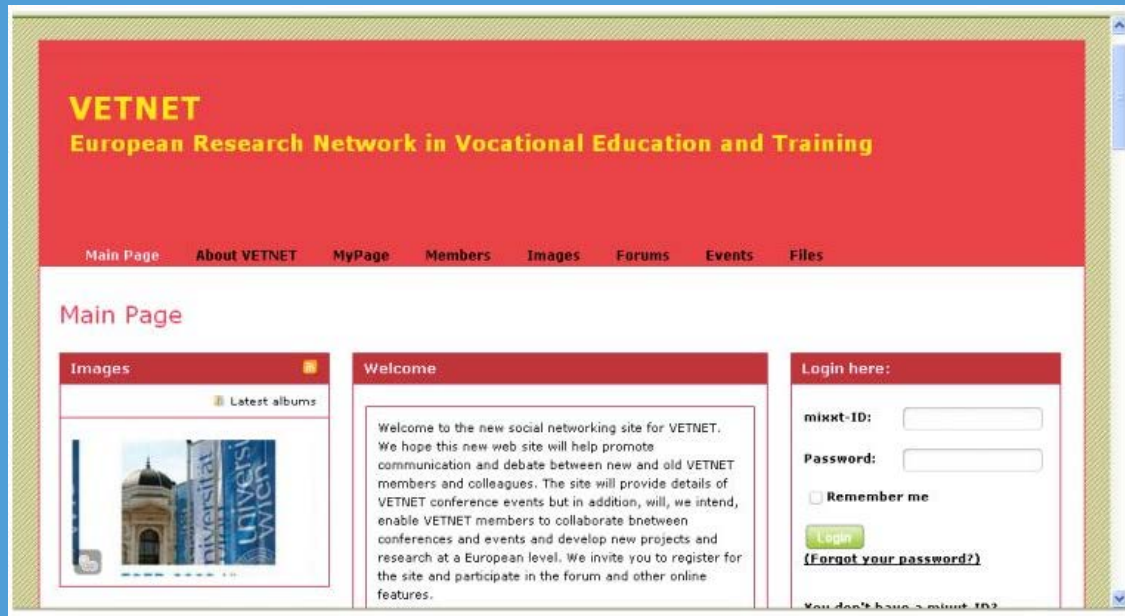
Complete bibliography of proceedings papers (author/ year/ title) [\[1998 to 2012\]](#)

Index of papers on transnational and European issues [\[1998 to 2012\]](#)

Review of ECER VETNET Proceedings papers (1998-2010): [Summary and Download](#)

Resource base provided by the Research Forum WIFO in collaboration with VETNET (see [Impressum](#))

Preview of new homepage 2009 by Graham Attwell & Ludger Deitmer and Network page **vetnet.mixxt.org** 2009-2014



Current VETNET Homepage & Journal by Michael Gessler



Visitors: 7426



International Journal for Research in Vocational Education and Training (IJRVET)

ISSN: 2197-8646

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VETNET: Public images across 20 years - a presentation of visual highlights ([PPT](#) / [PDF](#))* by Sabine Manning.

Program chairs 2006-2016

- 2006 Barbara Stalder
- 2007 Jeroen Onstenk
- 2008 Sigurd Johansson
- 2009 Lorenz Lassnigg
- 2010 Marja-Leena Stenström
- 2011 Michael Gessler & Ludger Deitmer
- 2012 Michael Gessler & Fernando Marhuenda
- 2013 Michael Gessler & Ludger Deitmer
- 2014 Marg Malloch & Michael Gessler (support/back-up)
- 2015 Marg Malloch & Karen Evans
- 2016 Marg Malloch, Barbara Stalder & Christof Nägele



(Link-) Convenors

- 1995 - 2000 Martin Mulder
- 2001 - 2006 Tony Griffiths*
- 2006 - 2011 Ludger Deitmer*
- 2012 - 2013 Michael Gessler*
- 2013 - 2016 Michael Gessler* & Marg Malloch*
- 2016 - Barbara Stalder & Christof Nägele



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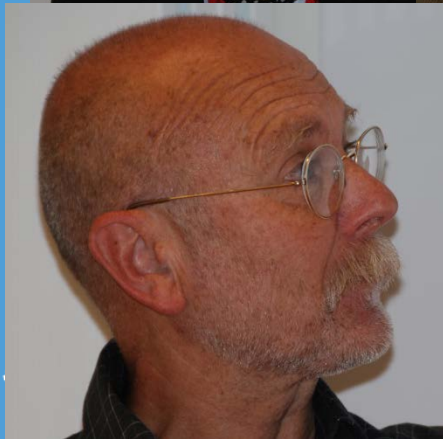


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Many speakers...

(sample of 2008)



Contributions of researchers in VETNET during 1996-2006

Reviewed by Pekka Kämäräinen



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European cooperation in the development European VET research 1996 -2000

- 1996 Reflections on conceptual difficulties
- 1997 Debate on core structures of VET research
- 1998 Debate on trans-nationality
- 1998–2001 Debates on work-related learning
- 2002–03 Joint debate on European VET research agenda
- 2003–04 Focused debate on 'VET PISA'
- 2004–05 Joint debate on the 'European dimension' of European policies and on the Maastricht study
- 2005–06 Joint debate on the EQF

Background: Major EU VET Policy Milestones

- Lisbon Strategy (2000)
- The Copenhagen Declaration (2002)
- The Maastricht Communiqué (2004)
- The Helsinki Communiqué (2006)
- The Bordeaux Communiqué (2008)
- The Bruges Communiqué (2010)
- Investing in skills for better socio-economic outcomes (2012)
- Riga Conclusions (2015)



Sources:

<http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/key-documents>

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/en/ec/00100-r1.en0.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/education/policy/vocational-policy/doc/2015-riga-conclusions_en.pdf

2006 Questions of Pekka

- Has the VETNET community:
 - reached a stage of sustainable community development?
 - brought VET-related European research cooperation forward?
 - managed to find effective ways to contribute to new European VET policies?
 - developed a capability to grasp new areas of innovation in VET development?



Questions, Lessons and Challenges, 2006

Pekka

- The VETNET community has **reached stability** but lost the internal dynamics (that were embedded in the earlier phase of 'networking the networks')
- The VETNET community has **learned to discuss** the results of European cooperation but not to progress to European knowledge enrichment (e.g. the fate of publication initiatives).
- The VETNET community has **followed European VET & research policies**, but failed in promoting a pattern of policy commentary (e.g. the initiatives related to 'VETNET Forum').
- The VETNET community has **opened debates** on the role of VET-related know-how in current innovations. Yet, there has been lack of progress in taking the ideas further.



Contributions of researchers in VETNET during 2006-2015



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VETNET – Opening themes and speakers addressed priority issues in VET

- **2006** – Keynote: Can Europe Learn from the Swiss VET System? Rolf Dubs, with contributions of Felix Rauner and Annie Boudier
- **2007** – Keynote: – The influence of systemic characteristics on participation in lifelong learning - Ides Nicaise
- **2008** – Keynote: – Knowledge Creation Through Interactive Research: A Partnership Approach - Per-Erik Ellström
- **2009** – Panel on Outcome Orientation – Where is the Evidence? Lorenz Lassnigg, Michael Young, Jordi Planas
- **2010** – Towards Multicultural VET – Johanna Lasonen; Cultural Diversity in Work and education – Perspectives from the First and Second Generation Immigrants – Marianne Teräs



VETNET – Opening themes and speakers

- **2011** – Future of VET – Crises, Continuity, or Changes? Marg Malloch, Fernando Marhuenda, Vidmantas Tütli, Georg Spöttl, Vibe Aarkrog
- **2012** – Fernando Marhuenda – VET and education in Spain under siege at the time of the financial crisis
- **2013** – Academic Drift or (Vocational) Professionalization of the Workforce – What Lessons Can We Learn from the Turkish Developments? Oğuz Babüroğlu
- **2014** – The Past, Present and Future Developments in Research in VET in Europe and Beyond – Marg Malloch, Karen Evans, Pekka Kämäräinen, Eduardo Figueira
- **2015** – Transitions in Education and Research: Issues facing Teachers in VET and the Workplace - András Benedek; Philip Riley



Paper sessions 2006-2015 were more specific...



Papers covered a much wider wide space...

(Session keywords 2006-2016)

- Access
- Accreditation
- Apprenticeships
- Assessment
- Career
- Change
- Comparison
- Competence
- Effects
- E-learning
- Equivalence
- EU-Europe- European
- Evaluation
- Future
- Hybrid
- Impact
- In-company
- Innovation
- Institution
- Integration
- Interaction
- International
- Job
- Knowledge
- Labour market
- Learner
- Learning
- Lifelong
- Linking
- Local
- Mapping
- Measurement
- Methodology



Session keywords 2006-2016 Cont'd

- National
- Occupation
- Organisations
- Partnerships
- Pedagogy
- Permeability
- Personal
- Policy
- Practical-practice
- Profession(al)
- Qualifications
- Quality
- Quantative-
Qualitative
- Recognition
- Region(al)
- School
- Sector
- Self
- Skills
- Social
- STEM
- Student
- Success
- Support
- Systemic
- Teacher – teaching
- Training
- Transfer
- Transition
- Transnational
- VET
- Vocational
- Web
- Work-Workplace



The Grand 7 VET Research Themes

1. Comparative studies on VET issues – European – regional – national - local – sectoral VET
2. Societal issues in VET – social justice – inequality – access - diversity –esteem – recognition – permeability – VET-HE – communities
3. Labour market issues regarding VET – linkage – work-education – apprenticeships – mobility – school-work transition
4. Competence studies in VET – qualifications – outcomes – frameworks – professions(al) – identity – work – workplaces
5. Teaching and learning in VET – teacher and trainers – didactics and pedagogy – lifelong and lifewide learning – online learning
6. Testing of educational achievement in VET programmes – examination – assessment – evaluation
7. VET theory – activity – shaping – reflection theory – etc.



Further major VETNET achievements 2009-2016

- Internet Radio – Graham Attwell
- 2009 INAP Apprenticeships conference
- 2014 IJRVT 1st Volume – Michael Gessler
- 2014 IRNVET-WERA Edinburgh
- 2015 ITB conference 'Crossing Boundaries'
- 2016 IRNVET-WERA Washington, D.C.
- 2016 Contribution to the EU Vocational Skills Week Brussels, December 8



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Where are we now? Position regarding long term goals...

1. It has been possible to create a European network of VET researchers
2. EERA is a good umbrella organization for VETNET
3. VETNET researchers are interested in sharing their research result – valorization is more important
4. VETNET is not a research planning platform at European level – should it be?
5. VETNET does not answer European questions in policy and practice – it addresses policy relevant issues
6. VETNET did not collectively build focused body of knowledge – shouldn't we cherish its diversity?



Conclusion:

The VETNET research community
has achieved a lot...

however...

much remains be done.



... what is our scientific impact?

Publish or Perish (freeware); Google Citations; Scopus; Web of Science; Impact Factors; H-indices; FNCS-scores; SciVal Benchmark data; Research Gate; Academia; Altmetrics; Mendeley; Plos One; Elsevier My Research Dashboard

We are being tracked!



No top cited publications in Web of Science...

(key phrase in title of publication: vocational education; n= 458)

- Pincus, F.L. (1980). The False Promises of **Community-Colleges** - Class Conflict and Vocational-Education, *Harvard Educational Review*, (50), 3, 332-361 (61 citations)
- Arum, R., & Shavit, Y. (1995). Secondary vocational-education and the **Transition** from School to Work, *Sociology of Education*, (68),3, 187-204 (51 citations)
- Benavot, A. (1983). **The Rise and Decline** of Vocational-Education, *Sociology of Education*, (56)2, 63-76 (39 citations)
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- Next \leq 25 citations



Position in Publish or Perish is better...

(key phrase in title of publication: vocational education # citations)

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- Middleton, J. et al. (1993). **Skills for Productivity**: Vocational Education and Training in Developing Countries. New York: Oxford University Press (325)
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- Biemans, H.J.A, et al. (2004). **Competence-based VET** in The Netherlands: backgrounds and pitfalls. *Journal of Vocational Education and Training*, (56)4, 523-538 (269)



Researchers in VETNET using other labels ...

Top most cited publications of VETNET scholars in PoP (# citations)

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- Raffe, D. (2003). Pathways linking education and work: A review of concepts, research, and policy debates. *Journal of youth studies* (6)1, 3-19 (138)



All this being the case, my hope for VETNET 2036 is that...

- VETNET remains to be the leading European network of VET researchers
- VETNET retains its strong position within EERA
- VETNET gets a stronger position in the EU policy making process
- VETNET gets a stronger global position
- All VETNET colleagues can be invited for its 40th anniversary



Thank you all and best wishes for VETNET!!!

