

# Moving Ahead

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Prof. Dr. Nico Dragano is the director of the Institute for Medical Sociology and head of the School of Public Health at the University of Düsseldorf. He is a trained sociologist and worked as an epidemiologist. A major field of interest of the Düsseldorf research team are health adverse working conditions. Factors like work stress, physical and chemical exposures or work-family conflicts are studied in relation to various disease and functional outcomes (e.g. cardiovascular disease, depression, disability retirement). Additionally, the team investigates patterns of the distribution of occupational hazards across different subgroups of the workforce and differences at the level of European countries. One major focus is on social inequalities in health and the role of work in this context. This includes the identification of vulnerable groups of workers (e.g. exposure profiles of lower educated workers) as well as studies on differences in the coverage and quality of common occupational safety and health interventions. His team is part of different research collaborations worldwide like the IPD-Work Consortium. Methodological expertise comprises the analyses of data from surveillance surveys on working conditions (e.g. EWCS, ESS, DEGS) and the planning/conduction of population based epidemiological studies (e.g. HNRs).

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