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## CHALLENGES FOR HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE IN EUROPE

The Department of Culture and Global Studies (The research Group IHR) and the Department of Sociology and Social Work (The Research Group SAGA) at Aalborg University organizes, in collaboration with ESHMS and ISA RC 15, the **ESA RN16 Midterm Conference**.

**Chair of the ESA RN16:** Associate Professor of Sociology, Gunnar Scott Reinbacher

**Vice Chair of the ESA RN16:** Professor of Sociology, Ellen Annandale

**THE VENUE: AALBORG UNIVERSITY, DENMARK**

**THE DATES: 1-2 OF NOVEMBER 2012**

**KEY-NOTE SPEAKERS: PIET BRACKE & GUIDO GIARELLI**

The current climate of fiscal austerity across Europe poses significant challenges for the health of populations across Europe. Deteriorating social conditions make some groups of individuals especially vulnerable to illness and have the potential to exacerbate existing inequalities in health and access to healthcare. These challenges are occurring alongside health system reforms which are shifting the emphasis of healthcare from public provision towards a public private mix and the redefinition of the service user as a consumer and an emphasis on individual responsibility for health. The work of healthcare professionals is also undergoing significant change as their work comes under increased surveillance and monitoring, raising implications for relations with patients and for the kind of care that is provided and for the experience of patients.

'*Challenges for health and healthcare in Europe*' will address the health and healthcare challenges facing European countries today. Papers are welcome on a wide range of topics, as outlined in the themes below.

### Themes

#### ***Public health and attitudes to behaviour change***

Public health issues include: What are the challenges facing public health face today? How do socio-economic inequalities in health develop and what can be done to eliminate them? How should preventive initiatives be structured in order to have an effect on the population's behaviour? Where in the field between the individual and society should the responsibility for health be placed in order to be effective and ethical? We also welcome new approaches to public health such as the architectural approach to Behavioral change.

#### ***Social pathologies***

How can we study the social pathologies of contemporary civilisation? How can we relate contemporary malaises, diseases, illnesses, anxieties and psycho-somatic syndromes to cultural pathologies of the social body? How are disorders of the collective *esprit de corps* of contemporary society manifested at the level of individual bodies, and how are the social body and bodies politic related to the hegemony of reductive biomedical and individual-psychological perspectives?

#### ***Health communication***

In European societies where patients are increasingly regarded as consumers and are expected to behave as empowered citizens and to cooperate with professionals in taking responsibility of their own health, communication becomes an essential aspect of dealing with the challenges of health citizenship. How and in what ways is communication about health performed by and between different groups of citizens in public promotion and information systems as well as in different communities of practice in Europe? What is the impact of different communication processes on the perceptions and the behaviours of different social groups? How do professionals and patients in different health care settings deal with communication problems in culturally complex societies?

#### ***Gender issues in health and healthcare***

How can gender patterns of health and illness be explained in European societies today? How does healthcare differ by gender? How do men and women and boys and girls experience their health? How useful are existing theoretical perspectives and what new perspectives are needed?

### ***Health inequalities across Europe***

How can health inequalities across Europe be understood and explained? How can health inequalities be measured and what are the challenges of this? Which are the barriers and challenges to decrease health inequality and what will happen to societies if health inequality stay stable or increase?

### ***Ageing and health***

Issues include: what are the implications of ageing populations for the provision of healthcare in European countries? How can cross-country comparisons aid our understanding? How do new family formations impact the informal care of older people? What promotes 'health ageing'?

### ***Financial austerity and new approaches to healthcare***

What is the impact of the financial crisis on health care in European countries? How is healthcare changing to deal with costs crises? What will be the impact on populations and different social groups? How are health professions responding to financial change and constraints?

### ***Chronic illness***

Chronic illness is a major subject of concern and problem in modern health care. We will address this subject in all its aspects: how can we avoid fragmented treatment and organize integrated patient pathways? How do today's highly specialized hospitals handle 'multi-chronic' patients? What dynamics and changes can be observed and analyzed across primary and secondary health care systems - across organizational interfaces in health care systems? Are there lessons to be learned from implementing 'patient-course-managers' and other formal structures, agreements etc.

### ***New health technologies of health***

How are new medical and health technologies influencing healthcare? In recent public Health Informatics' has been a major subject in health technology. How do new technologies such as genetic technologies, new surgical procedures etc influence the experience of illness and expectations of life in European countries today? Information and communication technology is offering new possibilities and challenges to the health care systems and to privacy and legislation. What are the possibilities and challenges and how can they be researched?

### ***Research design, methodologies and methods in health research***

Research designs in interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research are very complex. Research in health and illness today's research calls for new methodologies and technologies. In intervention studies in communities we are using geographical information systems (GIS), in other studies GPS technologies and often we use very integrated methods, both quantitative and qualitative, to capture the complexity in research projects. How can we make sure, that these new technologies will increase validity? On what ontological and epistemological ground are we founding our new methods and designs in health research?

### ***Ethical and bioethical aspects of Health***

Health research in modern societies produces all manner of ethical and bioethical problems to be addressed both in science, in patient relations, in organisations and in society as a whole. Both individual and more structural considerations will be addressed at the conference.

### ***Open stream***

The open stream is intended for papers that deal with the overall topic of the conference but cannot be fitted into one of the above mentioned categories.

### ***PhD session***

The PhD session is intended for PhD students only as a meeting ground in which they can discuss different aspects with regard to their thesis.

### **Abstracts**

We invite abstracts of not more than 300 words related to any of the above themes to be submitted not later than **June 4th 2012**.

All abstracts will be subject to peer-review and should be sent to the following address:  
[esarn16@lists.hum.aau.dk](mailto:esarn16@lists.hum.aau.dk)

### **Proceedings**

An anthology based on papers delivered at the conference will be published. The anthology will be edited by:

- Professor of Sociology, Ellen Annandale
- Associate Professor of Sociology, Anders Petersen
- PhD. Student of Sociology, Betina Verwohlt

### **Conference fee**

Standard fee: 150 €

PhD. Students: 100 €

The fee includes coffee/tea, fruit and lunch on both days as well as conference dinner

### **Deadlines**

Abstract: 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2012 to the following address: [esarn16@lists.hum.aau.dk](mailto:esarn16@lists.hum.aau.dk)

Acceptance of paper: 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2012.

Registration: 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2012.

**The following website will be set up shortly: [www.esarn16.cgs.aau.dk](http://www.esarn16.cgs.aau.dk)**

Yours sincerely - The Local Organizing Committee  
Chair: Associate Professor of Sociology, Anders Petersen  
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## CONFERENCES/CALLS FOR PAPERS

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The International Society for the Study of Time  
Fifteenth Triennial Conference  
Time and Trace  
**June 30 - July 6, 2013**  
Orthodox Academy of Crete  
[http://www.oac.gr/htm/main\\_en.html](http://www.oac.gr/htm/main_en.html)  
Call for Papers  
**Proposals (300 words) due by June 30th, 2012**

The International Society for the Study of Time (ISST) seeks proposals for presentations at its 2013 conference on the island of Crete, on the theme of Time and Trace. The ISST, renowned for its interdisciplinary scope, welcomes contributions from all scholarly, creative, or professional perspectives. Our format features plenary presentations delivered over several days, creating a sustained, interdisciplinary engagement among participants.

If time is a river, it etches its courses through many substrates: physical, biological, social, cognitive. Although we are sensible of the more obvious tracks in our histories, contexts and lives, many of the traces of these are subtle or brief, but no less profound in their making and influence. Etymologically, Trace is tractus (L) (and perhaps tragen (G)), 'drawn', 'pulled' or 'carried', whence 'traction' and 'attraction'. It is also trait (F), 'line', 'outline', 'feature' and ri-tratto (I), 'por-trait'; Trace is what happens when a point becomes, in time, a line; and therefore is graphein (Gr.), to trace or draw. It is also traccia (I), 'spoor', 'trail' or 'track'. Tractare (L) is 'to treat' any subject narratively, as in a 'tract' or 'tractate'. Works of literature were also called "brush traces" (hisseki) in Japanese.

We invite scholars, artists and educators to contribute to and co-create an interdisciplinary exploration of 'Time and Trace,' a theme that may stimulate reflection from many fields of inquiry, including (but certainly not limited to): physics & cosmology, geology, chemistry, music, drawing & painting, literature & literary theory, the biological and cognitive sciences, archeology & paleontology, anthropology, engineering, philosophy.

### **Possible topics:**

- The trace of social, political, demographic, economic, and historical trends
- Traces left by the causes of observed natural events
- Tracing the future: from mantic to futurology
- Temporal traces, trajectories and forms in narrative
- The trace in philosophy
- Imprints recorded/archived/reconstructed/anticipated
- Psychoanalysis and the temporal trace
- Trajectories and orbits in dynamical systems theory
- Traces of light, matter, and time in cosmology
- Archeological or paleontological traces of life
- Changing concepts of how time is measured and traced
- Evolution, extinction, and artifacts of change
- Chemical or biological traces that evolve over time
- Medical traces that are molecular, electrochemical, or topological
- Forensic traces in a documentary, financial, or biological sense
- *vestigia Dei* -medieval/early modern perception of the creator's 'footprints'
- The ideal of "not leaving traces" - from Buddhism to Environmentalism
- A trace or a blaze in its figurative sense as a symbol in ritual or sacrament
- The trace as a visible sign of spiritual grace
- Artistic and literary orchestrations of traces left or lost

### **Guidelines and Timeline for Proposals:**

Proposals will be for 20 – 30 minute presentations in diverse formats: scholarly paper, debate, performance, overview of creative work, installation, workshop. Proposals for interdisciplinary panels

are especially welcome (each paper for a panel must be approved by the selection committee). In this latter case, three speakers might present divergent points of view around a central topic, and be responded to by a moderator. All work will be presented in English, and should strike a balance between expertise in an area of specialization and accessibility to a general intellectual audience.

Proposals, approximately 300 words in length, are submitted electronically. The author's name(s) should not appear in the proposal, as the ISST does blind reviewing in selecting papers for its conferences. **The deadline for submission is June 30th, 2012**, with acceptances communicated by November 1, 2012. The Society also seeks session chairs, whose names will be included on the printed conference program.

To submit proposals, go to the ISST website:  
<http://www.studyoftime.org/forms/confsubmit.aspx>

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**(re)ThInking Diversity 2nd International Conference on Narrative & Innovation**  
**Karlsruhe, Germany 20 - 21 September 2012**  
[www.rethinkingdiversity.karlsruhe.de](http://www.rethinkingdiversity.karlsruhe.de)

**Call for Papers**

The aim of this conference is to advance knowledge about diversity by disseminating new research and best practices and by encouraging the evolution of new ideas, themes and questions. Karlsruhe International University aims to enrich the dialogue between academics and practitioners, who often approach diversity from different perspectives. The conference will adopt an international and interdisciplinary approach to address the theme in greater complexity.

The conference will be dedicated to "diversity": in a dynamic globalized world, change in societies, markets and organizations is becoming more and more crucial. From a competitive point of view, it is important to explore diversity and better comprehend its complexity. The management of diversity in organizations and in society, e.g. in urban centres and their governance, has been of growing interest in the last decades. Changes in the demographic structures of the population, the migration flux, multiculturalism, the rising awareness concerning minorities' rights, gender studies and so on lead to a complex picture of what "diversity" means.

It is largely acknowledged that diversity is a rather complex phenomenon, which defies simple definition. In many studies, nevertheless, the presumption that diversity can be described as a mono-causal matter remains unexpressed. We know, however, that a mono-causal view does not lead to an adequate analysis of diversity. It is unlikely that diversity is aligned with only one of the common variables, such as age, gender, nationality, etc... Diversity is closely linked to the constitution of social images, social constructions of reality. The perception of a reality of this kind is manifested in many different forms. Therefore, we need to develop new perspectives on the topic, making use of interdisciplinary, pluri-methodical, and border-crossing approaches. The present conference aims to create a synthesis among these approaches and asks researchers to contribute with border-crossing ideas.

The conference will be held in Karlsruhe, Germany, on **Thursday 20th and Friday 21st September, 2012** with a post-conference and excursion day to the Black Forest on Saturday. The conference programme will include keynote speeches, paper sessions and panel discussions on Thursday and Friday to discuss and develop the theme.

**Keynote Speakers**

We have confirmed six keynote speakers for the conference. **Prof. Renate Ortlieb** from University of Graz- Austria, **Prof. Nikola Hale** from Hochschule Furtwangen University-Germany, **Prof. Vincent J. Roscigno** from Ohio State University, USA, **Prof. Alexandra Kalev** from Tel Aviv University, Israel,

Prof. **Alois Moosmüller** from Ludwig Maximilians University, Munich and **Prof. Juhani Ilmarinen** from University of Jyväskylä, Finland.

### Topics

Researchers, doctoral candidates and practitioners are encouraged to submit work-in-progress and full papers. We welcome theoretical and empirical contributions that address the general conference theme on different scales and in a variety of contexts.

Contributions should focus on one of the following sub-themes:

- **Cultural diversity in organizations**
- **Ageing in a diverse workforce and society**
- **Diversity and urban governance**
- **Diversity and innovation**

Three types of contribution are welcome:

#### 1) Presentation

Presentations should not exceed a duration of 20 minutes. The entire lecture, including discussion, should last no longer than 45 minutes.

#### 2) Poster

If you want to discuss your project, please send in a proposal for a poster. During the conference there will be a time slot for poster presentations.

#### 3) Panel

You have the opportunity to hand in suggestions for panels. A panel is an open-space discussion or a debate about specific topics related to the conference's subject. Your abstract should include the topic of the panel, a short description of its objectives, the name of the panel chair and potential participants (at least three persons). Panels should not exceed a duration of 120 minutes.

Please send in an abstract (one page for presentations or posters, a more detailed description should be submitted for a panel) to [rethinkingdiversity@karlshochschule.de](mailto:rethinkingdiversity@karlshochschule.de). **Submission of abstracts is possible until 11th May, 2012.** <http://rethinkingdiversity.karlshochschule.de/admission-form/> Please see the submission guidelines on the conference's website.

Authors will be **notified by 18th May, 2012** if their abstracts (presentation, paper, panel) have been accepted.

The deadline for conference presenters to register is 25th May, 2012. The conference languages are English and German. All keynote speeches will be held in English, other contributions can be made in either language.

You can contact our organization team for any questions and queries you may have.

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## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**INTERIM CONFERENCE  
ISA RC52: SOCIOLOGY OF PROFESSIONAL GROUPS  
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS SUFFOLK (UCS)  
IPSWICH, UK  
11-12 NOVEMBER 2012**

### **PROFESSIONS AND ENTERPRISE Organiser: Mike Saks**

Professional groups are closely linked with enterprise at a number of interrelated levels. They often work in private enterprises, as well as in social enterprises. They are also frequently enterprising, in so far as they act in innovatory, entrepreneurial and energetic ways on behalf of clients and wider public agendas. This conference explores through a number of cognate sessions the interface of a broad range of professionals and professions with the enterprise context in which they work and the dilemmas and opportunities that thereby arise in what is currently a highly challenging societal and global economic context. The conference programme also considers ways in which, and conditions under which, professions can positively be enterprising in terms of the use of such devices as new technologies, social networks, knowledge transfer and “can do” approaches – as well as how they may obstruct change, to the prejudice of those that they are often publicly committed to serving. In addition to empirical studies, session proposals that examine the theoretical and methodological issues involved in such an analysis are also invited.

Abstracts for papers of 200-300 words are invited for the following sessions, which are divided into two streams, together with an open stream, by the deadline of **Friday 18 May 2012**. Abstracts should be emailed with a clear indication of the session and stream for which they are submitted, along with your name, institutional details and email address, to [isaprofessions@ucs.ac.uk](mailto:isaprofessions@ucs.ac.uk), copy to [m.saks@ucs.ac.uk](mailto:m.saks@ucs.ac.uk). They will then be sent on to the relevant session organiser(s) for selection. Notification about acceptance of abstracts will take place by June 2012.

#### **Streams:**

##### **A. Health Professions and Enterprise:**

###### **Designing a new professional? The hybridisation of medics and managers**

Ellen Kuhlmann (Denmark), Mike Dent (UK) & Ian Kirkpatrick (UK)

###### **Enterprise and entrepreneurialism for public service professions**

Justin Waring (UK), Graeme Currie (UK), Gerry McGivern (UK) & Mirko Noordegraaf (Netherlands)

###### **Enterprise and innovation: The transformation of professionals in healthcare**

Penny Cavenagh (UK)

###### **Professions and enterprise: The implications for gender in healthcare and science**

Nina Teasdale (UK), Ellen Annandale (UK) & Ellen Kuhlmann (Denmark)

###### **When professions become entrepreneurial: Care, work, business in the welfare context**

Anne Kovalainen (Finland)

###### **Domestic and care workers: Professionalisation, market, and public policy**

Manuel Abrantes (Portugal) & Vanessa Blétière (Switzerland)

##### **B. Enterprising Professions sessions:**

###### **The careers of global professional managers**

David Weir (UK), Marian Crowley-Henry (Ireland) & Sylvia van de Bunt (Netherlands)

###### **R&D professional groups and knowledge and innovation networks**

Luísa Veloso (Portugal) & Mónica Schachter (Spain)



### **Technologies, communities and professions**

Charles Gadéa (France) & Marc Zune (Belgium)

### **Professionalisation in enterprises as process-resource**

Mirella Giannini (Italy)

### **Enterprise and innovation in the interface between higher education and professional practice**

Lisa Wallander (Sweden)

### **Enterprise and professional ethics**

Francis Wilson (UK)

### **C. Open stream sessions:**

**This stream is for those abstract proposals that do not readily fit into the above sessional themes, but which fit into the overall theme of the conference on Professions and Enterprise.**

Mike Saks (UK)

Further details of the sessions follow below:

#### **A. Health Professions and Enterprise**

##### **Designing a new professional? The hybridisation of medics and managers**

Ellen Kuhlmann (Denmark), Mike Dent (UK) & Ian Kirkpatrick (UK)

The medical profession has long served as a blueprint for modern professionals complementing and counteracting the logics of market and bureaucracy. New forms of governance and leadership in healthcare are now creating 'hybrid professionals' who flexibly combine managerial and professional modes of governing, thereby challenging both development and control of the health professions. This session is linked with the FP7 COST action on 'Medicine and Management' (<http://www.dr-in-mgmt.eu/>). We invite papers from all areas of healthcare that explore the changing relationships between medics and managers either in comparative perspective or in a single country.

#### **Enterprise and entrepreneurialism for public service professions**

Justin Waring (UK), Graeme Currie (UK), Gerry McGivern (UK) & Mirko Noordegraaf (Netherlands)

Public service professions increasingly work within and across the boundaries between public, private and third sectors. Public policies since the 1980s have encouraged greater diversity and plurality in the organisation of public services through performance steering, contracting-out, managed markets, privatisation, and partnership working. These transitions can represent unsettling and precarious times for public service professions as work is out-sourced, managed by private business, subject to corporate control, and infused with 'enterprising' cultural values. Despite these uncertainties, these changes enable the re-construction or re-invention of public service professionalism through, for example, the emergence of 'hybrid' commercial roles ('hybrid professionalism'), innovative combinations of organisational and professional logics ('reorganised professionalism'), the construction of more entrepreneurial identities ('entrepreneurial professionalism'), accompanied by jurisdictional expansion. Yet scholars such as Du Gay, Fournier and Cohen remind us that the discourses of professionalism and enterprise are not easily reconciled and that what may look like a return to 'entrepreneurial professionalism' may also involve new expressions of control-based management of professional practices, identities and cultures. These tensions are particularly acute for public service professions who are torn between the values and ethos of both public and private sectors. This session invites papers that develop our understanding of enterprise, entrepreneurship and entrepreneurialism amongst public professions, with particular emphasis on transitions in professional practices, cultures and identities.

#### **Enterprise and innovation: The transformation of professionals in healthcare**

Penny Cavenagh (UK)

In healthcare the professional to patient relationship has changed little for over half a century. Traditional patterns of working are however no longer appropriate in the current global climate of change and challenges to health care systems. Demographic changes such as ageing populations, increase in long term conditions, increased public expectations, and medical and technological

advances are stretching often fragile health economies. In the UK, in order to remain true to the founding ethos of the NHS and to provide 'free care at the point of delivery' the way in which healthcare is provided will need to change, together with the practise of professionals who deliver the service. Service provision will focus on self-care, promotion of health and well-being and the emphasis of care will shift from hospitals to the community. In order to adapt to the changing environment health professionals world-wide will need to acquire new skills and work in new ways. A key element of this adaptation will be the requirement to be enterprising and innovative in professional practice. Innovative solutions to managing the increasingly complex demands on health systems present a challenge globally for professionals and will have implications for their education, training, and socialisation process. Papers are invited for this session on case studies of innovative practice by health professionals, the future education and development of health professionals in the light of the enterprise agenda, and the socialisation process of health professionals in the future.

### **Professions and enterprise: The implications for gender in healthcare and science**

Nina Teasdale (UK), Ellen Annandale (UK) & Ellen Kuhlmann (Denmark)

We have witnessed a world-wide growth of neo-liberal discourses into public sector reform. Central to such discourses are the norms and values of "enterprise". Enterprise not only denotes the preferred model for institutions but refers to enterprising qualities such as initiative, self-reliance and responsibility for one's own actions. This has led to a renegotiation of roles and competencies and individuals acting as "entrepreneurs of the self". This session will address the implications of enterprise discourses for gender in healthcare and science. While gender relations are not fixed and unchanging, gender hierarchies and the embeddedness of gender in organisations remain remarkably resilient. The integral relationship between gender, work and organisations is further complicated in healthcare by the presence of powerful professional groups, interwoven with particular understandings of gender. The session invites papers which explore issues such as the implications of "enterprise" for gendered hierarchies and gendered professional experiences, how gender and gender relations are being renegotiated with the emergence of changing modes of operation within healthcare and science, how discourses and practices of "enterprise" impact differently within healthcare states and what this means for gender and employment in health systems, and the gender-implications of growing relations between the professions, the third sector and social enterprises in healthcare and science.

### **When professions become entrepreneurial: Care work and business in the welfare context**

Anne Kovalainen (Finland)

The session will focus on the transformation of care work from public sector work towards entrepreneurial activity. This shift changes the context of the work, but not necessarily the contents of the care work. The context of the work, work settings, is not unchangeable either: the transformations of the public sector have immersed many of the business logics and changed the ways work is arranged in the public sector. These changes have been particularly prominent in the context of the transformation of the Nordic welfare state, where business models and entrepreneurialism have become a new logic of care work. The session will explore both with the help of empirical examples and with theoretical ideas the present and the future development of professions becoming entrepreneurial. The session will, among other things, explore the questions of what happens when a paid worker becomes an entrepreneur, and how paid work has more characteristics of entrepreneurial activities than earlier.

### **Domestic and care workers: Professionalisation, market, and public policy**

Manuel Abrantes (Portugal) & Vanessa Blétière (Switzerland)

Described by Bridget Anderson as encompassing "the three c's" – cooking, cleaning, and caring– paid domestic labour has earned growing attention over the last decade. The Domestic Workers Convention adopted by the International Labour Organisation in 2011 made a novel and decisive contribution to enhance the debate about working conditions and public regulation in this employment sector. Typically understood as low-skilled and lacking professionalisation, domestic work seems to have overtaken the public and private spheres. A significant portion of domestic and care services is organised within profit and non-profit enterprises. In some countries, the state has endeavoured to support or coordinate the operation of non-state actors recognizing their contribution to mitigating a public care crisis. Instances of collective self-empowerment by domestic workers through the establishment of organisations promoting rights and knowledge are also notable. At the same time,

private companies make their way into the market targeting high-income and dual earner households in particular. How are state, civil society and market actors interacting in this area of social and economic activity? Are societies heading towards a public and private understanding of domestic work as a profession? What implications are there for employment conditions and practices?

## **B. Enterprising Professions**

### **The careers of global professional managers**

David Weir (UK), Marian Crowley-Henry (Ireland) & Sylvia van de Bunt (Netherlands)

This session focuses on the professional careers and formation of international managers in the era of globalisation. Papers are invited on classical career models, on knowledge management as a universal vector of internationalisation, on linguistic and cultural barriers to professional competence in the internet age, and on the presumed universality of the Western liberal capitalist models of management in the post-American world. There will be a special focus on the careers of ex-patriate managers, on the post-colonial dimensions of professionalisation, on women's managerial careers and on the protean career models and their critique. Issues of professional identity, marginality and subaltern careers will also be considered. The dimension of role modelling and the implications of ambivalence and alternation in the formation of professional identity among global professionals will also be considered.

### **R&D professional groups and knowledge and innovation networks**

Luísa Veloso (Portugal) & Mónica Schachter (Spain)

The knowledge-based economy places great importance on the creation, diffusion, transfer and use of information and knowledge. The determinants of success of enterprises (private and state-owned) are ever more reliant upon their effectiveness in gathering and using knowledge and their innovation capability. Enterprises (particularly multinational corporations) have professional teams at their core, coming from universities, industrial research laboratories and consultancies. R&D activities are performed by professionals with different education background, such as engineers and technicians. They are researchers who have a key role in the projects, but are taken as "impure" researchers when compared with the "real" ones, working in public research centres. With a growing number of R&D activities inside enterprises, there is the development of a professional group not identified by its education title, but by its tasks. R&D is performed by professionals in network dynamics who share a central common feature: knowledge development and/or transfer. Open innovation (Chesbrough) is increasing, enhancing the exchange of know-how between enterprises and where R&D professionals are key elements. We proposed a session where theoretical and methodological issues and empirical studies are welcome, sharing a concern with the features and capabilities of R&D professionals and attending to their innovative performance.

### **Technologies, communities and professions**

Charles Gadéa (France) & Marc Zune (Belgium)

Professional groups use the technologies enabled by the development of the internet in multiple ways. For health professions, lawyers, accountants, and teachers, as well as airline pilots, software developers, garage owners, or even prostitutes, professional virtual communities have become a potentially interesting angle of approach to understand the contemporary dynamics of professional groups. Not only do these virtual communities allow interconnections between members of professional groups and create spaces for interaction and discussion, they also re-configure the relationship between amateurs and professionals. Virtual communities can act as novel places for production and circulation of new knowledge and be used for new forms of rationalisation and commodification of services. They can act as places of independent expression for employers and customers, and can serve to create reputations that translate into mobility on professional labour markets. This session will aim to review these varied uses of professional virtual communities, by trying to evaluate their role in the current dynamics, as well as the associated methodological stakes.

Les usages des technologies liées au développement d'Internet par les groupes professionnels sont multiples.. Que ce soit pour les professionnels de la santé, du droit, des comptables, des enseignants, mais également des pilotes de lignes, des développeurs de logiciels, des garagistes, ou encore des prostituées, les communautés virtuelles professionnelles deviennent un angle d'approche

potentiellement intéressant pour comprendre les dynamiques contemporaines des groupes professionnels. Ces communautés virtuelles permettent un rapprochement entre membres de groupes professionnels et la création d'espaces d'interaction et de discussion, mais reconfigurent également les relations entre amateurs et professionnels ; elles sont à la fois des lieux nouveaux de fabrication et de circulation de nouveaux savoirs, tout autant qu'elles peuvent servir à de nouvelles formes de rationalisation et de marchandisation de services ; elles peuvent agir comme des lieux d'expression indépendante des employeurs et des clients, et servir à créer des réputations convertibles en mobilités sur les marchés du travail professionnels. Cette session visera à faire le point sur ces usages variés des communautés virtuelles professionnelles, en essayant d'apprécier leur juste place dans les dynamiques actuelles, ainsi que les enjeux méthodologiques qui y sont associés.

### **Professionalisation in enterprises as process-resource**

Mirella Giannini (Italy)

Recently, professionalism in enterprises has been focused on "governmental" strategies, which combine organisational and professional logics (Evetts). In this perspective, professionalisation has been seen as a managerial concept concerning working outcomes and socio-economic changes, more specifically a social resource in the interactions of involved agents (Demazière). The above mentioned concepts have been assumed in most research projects. In contexts of relevant changes and innovations, such as Corporate Communication and the Green Economy, skilled and expert groups seemed to connect the corporate mandate with consumer requirements. By managing new information technologies that make permeable organisational borders (Corporate Communicators) or by supporting new corporate ethics that face up to old economy values (Environmental Economy Developers), the experts looked like mediators between organisation and market. In this relational framework, they seemed to internalise and carry out entrepreneurial goals while performing the professional logic. The "new" professional groups have been seen as requiring legitimisation both in enterprises and in consumer markets. Can we consider the context of socio-economic innovations and ethical changes as the driving framework towards the combination of organisational and professional logics? Could we deem professionalisation as a kind of "process-resource" for wider opportunities in a challenging global market?

### **Enterprise and innovation in the interface between higher education and professional practice**

Lisa Wallander (Sweden)

One of the primary aims of higher education is to prepare students for professional practice. However, it is not uncommon that graduates from professional programmes experience some form of "practice shock" when they make the transfer from study to work, and that they find it difficult to use knowledge gained in education to solve the various problems that they face in their workplace. This is of course only one of many possible effects of the fact that the fields of education and practice are in numerous ways governed by different logics, interests and demands for knowledge. If knowledge produced and disseminated in academia is to have an impact on professional practice, and if the problems and developments experienced by professionals in their daily work are to be recognized as study objects to be critically examined and further explained by researchers and lecturers, ties between the fields of education and practice must be constantly created and strengthened. Thus, in the interface between these two fields, there is plenty of room for entrepreneurial initiatives and innovations, which may directly or indirectly cultivate such ties. This session invites papers exploring empirical, theoretical or methodological issues related to enterprise and innovation in the interface between higher education and professional practice.

### **Enterprise and professional ethics**

Francis Wilson (UK)

The terms "enterprise" and "entrepreneurism" often convey a sense of commercially-orientated action, of endeavours involving risk and the potential for economic rewards, whether private or collective. One way of considering the dynamics of professional groups, and also of exploring the processes of professionalisation, is in terms of enterprise. With professional development and with the achievement of professional status comes the expectation that specialised knowledge and skills will give rise to financial benefits for those who are part of the group. Financial returns may be seen to be a legitimate product of professionalisation, yet where professional enterprise comes at the expense of those whom professionals serve, professionalism will tend to be compromised. Thus professionals face the

potential of a conflict of interest. On the one hand is the expectation of service to the public, whilst on the other is financial self-interest. The aim of this session is to examine issues of enterprise and entrepreneurship on the part of professionals and professional groups with respect to the boundaries of professional ethics. Theoretical and empirical contributions are invited.

### **C. Open stream**

**This stream is for those abstract proposals that do not readily fit the above sessions, but which fit into the overall theme of the conference on Professions and Enterprise.**

Mike Saks (UK)

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## **Call for Papers**

### **Progression – Regression**

#### ***Annual Conference of the Hungarian Sociological Association (Magyar Szociológiai Társaság)***

**November 9-10, 2012**

**Central European University (CEU), Hungary, 1051 Budapest, Nádor utca 9.**

### **Topic of Interest**

In this year, the conference explores the historical, social, cultural, social-psychological and economical roots of sustainable social development and also of the resistance to progress. The two decades since the demise of socialism have shown that transition to capitalism per se does not result in social and economic development; indeed, the consequence of the transition can even be regression. The conference aims to investigate the explanation models emerging in the Central and Eastern European region and particularly in Hungary on sustainable development and on the cases of the resistance to progress. Doing so, the conference takes into account the global context of the wider international scene, including the expansion of integrational processes and recent years' crisis phenomena.

*Csepeli, György president  
Budapest, March 2012*

### **Call**

The Hungarian Sociological Association accepts applications to the following English-language sections:

<b><u>Section:</u></b>	<b><u>Chair</u></b>
1. Crises and Social Innovations ( <i>Kvantitatív Társadalmi Dinamika Szakosztály</i> )	Fokasz, Nikosz
2. Questions of European identity – Progression or Regression?	Göncz, Borbála and Gál, Róbert
3. Intergenerational Resource Reallocation: Sustainability and Fairnes	
4. Higher Education for Social Cohesion in a Cross-border Area	Pusztai, Gabriella
5. Changing Families in a Changing World ( <i>Családszociológiai Szakosztály</i> )	Szél, Bernadett and
6. Other	

For the Hungarian-language sections, please visit the Hungarian webpage of the conference:  
[http://www.szociologia.hu/progresszio\\_regresszio/](http://www.szociologia.hu/progresszio_regresszio/)

## **Application**

Presenters are required to submit a short abstract online:  
[http://www.szociologia.hu/submission\\_of\\_abstracts/](http://www.szociologia.hu/submission_of_abstracts/)

For the registration, some personal data and the abstract of the presentation are required to be uploaded. One person is to present once but s/he may contribute to more presentations as a co-author. While uploading, the section is to be chosen which the presenter wishes to present in. If the topic of the presentation cannot be sort into any section but belongs to the topic of the conference, the "other topic" option is to be marked.

### **Paper submission deadline: May 15, 2012**

After the deadline the system does not accept further registration. The uploaded data can be modified before the deadline with the email address and password given at registration.

Applications are reviewed by the Scientific Committee during May. Applicants are informed about the outcome of the review via email. In case of rejection, applicants have the opportunity to modify their abstract through the on-line interface by the email address and password given at registration.

The Scientific Committee may sort lectures applied to "other topics" to new or existing sections, and may regroup the presentations of the sections upon scholarly reasons. The Organizing Committee will send out the list of final sections and will ask the presenters to confirm their participation.

## **Abstracts**

The length of the abstracts shall be between 1000 and 1200 characters, with spaces, without title and authors. The Association will publish the abstracts on its website and also in CD, together with the conference papers.

## **Posters**

The Association welcomes poster presentations as well. The application process is the same as above, with choosing "Poster section" on the on-line interface.

## **Registration fees**

- 5 000 HUF or 20 EUR
- The fee is to be transferred to the bank account of the Hungarian Sociological Association:  
ERSTE Bank Hungary Zrt. H-1138 Budapest, Népfürdő utca 24-26.  
International bank account: HU22 11991102-02102940-00000000  
SWIFT Code: GIBAHUHB  
Please write as a note: your name, Conference 2012.
- If you need an invoice on the fee, please let us know at the registration on the spot. Required information for the invoice: name, tax number, address, account number, amount.
- Please let us know if the bank transfer is not possible. In that case the fee is to be paid in cash on the site of the conference.

### **Deadline of the transfer of the registration fee: July 30, 2012.**

## **Language of the conference**

The language of the conference is English and Hungarian. Each presentation is to be held in the language of the section it belongs to.

## The Conference

### Presentations

The presentations take 20 minutes with additional 10 minutes of debate. In the section rooms, there will be an opportunity to use laptop computers and projectors. Presenters will be informed later via email on the exact schedule, on the technical background, on the submission of Power Point slides, and on other information about the presentations.

### Conference Papers

The Association provides opportunity for publishing the conference papers. The papers are published in

- the homepage of the Association
- the conference CD with the abstracts

The papers are to be submitted in the language of the presentation to the email address of the conference.

Instructions for authors are identical with those of the Review of Sociology of the Hungarian Sociological Association. See: <http://www.szociologia.hu/submission/>

Conference papers can be submitted to the editorial board of the Review of Sociology of the Hungarian Sociological Association. In this case, the acceptance and publication of the paper proceeds according to the rules of this peer-reviewed journal.

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**Application:** [http://www.szociologia.hu/submission\\_of\\_abstracts/](http://www.szociologia.hu/submission_of_abstracts/)

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

**“Agent-based simulation in sociology:  
principles, applications, and tools”**

**a special issue of the Revue Française de Sociologie**

**Guest Editor: Gianluca Manzo (CNRS, GEMASS)**

During the last decade, research on/using agent-based computational modelling has accumulated quickly at the frontiers between social and natural sciences.

One of the indicators of this diffusion process is the large number of special issues published by leading scientific journals in computer science (Artificial Life, 2003; Sistemi Intelligenti, 2005; Simulation, 2012), in physics (Physica A, 2005; Advances in Complex Systems, 2008, 2010), in economics (IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation, 2001; Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, 2001, 2004; Computational Economics, 2001, 2007; Journal of Economic Behavior and

Organization, 2004; Journal of Public Economic Theory, 2004; Journal of Economics and Statistics, 2008), in geography and in ecology (Ecology and Society, 2006), and in sociology (Journal of Mathematical Sociology, 1990; Sociological Perspectives, 1995; American Behavioral Scientist, 1999; American Journal of Sociology, 2005; Mind & Society, 2009; Sociological Methods and Research, 2013, forthcoming). The articles collected in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (2002) and in Nature(2009) also testify to the large scientific audience currently reached by agent-based simulations.

Despite the scope of this diffusion dynamics, no French sociological journal has decided until now to devote a special issue to agent-based computational modelling. We are thus happy to announce that the first ISI-ranked sociological journal in France, i.e. the *Revue Française de Sociologie*, has decided to fill in this gap by collecting a set of papers whose main aim is to prove the power of agent-based simulations to better understand the generative mechanisms underlying clearly defined social phenomena.

To reach this goal, papers using agent-based modelling to solve specific sociological puzzles will be especially welcome. More particularly, we expect two types of paper proposals. On the one hand, if the puzzle is theoretical, simulation can be used to deductively explore all the outcomes logically associated with a given set of mechanisms. In this case, the comparison to empirical data is not necessary. On the other hand, we expect paper proposals dealing with clearly defined macroscopic empirical data in quest of explanation. In this case, the focus of the paper should be the way empirical data and the simulated model interact with each other. In this respect, we invite paper proposals focusing on (one/several of) the following aspects: 1. the relationships between agent-based modelling and multivariate statistical techniques; 2. the relationships between agent-based modelling and qualitative/ethnographic data; 3. the relationships between agent-based modelling and experimental data; 4. the relationships between agent-based modelling and techniques of social network analysis.

Although the special issue is expected to be focused on papers applying agent-based simulations to the study of clearly defined sociological puzzles, the following types of paper proposals will also be considered. On the one hand, the papers addressing agent-based modelling from an historical and an epistemological point of view. On the other hand, the papers containing pedagogical presentations of concrete tools to implement agent-based models.

Paper proposals (min. 500 words – max. 1,000 words), in French or in English, should describe the following elements: 1. topic and relevant literature; 2. materials and methods; 3. (expected) results; 4. short bibliography (max 5 references). Every proposal not respecting this format will be rejected.

Paper proposals should be addressed to Gianluca MANZO ([gلمانzo@yahoo.fr](mailto:gلمانzo@yahoo.fr)) and to *Revue Française de Sociologie* managing editors ([rfes@pouchet.cnrs.fr](mailto:rfes@pouchet.cnrs.fr)) by the 29th of June 2012. Acceptance/rejection will be notified no later than the 31st of July 2012.

Authors whose proposal is accepted should send their article (max. 75000 characters, including spaces, figures and tables) no later than the 28th February 2013. Articles will be evaluated independently by the guest editor and by RFS editorial board. Acceptance/rejection final decision will be notified no later than the 30th of May 2013.

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**Registration is now open for The FOURTH UK-US MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY CONFERENCE which will be held from June 14-16 at Queen's University in Belfast.**

The Fourth US-UK Medical Sociology conference is a meeting designed to bring together scholars with common interests in a small group-setting to network, debate, share ideas and forge new ground in medical sociology. Participation is limited to approximately 100 delegates. Previous conferences at Royal Holloway, Edinburgh and Boston have been very successful, so we suggest early registration for participants.



This is a residential conference and thus all participants will stay at one of the conference accommodations options. All attendees take meals together and attend all plenary sessions and working groups. The registration fee is all-inclusive except for accommodation. University accommodation is available at a very reasonable cost. The Conference convenes on June 14 at 5:00 pm and continues through 3:00 pm on June 16.

US and UK Ph.D. students can apply for funding bursaries for Registration and Accommodation (consult the website). Applications for Ph.D. student funding are due by February 15, 2012.

Click here (or paste address in browser) to go to conference information and registration webpage: <http://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/US-UKMedSoc2012/>

Our thanks to the Medical Sociology Section of ASA, Foundation for Sociology of Health and Illness, and Queen's University Belfast School of Sociology, Social Work and Social Policy for their support of the conference.

Lindsay Prior and Joe Duffy, Queen's University, Belfast; Peter Conrad, Brandeis University, on behalf of the Organizing Committee

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## **OPEN INVITATION**

**'The end of civilisation as we know it? Symbolic violence and the de-civilising process'**

**Inaugural Lecture by Professor Alex Law**

**University of Abertay Dundee**

On behalf of the Principal and Vice-Chancellor (Acting), Professor Nicholas Terry, I am pleased to invite you to attend the Inaugural Lecture to be given by Professor Alex Law on Wednesday 16 May at 6.00pm and to a reception afterwards.

When, as now, society becomes more unequal and the standard of living declines, the security necessary for a tolerably civilised existence is placed in danger. This gives rise to a reversal of what the sociologist Norbert Elias called the 'civilising process'. As we know from the history of the past century de-civilising reversals can have barbaric consequences.

De-civilising processes do not unfold in a uniform manner across time and space. The experience of social, economic and political crisis is conditioned in each particular case by the long, uneven historical development of nations, states and classes. In Europe some societies have already witnessed mass physical violence. Others have been relatively peaceful.

An account will be given of some de-civilising strains in Scotland, focussing on the changing form of the devolved state, the tensions of nationalism, and the role played by symbolic violence, as opposed to physical violence, in giving vent to class-based resentment.

The lecture will be held in the Main Lecture Theatre in the University's Kydd Building on Bell Street, Dundee, and drinks and canapés will be served after the event. I should be grateful if you would advise Nicola Thomson by email [abertayevents@abertay.ac.uk](mailto:abertayevents@abertay.ac.uk) if you would like to attend.

I do hope you will be able to join us on this special occasion.

Yours faithfully

Professor Steve Olivier  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-Principal (Acting)

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## OPPORTUNITIES

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### **Fully Funded PhD Studentship on Migration, public policy and participation Departments of Sociology and Politics, University of Leicester**

The Department of Sociology and Department of Politics is seeking applicants for a jointly supervised 3 year full-time funded studentship (covering fees and stipend) leading to a PhD. The studentship is for full-time study only and the successful applicant will be expected to commence their studies in September 2012 or as soon as possible thereafter. UK/EU Applicants only.

**Research Areas:** We are seeking applicants wishing to conduct research on the formation and consequences of immigration and immigrant policies in the UK and in comparative perspective.

**Entry Requirements:** Applicants must have a good first degree and have completed, or be due to complete by October 2012, a Masters degree in Sociology, Politics or related social science subject.

**Closing Date for Applications:** Open until filled, initial deadline May 15<sup>th</sup> 2012

For further information and how to apply:

<http://www2.le.ac.uk/study/research/funding/sociology>

**Contact for Informal Enquiries:** Dr David Bartram [db158@le.ac.uk](mailto:db158@le.ac.uk)

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### **Call for Applications - Social Sciences and More!**

GeT MA - the German Turkish Masters Program in Social Sciences is currently accepting applications for admission in the fall of 2012. The application deadline is June 15, 2012. The GeT MA Program offers an excellent education in Europe's two vibrant capitals: Berlin and Ankara. The program is designed for students from all over the world who aim to pursue an international career in government agencies, NGOs, administration, journalism or research.

GeT MA is operated by two top universities: the Middle East Technical University Ankara and the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. All students of GeT MA attend their first year of studies in Ankara and their second year in Berlin. Graduates receive the Dual-Master of Arts in Social Sciences from both universities.

GeT MA is part of the Ernst Reuter Initiative and is supported by the DAAD with funds from the Federal Ministry of Education and Research.

Application documents as well as further information about the program, its structure, contents and the participating universities are available online at [www.sowi.hu-berlin.de/getma](http://www.sowi.hu-berlin.de/getma). The program's Berlin office will answer any questions by phone +49-30-2093-5323 or email [info.getma@sowi.hu-berlin.de](mailto:info.getma@sowi.hu-berlin.de). Personal appointments are available upon request.

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## Computational Social Science: Social Data Mining and Emergent News

<http://lipari.cs.unict.it/LipariSchool/ComputationalSocialScience/>

July 21 - July 28, 2012, Lipari Island, Italy

**REGISTRATION OPEN**

**Deadline: May 29th 2012**

The 2012 edition addresses PhD students and young researchers to the forefront of research activity on Social Data Mining and Emergent News.

Recognized authorities in the field will give formal lectures tailoring these for an interdisciplinary audience.

Participants will also have the opportunity to present the results of their research during a short communication session.

As a whole, the planned summer school will allow participants to be exposed to cutting edge results in one of the most challenging research area, while at the same time enjoying the relaxing atmosphere of one of the most beautiful Italian islands.

The news consumption style has changed dramatically with the proliferation of modern always-connected computing devices, such as smart phones, tablets, portable computers, and smart TVs. Compared to the old, somewhat romantic, view of the morning paper sitting on the breakfast table, readers today want to cherry-pick their news many times a day on various devices. Digital footprints are left behind any such access on very detailed digital logs. Such data logs provide a rich repository for socially relevant analysis and optimization algorithms. The Computational Social Science discipline lies at the intersection of social science and computational science, providing a scientific framework for understanding this phenomenon. The 2012 Lipari School on Computational Social Science will address this topic through seminar sessions by world-class researchers in the field. The "Social Data Mining" theme of this 2012 edition will focus on the current regime of online news and text/data mining techniques to advance our understanding of the new media and emergent news.

### List of speakers

. David Beaver. Social Language Processing. Department of Linguistics, at the University of Texas at Austin, USA

. Bonnie Blake. Director, Graphic Communications Management & Technology M.A. Program at New York University

. Raghu Ramakrishnan. The Future of Media: Content Optimization, Social Networks, Interactivity--- And Who Will Pay? Chief Scientist for Search and Cloud Platforms at Yahoo!

### Tutorials

. Calogero Zarba. Recommendation algorithms for online news. Neodata Intelligence s.r.l., Italy

. Alessandro Pluchino. Netlogo: An agent based simulation programmable environment University of Catania, Italy

. Diego Reforgiato. Opinion mining and sentiment analysis. SentiMetrix Inc., USA and University of Catania, Italy

### **Information**

Participants will be arranged in a comfortable hotel at very special rates. The conference room is air-conditioned and equipped with all conference materials. Special areas are reserved to students for the afternoon coursework and study. The island of Lipari can be easily reached from Milazzo, Palermo, Naples, Messina and Reggio Calabria by ferry or hydrofoil (50 minutes from Milazzo).

Two kinds of participants are welcome. Students: Participants who are expected to do afternoon courseworks and take a final exam (The grades will be given following the ECTS grading scale). The course will involve a total of 24 hours of teaching. According to our university rules passing the final exam gives right to an equivalent of 6 ECTS credits in any Ph.D. program.

Auditors: participants who are not interested in taking the final exam.

Registration fee is 470 Euros. The fee covers the course material, bus+hydrofoil Catania airport-Lipari-Catania airport, social event. Late registration is 570 Euros.

Deadline for application is **May 29, 2012** (admission notification will start on **April 1st** according to registration time). Applicants must include a short curriculum vitae and specify two professors whom letters of recommendation will be asked to, if deemed necessary. Applicants will be notified about admission by June 6, 2012.