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Call for Papers

Special Issue of *European Societies*

edited by the European Sociological Association (ESA)
in cooperation with the ESA RN Sociology of Religion

The Social Dynamics of Religion in the Public Domain

Guest Editors:

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Heidemarie Winkel, Potsdam

European Societies

Editor-in-chief

(as of 01-01-2015)
Michalis Lianos, Rouen

European Societies (ES) is the official, peer reviewed journal of the European Sociological Association (ESA). It is developed as an international platform for sociological discourse on European developments. *European Societies'* editor-in-chief and the ESA Research Network Sociology of Religion invite the submission of abstracts for a special issue on *The Social Dynamics of Religion in the Public Domain*. This issue intends to continue the latest debates on the contentious role of religion in the public sphere of contemporary European societies from various sociological perspectives.

Beyond debates on secularization, scholars have begun to analyze the shared perception of religion's reemergence in the public domain as a social phenomenon that is intertwined with politics, law, culture and society. As a result of that reemergence, religion has assumed various new roles in the social organization and the political life of many European countries that are fostered by diverse social dynamics and the particular influence of the growing transnationalization of European societies. This pluralization of religious reality leads to the question of how sociological conceptions of European societies can account for and analyze the social dynamics and functions of religion in the present.

Understanding the social dynamics of religion is vital in contexts where the reappearance of religion in the public domain is a socially, politically, legally and morally contested issue. 'Post-secular' societies, Jurgen Habermas argued, have to adapt themselves to the social reality of religious groups, organizations and individuals in the public sphere and to their involvement in civic debates about the problems of late modernity, i.e. individual rights in relation to the right of religious freedom, neo-liberalism and social security as well as questions of belonging and post-national identity. Religion has now become an influential factor, not only in the political sphere, but rather in the public domain at large (e.g. Calhoun).

Against this background, *European Societies* and the ESA Research Network Sociology of Religion call for papers on *The Social Dynamics of Religion in the Public Domain*. We encourage papers that are both theoretically sophisticated and focused, and empirically grounded, ranging from broad comparative studies to micro-level examinations of religion 'on the ground.' Those who are presenting papers at the mid-term conference in Belfast, 3-5 September 2014, on *Religion in the Public Domain*, are especially encouraged to submit an abstract. Theoretically, we are interested in approaches that critically address modern distinctions between the public and the private, the secular and the religious, the profane and the sacred. We invite research on the (socio-historical) shaping of such categories – in the social sciences and modern cultures alike – and its relation to social conflict and cultural power (e.g. Assad). We also invite research on the social effects of religion in selected contexts – whether

ostensibly secular or post-secular – where religious beliefs and practices contribute to the masking or unmasking of power structures and social stratification.

Furthermore, we welcome submissions that research the following topics:

- The social dynamics, functions and significance of religion in the social, institutional and public domains, i.e. the role of Islamic, Christian or spiritual beliefs, practices and experiences in social life, politics, voting, banking, business life and other domains of activity.
- The role of religious-spiritual narratives in popular culture, i.e. their meanings, commercial and commodified manifestations in books, music, film, computer games, advertising, marketing and branding.
- The role of the media, i.e. the way in which religion is framed on television, radio and in newspapers, and the appropriation and use of (social) media by religious individuals, groups and organizations.
- Social conflicts between secular and religious groups and public debates about integration, religious fundamentalism, terrorism, women's rights, headscarves, abortion and other issues of that nature.
- The public value of the sociology of religion, including how insights about the social dynamics and functions of religion can be of significance to policy makers and grassroots activists.

Instructions to authors and deadlines:

Please submit an **outline abstract of about 500 words** (plus bibliographical references; in .doc and .pdf format) by **15 November 2014** to the editor-in-chief (michalis.lianos@univ-rouen.fr) as well as to both guest editors (gganiel@tcd.ie and heidemarie.winkel@uni-potsdam.de) including the following:

- Title of proposed paper
- Contributing author/s and contact details
- Significance and interest of the research question
- Key concepts, research framework, aim and methodology

For abstracts initially accepted, **full papers (under 7,500 words) are to be submitted by 30 June 2015**. The papers will be reviewed in line with *European Societies'* guidelines. Submission of an article does not guarantee publication. Submitted papers will go through the journal's usual peer-review process. Authors will not receive any payment.

For editing instructions follow this link:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/action/authorSubmission?journalCode=reus20&page=instructions#.U8EE SrH3sec>

Conference Announcement

The Decline of the Middle Classes

Around the World?

Segovia, Spain

September 28–30, 2014

[Conference website](#)

In the wake of the 2008/2009 financial crisis have come increasing concerns that we may be witnessing the decline of the middle classes around the world. The forces underlying this uneasiness, of course, were at work before the crisis, but it seems to have hastened and aggravated their impact. Is the decades-long period of relative middle-class affluence at an end? Or will current difficulties pass as national economies strengthen?

In order to explore these and related issues, the Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), the University of Maryland School of Public Policy (UMD), and the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) will hold a conference in Segovia, Spain, September 29–30, 2014. An opening reception will take place the evening of September 28.

The conference is designed to attract a worldwide audience, including academics and professionals from universities, think tanks, government agencies, nonprofits, and the private sector.

Conference schedule:

Listed below are some highlights from the conference. View the complete agenda [here](#).

Keynote addresses:

Amitai Etzioni, University Professor and Professor of International Affairs; Director, Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington, D.C., “The social and political consequences of the coming big disruption: The second digital revolution”

Georg Fischer, Director for Analysis, Evaluation, External Relations, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission, “European labour markets in (the) crisis: Is there light at the end of the tunnel?”

Dimitris Kyriakou, Chief Economist, European Commission's Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, “A rude awakening for the middle class: systemic features of the debt crisis in the eurozone and the road(s) ahead”

Antonio López Peláez, Professor, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia; Editor, *Comunitania: International Journal of Social Work and Social Science*, “Labor, health and middle classes: Do young Spaniards have to jeopardize their health to find a job?”

José Antonio Martínez Alvarez, General Director of Fiscal Studies Institute, Madrid, “Has the recession caused the decline of the middle class in Spain? A comparative study with other European countries”

Kumar Venkatesh, Professor and Chairperson, Centre for Public Policy and Governance, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, “Aspirational middle class, neoliberalism, and democratic politics in India”

Panels:

The Middle Class: Who are they, where did they go, and why does it matter?

Moderator: **David Johnson**, Chief Economist, U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Panel members:

Marco Mira d'Ercole, Head of the Division for Household Statistics and Progress Measurement, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Brian Nolan, Director of Employment, Equity and Growth Programme and Professor of Social Policy at the Department of Social Policy and Intervention, Oxford University

Sagrario Segado Sánchez-Cabezudo, Director, Gregorio Marañón Center, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia; English editor, *Comunitania: International Journal of Social Work and Social Sciences*

Timothy Smeeding, Director of the Institute for Research on Poverty; Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin

The future of workforce development programs in Latin America (Spanish-language panel)

Moderator: **Ariel Fiszbein**, Program Director, Inter-American Dialogue

Panel members:

Angel Melguizo, Senior Economist, Development Center, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

Silvia Montoya, Director General for Education Evaluation, Buenos Aires

Carmen Pagés-Serra, Chief of the Labor Markets and Social Security Unit, Inter-American Development Bank

Germán Ríos, Strategy Director, Banco de Desarrollo de América Latina, CAF

Alexandria Valerio, Senior Economist, World Bank

Skills that matter: What skills will be needed in the future (and how should we measure them)?

Moderator: **Ariel Fiszbein**, Program Director, Inter-American Dialogue

Panel members:

Arup Banerji, Senior Director for Social Protection and Labor, World Bank

Mark Keese, Head of the Employment Analysis and Policy Division, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, TBC

Robert Lerman, Professor, Department of Economics, American University; Institute Fellow, Urban Institute

Carmen Pagés-Serra, Chief of the Labor Markets and Social Security Unit, Inter-American Development Bank

Editors' panel

Chair: **Douglas Besharov**, Professor, School of Public Policy, University of Maryland; Chair, International Activities Committee, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Co-Editor, International Policy Exchange Series, Oxford University Press

Panel members:

Kenneth Couch, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Connecticut; Editor-designate, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*

Neil Gilbert, Professor, School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley; Chair, Editorial Board, *International Journal of Social Welfare*

Traute Mayer, Professor of Social Policy, University of Southampton; Co-Editor, *Journal of European Social Policy*

Timothy Smeeding, Director, Institute for Research on Poverty; Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor of Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin; Co-Editor, *Poverty and Income Distribution and Income Assistance SIRN*

Additional panels

Panel session topics will include the social and economic condition of the middle class in individual or groups of countries, and the contributing and countering factors to the social and economic condition of the middle class (such as macroeconomic policy, labor market conditions, family structure, work/family issues, demographics, immigration and migration, government cash transfer programs, social welfare, workforce development efforts, unemployment benefits, minimum wage policies, education, health, housing, pensions, disability, and public safety).

There will also be a Spanish-language track of panels.

Events:

Opening ceremony, followed by a cocktail reception
City tour of Segovia by bus
Visit to La Granja de San Ildefonso Gardens
Closing gala dinner

Language:

English will be the official language of the conference. There will also be a separate, Spanish language track of panels. Abstracts, papers, and presentations are expected to be delivered in English or Spanish.

Program committee:

See the list [here](#).

Hotels and transportation:

More information about Segovia, accommodations, and transportation can be found [here](#).

Conference registration:

Regular registration began on July 16, 2014 and will continue until September 9, 2014. There will also be on-site registration for the conference. Please see the table below for registration costs. Instructions for registering can be found at the APPAM website [here](#).

Category	Regular registration (by September 9)	On-Site registration
Student Members of APPAM	\$400	\$450
APPAM Members	\$500	\$550
All Others	\$550	\$600

For questions about abstracts (submitted to APPAM) and registration, please contact Jocelyn Mason of APPAM [here](#).

For all other questions, please contact customer service [here](#).

Call for Section Proposals

The Worlds of Violence

9th Pan-European Conference on International Relations

Wednesday 23-Saturday 26 September 2015, Giardini Naxos, Sicily, Italy

Organised by the European International Studies Association and the University of Catania

Violence is a prominent feature of world politics, and has been the subject of sustained reflection in specific sub-fields within and beyond international studies literatures. Indeed, the range of scholarly discourses on 'violence' shows it to be both a multifaceted object of study and an appealing concept. Recent decades have witnessed a dramatic expansion of these diverse approaches to violence, which have enriched our understanding of the many ways wherein violence can be invoked and used to illuminate global phenomena and processes, ranging from military conflict and post-conflict peacebuilding, to accumulation by dispossession, terrorism, environmental destruction, human rights abuses, popular uprisings, and resistance movements. This scholarship is itself only a fraction of a much wider body of work that inscribes violence in a multitude of societal and global structures and dynamics. 'Violence' is no longer restricted to physical or psychological characteristics and relations, but extends to all aspects of our biological and social life – from 'natural' to 'military', 'political', 'economic', 'cultural', 'racial', 'gendered', 'epistemic', 'ethical', and 'symbolic' violence.

We are interested in rethinking and interrogating violence as an object and a concept, in light of this proliferation of meanings and problematics across the social and human sciences, but also in parallel with the development of complementary or antagonistic worldviews grounded in discourses on 'norms', 'international society', 'social order', or 'civilizing process' (among others). We invite contributions that can speak to the ontological, interdisciplinary, political, and epistemic dimensions and implications of research on violence.

While participants are especially invited to respond to the conference theme, proposals on all aspects of the worlds of international relations will be considered, and accordingly we invite contributions from within all areas of International Studies scholarship (such as, but not only, International Relations, Global Political Economy, Political Theory, policy-oriented research). Moreover, given the rich and innovative debates taking place across the social and human sciences, we welcome sections that draw on cross-disciplinary and collaborative scholarship beyond International Studies.

We are also keen to include reflexive interventions that address how violence and/or violence-based narratives impact on scholarship itself as a social practice, and on academic disciplines as social orders.

Call for Section Chairs

The academic programme for the conference will be organised in the usual format of sections composed of panels. A section may consist of either five or ten 105-minute panel sessions during the programme. Each 105-minute panel should comprise five papers plus chair and/or discussant.

The tasks for a section chair include:

- proposing a section around a theme; populating some panels at the proposal stage; maintaining a balance between established and emerging scholars, and postgraduate students;
- composing the rest of the section's programme, by selecting papers that were proposed in response to the call for papers;
- identifying panel chairs and discussants;
- taking overall responsibility for the actual execution of their section's contribution to the conference programme.

Proposals for sections should include:

1) Name, institutional affiliation and email address of the proposed section chair(s) – maximum two chairs per section.

2) Proposed section title and summary of its theme(s) and rationale(s) (no more than 250 words). Please state here if your proposed section is to contain 5 or 10 panels.

3) Tentative indication of possible panels. We do not require a full list of panels, but we would like at least 3 suggested themes for a 5-panel proposal and 6 suggested themes for a 10-panel proposal, which would show what the Section convenor(s) hope would be covered by the section at the conference. Section convenors, if they wish, can also substantiate these themes with suggested paper titles or roundtable participants.

Proposals should be submitted to paneuroconf2015@gmail.com

The closing date for section proposals is Sunday 12 October 2014.

After the authors of accepted section proposals have been notified, a call for papers and panel proposals will be issued in December 2014.

Ian Bruff (Manchester) and Inanna Hamati-Ataya (Aberystwyth)
Programme Chairs

First Call for Papers and Participation
2nd Annual International Conference on Social Sciences
27-30 July 2015, Athens, Greece

The [Social Sciences Research Division](#) (SSRD) of the [Athens Institute for Education and Research](#) (ATINER) will hold its **2nd Annual International Conference on Social Sciences, 27-30 July 2015**. The conference website is <http://www.atiner.gr/social.htm>. In the past, the [five research units](#) of SSRD have organized 45 annual international conferences on economics, sociology, psychology, politics & International Affairs, as well as the mass media & Communication. Papers from all branches of social sciences are welcome: Anthropology, Media and Communication Studies, Economics, Education, Human Geography, Political science, Public Administration, Psychology and Sociology. Papers on Social Research and Social Theory are also welcome. You may participate as panel organizer, presenter of one paper, chair a session or observer.

For programs of previous conferences and other information, please visit the conference website: <http://www.atiner.gr/social.htm>.

Fee structure information is available on www.atiner.gr/fees.htm.

Special arrangements will be made with a local luxury hotel for a limited number of rooms at a special conference rate. In addition, a number of special events will be organized: A Greek night of entertainment with dinner, a special one-day cruise to selected Greek islands, an archaeological tour of Athens and a one-day visit to Delphi. Details of the social program are available at <http://www.atiner.gr/2015/SOC-SOS.htm>.

Please submit an abstract (email only) to: atiner@atiner.gr, using the abstract submission form available at <http://www.atiner.gr/2015/Form-SOS.doc> by the **29 December 2014** to: Dr. Gregory A. Katsas, Associate Professor, The American College of Greece-Deree College, Greece & Head, [Sociology Research Unit](#), ATINER, 8 Valaoritou Street, Kolonaki, 10671 Athens, Greece. Tel.: + 30 210 363-4210 Fax: + 30 210 3634209. Please include: Title of Paper, Full Name (s), Current Position, Institutional Affiliation, an email address and at least 3 keywords that best describe the subject of your submission. Please use the abstract submitting form available at <http://www.atiner.gr/2015/Form-SOS.doc>. Decisions are reached within 4 weeks.

If your submission is accepted, you will receive information on registration deadlines and paper submission requirements. Should you wish to participate in the Conference without presenting a paper, for example, to chair a session, to evaluate papers which are to be included in the conference proceedings or books, to contribute to the editing of a book, or any other contribution, please send an email to Dr. Gregory T. Papanikos (gtp@atiner.gr), President, ATINER.

The Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) was established in 1995 as an independent world association of Academics and Researchers. Its mission is to act as a forum where Academics and Researchers from all over the world can meet in Athens, in order to exchange ideas on their research, and to discuss future developments in their disciplines.

The organizing and hosting of [International Conferences and Symposiums](#), the carrying out of Research, and the production of Publications are the basic activities of ATINER. Since 1995, ATINER has organized more than 350 International Conferences and other events, and has published close to 150 [books](#). In 2012, the Association launched a series of conference paper publications ([click here](#)), and at the beginning of 2014, it introduced its own series of Journals ([click here](#)).

Academically, the Association is organized into six [Research Divisions](#) and thirty [Research Units](#). Each Research Unit organizes at least an Annual International Conference, and may also undertake various small and large research projects.

Academics and Researchers are more than welcome to become members and to contribute to ATINER's objectives. If you would like to become a member, please download the relevant form ([membership form](#)). For more information on how to become a member, please send an email to: info@atiner.gr.

Call for Papers

International Conference

“LAW AND VALUES IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY”

Tirana-Albania, 21-22 November 2014

Organizers:

Albanian Institute of Sociology (AIS 9th International Conference)
European University of Tirana
Albanian Sociological Association (ALBSA)

In partnership with:

International Sociological Association (ISA)
The Balkan Sociological Forum (BSF)
Sociological Association of Kosovo (SAK)

Time and Place:

21-22 November 2014, Tirana-Albania
European University of Tirana, Albania (UET)

Deadline for abstract submission:

10 September 2014; 24:00 GMT

CONFERENCE THEMES:

I. CENTRAL THEME: “LAW AND VALUES IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIETY”

- The Social Basic of Law
- Social Conditioning of Law
- Social Functions of Law
- Law as an Instrument of Social Change
- Changes in the Law in the State and in the Society
- Sociological Jurisprudence
- The sociological movement in law: Prediction, Pragmatism and Positivism
- The Sociologist as Social Critic: the Marxian Perspective
- Law, values and the forms of the Political Authority: The Weberian Perspective
- The Acceptance and Legitimacy of Law
- Law and Morality
- Law and Culture
- The Sociologist as Moralist: The Durkheimian Perspective
- Law and Solidarity in Modern Society: Durkheim
- The Law and Social Control: Parsons
- Law and Equal Opportunity: Testing empirically Parsons Theory

- Roles and Standards
- The Power of Law and the Power of Values
- Values: Individualism vs. Altruism
- Empirical Studies of the “Living Law”
- The “Copy-paste” laws, the case of EU Integration of the West Balkan Countries
- Sociological analysis of “anomie” in transitional (post-Communist) Societies
- The inertia and the impact of the traditional values in Contemporary society
- The Customary Law
- Law, values and Contemporary Social Problems
- Community and Problem-Solving Courts

II. OTHER THEMES BY 16 THEMATIC SESSIONS:

- TS 01:** Public Sphere, Communication, Culture and Arts
- TS 02:** Population & Migration
- TS 03:** Education
- TS 04:** Political Studies and Law Issues
- TS 05:** Religion, Collective Behavior & Social Movements
- TS 06:** Marriage & Family
- TS 07:** Integration and Globalization
- TS 08:** Childhood, Youth & Gender
- TS 09:** Organizations, professions and Work
- TS 10:** Theoretical, Comparative & Historical Studies
- TS 11:** Deviance & Social Control
- TS 12:** Ethnic Relations, Human Rights & Collective Goods
- TS 13:** Economy & Development
- TS 14:** Social Security & Public Health
- TS 15:** Technology & Innovations
- ST 16:** Students (BA, MA, PhD)

How to present a paper:

1. Choose the Session (Thematic Sections: ST01 – ST16) to which you wish to participate;
2. Fill out the **Paper Proposal Form** and submit to the Conference Secretary, before 10th of September 2014.
Please don't submit more than two abstracts for the entire conference. In case when two abstracts are submitted those must not refer to a single Thematic Section;
3. Wait for the confirmation of abstract receipt. Those who do not receive confirmation within 10 days should contact the secretary of the conference;
4. Wait for the Acceptance Letter;
5. Contact with Secretary of the conference for the registration procedures;
6. Take the confirmation of the registration.

Accommodation and other details:

to be announced one month before the conference

The Conference Scientific Committee is headed by:

Leke SOKOLI, President of the Albanian Sociological Association (ALBSA)
Tonin GJURAJ, Rector of the European University of Tirana (UET)

The Conference Secretary:

Eida SOKOLI KUTROLLI – ALBSA Executive Secretary

PAPER PROPOSAL FORM

Please, fill out the **Paper Proposal Form** and send it before 10 of September 2014 to the Conference secretary: aisconf2014@gmail.com; conference@institut-sociologjise.al;

Author's name and Surname	
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University or Institution	
Country	
E-mail address:	
Tel/Mobile:	
Co-Authors (if any):	
Thematic Session (ST01-ST16)	
Abstract Title (not more than 15 words)	
Abstract (150-250 words)	
Keywords (4-6 words)	
The presentation: 1. Oral Presentation; 2. Power point; 3. Distributed paper; 4. Poster Presentation	
The conference documents you prefer: 1. Only the Conference book (Proceedings); 2. Proceedings and the certificate of participation; 3. Proceedings, the certificate of participation, and the publishing of full paper as article in the International Journal "Social Studies";	
If you are interested to publish the full paper as article in the International Journal "Social Studies", your preferred language is: 1. English; 2. Albanian; 3. Italian; 4. Other language (specify);	

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We are looking forward to meeting you in Tirana- Albania, next November!

Call for Papers

International Conference Gender, Culture & Migration 2015

Details:

March 6- 7, 2015

University of Gdansk

Gdansk, Poland

Website: [conference2015](#) (click)

Contact: conference2015@migrationnavigator.org

The International Conference on Gender, Culture & Migration (http://migrationnavigator.org/info/?page_id=1105) is a meeting organized under the auspices of Polish-Norwegian consortium PAR MIGRATION NAVIGATOR, coordinated by University of Gdańsk.

This conference is an annual event organized under the main theme of Woman in culture that brings together researchers from multiple disciplines (psychology, sociology, gender studies) along with gender equality practitioners and policy makers, to consider how gender issues are represented worldwide.

The conference themes covers issues relating to gender issues, with special emphasis on social and cultural changes influencing gender equality. Gender (in)equality is established and maintained at different but intersecting levels, from the more proximal family level to the more distal society level. At the cultural level it can be well-observed in the rituals and practices of individuals and couples who struggle to achieve work-life balance. Certain societal facts and psychological phenomena influence men's and women's adopted work-life balance strategies and how gender equality is maintained or not maintained within their family and professional life.

The goal of the meeting is to analyse how the content of gender roles and egalitarian norms vary across cultures and which cultural and contextual factors lead to support of gender equality. The focal questions of the conference concern the following issues: How can social change in values and attitudes toward gender equality be fostered? What is the role of the culture in forming gender equality within couples, families, organizations and societies as a whole? And finally, how can we investigate the mutual influences of individual motivations and cultural change, when individuals/couples migrate to more egalitarian countries than their home country?

We welcome individual papers, posters as well as whole symposiums from both researchers and practitioners from different disciplines doing cultural and cross-cultural research relating to gender issues, culture and migration (psychology, sociology, education, gender studies).

The following are thematic suggestions (but not limited to) - topics for the conference:

- ✓ gender stereotypes & culture
- ✓ social change and gender roles
- ✓ cultural cues promoting gender equality
- ✓ women and men in migration
- ✓ gender equality and migration
- ✓ gender & acculturation processes
- ✓ marriage, family, parenting, & gender roles in cultural context
- ✓ parenting in migration
- ✓ migrant families and public sector
- ✓ work-life balance strategies – individual, couple, family, organizational perspectives
- ✓ gender mainstreaming
- ✓ discrimination
- ✓ interventions promoting gender equality

Important Dates:

August 1st, 2014	Opening registration & call for papers, posters and symposia
December 1st, 2014	Submission deadline for all abstracts
December 31st, 2014	Notification of selection for abstracts
January 30th, 2015	Deadline for registration
March 6th, 2015	Opening of the Conference

TYPES OF SUBMISSION

The submitted program will consist of three submission types: Paper Symposium, Individual presentations and Poster.

PAPER SYMPOSIUM

A symposium is a cluster of research presentations and theoretical perspectives. All presentations should examine different and complementary aspects of a common topic or subject. In addition to the chair, a symposium can have 2 or 3 presenters. The role of the chair is to submit the paper symposium, organize the symposium session, introduce each presenter and ensure that each presenter does not exceed his or her allotted time. Please note that the chair of the symposium may be the discussant or one of the presenters.

To submit a paper symposium, an abstract for each paper (250 word limit for each) and one integrative statement (150 word limit) must be submitted.

INDIVIDUAL ORAL PRESENTATION

To submit an individual oral presentation, an abstract (250 word limit) must be submitted. The abstract should include the following: a purpose statement, hypotheses or research questions, method description, results and conclusions or implications. Citations and a list of references are optional. A list references will not count towards the word limit.

POSTER PRESENTATION

Poster presentations are individual, free-standing research presentations. Poster presentations are appropriate for research that can be explained briefly, research that includes graphics or visuals that illustrate components of the study (e.g., procedure, research findings), and when the presenter would benefit from large amounts of interaction and discussion with others interested in their field of research.

To submit a poster presentation, an abstract (250 word limit) must be submitted. The abstract should include the following: a purpose statement, hypotheses or research questions, method description, results and conclusions or implications. Citations and a list of references are optional. A list references will not count towards the word limit.

The abstracts should be sent to:

conference2015@migrationnavigator.org

Organizers:

- ✓ University of Gdansk
- ✓ Faculty of Social Sciences: Institute of Psychology&Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Journalism
- ✓ PAR MIGRATION NAVIGATOR

Call for Papers

Microdata from Eurostat

SILC, LFS, AES, SES, CIS, EHIS and HBS

4th European User Conference

Mannheim, March 5 - 6, 2015

Organized by

German Microdata Lab, GESIS, in cooperation with Eurostat

Microdata from Eurostat are the basis for comparative social research in Europe. An increasing number of researchers use these data for a wide range of economic and social analyses. Topics addressed include e.g. the impact of the crisis on employment and unemployment, quality of work, innovativeness of enterprises, labour migration, poverty and social exclusion, income inequality, household expenditure, adult education, population health. In addition to substantive issues, presentations focusing on methodological topics are also welcomed. They may include e.g. questions of data quality, cross-national and inter-temporal comparability as well as the comparability of different EU surveys.

The 4th European User Conference for Eurostat microdata is organized by the German Microdata Lab, GESIS, in cooperation with Eurostat, and is financially supported by Data without Boundaries an EU-funded project supporting equal and easy access to official microdata for the European Research Area. The conference will provide researchers with the opportunity to present and discuss their work and share their experience. In addition to fostering the discussion within the research community on both substantive and methodological issues, the conference offers researchers the opportunity to give feedback to the European Statistical System. Eurostat will inform about new developments in the field of EU social statistics.

Researchers of all disciplines (e.g. economics, demography, geography, political science, public health, and sociology) who use Eurostat microdata are encouraged to participate and to submit an abstract. All presentations must be comparative and include data from at least two countries.

SUBMISSIONS:

The deadline for submissions of abstracts is **September 30, 2014**. Proposals should be submitted online via the [presentation submission form](#) at the [conference webpage](#).

Abstracts should not be longer than 1000 words. The abstract should be informative, clearly state the research question, indicate the dataset(s) used and the countries analyzed. The submitters will be notified by December 20, 2014, whether their paper was accepted for presentation or not.

For any further questions please contact the local organizers Christof Wolf (Christof.wolf@gesis.org) and Heike Wirth (heike.wirth@gesis.org) and visit the conference webpage at <http://www.gesis.org/en/events/conferences/european-user-conference-4/>

Call for contributions to the following edited book

Working title:

“Workplace integration, Health and the Welfare State. International perspectives”

Editors

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We invite you to participate in this proposed book which seeks to discuss different forms and concepts of work integration in the international context.

General Parameters

The editors seek contributions which describe the development of activities and programs of workplace integration and health in a specific country with a special emphasis on the relevance of welfare state issues. As well, comparisons of different forms of workplace integration between countries and theoretical approaches to workplace integration and health are most welcomed. The gathering of different perspectives and concepts of workplace integration and health in one book will

help to picture better understanding of workplace integration in different countries which will facilitate further research in this area.

Background

Workplace integration and health are the most important factors for social integration in modern societies. Research in this area is highly relevant and up-to-date due to the rising numbers of ill or injured working-age people. Furthermore, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities from 2006 reinforces the rights of persons with disabilities to work on an equal basis with others. However, there exist various forms and concepts of workplace integration in social sciences as well as in social policy around the world. Some people perceive sheltered employment as a form of workplace integration; others only consider integration into the first labour market as workplace integration. OECD comparisons show that different forms of workplace integration (for example sheltered employment, supported employment, social firms, or integration in private companies) appear in quite diverse magnitude in developed economies. Nevertheless, research on workplace integration from an international perspective is still rare. This book presents theoretical issues of work integration; it seeks to collect empirical data of workplace integration (with regard to their different forms and objectives) in various countries; it seeks to explain different notions of workplace integration; and it discusses specific problems in the process of work integration.

Content Description

With this book the editors hope to improve knowledge about different forms and concepts of workplace integration in various countries. This international perspective will help to understand the connectivity of workplace integration with the welfare state and social security systems. The international picture of different practices will establish a new view on advantages and drawbacks of specific forms of integration into the labour market.

The proposed chapter will deal with the following subjects:

- Theoretical view on work integration
- Empirical view on work integration in various countries (a historical perspective is highly welcome).
- Global perspectives and comparisons of work integration between countries
- Disability Management
- Perspectives on the relevance of indigenous, minority and migration issues in work integration and reintegration
- Mental health and mental illness in the workplace

How to Apply

If you are interested in contributing to this book, please send a chapter abstract (**800-1'000 words**), **copied to each of the editors by email**. Please include the title and the subject/topic of your planned chapter.

Please also email a CV which includes: Full name; Contact details (work address, phone, fax and email); Qualifications; Present appointment; Career to date; Publications to date (**not more than 200 words**)

Deadline for abstracts

September 15, 2014

Selection of proposals by the editors

October 15, 2014

Deadline for delivering the chapter

April 15, 2015

From the abstracts received we will make a final selection of contributors who will be invited to write a chapter. These chapters will be approximately 7,000 words. Provided that our international publisher doesn't require too many amendments to the final proposal, we are aiming for the end of 2015 as a publication date. Contributors will need to bear this in mind at the point of submitting their abstract. Applicants will hear from the editors by **End of October, 2014** as to whether their abstract has been accepted for the full proposal.

Important information:

We can accept only original chapter abstracts which are not published elsewhere, as the copyright for all chapters must be transferred to the publisher.

Distribution of the Call for Papers:

Please support us in finding authors around the world with expertise and interest in workplace integration, health and the welfare state and send this CFP to colleagues working in these fields.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Best Practices on Food Security

Expo Milan 2015

<https://www.feedingknowledge.net/best-practices>

The call has been launched: November 14th 2013

The call will close: September 15th 2014

Final results will be published: November 27th 2014

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Candidate's initiatives should be originated from the collaboration among at least 3 different entities of social, economics, private, public and scientific sectors. The entities participating in the initiative should identify one of them to act as Lead Applicant.

The Lead Applicant should belong to one of the following categories:

- Governments (including bilateral aid agencies), local authorities/bodies, public agencies and their associations;
- Inter-governmental organizations and International agencies;
- Civil society organizations or networks (NGOs, associations, public or private foundations);
- Business community (SMEs, large enterprises, micro/social enterprises and their associations);
- Research and academic bodies;
- Public-private partnerships.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

1. Innovation
2. Social impact
3. Environmental impact
4. Concreteness
5. Transferability and replicability
6. Openness
7. Attractiveness
8. Sustainability
9. Dissemination.

SELECTION PROCESS

An International Selection Committee (ISC), composed by high representatives members, scientists and experts, will be responsible for the evaluation of BSDP on Food Security.

AWARDS

All the BSDP on Food Security admitted to the competition will be published and promoted through Feeding Knowledge web platform.

The 15 selected will have high visibility in the Expo Milano 2015 site:

- Exhibition in Pavilion 0
- Dedicated workshops to transfer the experiences
- Possibility to provide dissemination and promotional materials
- Repository on Feeding Knowledge web platform.

Among the three BSDP selected for each thematic priority, one identified as the most performant will become the subject of a movie produced by Expo 2015. The others will be illustrated in photo stories. During the 6 months of the exposition, BSDP will become alive through the participation of their leaders who will be testimonials of Expo 2015 around the world; at least three of them, for each of the 15 BSDPs selected, will have the opportunity to expose their successful stories within the Expo scenario.

For the application form go to www.feedingknowledge.net and discover the platform that will guide you step by step.

Call for Papers

The First Annual Amartya Sen Prize Contest

For essays on the theme of illicit financial flows and their implications for global poverty and inequality

November 7-9, 2014, Yale University, New Haven, CT

Submission Deadline: October 5, 2014

The Yale Global Justice Program, Global Financial Integrity, and Academics Stand Against Poverty invite submissions of original essays on illicit financial flows to the first annual Amartya Sen Prize Competition. All prizes are named in honor of Amartya Sen, whose work has shown how the rigor of economic thinking can be brought to bear on normative and practical questions of great human significance.

Illicit financial flows are international movements of funds that have been illegally earned or are being illegally transferred or utilized. Such flows may involve proceeds of corruption or other crimes – or may be associated with efforts to evade corporate or individual taxation. According to Global Financial Integrity, developing countries are especially damaged by illicit financial outflows, losing some \$6 trillion in the decade ending in 2011 and about \$1 trillion *per annum* more recently. Illicit financial flows are thought to perpetuate poverty and forestall equitable development by depriving societies of tax revenue and investment capital that could be used to promote economic growth and alleviate deprivation.

The 2014 Amartya Sen Prize Competition is soliciting original essays of ca. 7,000 to 9,000 words on how illicit financial flows relate to global poverty and inequality. Such essays could be empirical, analyzing for instance the distributional impact of illicit financial flows on the evolution of poverty or inequality. They could be normative, reflecting perhaps on who bears what responsibilities for the adverse effects of illicit financial outflows from the developing world. Or they might be practical, defending for example a feasible and politically realistic reform idea that would help curtail such outflows.

The best entries will be presented at an international conference, November 7-9, 2014, at Yale University and subsequently published in a special issue of a prominent journal. In addition, at least two of the winning essays will receive a monetary award: a first prize of \$5,000 and a second prize of \$3,000. Professor Sen hopes to join us for the conference presentations.

Entries can be e-mailed to Rachel Payne at rachel@academicsstand.org and must reach her by October 5, 2014. We ask that entries be anonymized to facilitate blind refereeing. Winners will be selected by an expert jury, whose decisions are final.

NASP/GSSPS Calls for APPLICATION FOR 34 PhD Positions for A.Y. 2014/2015 ARE NOW OPEN

Deadline: September 30, 2014

Open to: students with background in Economic Sociology, Labour Studies, Political Studies, Sociology and Methodology of Social Research
Scholarships: approx 13.500 euro per year, renewable for up to three years.

Description

The Network for the Advancement of Social and Political Sciences (NASP) and the Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences of the University of Milan (GSSPS) are accepting applications for admission to the Ph.D. Programmes in:

- Economic Sociology and Labour Studies (13 scholarship positions)
- Political Studies (14 scholarship positions)
- Sociology and Methodology of Social Research (7 scholarship positions)

NASP offers a total of 34 Ph.D. positions covered by scholarships. Full information on how to submit applications is provided by the Call for Application. The application deadline is September 30th, 2014.

NASP involves a network of universities in Northern Italy: Brescia, Università Cattolica, Genova, Milano, Milano-Bicocca, Pavia, Piemonte Orientale and Torino. NASP is based at the Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences of the University of Milan (GSSPS).

Economic Sociology and Labour Studies

The mission of the programme is to give students both a strong disciplinary focus (in sociology, labour law, management and organizational behaviour, psychology of work) and a substantive attention to socio-economic behaviour and processes, in particular from the point of view of labour and organizations. Six broad areas of specialization are offered. Each student will choose the one who best suits her research interests and use it as a starting point for her research project. Of course trespassing and contamination are allowed and encouraged.

- Social institutions and the economy
- Labour studies
- Complex organizations
- Economic behaviour and social interaction
- Local development and global society
- Occupations, education and social stratification

Political Studies

The aim of the doctoral Programme is to train highly-skilled professionals who can undertake research within academic institutions, think tanks and research centers, as well as provide consultancy for political, economic, public or private organizations at the national and international levels.

The programme offers a two-levels training: first, the acquisition of a common background on the most up-to-date knowledge and methods in the field of political science and political philosophy. Second, a more personalized training subdivided in four main paths of specialization, and the possibility to experiment cross-curricular paths linking together traditionally unrelated disciplines.

These four main paths are:

- Institutions and Public Policy
- International Studies
- Public Opinion, Political Communication and Political Behaviour
- Political Theory

Sociology and Methodology of Social Research

The aim of the programme is to provide structured training in theoretically-guided empirical research across a wide range of sociological fields and to introduce students to current international debates in both qualitative and quantitative social research. Graduates from the programme will be able to compete successfully for positions as researchers (in public and private universities and research centres), skilled professionals and consultants in sociology to public agencies and international organizations and institutions in Italy and elsewhere in Europe.

Research areas covered by the Ph.D. Programme now include:

- Cultural Processes.
- Media and the Public Sphere.
- Methodology of Social Research
- Social Change and Inequalities
- Urban Spaces

All courses are taught in English for all of the Ph.D. Programmes, while the dissertation might be written in English as well as in Italian, depending on the topic and on the supervisor's judgement.

For more information on the call for application please visit the official webpage at:

http://www.graduateschool.unimi.it/call_2014_2015.html