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ISE Petition on EU Research Budget

<http://www.no-cuts-on-research.eu/>

The ESA President Pekka Sulkunen encourages you to sign the Petition to secure the EU Research Budget.

This is important because some Member States are demanding cuts to be discussed in the 22 November EU Council meeting.

The Petition can be signed at <http://www.no-cuts-on-research.eu/>

CONFERENCES/CALLS FOR PAPERS

CALL FOR PAPERS CLOSING 2ND NOVEMBER

CRFR International Conference

Edinburgh 10th - 12th June 2013

We are delighted to announce the Centre for Research on Families and Relationships 4th International Conference will take place in Edinburgh from Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th June 2013

<http://www.cfr.ac.uk/events/cfrinternational/index.html>

Researching Families and Relationships: innovations in methods, theory and policy relevance 10th - 12th June 2013 John McIntyre Conference Centre, University of Edinburgh Full Registration Fee @ £325.00

The 4th international conference, hosted by CRFR, will explore ways in which research on and with children, families and relationships have been developed in new and innovative ways in recent years.

The call for abstracts is now open and closes on 2nd November 2012.

Abstracts are invited which address the conference themes. Abstracts will be considered for either an oral or poster presentation

. Theoretical, substantive and ethical challenges in children, families and relationships research . The impact of the digital age and access to resources across the world . The development of participatory, sensory and visual methods . Learning from the challenges of time and the life course . Innovations in understanding transnational families and relationships and addressing minority/majority worlds . Addressing issues of inequality . The role of families and relationships in big 'global' issues

<http://www.cfr.ac.uk/events/cfrinternational/abstracts.html>

The venue will be John McIntyre Conference Centre, which is an ideal conference venue, set in the heart of the beautiful city of Edinburgh, with accommodation on-site or within walking distance.

MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 4, 2012

(Please, contact directly Ian Bruff at ianbruff@gmail.com)

One International Relations or Many?

Multiple Worlds, Multiple Crises

8th Pan-European Conference on International Relations

Wednesday 18 – Saturday 21 September 2013, Warsaw, Poland

Organised by

the Standing Group on International Relations
in cooperation with
the Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw
and the
Polish Association for International Studies

'The world in crisis' is a phrase that we often hear, especially in recent years – be it the eurozone crisis, the global economic crisis after the collapse of Lehman Brothers, the crisis of legitimacy for a number of states in North Africa and the Middle East, the crisis of US hegemony, climate change and (un)sustainable development, and so on. Curiously, this has led to remarkably little self-reflection among International Relations communities, especially with regard to two key aspects of the phrase: (1) whose 'world' is it that is in crisis, and (2) what is labelled as a 'crisis' and what is not.

This forces us to ask why and how this might be the case; in particular, this Call for Papers calls attention to the ways in which contemporary 'real-world' crises are frequently viewed as indicative of crises of the paradigms and frameworks promoted by others and not ourselves. As such, this conference asks whether IR is able to respond effectively to the challenges posed to its assumptions and frameworks as such. That is, if international relations is characterised by multiple worlds and multiple crises then what does this say about the discipline of International Relations?

We are particularly interested in the plurality of perspectives that exist within (and can be brought into) IR in order to highlight how these different perspectives allow us to see four things: (1) our view of IR as a discipline; (2) our conception of 'the world(s)' that we live in and study; (3) our view of what is important and/or appropriate for IR to study in the world(s) that we live in; (4) our assessment of crises and their significance, which extends to whether we view them as crises or not in the first place (and thus the question 'crises for whom?'). In other words, are there many rather than one International Relations and does this mean that there are multiple worlds and crises which IR scholars could study? And why and how does this matter?

While participants are especially invited to respond to the conference theme, proposals on all aspects of International Relations will be considered (please see below). A Call for Panel and Paper proposals will be issued later this year.

Call for Section Chairs

The academic programme for the conference will be organised in the usual SGIR format of sections composed of panels. The conference can host up to 30 parallel sections. A section may consist of

either five or ten 105-minute panel sessions during the programme. Each 105-minute panel should comprise four to five papers plus discussant and chair.

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 new-coming scholars, and postgraduate students;
- composing the rest of the section's program, 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. This final task includes the selection of best paper by a research student in their section.

Proposals for sections should include:

- 1). Name, institutional affiliation and email address of the proposed section chair(s).
- 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 (panels do not need to be complete, and nor do we require a full list of panels, but a minimum of two papers per panel is desirable). This could, if you so wish, include roundtables (in which case please indicate at least two members of the roundtable line-up).

Proposals should be submitted to europeanisa@gmail.com.

As noted above, participants are especially invited to respond to the conference theme, but we welcome proposals on all aspects of scholarship interested in the study of international relations. For example (this list is not exhaustive):

Area Studies
Conflict Management
Defence
Democracy
Development
Diplomacy
Environment
Ethics
Ethnicity and Nationalism
Foreign Policy Analysis
Gender Studies
Global Governance
History & IR
Human Rights
Intelligence Studies
International Communications
International Law
International Organisations
International Political Economy
International Political Sociology
International Political Theory
International Relations Theory
Knowledge
Migration

Peace Research
Security Studies

The closing date for section proposals is midnight on November 4, 2012

Pinar Bilgin (Bilkent) and Ian Bruff (Loughborough)

Programme Chairs

Call for presentations and abstract submissions

General Online Research conference (GOR 13)

4-6 March, 2013, Mannheim, Germany

Conference language is English.

Deadline for abstract submissions: 15 November 2012 (papers for Tracks 1-3, Best Practice Award) and 24 January 2013 (posters)

Submissions at <http://conftool.gor.de/conftool13/>

Further information at <http://www.gor.de>

Long version of the call: http://www.gor.de/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Call-GOR-13_English.pdf

Topics: Social Media Research, Market Research, Survey Research and Methodology.

The German Society for Online Research (DGOF) invites participation in its annual conference. This year's conference especially encourages submissions in:

- Online survey research methodology
- Applied market research
- Social Media Research, Social Networks and Civil Society

The program committee invites presenters from academia, the private sector, official statistics and the government.

The quality is maintained by a double blind peer reviewing system.

We look forward to receiving your abstract submission.

You can find the complete call for papers and further information at <http://www.gor.de>.

Dr. Lars Kaczmirek
on behalf of the GOR13 program committee

CALL FOR PAPERS

THE 6th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SYSTEM INTERACTION HSI 2013

Gdansk, Sopot, Poland, 6-8 June 2013

Conference website: <http://hsi.wsiz.rzeszow.pl>

Organized by the University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszow and the Gdansk University of Technology, Poland.

(June 05, 2013)

Pre-conference Workshop for Young Scientists:

Interface designing and construction aiming at users of different age, education and perceptive ability

(June 06-08, 2013)

Conference Regular Tracks

1. Artificial intelligence:

Decision support systems, Computational intelligence, Soft computing, Evolutionary computations, Web intelligence and mobile agent, Decision making, Machine & robot learning, Merging of mind and machine, Robot intelligence, Intelligent control, Intelligent multimodal sensor systems and haptics of future, Autonomous and multi-agent systems, Imprecise, uncertain and incomplete data models and knowledge.

2. Human machine interaction:

Advanced computer graphics, Cognitive modelling, Digital human modelling, Multi-modal communication, Natural language interactions, Affective computing, Intelligent human-robot interaction, Advanced interfaces for mobile devices, Advanced home, Automation systems.

3. Education and training:

Data modelling and simulation for education and training, Multimodal communication, Natural language interactions, Virtual reality, Affective computing in education, Entertainment and gaming, Information and knowledge visualization.

4. Telemedicine and e-health:

Diagnostic systems for medicine, Wireless sensor networks for telemedicine and human tracking, Wearable assests for telemedicine, Disease management, Home telemetry and remote care, Rural health, Nursing home, Assisted living facilities.

5. Cyber security in HSI:

General security systems for disabled persons, Security standards, Attacks and threats, Application security, Human factors in cyber security.

6. Sociological and psychological aspects of HSI:

General aspects in different domain: Distance learning, System security, Social networks, Decision support systems, Natural communication systems, Ethical aspects of IT, and so on.

Conference Special Sessions

1. Intelligent user interfaces

2. Electronic systems aiding the blind in mobility and travel

IMPORTANT DATES

Special session proposal deadline December 1, 2012 Full paper submission January 15, 2013

Notification of acceptance March 28, 2013 Final paper submission April 30, 2013 Registration and fee due April 30, 2013

Conference: June 06-08, 2013

CONFERENCE & POST CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS All papers presented during the conference will be published in IEEE Xplore. Moreover, the Authors of selected papers will be asked to prepare extended versions of them and they will be published, according to their contents, in the following journals available on JCR list:

- Biocybernetics and Biomedical Engineering,
- Metrology and Measurement Systems,

after undergoing usual reviewing procedures. Traditionally, a publication of selected papers in the form of sections in the book series "Advances in Intelligent and Soft Computing" published by Springer is planned.

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The Organizers invite you to visit the Conference website and submit a paper to the HSI 2013 Conference.

With kind regards,

General Co-Chair:

Jerzy Wtorek

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CALL FOR PAPERS of the First International Interdisciplinary Conference on Research on Work

WORK–Continuities and Disruptions in Modern Life

We warmly invite research papers and presentations on the many aspects of work, working life and work systems. The aim of the conference is to bring together researchers with different disciplinary backgrounds interested in any aspect of work and working life.

Date: 21-23 August 2013

Venue: University of Turku, Turku School of Economics, Finland

Abstract submissions by: 15 January 2013

Topics of interest:

CONTINUITIES AND DISRUPTIONS OF WORK
ORGANISING WORK, WORKING ORGANIZATIONS
WORK AND FAMILY
WORK AND CAREERS
SHADOW WORK, SHADOW LABOUR MARKETS
MIGRATION AND WORK
PUBLIC SECTOR WORK AND WELFARE SOCIETY
DECENCY AT WORK, WELLBEING AT WORK
CHANGING EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS
GENDERING WORK, GENDERED WORK

THE PLACE OF THEORY IN WORKING LIFE RESEARCH
HEALTH AND WORK, WELLBEING AT WORK
LEGAL ASPECTS OF WORK
EDUCATION AND WORK
HISTORY OF WORKING LIFE
LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION
OPEN STREAMS

Paper proposals in the form of extended abstract are invited for submission through the conference website by 15 January 2013. An extended abstract (max. 450 words) addresses the research problem(s), key theoretical literature, the methodology used, key results/findings of research and main conclusions. The abstracts will be subject to blind review.

Accepted papers will be presented as either oral presentations or posters and will appear in the conference proceedings. Notification of acceptance will be announced by 31 March 2013. Full papers/presentations are expected by 31 July 2013. Papers should be electronically submitted. Please follow the link on our website.

Further information at <http://work2013.utu.fi/>

On behalf of the organizing committee

Anne Kovalainen
Academy Professor
University of Turku, Finland

**Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association
June 26 – 28, 2013 at the University of Bern**

Inequality and Integration in Times of Crisis

Since Karl Marx first described the enormous social inequalities and their potential for social change at the beginning of industrialization in the 19th century, the origins, extent, and consequences of social inequality, as well the level of inequality which a society is willing to tolerate, have been major themes in sociology. Our discipline has taken on the theme of inequality in multiple areas ranging from research on unequal educational and labor market opportunities, unequal income distributions, gender and health inequality, and inequality in life expectancy, to mention only a few. There are innumerable national and international conferences devoted to these themes.

Do we need yet another one? Is inequality still a problem in our society?

The answer to this question is undoubtedly yes. In particular, the economic crisis at the start of the 21st century underlines the fact that the theme of inequality has not lost its relevance. Above all, the European debt crisis inclines us to suspect that social inequality is growing. In comparison with economic boom times, almost all the European countries feel the pressure of stabilizing their economies and cutting back on public expenditures. This will also impact redistributive policies to reduce inequality and bring about new challenges for integration policies addressing the emerging disparities. At the same time as inequalities within European societies are exacerbated, disparities between states are also rising, which will likely have adverse effects on European unification, not to mention creating new challenges for Switzerland as well.

The European debt crisis came at a point in time when global environmental and demographic problems worsened simultaneously – the aging of industrialized countries and population explosion in developing countries. The inequality effects of climate change and the unequal distribution of

population growth will lead to an increase in migration and elevate the immigration pressure on the European Union and Switzerland. For this reason, Switzerland, as well as the other European countries, grapple with questions of managing migration and integration.

Inequalities – as problematic they may be – are also in some sense an opportunity. They increase the diversity of society and can bring about new ideas, innovation, and growth. Our desire and ability for social integration depends, above all, on the ultimate balance between these advantages and disadvantages. Within the framework of the various foci of the research committees, the conference will concentrate on the opportunities as well as the risks associated with these social changes.

Call for Organizers

If you would like to organize a plenary session, please submit the title of the plenary as well as the designated contributions (including titles, abstracts, and the names of the contributors) to the organizing committee by January 15, 2013 (by e-mail to sgskongress2013@soz.unibe.ch). A plenary session usually includes three contributions.

If you would like to organize a workshop (parallel session), please submit the theme proposal and call for papers for the workshop to the organizing committee by November 30, 2012 (by e-mail to sgskongress2013@soz.unibe.ch). After the organizing committee accepts the proposal, the call for papers will be published. The organizers of the workshop are responsible for collecting the submissions and selecting the contributions to be included in the workshop. The final program of the workshop (including titles, abstracts, and the names of the contributors) has to be submitted to the organizing committee by March 15, 2013 (by e-mail to sgskongress2013@soz.unibe.ch).

Information

Further information about the conference can be found on our homepage: <http://www.sgskongress2013.unibe.ch/>

1st CALL FOR PAPERS
July 9 - 12, 2013 - Orlando, Florida, USA
The 17th World Multi-Conference, Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics:
WMSCI 2013, www.2013iisconferences.org/wmsci

June 30 - July 6, 2013 - Porto, Portugal
International Conference on Complexity, Cybernetics, and Informing Science and Engineering:
CCISE 2013, www.2013iisconferences.org/ccise

Deadlines for this 1st CFP

- Abstracts/Draft Papers Submissions: November 16th, 2012
- Notification to Authors: December 16th, 2012
- Camera Ready: February 20th, 2013

The following issues apply to both conferences. Differences are included in the respective web sites:

- Submission for face-to-face and virtual presentation (via asynchronous communication) are accepted.

- Technical keynote speakers will be selected from early submissions because this selection requires an additional evaluation according to the quality of the paper, assessed by its reviewers, the authors' CV and the paper's topic.

- Submitted papers/abstracts will go through at least two reviewing processes: (1) double-blind (at least three reviewers), (2) non-blind, and/or (3) participative peer reviews.

- Authors of accepted papers who registered in the conference can have access to the evaluations and possible feedback provided by the reviewers who recommended the acceptance of their papers/abstracts, so they can accordingly improve the final version of their papers. Non-registered authors will not have access to the reviews of their respective submissions.

- Authors of the best 10%-20% of the papers presented at the conference (included those virtually presented) will be invited to adapt their papers for their publication in the Journal of Systemics, Cybernetics and Informatics.

Best regards,

WMSCI 2013 and CCISE 2013 Organizing Committees

Call for Papers
MILITARY ACADEMY OF LAND FORCES
Security Sciences Faculty
Sociology Department

WROCLAW UNIVERSITY
Sociology Institute
Department of sociology of disposable groups

UNIVERSITY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
AND MANAGEMENT IN RZESZOW
Centre for Terrorism Studies

Invite for the 2nd International Scientific Conference

Society and WAR
Paradox of war in the modern world order

Held on 5-6 December 2012

Venue: Wroclaw, „ORBITA” hotel, Wejherowska street 34

AIM

The aim of the conference is to analyze causes and outcomes of the conflicts and wars, which have been conducted after 1945 and occurred until now.

The organizers would like to emphasize the problems related to the sources and results of contemporary wars and conflicts.

The focus will be made on many factors just to mention some of them: social and ethnic consequences of the conflicts, especially genocide; neocolonialism and modern art of slavery; conflicts between cultures; wars for natural resources, “demographics bombs”; new social order as well as visions of the future development of Europe. During the conference the results of scientific findings both empirical and theoretical will be presented in view of sources, scale and effects of modern armed conflicts.

The main idea of the conference is analyzing of phenomena and paradox of the present days regarding to discord between international and national interests, which seems to be main reason of the current conflicts. **The main research problem of the conference is to find an answer to the question about causes of the conflicts and wars as well as antagonisms between nations and states. The problem is discuss in literature, media and in speeches of politicians who spread watchwords about peace, tolerance and global negotiations of an evil. It generates the subtitle of the conference “paradox of a war in the modern world order” which is support by scientific data coming from about 200 wars and conflicts in different scales from 1945-1950 conducted by 60 UN countries. Mentioned above data show necessity of analyzing state of affairs.**

In order to answer the research problem, the organizers proposed to discuss about:

1. *Classical and neoclassical view on polemology and irenology.*

2. *“Cold War” or “Hot peace”?*
3. *Civil wars and local conflicts – causes and social effects.*
4. *Economic war – reconstruction of the classical approach.*
5. *Genocide in 20 century thanatos of present.*
6. *Peacekeeping missions and stabilization operations – peace creation or neocolonialism?*
7. *Fall of regimes and new world vision.*
8. *War against terrorism – new faces of the asymmetric warfare.*
9. *Civilisation war.*

organisational arrangement(s)

Participants are requested to e-mail an application form, a full-length paper and an abstract (in English or Polish) as well as conference presentation to the following addresses: mbodziany@interia.pl or msmolarek@go2.pl

Authors of the accepted scientific papers are responsible for their presentations at the conference. The time allotted for one speech is 15 minutes, including time for discussion and in a case of scientific/research announcements (information) max. 10 minutes.

Volume of the scientific papers max. 22 sheets

Language: The official language of the conference is Polish and English. No simultaneous translations will be provided.

Conference proceedings will be published as a scientific monograph.

The Organizing Committee kindly request to send application forms by 30 **November 2012**. In order to facilitate the process of editing, full-length manuscripts should be prepared in MS Word text editor and send to the Organizer's address by **30 November 2012** (or submit them upon arrival at the conference after previous registration). The Organizing Committee accepts articles that relate to the subject areas of the conference and have not been published yet. **The authors will not be remunerated for the papers and announcements delivered at the conference.** All conference participants will be provided with the conference proceedings (price is included in the conference fee).

The detailed programme of the conference will be delivered by 15 November 2012. Furthermore the programme will be available at the MALF web page www.wso.wroc.pl

Conference fee is 500 PLN (ca. 125 €) and included participation in the conference, printed conference proceedings, refreshments during sessions breaks and a participation in the official conference reception accompanied by a music band at 5. December 2012.

Organizers can provide accommodation (extra charged) in ORBITA hotel, breakfast included (see application form). However the participants can book an accommodation in variety of Wrocław hotels (eg. The nearest location Dom Turystyczny SOLO ul. Kwiska 1/3, tel. 071 351 70 11). Nonetheless the organizers do not provide transportation for participants. Details on request.

13th ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect,

Description:

http://www.ispcan.org/resource/resmgr/dublin_2013/many_wishes_pic_for_ispcan.jpg

Dublin, Ireland

15th-18th September 2013

<http://www.ispcan.org/event/Dublin2013>

Dear Colleague

Fáilte! [welcome] It is our great pleasure to invite you to Dublin for the 13th ISPCAN European Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect. We look forward to welcoming you to Dublin where we can assure you of both a full and exciting scientific programme and a venue that is rich in history, culture and heritage. Delegates will have opportunities to discuss the current state of research and interventions on CAN in Europe and internationally, discuss new challenges and emerging topics and help shape national and international responses.

The organising committee is made up of clinicians, practitioners and academics drawn from across the island of Ireland and Europe. Dublin last hosted an ISPCAN event (the 11th International Congress) in 1996 and we look forward to this return visit.

Our conference theme is "Protecting Children in a Changing World" and includes the following sub-themes:

- Prevention of child abuse and neglect through early and sustained involvement
- Interventions and programmes for children and families experiencing adversity
- Addressing children's rights and participation
- Reforms in child protection and welfare policy
- Children in out of home care
- Building the evidence base
- Contemporary issues

Dublin is a vibrant and modern capital city with a unique literary, cultural and historical legacy. The city is compact and easy to explore for visitors and is also close to stunning natural scenery and historic sites in nearby counties. Dublin is well served by direct flights from dozens of European cities. Further details on the call for abstracts and the scientific and social programmes will appear at: <http://www.ispcan.org/event/Dublin2013>.

The official language of the conference will be English, but French and Spanish language abstracts are welcome and we plan to have French and Spanish speaking sessions at the conference – details are on the Abstract Submission pages.

Se puede enviar los abstracts en castellano ya que se ha programado tener sesiones en castellano en la conferencia. Podrá encontrar más detalles en las páginas para Enviar Abstracts.

Les abstracts en langue française sont bienvenus et nous prévoyons une session en langue française durant le congrès. Pour plus de détails, veuillez consulter les pages pour la soumission des abstracts.

We look forward to welcoming you to Dublin in September 2013.

Kind regards,

Dr. Kevin Lalor
Head of School of Social Sciences and Law
Dublin Institute of Technology

Dr. Victoria Lidchi

IMPALLA-ESPANET International Conference

Building blocks for an inclusive society: empirical evidence from social policy research

LUXEMBOURG, April 18 & 19, 2013

Conference Description

The joint IMPALLA-ESPANET* conference on 'Building blocks for an inclusive society: empirical evidence from social policy research' will take place on April 18-20, 2013 in Luxembourg.

Organizers

CEPS/INSTEAD (<http://www.ceps.lu>), the Social Science Research Centre in Luxembourg is organising this Conference in the framework of the **International Master of Science in Social Policy Analysis** (IMPALLA) (<http://kuleuven.be/impalla>): an advanced Master programme in Social Policy that is run by CEPS/INSTEAD – Luxembourg, the University of Leuven – Belgium and associated institutes (Tilburg University – the Netherlands, University of Nancy 2 – France and the University of Luxembourg). IMPALLA is running since 2002 and the majority of its graduates is employed by universities and institutions that are involved in research in many fields of social sciences.

The **Network for European Social Policy Analysis** (ESPANET) (<http://www.espanet.org>) is an association of academics involved or interested in the analysis of social policy in European societies, the social policy of the European Union and of other cross-national bodies. ESPANET has a long experience in organizing conferences, seminars and workshops in social policy in Europe.

Content

The legitimacy of welfare states is based on the willingness to provide the tools for achieving an inclusive society. This implies that life chances are partly detached, or decommodified from social and economic origins and circumstances. The core of an inclusive society is to create equal opportunities and equal access to services and infrastructure for specific groups such as unemployed and disadvantaged people, disabled people, children and adolescents, older people and pensioners, ethnic communities, etc.

The joint IMPALLA-ESPANET conference seeks to tackle the following questions:

- What are the essential building stones for welfare states to accomplish an inclusive society?
- How to avoid marginalization: activation versus means-tested?
- Which policies respond to the flexibility required on the labor market?
- How can welfare states reach participation into society in social, political and economic spheres while respecting diversity?
- How to empower the disadvantaged?
- How could education and family capital underpin an inclusive society?
- Given today's demographic, economic and political pressures as well as financial constraints, welfare state reforms are on the political agenda, not only in Europe. From which European and global best practices can social policy-makers learn? How to coordinate action at local, Member State and the EU level?

Our objective is to encourage an interdisciplinary dialogue between academic researchers and policy analysts. The organizers welcome abstracts for empirical papers and panels around the themes mentioned.

The conference committee encourages IMPALLA Alumni who have finished their PhD or are doing a PhD to submit a paper. There will be an alumni gathering with some Alumni social activities.

Potential paper topics may include but are not limited to:

- Exclusion in education and the labor market
- Income distribution, poverty and financial inequality
- Living conditions
- Health and wellbeing
- Family formation and child care
- The family as social, cultural, and economic capital, and educational attainment
- Social protection and old-age pensions
- Social integration and networks
- Political and cultural participation
- Attitudes towards the welfare state and social cohesion
- Gender equality/ empowerment of women
- Combating social exclusion: intervention programs, implementation and evaluation

In this framework, the conference will be organized in the following sessions:

- Intergenerational redistribution
- Education and human capital
- Social exclusion and solidarity
- Labour market
- EU policies and politics

Relevance for Luxembourg

The conference aims at stimulating further research on social policy issues in Luxembourg. This is particularly important in the context of the current political debate in our country that involves reforms of several intergenerational income redistribution schemes such as the pension scheme and family allowances.

For a number of years, a reform of the educational system of Luxembourg is also in preparation. The implications of the education reform are far reaching, because school is at the core of the integration of immigrants, creating human and social capital that contribute to preventing labor market and social exclusion. In addition, family social, cultural and economical capitals are very important for student success in a diverse society, which implies that a share in research and practice on how such capitals could be efficiently used is very beneficial for Luxembourg and Luxembourgish researchers and practitioners.

The increasing incidence of unemployment in the past few years has prompted political decision-makers to create a number of measures to help job-seekers find employment, and research on how efficient such public measures are called for.

The conference aims also at deriving useful results concerning the social policy of the G.D. of Luxembourg. The comparison of several European and non-European welfare states will provide important insights into the policy measures that are relevant in the Luxembourgish context.

Presentations of recent results concerning research and practice in other countries will undoubtedly lead to an exchange of best practices, of data and methods, in the area of social policy.

Moreover, the Conference will strengthen the research network and attract senior and young researchers to Luxembourg. This will increase the visibility of Luxembourg as a research country,

considering the large international networks of the organizers, namely the IMPALLA program and ESPANET.

Conference Website:

<http://www.ceps.lu/impalla-espanet-conference2013>

The organizing committee can be contacted via email at: impalla2013@ceps.lu

2012 World Congress international Conference Invitation

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to invite you to participate at the 2012 World Congress on Human Trafficking, Prostitution and Sex Work. The Conference will be held at the California University of Pennsylvania Steele Hall, 250 University Ave., California, PA 15419 from November 18st - 23th 2012 and from 26th to 1st December 2012 at the BCEAO Salle de Conf & Multimedia in Senegal.

The Human Trafficking, Prostitution and Sex Work conference is been organized by the Global Women's Aid Organization (GWAO) and sponsored by (The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, The William J. Clinton Foundation and other benevolent donors worldwide

The aims of the conference are to bring together researchers and practitioners in an effort to lay the groundwork for future collaborative research, advocacy, and program development as well as to educate social service, health care, and criminal justice professionals on human trafficking and the needs and risks of those victimized by the commercial sex industry.

For more information contact the WCHTPSW conference organizing committee via email: secretworldconf@myinet.com or phone +1-206-339-3727. We will return your call within 24 hours.

Sincerely,
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Call for Contributions

SOCIOLOGÍA HISTÓRICA (<http://revistas.um.es/sh/index>)
(Journal of Historical Sociology of the University of Murcia, Spain)
2013 Special issue

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF "THE FORMATION OF THE WORKING CLASS IN ENGLAND" E.P. THOMPSON

Taking the opportunity of the 50th anniversary of the publication of "The formation of the Working Class in England" of E. P. Thompson, this journal will devote a special issue in 2013 to explore various aspects of the whole work of Thompson.

In the current economic and political context, new social actors, practices and discourses are emerging and are significantly changing class structure of society. We believe that the theoretical and analytical legacy of Thompson offers a number of tools to capture the complexity and the historical nature of these processes.

We invite you to send us theoretical and empirical proposals incorporating a historical view of any of the cultural, political and economic processes involved in the formation of classes of societies as well as proposals that investigate the reception of the work of Thompson in the field of historiography and of social sciences, and the context intellectual, political, economic and cultural context in which he worked.

Proposals should be no longer than 400-500 words and should be sent to rsh@um.es . The deadline is November 30, 2012. The editorial board will select and communicate proposals on December 30, 2012.

Manuscripts should be submitted before April 30, 2013 and appear published on October 30, 2013.

OPPORTUNITIES

**11th EUROMED MEETING
“WOMEN’S RIGHTS AND THE ARAB SPRINGS”
APPLY FOR ONE OF THE 50 SCHOLARSHIPS AT THE WINTER SCHOOL OF ROSSANO
(IONIAN CALABRIA – ITALY, NOVEMBER 21ST-25TH)**

ROSSANO (Ionian Calabria, Italy), October, 19, 2012 – 11th EUROMED MEETING: it is online the public announcement to apply for the 2012 special edition of the School in Management of Identity and Sustainable Development. The Meeting is scheduled November, 21st-25th and will be hosted in ROSSANO, the most important City of Northern Ionian Calabria. As in previous editions, 50 scholarships will be granted. FRIDAY 9TH OF NOVEMBER IS THE DEADLINE TO APPLY. Women’s Rights and the Arab Spring the main topic of the 2012 Euromed Meeting.

The Euromed Meeting 2012 is organised by OTTO TORRI sullo JONIO European Association in partnership with CIME-Italian Council of the European Movement, chaired by prof. Piervirgilio DASTOLI, former Director of the European Delegation in Rome and MEP Assistant of Altiero SPINELLI, one of the “founding fathers” of the EU.

The Winter School, **coordinated by prof. Dastoli**, will be hosted in Rossano Historical Centre from **NOVEMBER 21st to 25th** and is **sponsored by the Public Administration of Rossano.**

The School will be focused on “Arab Spring” Movements and the role of Women’s Rights in the transition towards democracy in North Africa and Middle East Countries. Promoting respect for gender diversity and equal opportunities is one of the most relevant issues of the new-coming Governments in those Countries where religion still have a dominant role in public life. These will be the main topics experts and scholars are invited to discuss.

FRIDAY 9th of NOVEMBER is the deadline to apply.

WHO CAN APPLY? **Students and professionals under 35.**

You can download the APPLICATION FORM at www.8tj.eu, fulfil and sent it accompanied by:

- CV or CURRICULUM STUDIORUM
- Copy of the Passport or ID Card
- Letter of references
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Any other information is available at www.8tj.eu or at Euromed Meeting Facebook pages.