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ESA 2015 Elections

Election of the ESA President and Executive Committee Members,

17-27 August 2015

Information about voting:

The Nomination committee of ESA has had wide consultations and asked for proposals for candidates from ESA members, from ESA RNs, and from the National Sociological Associations in Europe. Based on these consultations a slate of 26 candidates (11 men and 15 women) for the Executive Committee has been made, taking into account country representation and field of research. Due to the withdrawal in July of two candidates for Presidency, the nominations committee had to reopen the call for nominations from 15 July to 15 August.

All members of ESA in good standing (who have paid their membership fees by the time of the 12th ESA Conference in Prague, August 25-28, 2015) will vote for president of ESA and for members of the ESA Executive Committee for the next two years period.

Members may vote before the Conference or during the Conference (at the ESA voting desk near the registration on the first floor of the Faculty of Architecture – see the map below) by using the online voting system for 1 (one) candidate for the President and a maximum of 10 (ten) candidates for the Executive Committee. Members may also express their candidate preference by writing in the name (or names) of other ESA members in the list of candidates.

When the election starts, each voter will be emailed a message with a unique voting key. People who become ESA members after the beginning of the elections or during the conference in Prague will also be emailed a message with a unique voting key.

The voting starts on Monday, August 17, 2015 and ends on Thursday, August 27, 2015, at 12 o'clock (noon) at the 12th Conference of ESA to be held in Prague, Czech Republic.
An ESA voting desk will be open during the Prague conference (at the ESA voting desk near the registration on the first floor of the Faculty of Architecture - see the map below) from Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at 9:30AM to Thursday, August 27, 2015, at 12 o'clock (noon).

The list of candidates is available on the ESA website:
http://www.europeansociology.org/esa-2015-elections.html

In case you have not received the e-mail with your unique voting key, please get in touch with the ESA secretariat: esa@europeansociology.org
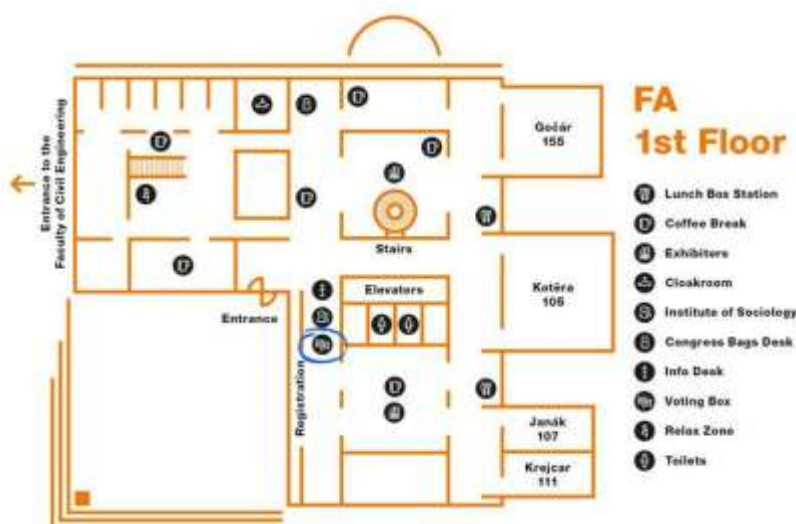
Proposed Changes in ESA Statutes

Approved during the General Assembly in Geneva (2011)

Dear ESA members,

As you know, during the course of 2015 there has been considerable email correspondence between the members of the various Research Networks and Ruth McDonald, Chair of the RNs Council and member of the Executive Committe, regarding changes in the statutes proposed by the previous Executive Committee, and not approved at the General Assembly in Turin in 2013. Ruth has communicated all the points of view, comments and proposals she has received to the Executive Committee. Other ESA members have written to the President directly or communicated their ideas to the Executive Committee.

The proposal enclosed is the result of this intense consultation. The changes proposed to the current statutes, approved in Geneva in 2011, are highlighted in green (changes in wording which do not alter the contents of the articles have not been highlighted).

Ethical Guidelines -proposed by the current Executive Committee - have also been added (see Annexe).

We would therefore like to invite all ESA members to comment on the proposed changes so that we can approve a shared version during the General Assembly in Prague. Please access our website (http://www.europeansociology.org/statutes.html) to see Statutes currently in force and to read the proposed changes and Ethical Guidelines

Kindly send your remarks to the ESA office (esa@europeansociology.org) and to Carmen Leccardi (carmen.leccardi@unimib.it).

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Best regards,

Carmen Leccardi on behalf of the Executive Committee

August 7th, 2015

STATUTES CURRENTLY IN FORCE:

Click here to read the proposed changes in the ESA Statutes
Click here to read the proposal for Ethical Guidelines

Call for Papers

**Research Committee 25 Language & Society
International Sociological Association**

**III Forum of Sociology
10-14 July 2016, Vienna, Austria**

The next 3rd ISA Forum of Sociology is taking place 10-14 July 2014 in Vienna, Austria. In keeping with the ISA conference theme, "The Futures We Want: Global Sociology and the Struggles for a Better World", the RC 25 theme for the III ISA Forum of Sociology 2016 is "Language and Representation: Struggles in the Global Age".

An overview of all RC25 sessions can be found here: http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/rc/rc.php?n=RC25

Abstract submission:
To take part on the conference you must submit you abstract (300 words) through the ISA Online system: https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2016/cfp.cgi

Deadline for abstracts submission: **30 September 2015**

Acceptance, registration, membership and grants:
Acceptance notification letters will be sent to authors by **30 November, 2015**.
Authors of accepted abstracts must be registered and be ISA/RC25 members (regular sessions) before **6 April, 2016**.
**A limited number of ISA registration grants will be available after abstracts acceptance. See:
http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/deadlines-and-rules-for-presenters.htm**

PROGRAM SESSIONS

Academic discourse. Organizer: Maria Guadalupe González, Universidad Pedagógica, México

Classifications of Otherness. Organizers: Stephanie Cassilde, Centre d'Etudes en Habitat Durable, Belgium. & Trinidad Valle, Fordham University, United States of America,

Discourse in Practice: Microsociology of Social Exclusion and Control. Organizer: Frida Petersson, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Discourses on Risk. Organizers: Emmanuel Henrique Souza Rodrigues. Universidade de Brasília & Viviane de Melo Resende, Universidade de Brasília

Ethnic Minority Mobilization: Intersections of Distribution and Recognition. Organizers: Maria Martinez-Iglesias, Universitat Rovira I Virgili, Spain & Nadezhda Georgieva-Stankova. Trakia University, Bulgaria.

Identity, Agency and Representation. Organizers: Attila Krizsán, University of Turku, Finland & Lotta Lehti, University of Turku, Finland.

Language Diversity and Social Cohesion. Organizer: Cecilio Lapresta, University of Lleida, Spain.

Neutrality in Language Policy. Organizer: Mark Fifer Seilhamer, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Sociological Studies of Language: Theory & Method. Organizers: Celine-Marie Pascale, American University, United States of America & Amado Alarcón, Universitat Rovira I Virgili, Spain

Virtual Workplace Talk. Organizer: Johanna Woydack, Wirtschafts Universität Wienn - Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

Language and Childhood Socialization. Joint Session with RC53 [Sociology of Childhood] and RC25. Organizers: Federico Farini, Middlexex University, United Kingdom (underline deleted). & Claudio Baraldi, Università degli Studi di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Italy, claudio.baraldi@unimore.it

Language on Health and Disease. Joint Session with RC15 [Sociology of Health] and RC25. Organizers: Keiji Fujiyoshi, Otemon Gakuin University, Japan & Miwako Hosoda, Seisa University, Japan

Re-Imagining Gendered & Raced Representations in the Public Sphere. Joint Session with RC 32 [Women in Society] [Host Committee]. Oganizers: Roberta Villalón, St. Johns University, United States & Natalie Byfield, St. Johns University, United States

Innovation in Discourse: Promotion, Defensiveness, Reflexivity and Hidden Fears. Joint session with RC30 [Sociology of Work] [Host committee] and RC25.
Organizers: Peter Oeij, TNO, School of Management, Open University of the Netherlands & Stéphanie Cassilde, Centre d'Etudes en Habitat Durable, Belgium

The Use of Language and Silences in Coping with Everyday Nationalism, Racism and Sexism. Joint session with RC05 [Racism, Nationalism and Ethnic Relations] [Host Committee] and RC25.
Organizers: Helma Lutz, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany & Stéphanie Cassilde, Centre d'Etudes en Habitat Durable, Belgium

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Call for Papers

**3rd International conference of the
Group for Social Engagement Studies
Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade**

**How to Act Together: From Collective Engagement to Protest
Belgrade, Serbia, 19-21 November 2015**

Description

The conference will explore the broad issue of action – in its various sociological and philosophical traditions – and the particular question of collective engagement in its contemporary forms of protest assemblies.

The question of action and human agency has been extensively debated in social theories of the 20th century. The pendulum moved many times from perspectives emphasizing social and economic determinants to those embracing human rationality, self-reflexivity and the ability to actively construct social reality. While some of the pioneer studies of action focused predominantly on micro-contexts and behavior of actors in concrete situations, the crucial question that social theory is facing today is how to once again shift the analysis from the level of individual action to the macrostructural one, i.e. the level of the 'behaviour of the social systems' – a shift which would escape the simple structural determinism of action and offer at least a horizon of the possible synthesis of the two analytical planes. The issues that interest us most in this respect concern the prospects of articulating social critique and reconceptualizing the 'political' from the perspective of individual and group action. How does one conceptualize adequately the 'everyday' action of individuals? What is the actual potential of concrete and engaged, albeit fragmented actions in bringing about general, systemic social change? Can social theory build on the actors' own accounts of their action as the grounds for the critique of power and domination? Finally, could we say that social theory amounts to no more than a methodologically adequate description of the potential for social critique inherent in everyday social action, or can it be an independent constituent of social engagement that brings about progressive change?

The question of action and agency was given a new impetus with recent waves of popular protests ranging from the so-called Arab spring to Occupy movements to anti-austerity protests. We want to see how these acts of collective engagement could be analyzed and interpreted within different traditions of thinking about action. Reversely, we also want to explore different impacts these new forms of engagement may have on theories of action. In particular, we wish to incite a debate on contemporary collective protests and theory of performativity, as it is advanced in Judith Butler's forthcoming book (Notes Toward a Performative Theory of Assembly), where it is revised to include "concerted actions of the body". What are the ways in which physical bodies can act in politics? How are we (and are we?) transforming and influencing the public and the politics by employing embodied ways of coming together? Finally, is precarity (precarious bodies) becoming a dominant force of protest, as Butler argues, or, on the contrary, is it the very obstacle to systemic change (tantamounting to "reserve army of labour")?

Topics

Please send your paper proposals having in mind the following thematic clusters:
- Theories of action: philosophical, sociological, anthropological traditions
- The ontology of action and the questioned autonomy of actors: methodologies of approaching the action
- Action, social theory and social change: historical and disciplinary perspectives
- Who does the action, who thinks it through? The role of intellectuals, civil society, parties and other actors
- Public space and "public" bodies: thinking about the embodied ways of coming together
- Gendered bodies in public assemblies; gender, precarity and collective action

- Performativity and modern-day protest: changing the paradigm of the politics; from online organization (absent bodies) to conquering of public spaces (assemblies of bodies)
- Politics of resilience vs. politics of resistance – challenging the conditions of precarity
- Radical solidarity: towards the new forms of political action

Organization of the conference

The official language of the conference is **English**.

Presentations should not exceed **20 minutes**.

The Program Committee of the conference will select the presenters based on the submitted abstracts. The book of abstracts will be published by the time of the conference.
Conference **applications** should be sent only via e-mail to the following address: conference@instifdt.bg.ac.rs We kindly ask you to put in your email subject the following title: 'Your name: title of the paper'. The complete application in the .doc, .docx or .pdf format must contain: the title of the presentation, an abstract of up to 200 words and a short biography, in English.
There will be **no registration fees**. Conference organisers will provide lunch and light refreshments during the conference program. Participants are kindly requested to make their own accommodation and travel arrangements.

The conference is organized by the Group for the Study of Social Engagement, part of the Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory in Belgrade, with the support of The Serbian Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Center for Advanced Studies (Rijeka, Croatia), Center for Ethics, Law and Applied Philosophy (Belgrade), The Balkan Trust for Democracy, The Cultural Center of Belgrade, and Faculty of Media and Communication Belgrade (FMK).

Important dates

Application deadline: 15 September 2015
Notification of acceptance: 10 October 2015
Conference dates: 19-21 November 2015

Program Committee

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For more information, please visit the **website** of the Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory: www.instifdt.bg.ac.rs

For information on the time schedule, organization and future events, please follow us on:

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Call for Papers

**2nd GESIS Computational Social Science
Winter Symposium 2015
Understanding Social Systems via Computational Approaches and New Kinds of Data**

**2-3December 2015, Symposium
1 December 2015, Pre-symposium Workshops and Tutorials
Cologne, Germany**

About the Winter Symposium

The CSS Winter Symposium 2015 will be a three-day event consisting of:
- an exciting program featuring a series of invited talks that will provide different perspectives on current advances and limitations of computational social Science
- an open call for contributed presentations and posters that will provide opportunities for computational social scientists to present and discuss their own work.
- the opportunity to participate in workshops and tutorials on the day prior to the symposium
- plenty of possibilities for interdisciplinary networking including an informal evening event at the famous Cologne Christmas markets.

Keynote Speakers

Munmun De Choudhury (Georgia Tech), Noshir Contractor (Northwestern University), Sune Lehmann (Technical University of Denmark), Jürgen Pfeffer (Carnegie Mellon University), Ralph Schroeder (University of Oxford)

Important Dates

Poster + presentation submissions:	September 28, 2015
Poster + presentation notification:	October 19, 2015
(Workshop/Tutorial submissions:)	(September 01, 2015)
Registration deadline:	November 19, 2015
Pre-symposium workshops and tutorials:	December 1, 2015
Main symposium dates:	December 2-3, 2015

Poster + Presentation Submissions

We invite submissions that describe research results or tools and methods for computational social science.

Exemplary topics for submissions include but are not limited to:
- Theories and models explaining the dynamics in social systems, networks, communities and teams
- Studies of political discourse and spread of opinions, attitudes and information on the web
- Studies of cultures and conflicts, segregation, discrimination, prejudice via new kinds of data
- Social-/Computational aspects of health, life style, sports and diet
- Social-/Computational aspects of human movement, mobility and urban planning
- Mixed methods and techniques (e.g. obtrusive/unobtrusive methods)
- Methods to deal with biased, selective and incomplete observational data on the Web
- Tools that detect and prevent mobbing or depressive behavior online
- Tools that support social scientists to capture, store and analyze social data on the Web
- Methods for the design and execution of online experiments for the social sciences

Other related topics are explicitly welcome.

Each accepted submission will be given a brief plenary time slot for presentation (e.g. during Pecha Kucha or short presentation sessions) as well as a poster stand during the joint poster session of the event.
The event will be non-archival (i.e. no proceedings).

Submissions should be 1-2 page abstracts (up to approx. 1000 words) summarizing the work to be presented. We encourage researchers to also submit mature work that has already been published and/or submit work-in-progress.
Submissions will mostly be evaluated based on relevance and the potential to stimulate interesting discussions.

Authors are kindly requested to submit a PDF file via the easychair submission system for the event:
https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=cssws15

The full call for posters+presentations can also be found at: http://www.gesis.org/css-wintersymposium/home/call-for-papers-and-posters/

Organization and Venue

The CSS Winter Symposium will take place at the heart of Cologne, at Maternushaus within walking distance of the central train station and the Cologne cathedral.

We aim to keep registration costs very low or - if possible - free. More information will be made available soon.

Paper/poster submission is not a requirement for attendance, talks are open to anyone interested. Attendees are highly encouraged to attend the pre-conference events (Dec 1st, 2015), participate in the informal evening event (Cologne Christmas markets) and plan their travel accordingly.

PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately we cannot take responsibility for support on visa related issues.

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To view full announcement, click here (http://www.gesis.org/css-wintersymposium/**)**

Call for Papers

The 2015 IEEE/ACM International Conference
Advances in Social NetworkAnalysis and Mining (ASONAM)
25-28 August 2015, Paris, France

The 2015 IEEE/ACM International Conference on Advances in Social NetworkAnalysis and Mining includes:

- Main Research Papers Track: http://asonam.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/2015/

- Industrial Track: http://asonam.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/2015/CFPInd.php

- PhD Forum and Posters Track: http://asonam.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/2015/CPFP.php

- Multidisciplinary Track: http://asonam.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/2015/CFPMulti.php

- Exhibitions and Demos Track: http://asonam.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/2015/CPED.php

FOSINT-SI 2015
The 2015 International Symposium on Foundations of OpenSource Intelligence and Security Informatics, Paris, France, August 27-28, 2015.
For more information visit: http://fosint-si.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/2015/

HI-BI-BI 2015
The 2015 International Symposium on Network Enabled HealthInformatics, Biomedicine and Bioinformatics, Paris, France, August 26-27, 2015 (Submissions are due April 18).
For more information visit:http://hi-bi-bi.cpsc.ucalgary.ca/2015/

All papers will be published in the proceedings which will be included inthe digital libraries of both sponsors: ACM and IEEE Computer Society.

Following the trend from previous years, extended versions of acceptedpapers from ASONAM 2015 will be invited for publication in one of thefollowing prestigious venues by Springer:

1. Social Networks Analysis and Mining Journal
2. Network Modeling Analysis in Health Informatics and Bioinformatics Journal
3. Edited book in the Lecture Notes in Social Networks Series

View the full announcement and further details on how to submit your paperhere

Call for Applications

PhD Student Positions (3 years)
MaxNetAging, Rostock, Germany

The MaxNetAging Research School (MNARS) is seeking applications for PhD Student Positions, starting in February 2016.

MNARS is an international graduate program launched by the Max Planck International Research Network on Aging (MaxNetAging). The program focuses on topics of aging ranging across the full spectrum of the behavioral and social sciences, biology, law and the humanities. Each PhD student enrolled in the MNARS will be affiliated with one participating Max Planck Institute. During the first six months of the MNARS all doctoral students will study together at the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock. Please visit www.maxnetaging.mpg.de for more information on the program and the participating Max Planck Institutes.

Applications should include:

- a CV
- a short statement on which MPI and with what research groups you would like to be affiliated with (if possible, please also provide a letter of support from the head of the research group that you would like to be affiliated with)
- a letter of motivation (why do you want to join the MNARS? What are your main research interests, career goals…?)
- details of qualifications, including information about honors, awards, or evaluations of your educational degrees (e.g., "cum laude")
- a list of publications, if any
- names and addresses of 2 people we can contact about you

Our offer:

Successful candidates will receive a Support Contract for the duration of 3 years which is based on the Collective Wage Agreement for the Civil Service (*TVöD Bund*) in terms of the level of remuneration (EG13 /50%). The Support Contract establishes an employment relationship under social insurance law and is subject to tax liability.

The Max Planck Society wishes to increase the share of women in areas where they are underrepresented, and strongly encourages women to apply. The Max Planck Society is committed to employing more handicapped individuals and especially encourages them to apply. Applications should be addressed to the MaxNetAging Director Prof. James W. Vaupel and sent by e-mail at the latest by **September 13, 2015** to appl-mnars@demogr.mpg.de.

E-mail inquiries concerning the application process and other aspects of MNARS should also be sent to appl-mnars@demogr.mpg.de.

View full announcement here.

Call for Applications

PhD Program in "Politics, Public Policies and Globalization"
Department of Political Sciences, University of Perugia, Italy

The Department of Political Sciences of the University of Perugia offers a number of PhD programs and curricula to Italian and foreign students. Candidates can apply within the terms established by the fellowship competition announcement for each PhD cycle.

For further information about the Department's PhD programs, contact:

- Prof. Marco Mazzoni

The PhD program in "Politics, Public Policies and Globalization" deals with the main themes of contemporary democracy, from a range of interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives, including the historical, the sociological, the legal, the political, and the communicative. The program explores three specific areas, corresponding to three different curricula.

The curriculum **"Transformations of Democracy"** aims to investigate the democratic model in light of its main transformations, involving: changes in the forms of representation; the extension of suffrage; electoral systems; the relationship between the elites and the masses; the role of political parties; the role of the mass media, and especially of the new media, in the construction of consensus and of an informed public opinion.

The curriculum **"Democracy and New Welfare"** focuses on the links between democracy and welfare, looking in particular at the transformations which have taken place in the last century, and exploring a number of research topics, including institutional and legal frameworks, forms and structures of welfare, the evolution of civil rights, etc.

The curriculum **"Democracy and Globalization"** addresses issues such as the history and current dynamics of inter states relations; the philosophical and political assumptions underpinning those relations; attempts to implement a single international policy as to multilateral diplomacy and international relations; North-South relations and development cooperation; the role of culture, consensus and multilingualism in multiethnic societies and international relations.

The PhD program involves both institutional training **and individual research.**

The Director of the program is Prof. Paolo Mancini