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## **ESA NEWS**

## **Call for Papers**

# Mid-term symposium ESA-network *Sociology of Children and Childhood* 2016 Childhood, children's rights and citizenship

The language of "human rights" has increasingly been applied to children over the past decades through national laws and international agreements, academic research and different practices. This resulted in new constructions and contestations of children's citizenship. Children are made more visible in our societies (e.g. the attention for the voice of the child in many social domains). At the same time the focus on children's rights gave rise to questions about the specific social status of the child (e.g. the discussion about juvenile justice).

During the symposium we would like to consider theoretical constructions and contestations of the relationship between *childhood*, *children's rights* and *citizenship*:

- Firstly, we invite papers that explore theoretical approaches to children's rights that might be suggested as new ways of thinking within the empirical, as disclosed in different social domains and institutional settings children are involved in (education, child welfare and protection, juvenile justice and detention, health care).
- Secondly, we welcome papers that reflect on how childhood is defined and constructed within actual discourses and practices of (non)-citizenship, understanding expressions of difference including gender, social class, ethnic background, religion, disabilities and of course age.
- Thirdly, we invite work that critically considers paradoxes and ambivalences of the status of childhood as a separate phase in our contemporary societies.

This mid-term symposium will take place in Ghent (May 25th-26th) and Brussels (May 27th), Belgium. During the last day, the symposium will be organized by the Children's Rights Commissioner in the Flemish Parliament in Brussels. The invited key note speaker on Friday the 27th of May is John Wall, Department of Philosophy and Religion and Childhood Studies, Rutgers University. He will also be present to participate in the mid-term during the days in Ghent.

The aim of this symposium is to create space for a rich conversation on some profound theoretical questions, moving on the third day to a focused consideration of the implications for policy and practice. We would like proposals for very short (maximum 15 minutes) papers which will lead into an extended discussion.

If you are interested to take part, **please send an abstract of 150-200 words by February 1st, 2016**. The abstract should include a summary of your proposed presentation and of the theoretical grounding of your research. Please note that numbers attending will be limited to around 35, of which 12-18 will be asked to present short papers.

Please send the abstract by email to Nigel Thomas (<a href="mailto:NPThomas@uclan.ac.uk">NPThomas@uclan.ac.uk</a>) and Griet Roets (<a href="mailto:Griet.Roets@UGent.be">Griet.Roets@UGent.be</a>)

Research Network RN 10 Sociology of Education,
European Sociological Association (ESA)
International Mid-term Conference
Università Cattolica del Sacro cuore, Milan,
Italy
12 - 13 September 2016

Education and Empowerment: Theories and Practices

The crucial role that education historically played in conserving, producing, transmitting and validating knowledge renders the institution of paramount importance in understanding empowerment at all social levels.

Empowerment means giving people the tools to take ownership of their own educational career, to feel that their own actions really matter or make a difference, and generally, to take their lives in their own hands. Empowerment can take place at many different levels. Specific actors can be empowered, including students, teachers, and parents, but educational institutions and, at the highest level, national or supranational policy makers could be empowering or empowered as well. A second strand of thought emphasizes the transformative aspect of empowerment in the sense that individuals or groups are empowered to transform the society they live in.

Educational reforms in Europe and beyond are formally attuned to aspirations of empowerment through policies targeting the inclusion of unrepresented social groups. Some believe that not enough has been done to stimulate the capacity of self-determination of every individual through education. Others argue that the role that this institution is increasingly expected to play in issues of empowerment has shaped our idea of education (in particular, higher education) as a public good . The relationship between education and empowerment is not straightforward. Within the same discourse, the vision of collective empowerment meets the neo-liberal archetype of the rational, responsible individual. Is and/or should education be a channel of social empowerment? How suitable is the concept of empowerment in understanding the institution of education at the local, national and supranational levels?

For the Research Network Sociology of Education (ESA) International Mid-term Conference in Milan, we are honoured to invite scholarly expertise from all around the world in order to address the issue of Education and Empowerment from the following perspectives:

#### Analytical

To what extent is the concept of empowerment useful for the sociological analysis of education? What are the major theoretical developments in the study of empowerment and education? What are the main methodological issues involved in exploring empowerment in/through education? Which are the main empowering factors in education (through access, treatment, success, occupability ...) and how do they work and relate one-other for different social groups? How did the relationship between education and empowerment evolve in the context of globalization, crisis, resistance, innovation etc.?

What changes can be identified in the conceptualization of empowerment with regard to education? How suitable is the concept of empowerment in understanding the role that education plays in society? What are the different conceptions or visions of empowerment?

## **Policy Focused**

What are the main educational strategies contributing to empowerment? At which level? And under what social conditions?

How does educational policy today respond to issues of empowerment in society? How strong is the relationship between empowerment and educational reforms? How differently is "empowerment" embedded in the practices of social actors in education (students, families, teachers, principals, staff and local services...)? **Abstracts max. 300 words** should be sent by 14th of February to: <a href="mailto:esa2016milan@gmail.com">esa2016milan@gmail.com</a> Abstracts also include author name(s), affiliation, current titles and academic appointments, email address

For more information: esa2016milan@gmail.com

#### **Important dates**

Abstract submission: 14th of February 2016

Author notification: 1st of April 2016 Registration: 1st of July 2016

Programme notification: 30th of July 2016

Conference registration fee ESA-members: € 60 Non-ESA members: €75

Ph.D. students ESA-members: € 50 Ph.D. students non-ESA members: € 65

Price includes conference material, lunch and coffee breaks.

\*\*Conference waiver for the first 5 (five) Ph.D. candidates with limited or no institutional support who will apply for before 1st of May, on basis of first come first served (separate call will follow)\*\*

After the conference, authors and presented papers will be invited to send in their paper for a publication proposal in an international journal or edited book. Priority will be reserved to emerging scholars (PHD students, early Doctorates, junior researchers).

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# European Sociological Association RN 14 Gender Relations in the Labour Market and the Welfare State Mid-term Conference Gender, Work and Welfare in the New Europe: Adapting to Change

University of the West of England, Bristol 31<sup>st</sup> August-2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

We are inviting abstracts for the mid-term conference of the European Sociological Association's Research Network 14: **Gender Relations in the Labour Market and the Welfare State.** European societies are undergoing change along a number of dimensions. Demographic changes include the aging of established societies and the expansion of new societies fuelled by migration. These changes bring opportunities and challenges for European communities in terms of political and social responses, changes to labour markets and the staffing and utilisation of welfare states. Recent events have highlighted that gender will be a key issue in how communities respond to change. The aim of this conference will be to highlight and discuss recent cutting-edge research on gender relations in European labour markets and welfare states, which considers their repositioning in a Europe "in flux". We wish to encourage and facilitate debate on the impact of demographic, political and social change on gender relations, attempts to influence/resist policy and the future direction of European interdisciplinary research. Papers should focus on comparative, European, national and/or regional levels. We encourage submission of abstracts on the following broad themes:

- Mapping change in European societies and labour markets
- The gendered impact of change on work and welfare
- Political responses to change, new approaches to legislation and social policy
- Social responses to change, gender stereotyping in different communities
- Care in the 'New Europe', who needs care, who provides care, who pays for care

With a particular focus on:

Gender, migration and ethnicity; Gendered careers;

Work-life balance and care; Older workers, retirement and pensions;

Precarious work and gender; Social movements and gender;

Abstracts of up to 250 words should be submitted to Hazel Conley <a href="https://hazel.conley@uwe.ac.uk">hazel.conley@uwe.ac.uk</a> by 1st April 2016. Please include information on the theoretical and methodological approach as well as the key argument and/or findings of the proposed paper. Abstracts with more than one author should indicate one contact for communication.

## **Conference Organising Committee:**

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Conference Registration Fee: Non members £60; ESA members £40; ESA and RN14 members £30; PhD students free - Join at: <a href="http://europeansociology.org/membership.html">http://europeansociology.org/membership.html</a>

## European Sociological Association - RN 15 "Global, Transnational and Cosmopolitan Sociology"

Mid-Term Conference "Globalization, supranational dynamics and local experience"

15-16 April, 2016, Milan (Italy) Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

One of the main challenges that sociology and social sciences face today is to understand how individuals, collective actors and structures cope with the dilemmas, tensions and ambivalences of modern societies embedded in supranational dynamics. This interim meeting of RN 15 on global, transnational and cosmopolitan sociology calls for papers dealing theoretically, methodologically and empirically with issues related to the transnational dimension. We welcome all manner of papers that deal with how the local, the transnational and the global are entwined and construct the meaning of one another, and how individuals, organizations or states manage this predicament for instance by emphasizing a cosmopolitan outlook or by cherishing local culture. We also encourage papers that deal with the current intensification of migration and asylum seeking in Europe from the perspective of local-global entanglement.

## Key dates

Submission of abstracts (about 300 words) and panel proposals by 10th February Notification of decision on abstract and panels by 22nd February

Abstracts and panel proposals should be sent to Marco Caselli (marco.caselli@unicatt.it)

No fees are required for participation

9<sup>™</sup> INTERIM MEETING **ESA RN19 SOCIOLOGY OF PROFESSIONS** UNIVERSITY OF AVEIRO, PORTUGAL **08-10 SEPTEMBER 2016** 



## **Professions, Knowledge and Organisations**

Professions and professional groups have experienced significant and controversial challenges during the last three decades. It is well accepted now that the power and status professions accumulated in society in recent decades were the result of the intersection of different interrelated elements. These include the constitution of a formal body of knowledge, certificated with academic credentials, which assured the professionals monopoly and autonomy and gave rise to interdependent socio-economic relationships based on social distance between professionals and consumers. The privileged locus of this knowledge production was the professional bureaucracy protected from the market by the state.

Nowadays these elements have been submitted to a strong and critical scrutiny in the confluence of diverse challenges: the emergence of knowledge society and the potential changes the increasing knowledge accessibility may have induced in the differentiated relation between professionals and citizens; the retraction of welfare states with the split between purchasers and providers; the reconfiguration of professional bureaucracies; the pressure from government and consumer lobbies, based on professionals abuse and misuse of self-interests, to enhance services and protect the public and the development of ever stronger multi-national corporate bodies.

The confluence of these elements are said to promote challenges to professional power and status in society stimulating transformations that have been classified as deprofessionalisation, restratification and hybridism. This Interim Meeting proposes a reflection on changes in professions within knowledge society and in both the state and profit organisations.

Important questions to be addressed in this Interim Meeting are:

- How are the macrosocial tendencies towards a knowledge society, a managerial state and a post-bureaucratic organisation, challenging professionals' power and statute in society?
- Is the emphasis on knowledge society favouring the power and autonomy of occupational groups and creating new professions?
- Do changes in state regulations and in professional bureaucracies represent an erosion of professionalism?
- Is it possible to identify strategies defined by professionals to adjust themselves to changes and challenges to their professionalisation process?

## Format of the Interim Meeting

The Interim Meeting will be organised around thematic sessions. We encourage researchers from various disciplines and with different scholarly perspectives to submit abstracts and/or panel proposals. In addition to established researchers, we would also like to encourage both junior scholars and doctoral students to participate in the RN19 Interim Meeting and submit a proposal. RN19 will offer two Interim Meeting grants for PhD students (to attribute to PhD students or those who have finished their PhD in 2015, but not earlier, and are RN19 members).

## Types of proposals

Participants are invited to submit proposals in the following formats:

- Research Paper: presents the results of original research reported in a paper. Abstracts (oral
  and poster presentations) should have 200 words. Participants should submit no more than
  two paper proposals as an author/co-author. Selected abstracts will be allocated by the
  conference organisers to sessions. Each of the papers will be allocated a 20 minute slot (15
  minutes presentation followed by 5 minutes questions).
- Panel: refers to a series of 3–4 paper presentations delivered by a group of authors or collaborators on a particular research topic. Proposals must establish the relevance, originality, and significance of the proposed panel topic. Each panel presentation will have 90 minutes for presentation and discussion.
- **Poster**: for preliminary studies, works in progress, or early-stage research projects for which consolidated results are not yet available.

## PhD students' grants

Current or recently graduated PhD students (who finished their PhD in 2014 or 2015) may submit research papers that result from their PhD thesis and indicate they wish to participate in the competition for the PhD grant. To be considered, papers should be single-authored by the PhD candidate, and up to 6,000 words. Grants will be awarded following a peer-review process; the maximum amount Interim Meeting travel grant is 500€.

A review panel will evaluate the abstracts and panel proposals and notify the authors. Criteria for abstracts and panel proposals will include: Importance of the proposal for the Sociology of professions field; Linkages with the theme of the Interim Meeting; Scientific quality of the proposals.

## Interim Meeting local organising committee

Teresa Carvalho – University of Aveiro and CIPES
Tiago Correia – ISCTE-IUL
Helena Serra – FCSH/UNL
Paula Urze – FCT/UNL, CIUHCT
Maria Manuel Serrano – UÉvora, SOCIUS-CSG/ISEG-UL
António José de Almeida – ESCE/IPSetubal

## Important dates

Submission deadline

Acceptance of proposals will be announced no later than 18th April 2016

The deadline of early registration will be

Registrations will not be accepted after

Full papers for the PhD Student Grant

4th March 2016

6th June 2016

31st August 2016

8th April 2016

Fees	<b>ESA</b> members	Non ESA members
Early (by 6 June'16)	100 euro	150 euro
Late (after 6 June'16)	150 euro	200 euro
PHD Students	75 euro	100 euro

Please visit the conference website for further information at: http://www.esarn19.org/







## "Data Quality in Quantitative Research" Research Network 21: Quantitative Methods

## **European Sociological Association**

**Midterm Conference** 

University of Cyprus, Nikosia

13-15 October 2016

Click here to read the full CfP at our Homepage

In the recent decades we have seen major efforts in establishing a European framework of indicators trying to monitor social change and societal developments all over Europe. Those "official statistics" are often generated for public use and consist of a wide variety of indicators where major progress was achieved to enable international comparisons. Besides those databases, an increasing number of international survey programs have been established within Europe (such as the Eurobarometer, the European Social Survey, the European Value Study) and beyond(such as the International Social Survey Program, the World Value Survey etc.) to provide public opinion data from citizens all over the world. For every database and for every survey there are multidimensional requirements to guarantee a high level of quality. Statistical estimates should be as accurate as possible to enable clear insights of the empirical reality in every nation. The results should be available within tight-fitting time points to allow a close monitoring of societal change. The comparability of indicators, the equivalence of constructs, the relevance of concepts, the clarity of definitions, the coherence of data sources and the completeness of data are further issues which attract attention in research.In general, available datasets are designed by groups of experts but usually the process of gathering the data is contracted out to national institutes. Constraints in data quality thus always refer to the whole data gathering process and may be highly different between countries.

We invite session proposals and individual abstracts dealing with various aspects influencing data quality. Possible themes include but are not limited to:

- 1. Questionnaire development: e.g. issues of translation and comparability
- 2. Specification of concepts for research: suitability and equivalence
- 3. Sampling frame: deviances with regard to thetarget population
- 4. **Sampling strategy:** best practice examples and national differences to achieve representative results
- 5. Nonresponse: strategies to increase response rates and to prevent item-nonresponse
- 6. Survey modes: different field work standards in various countries
- 7. Interviewer effects:e.g. partly faked and faked interviews
- 8. **Measurement errors due to respondents** (e.g. response styles)
- 9. Quality control procedures: inadequate institutional standards including unethical practices
- 10. Weighting and coding issues (e.g. organizing data for public use)

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS**

Please submit:

- either an abstract of 300 words
- or a session proposal (description of the session, 300 words including abstracts of planned speakers, 300 words)

no later than 15. February by e-mail to wolfgang.aschauer@sbg.ac.at

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: Jörg Blasius, Eldad Davidov

## **CONFERENCE FEES**

Conference fees are40€ for young academics (including PhD students), 50€ for ESA members and 80€ for non-members (including coffee breaksand one social tour including dinner at the end of the conference).

## **ORGANIZING TEAM**

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- Henning Best, Inna Deviatko, Anna Domaranska, Tobias Gummer, Valentina Hlebec, Georg Müller (Scientific Board)

## Mid-term conference of ESA Research Network 26: Sociology of Social Policy and Social Welfare

Theme: The governance of inclusion in work and life-worlds

## October 27-28 in Timisoara, Romania

The ESA Research Network (RN26): Sociology of Social Policy and Social Welfare invites network members and other sociologists/social scientists interested in the topic to submit abstracts to our midterm conference, taking place on October 27-28 in Timisoara, Romania.

Social exclusion is increasingly viewed as one of the most severe challenges to current European societies. In various areas, among which education, housing, health care and labour markets, an increasing number of citizens find themselves marginalized, if not complete 'outsiders'. Social exclusion occurs with respect to both work and the organization of life-worlds, and there is controversial debate within the academic communities about the dynamics underway in these interrelated social spheres. Governments strive for coping with existing problems, and various initiatives are taken so as to create more inclusive societies. Often, relevant programs and policies put their faith in networks bringing together different actors and perspectives. But can these initiatives combat and prevent social exclusion effectively? And are the ways they are launched, organized, and coordinated conducive to sustainable solutions? In other words: which impact does the governance of inclusion have on the outcomes of programs and policies? These questions are at the core of our mid-term conference. The event will be arranged in cooperation with the International Conference on Social Inclusion and Equal Opportunities (SIEO) hosted by the West University of Timisoara and NORD University (Norway).

The research network welcomes papers addressing theoretical perspectives on and/or empirical studies related to the afore-sketched theme. By looking at commonalities and differences across various national and cultural contexts, the proceedings of this mid-term conference are aimed at shedding new light on the governance of inclusion, with an eye on private business, social professions, public and non-profit agencies, and, more generally, on relational dynamics and evolving institutional frameworks, among other things. Thereby, it will provide a fresh impulse to the analysis of contemporary welfare states and contribute to what could be referred to as an 'organizational turn' in social welfare studies.

Information requested when submitting an abstract includes:

- 1) name(s), affiliation(s) and e-mail address of all the author(s);
- 2) contact details of presenting author (postal address, and telephone in addition to e-mail);
- 3) title of proposed presentation.

Abstracts should not exceed 250 words.

Abstracts will be peer-reviewed and selected for presentation by the network coordinators (see below). An e-mail of notification will be sent to the presenting author during June 2016. To allow for peer comments, a full version of the paper should be submitted for distribution by the end of September.

Early career scholars may get some of their expenses refunded by sending a short application to jbr@uin.noprior to the conference.

Abstract Submission Deadline: June 10, 2016.

Abstracts should be submitted be e-mail to the coordinators of RN26:

Associate Prof. Janne Paulsen Breimo, NORD University, Norway, jbr@uin.no (chair of RN 26)

Prof. Ingo Bode, University of Kassel, Germany, <u>ibode@uni-kassel.de</u>

## **European Perspectives on the Sociology of Knowledge**

Midterm Conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA)

Research Strem (RS05): Sociology of Knowledge

Date: August 26th/27th, 2016

Organisation: Saša Bosančić (University Augsburg)

René Tuma (TU-Berlin) Host: Hubert Knoblauch,

Institute of Sociology, Chair for General Sociology Location: Berlin, Technische Universität

This call for submissions looks for contributions covering the variety of approaches and current developments in the field of sociology of knowledge which can be found in Europe and beyond. In initializing a dialogue across the diversity, it looks for a common ground for the various theoretical and empirical efforts in this field. Rather than being just another sociological sub-discipline, we take the sociology of knowledge to establish a particular and unique sociological perspective constituting a general approach to doing social science. Its main theoretical and methodological premises can be found in the works of Max Weber's *Verstehende Soziologie*, Karl Mannheim and the classical ideological criticism tradition and Alfred Schütz and Berger and Luckmann as a starting point for the social constructionism tradition. Inspiration for the sociology of knowledge can also be found in other traditions such as the 'Durkheim School' or in the work of Florian Znaniecki and others.

The new sociology of knowledge approach – as we understand it – draws both on this European tradition and on the North American tradition of Symbolic Interactionism, Ethnomethodology, the Chicago School of Sociology and their 'descendants' such as Erving Goffman and others. Currently a number of developments under the umbrella of sociology of knowledge is gaining momentum as ideas from the sociology of knowledge are combined with concepts of communication ("Communicative Constructivism"), theories of discourse ("Sociology of Knowlegde Approach to Discourse"), practice theories, neopragmatism and many others. The current concepts of knowledge that are discussed in the domains Science and Technology Studies (STS), Gender Studies, and Postcolonial Studies are also closely related to the sociology of knowledge. We like to encourage the discussion of the diversity and variety of perspectives on the sociology of knowledge and explore the ways in which different cultures, theoretical stances or sub-disciplines conceive of the sociology of knowledge, make it fruitful for empirical research and develop it further theoretically.

Having witnessed an enormous interest for the new research stream (RS05) "Sociology of Knowledge" at the European Sociological Association's Conference 2015 in Prague, this workshop is intended as a next step in the development of a European Network in the Sociology of Knowledge (ESA RN). Therefore this call for submissions addresses researches in Europe and beyond to share and discuss their theoretical considerations, their methodological approaches and their empirical work(-in-progress) explicitly relating to the sociology of knowledge.

Please submit your abstract (max. 500 words, including first and last name, current institutional affiliation and email-address) by March 1 st, 2016 to <a href="workshop@sociology-of-knowledge.eu">workshop@sociology-of-knowledge.eu</a>

For any further questions please contact the organizers: René Tuma

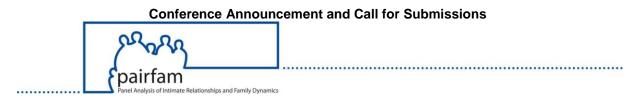
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## **CONFERENCES/CALLS FOR PAPERS**



## 5th pairfam Interdisciplinary International Conference

## Parenting, Co-Parenting and Child Well-Being

in Changing Families

Munich, June 29 - July 1, 2016

We are pleased to announce the upcoming international interdisciplinary conference on "Parenting, Co-parenting and Child Well-being in Changing Families", to be held from June 29 to July 1, 2016 in Munich, Germany. Save the dates and mark your calendar!

The conference is part of the scientific program of the pairfam project funded by the German Research Foundation. Pairfam is a representative panel study for analyzing close relationships and family relations in Germany. It provides large longitudinal data sets to be used by interested researchers. For more details see <a href="https://www.pairfam.de">www.pairfam.de</a>

The conference will focus on parenting, co-parenting and child well-being in changing family contexts. It will address maternal and paternal parenting in different family contexts, cooperation and conflict between parents, and family influences on children's well-being at different ages (from infancy to adolescence). The program will feature a number of interesting keynote lectures by internationally renowned scientists. Further contributions of interested scientists are particularly welcome. We therefore invite **submissions of papers and posters** presenting own research on (co-)parenting, parent-child relations and child well-being. Please submit your abstract **until February 15, 2016** (see below). You are free to use pairfam data, but the conference is not restricted to contributions derived from this project. For further information on the project and data access please contact the pairfam user support (<a href="mailto:support@pairfam.de">support@pairfam.de</a>).

Given limitations in the number of participants, we encourage early registration.

Further information on the scientific program, conference organization and registration will be available shortly on:

www.pairfam-conference2016.lmu.de

## **Abstract Submission:**

Interested researchers and young scientists are invited to submit an abstract for a paper or poster presentation. For abstract submission, please send a word document (in English), including the following information:

- Title of the contribution
- Full names and institutional affiliations of all authors (with the presenter's name underlined)
- Abstract of no more than 300 words, describing your topic and hypothesis, methods and main results
- Complete address of the presenter, including e-mail address

Please submit your abstract until February 15, 2016 to pairfam-conference2016@lmu.de.

Notifications of acceptance will be mailed until March 15, 2016.

## **Conference Venue:**

Conference Center "Kardinal Wendel Haus" at the Catholic Academy Bavaria is nicely located in "Schwabing", a culturally and socially lively, famous quarter of Munich, next to the beautiful "English Garden".

## **Important Dates:**

February 15, 2016: Deadline for abstract submission March 15, 2016: Notification of acceptance April 15, 2016: Deadline for registration

## **Conference Team:**

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## RC33 Conference 2016

## 9th International Conference on Social Science Methodology

## 11-16 September 2016

## http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/sociology/research/rc33-conference

The University is looking forward to extending a warm welcome to all delegates for the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Social Science Methodology in September 2016. The University of Leicester is an ideal venue for the 2016 RC33 Logic and Methodology in Sociology given our location in the heart of England with great transport links and connections. The Department of Sociology Conference Team will host the conference for up to 500 participants.

## **Key Dates and Deadlines**

Event Date Close call for session proposals 31 July 2015 Acceptance of session proposals 15 September 2015 Call for papers /abstracts submission 9 November 2015 Close of call for papers /abstracts submission 21 February 2016 Open registration 1 February 2016 15 March 2016 Finalise sessions and presentations Close full paper submissions May 2016 Start conference 11 September 2016

#### **About RC33**

The International Sociological Associaton (ISA) Research Committee RC33 on Logic and Methodology was established in 1973.

- To develop professional contacts between sociologists interested in logic and methodology in sociology.
- To encourage the worldwide exchange of research findings and theoretical developments.
- To promote international meetings and research collaboration in the field of logic and methodology in sociology.

RC33 organised the first International Conference on Social Science Methodology in Amsterdam in 1984. Subsequently, the conference has been held every four years.

## For more information about RC33, visit their website

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#### **XV Biennial Conference**

La Barrosa, Càdiz, Spain

16-19 September 2016

The European Association for Research on Adolescence wishes you a Happy New Year! 2016 is the year of our international conference in La Barrosa, Andalusia, Spain.

The aim of the conference is to bring together a multidisciplinary and internationally diverse network of scholars to explore advances in the study of adolescents and young adults.

The suggested topics include, though not exclusively: young people and their social groups, developmental transitions, social institutions, risk, deviance and the law, mental and physical health, leisure, identity, gender roles, minorities, technology, sports, cross-cultural differences, interventions, and relevant and innovative research methods.

We expect to receive a much greater number of proposals than we will be able to accommodate in the programme. All proposals will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee and given a rating. In order to arrive at that rating, the committee will emphasize the relevance of the topic, the methodological stringency if applicable, originality, level of inter-disciplinarity and international diversity. If quality is judged equal, and a selection has to be made, submissions by EARA members will be prioritised.

Deadline for abstract submission: March 31, 2016

Notification of acceptance of abstracts: April 30, 2016

Deadline for early registration: May 15, 2016

Please, find more information and the registration- and submission forms on www.eara2016.com

We are looking forward to seeing you in Spain!

Prof. Marion Kloep & Prof. Leo Hendry Conference Organisers

## Department of Sociology of Culture, Institute of Sociology, University of Szczecin and Szczecin division of the Polish Sociological Association

invite you to the IVth International Conference:

## Nations, Regions, Organizations — Liquid Structures and Cultures 25-26 October 2016, Szczecin, Poland

The fourth conference, dedicated to the analysis of social impact of the diversity of cultures, will be focusing on the aspect of relationship between structure and culture in a situation of increasing liquidity of social life. We are aiming to analyze the following issues:

- dimensions and boundaries of changes in the context of society's stability;
- transformation of functioning of structures as a frame supporting order between social actors; structural importance of maintaining, in given cultures, rules and norms of behavior;
- durability and variability of the shaped patterns, which have a different (limiting or stimulating) impacts on the social activity of the individual;
- the process of dealing with both: pressure of structures and cultures and liquidity of social
  world, which makes the actor deprived of a stable social support; the consequences of taken on
  (or lack of acceptance) roles in structures and cultures; the principles of contemporary
  negotiation within society.

We suggest analyzing the level of stability / volatility of structures and cultures in contemporary society, focusing on the following thematic areas:

- social structure and culture of the nation and the problem of migration;
- cultural capital and social capital within the liquid reality;
- new structural determinants of lifestyle;
- individual strategies of upward social mobility and patterns of "social degradation";
- interchangeability of components of social status and new determinants of social prestige;
- organization of work and the shape of social structure and culture; prestige and attractiveness of selected occupations;
- cultural dimensions of demographic changes;
- structure, open to negotiations discussion of the rules of social activity;
- new regionalism as a way of grounding, stabilizing culture and social structure;
- maritime and land structures towards maritime sociology.

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- Prof. Ekaterina Astachowa, Ukrainian Academy, Charkiv
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## Organizing committee:

- dr Arkadiusz Kołodziej the coordinator
- dr Robert Bartłomiejski

## Important dates:

- 15.06.2016 deadline for submission of the registration form with abstracts
   Please send the form by e-mail to: kolodziej.socjologia@gmail.com
- 15.07.2016 not later than this date you will get information from organizers about the acceptance of the paper;
- 25.08.2016 deadline for payment of conference fee;
- 31.01.2017 deadline for sending the paper to be published (provided the reviewer's decision is positive).

Conference languages: English, Polish.

**Conference fee:** € 85 — full participation; € 45 — only publication or participation without presentation.

## The conference fee covers:

- participation in the conference
- lunches during two days of the conference
- paper publication in a post-conference monograph
- gala dinner

## In case of any questions contact:

Arkadiusz Kołodziej

(e-mail: kolodziej.socjologia@gmail.com)

## IX Portuguese Congresso f Sociology

## Portugal, territory of territories

6 - 8 de Jully, 2016

## Faro | University of Algarve | Faculty of Economics

Calling out to the participation of foreign and domestic specialists, the IX Congress, following previous editions, intends to continue to deepen Portuguese sociological exchange beyond boarders, searching for continuities in accumulated knowledge, but also creating opportunities to the expression and confrontation of new approaches.

Similar to previous editions of the Portuguese Sociological Congress, proposals for communication/posters will be accepted for sessions dedicated to each thematic session [TS] or thematic area [TA] (in the case of the domains where there still aren't thematic sessions already created by the APS).

Proposals with empirical work on different national contexts will also be accepted if they reveal conceptual and analytical tools which can generate dialogue with other proposals.

The abstract submission runs until January 30, 2016 and is conducted online.

Find all the information on the Congress website at:

http://www.aps.pt/ix\_congresso/

Call for papers specific to each of the Thematic Areas / Sections.

Datas / Custos das inscrições.

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#### Call for Panels





## **Proud In Europe?**

## **LGBTI Emancipation in Comparative Perspective**

August 4-5, 2016, Amsterdam

Confirmed Speakers:
Phillip Ayoub
Surya Monro
(interviewing members of the Rainbow Cities Network)

Special event with Paola Revenioti

In August 2016 the city of Amsterdam will host Europride. In the two days preceding the canal parade an international scientific conference will take place in collaboration with the Amsterdam Research Center for Gender and Sexuality (ARC-GS) of the University of Amsterdam (UvA) and its partners. The conference takes Europride as an occasion to question and compare the state of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex (LGBTI) emancipation in Europe.

Throughout Europe on local, national and supranational levels issues surrounding LGBTI rights have taken central roles on political agendas, within social movements, and in the media. In some contexts debates on LGBTI rights have resulted in social unrest and protests between opposing groups, while in other settings debates on LGBTI rights have resulted in pro-active policy engagement by actors and institutions at various levels of government.

Emancipation policy has been both lauded and contested, with its proponents praising pro-active promotion of acceptance of LGBTI identities and its opponents often questioning the conceptualization of emancipation as a clear path to be followed and achieved when set objectives are met. Some governmental actors have even profiled themselves on the development and implementation of LGBTI emancipatory policies.

Many changes have taken place in the last several decades regarding LGBTI rights and acceptance in Europe. Many European governments have enacted anti-discrimination legislation, and some countries have legalized various forms of same-sex partnerships. Some local and national governments have also engaged in pro-active policies to promote the acceptance of LGBTI identities. LGBTI representation in a number of media has also continued to rise.

Despite many changes throughout Europe, there are a number of issues that are cause for concern amongst LGBTIs: Many people have increasingly voiced concerns about anti-gay violence; LGBTI youth often face discrimination and bullying in schools; Trans, bisexual, and intersex issues deserve to receive much more attention; Critiques of racism and ageism in the mainstream gay and lesbian community have not received sufficient attention; The once extravagant and proud gay and lesbian nightlife seems to be withering. Additionally, some activists and scholars have raised concerns about the normalization of the LGBTI movement and community and the marginalization of queer and sex-radical perspectives.

This two-day conference will offer a space to reflect from different European contexts on gains made in the fight for LGBTI rights as well as blind spots and pitfalls encountered on the way. The focus of the conference will be on tracing developments regarding LGBTI politics throughout Europe from various perspectives and disciplines from the social and behavioural sciences, the humanities, and law

Possible topics to be addressed include (but are certainly not limited to):

 The ways government policy has assisted LGBTI movements in their struggles for equality

- The ways in which government policy has led to setbacks
- Roles governments can fulfill in ensuring LGBTI equality
- Ways particular policies have stimulated social change to accompany legal protections
- Policies and laws that remain barriers to LGBTI equality
- Differences in the ways in which LGBTI social movements have developed and engaged in advocacy throughout European contexts
- LGBTI activism in Central and Eastern Europe
- How more mainstream desires have been balanced with gueer articulations
- Ways in which particular movement groups have collaborated with other marginalized groups and/or advocated intersectionality
- Ways in which social movements and/or policy makers engage sexuality, gender, race/ethnicity, and/or disability simultaneously
- LGBTI migration and asylum in Europe
- How LGBTI emancipation is conceptualized
- Ways the media (TV and film in particular) influence LGBTI identities
- Types of role models offered in media for LGBTI youth
- Ways LGBTI movements have utilized the media
- The role of gay and lesbian film festivals in LGBTI identification and acceptance
- How the media can be utilized through government policy to facilitate LGBTI emancipation

Note that we will first organise a call for panels, to be followed by a call for papers.

Panel proposals can be submitted until January 30, 2016.

Paper proposals can be submitted from February 10, 2016 until April 15, 2016. Participants can register for the conference until July 1, 2016.

Information for panel submissions:

The organisers invite panel proposals to be submitted through the conference website: http://aissr.uva.nl/europride-conference

Please send: Name and email address of panel convener(s)

Title

Abstract (up to 300 words) Deadline for submission: January 30, 2016

Panel conveners will be notified of the decision in the beginning of February 2016.

Registration fee for presenters: €150 Registration fee for graduate students: €75

To contact the organisers please send an email to: EuroprideConf@uva.nl

## Scientific Committee:

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## **Call for Sessions and Papers**



## Power, Institutions & Authority - 5th International Power Conference

## 29-31 August 2016. University of Tampere, Finland

Inspired by the great success of the previous Power Conferences held biennially since 2008, we will continue interrogating questions of power in 2016. This time the conference will concentrate on linkages between power, institutions and authority. Relations between power, institutions, and authority have formed a mainstay of sociological accounts and theorizing since the time of Weber. However, new institutionalisms have begun to challenge traditional rational-choice and functionalist assumptions of society, and are reformulating theories of how power operates. Historical, discursive, economic and sociological neoinstitutionalisms stress different patterns of behavior that shape and limit the understanding of options open to actors. This spurt of theoretical development is part of a now-widespread popular sense that institutions guide and direct many aspects of social life, from micro choices of lifestyles to organizational fashions to macro economies and geopolitics. The conference will address these and associated aspects of how institutions and authority are related to power in the modern world. Special sessions will explore this inter-relationship around the themes of six keynotes. In keeping with the tradition of the Power Conferences, papers will be theoretical and empirical insights, and represent a broad geographic swathe of participants and focuses.

## Confirmed keynote speakers:

Dr. Evan Schofer - University of California-Irvine, USA

Dr. Merle Jacob - Lund University, Sweden

Dr. Selina Gallo-Cruz - College of the Holy Cross, USA

Dr. Francisco O. Ramirez - Stanford University, USA

Dr. Kerstin Sahlin - Uppsala University, Sweden

Dr. Pertti Alasuutari – Tampere University, Finland

Each keynote speaker has organized and is chairing a special session on the same theme (see accepted sessions). In addition, the Organizing Committee is pleased to invite parallel sessions and general papers on the theme of the conference.

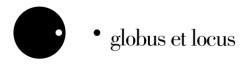
**To submit a session proposal**, please send the title and description of the planned session (length 100–250 words) through the conference management system at <a href="https://www.lyyti.in/power2016cfs">https://www.lyyti.in/power2016cfs</a> by **15 February 2016** at the latest. Session organizers will be notified by 1 March 2016.

**To submit a paper**, please send the title and abstract (100–200 words) through the conference management system <a href="https://www.lyyti.in/power2016cfp">https://www.lyyti.in/power2016cfp</a> by **1 May 2016** at the latest. Please select whether you want your paper to be included in one of the special sessions, one of the other accepted parallel sessions, or as a general submission. Contributors will be notified by 1 June 2016.

Welcome to Tampere!

Ali Qadir Chair of the Organizing Committee School of Social Sciences & Humanities University of Tampere

#### **Call for Submissions**



# GLOCALISM Journal of Culture, Politics and Innovation

"Glocalism", a peer-reviewed, open-access and cross-disciplinary journal, is currently accepting manuscripts for publication. We welcome studies in any field, with or without comparative approach, that address both practical effects and theoretical import.

All articles should be sent to: p.bassetti@globusetlocus.org and davide.cadeddu@unimi.it

**Articles** can be in any language and length chosen by the author, while the abstract and keywords have to be in English.

**Deadline**: April 30, 2016. This issue is scheduled to appear at end-June 2016.

Website: http://www.glocalismjournal.net/

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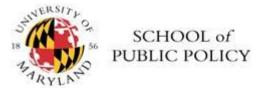
## the topic of this issue LOCAL AND GLOBAL DEMOCRACY

Within the globalisation process, the principles underlying the democratic paradigm - in countries that are economically developed and have a significantly well-established secular values - do not seem to be seriously placed in doubt. Nevertheless, what we are witnessing is a transformation of democratic systems, because, on one hand, there has been a noteworthy loss of state sovereignty as it has been traditionally conceived and, on the other, we are witnessing the creation of supranational political systems of a territorial or functional nature. These directly affect the relationship between local and global, based on the democratic control of public decisions, whatever the territorial level of the political institution from which they come may be. It is increasingly true, in fact, that the problems of democracy are substantially constituted by the relationship between the places where political decisions have effect and the confines that these decisions cross, even if unintentionally: merely mentioning the construction of a nuclear power station or even more simply an international airport perhaps makes it easy to grasp how the consequences of certain decisions now also end up involving those who have not taken them. From this perspective, the diffusion and strengthening of democratic practices inside the wide range of local, macro-regional and global institutions seems to be ever more necessary, developing administrative capacities and independent political resources at various levels. The fundamental issue here seems, firstly, to be the capacity to redraw the boundaries of political responsibility with respect to the consequences that given decisions have and, secondly, the fact that these regulatory structures may constitute visible and meaningful points of reference. Perhaps it is useful to this end to create an effective network of permanent public and democratic forums, at the various levels of decisionmaking, that are also capable of developing a certain capacity for coercion on a global scale. Whatever the possible solution may be, the integration between the globalisation of democracy and the democratisation of globalisation certainly seems to be necessary.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES**

## **Call for Applications**





## 2016 Summer Institute on Program Evaluation

## Using Logic Models to Evaluate Social Programs: Before, During, and After Program Operations

July 18–22, 2016 Budapest, Hungary

Logic models have emerged as a major tool for improving public and private social programs at every stage of their operations, from initial program planning to implementation and management and through evaluation. As a result, worldwide, they are used increasingly by all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations, funding agencies, and researchers. The ability to develop and assess logic models is now a much sought-after skill for social welfare professionals.

Central European University is pleased to announce that, in partnership with the University of Maryland School of Public Policy, it will offer a public policy course entitled "Using Logic Models to Evaluate Social Programs: Before, During, and After Program Operations" as part of its 2016 Summer Institute on Program Evaluation. Lectures will be led by Professor Douglas J. Besharov of the University of Maryland together with a team of internationally renowned experts in the field of program evaluation and performance measurement.

## **Course Summary**

This course provides an introduction to the use of logic models in program planning, implementation, performance management, and program evaluation. Students will learn how to develop a logic model for a real-world program, including how to identify logic model elements for scientifically rigorous process and impact evaluations, and for practical performance measurement systems. Pragmatic applications are emphasized throughout. (Class will be in English.)

## **Course Topics**

- Logic models, with a focus on effectiveness as well as operational efficiency. An overview of the uses and elements of logic models, measuring outcomes and impacts (as well as activities and outputs), causal attribution and the counterfactual, and a taxonomy of key data elements (that is, the dependent and independent variables that help identify causation).
- Process evaluations. How to design, conduct, and assess types of process evaluations (including descriptive studies, implementation evaluations, and continuous monitoring); using logic models as a template for doing so; and the practical, political, and normative obstacles to conducting of process evaluations.
- Randomized control trials and other evaluation methodologies. An overview of the ethical issues often posed when planning an RCT, the potential research questions concerning program impact that can be addressed, , and a hands-on discussion, including presentation of the design, analytic methods, and results of a just completed, large scale RCT of a conditional cash transfer experiment in Zambia. Also, a discussion of other methods of identifying the counterfactual (including comparisons-to-self/intertemporal comparisons, comparison groups, econometric evaluations, and instrumental variable designs).

Performance measurement. How to design and evaluate performance measures, including the
different types of performance measures; options for data collection, the validity and reliability
of various measures; simple ways to identify the counterfactual for outcome and impact
measures; and the practical, political, and normative obstacles to implementing performance
measurement systems.

## **Distinguished Faculty**

- Douglas Call, University of Maryland
- Neil Gilbert, University of California, Berkeley
- David Myers, President & CEO, American Institutes for Research
- AnuRangarajan, Vice President and Managing Director, International Research Division, Mathematica Policy Research
- <u>David Seidenfeld</u>, Director of International Research and Evaluation, American Institutes for Research

#### **Course Schedule**

The course will meet daily (tentatively 9:00-15:00) **July 18–July 22**, **2016** at Central European University's campusin downtown Budapest.

## **Application Deadline**

Applications are accepted until 23:59 on **April 15, 2016.** Students who register before **March 15, 2016** benefit from a reduced fee. See more information below.

## **Course Credit**

Students can take the course for one ECTS credit and a Certificate of Completion from Central European University, or a Certificate of Completion from the University of Maryland, or both.

## **Target Audience**

The course is open to graduate and advanced undergraduate students studying international development, public policy, and social policy. Government and non-profit practitioners are also eligible.

## **Social/Cultural Opportunities**

During the summer session, CEU offers a number of social/cultural opportunities for students. For more information, click here.

## **Course Cost**

- The base fee for the course is 910 USD. ("Early bird" students who enroll prior to March 15, 2016 benefit from a reduced tuition fee of 800 USD.)
- A reduced fee of 480 USD is available for those who are employed by a small non-profit organization (annual turnover below 200,000 USD) or by the government of a developing country. ("Early bird" students who enroll prior to March 15, 2016 benefit from a reduced fee of 375 USD.)

## Registration

To register for the course, please go <u>here</u>.

## **Additional Information**

For further information regarding course format, the application, or other course logistics please visit the CEU website at http://www.summer.ceu.hu/socialprograms-2016.

#### Contact

For any specific questions regarding the course please contact: Michael Goodhart at goodhart@umd.edu.

## **Call for Applications**

## **Funded PhD opportunity**

## **Ulster University**

## Closing date is 26 Feb

Project Title: Pain Zones and 'Head Games'

Supervisors: Dr Katie Liston and Dr Chris Bleakley

Level: PhD

#### Introduction

This project is rooted in the expanding body of international, UK and European literature on the interconnections between sport, exercise, physical activity and health in which an interdisciplinary approach is beginning to make an important and distinctive contribution. In this area, studies of elite and professional athletes have pointed to a high level of tolerance of pain among such athletes, coupled with a willingness to continue training and competing, even when injured and in pain. Others have also indicated cultural influences on concussion reporting behaviours in elite sport and medical uncertainty in the diagnosis and management of this injury. Non-elite 'pain zones' have also begun to be examined in terms of the ways in which players define, manage and give meaning to pain and injury, including concussion. This project aims to examine the pain zones of non-elite contact team sports, that is, those sports played by youths and/or adults at grassroots/recreational level. It is supported by Dr Liston's former membership of the Editorial Board of Sport in Society and published work in this area (e.g. Liston, Reacher, Smith and Waddington, 2006; Liston, 2007). It is also supported by Dr. Bleakley's research profile in sports medicine specifically and recent published work on pain and injury in adolescent rugby union (Bleakley, Tully and O'Connor, 2011).

## **Background**

The epidemiology of sports injuries would suggest that the health benefits of regular and moderate physical activity are relatively clear in comparison to the ambiguous claims relating to the health benefits of competitive sports (including contact/collision sports), and even less so as we move along the continuum from non-elite to elite level sports. The tendency to conflate sport, physical activity and exercise generates a number of problems for understanding the sports ethic and the normalisation of pain and injury. These problems manifest themselves in a dearth of interdisciplinary research on pain and injury generally and on non-elite (amateur) sport specifically. The following are possible avenues available to the prospective PhD student (though these should not be taken as exclusive): how and why elite and non-elite athletes (youth/adults) continue to train and compete when injured and in pain; the sports ethic and its embedding in non-elite or amateur sports; the depersonalisation of injury and routine use of the body as a machine in sports at the elite and non-elite levels; the gendering of pain and injury in sports played by males and females; and, the reproduction of 'high risk' behaviours by youths/adolescents in contact team sports like rugby union, association soccer (football), Gaelic football and others.

## **Objectives**

The following are the general objectives of the project, all of which will inform the basis for the subsequent research design to varying degrees:

- To identify the prevalence and types of injury in the chosen sport(s);
- To examine the ways in which these athletes/players experience, respond to, and manage pain and injury in these sports;
- To examine the sports ethic including factors influencing the return to play decision;
   and.
- To make a meaningful contribution to pain parameters and the welfare policies around sport and health.

#### Methods:

This project is guided by a preference for mixed methods in order to deal with the complexities and demands of the subject matter – the social construction, and experiences, of pain, injury and health – and to enable a greater social scientific understanding of this phenomenon. The final decision on research design will be informed, in part, by the strengths and interests of the particular doctoral candidate. It is also envisaged that the research methods will be chosen for their relevance to the project and no method will be given any primacy per se over the objectives of the research. Suggested research designs might include existing or new injury databases, one to one interviews and focus groups. Detailed aspects of the methodology and analysis will be refined by the candidate throughout the project.

## Skills required of the candidate:

Key skills would include: a demonstrable specialism in social science and/or sociology; sports science, related interest and academic performance in the study of sport, health or pain and injury; and, evidence of the ability to undertake independent research. Supplementary skills might include: professional or vocational experience of sport provision and/or health, and wider sports- or health-related experience.

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## **Applicant Instructions:**

As part of the application process candidates will need to demonstrate an understanding of the project area and be able to detail how they would take the proposal forward. This will require them to write a proposal. The proposal will be a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 pages (excluding bibliography). Arial 11 font, 1.5 spacing. The proposal will detail: Aims and research questions; an overview of the background literature that outlines the rationale for the proposal; methodology; an overview of how the applicants academic and/or vocational experience equips them to undertake the proposed research; bibliography (1 page maximum).

## **Call for Applications**

## Center for Art and Urbanistics ZK/U

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#### In Residence

## **Open Call Guidelines**

## **KEYWORDS**

CROSS-CONTEXTUAL CONVERSATIONS, STREET FURNITURE, IMAGINATIVE ECONOMIES, , URBAN FARMING, SELF-SUBSISTANCE, PUBLIC SPACE INTO DIGITAL REALM

ZK/U Residency concept and investigation lines: <a href="http://www.zku-berlin.org/concept/">http://www.zku-berlin.org/concept/</a>

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In the context of its research and residency program, ZK/U offers a 'living & work space': furnished studio-apartments (half of which have private bathrooms), communal facilities, a platform open for public events, lectures, discussions, screenings, performances and presentations.

## **Applicant Requirements**

ZK/U welcomes **artists**, **scholars**, **and practitioners** (curators, activists, autodidacts, etc.) interested in cross-disciplinary theory and practice dealing with 'the city'.

Artists should be working professionally in their fields and have a broad range of projects and exhibition experience. Scholars and practitioners should have some years of professional experience. Artists, scholars, and practitioners can apply individually or as a group. We especially encourage group applications consisting of artists working with scholars or practitioners from other disciplines. Furthermore, the residents are invited to use ZK/U as a platform, and propose their own formats or longterm satellite projects.

#### **Selection Criteria**

The selection criteria will be based upon the founding concept of ZK/U. There are no limitations concerning age or region of provenance of the applicant. The application proposal should be coherent with the Open Call conceptual frame and our Investigation lines (http://www.zku-berlin.org/concept/).

## **Costs**

For individual fellows, depending on the studio-apartment and length of stay, the resident's costs are between 500 and 800 euro a month.

After being selected, ZK/U will support the invited residential fellow in their efforts to secure funding through external grants by providing the fellow with an official invitation and identifying relevant funding networks and grants.

## **Deadline**

January 31st, 2016.

## Length of residency

2 to 8 months.

## Application material (in German or English)

- 1. online application form (http://www.zku-berlin.org/apply)
- 2. curriculum vitae
- 3. portfolio, publications and/or catalogs as pdfs
- 4. long description of your plans for the residency / research or project proposal (max. 5000 characters, pdf maximum of 5mb. Please keep in mind the following questions: which discourse

or field of practice are you referring to, how do you want to realise your work, how do you want to engage with the other fellows during your stay, what do you need or expect from ZKU?)

Please send the 3 PDF documents (15mb maximum combined) through wetransfer to apply@zku-berlin.org

additional material can be sent by post to: Zentrum für Kunst und Urbanistik - Residency Siemensstrasse 27 10551 Berlin Germany

(Please note, that we cannot send back application material. It will be filed in the ZKU archive. You can pick it up within 2 years after your application.)