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Message from the ESA 2013 Conference Local Organizing Committee regarding conference registrations

Turin, 28-31 August 2013

https://www.esa11thconference.eu/

In order to help meeting the challenges that the current economic crisis imposes on Universities and delegates' budgets, the Turin edition of the ESA conference 2013 will support delegates meeting the conference expenses by affording over 700 places in University accommodation (EDISU) at very competitive rates (around 20 Euro/night/person) either a few steps away or by the conference premises. The rooms do not include "hotel-like" services (i.e. night porter, breakfast, private bathrooms, daily cleaning, TV or phone in the rooms) but are located in newly built or restored buildings onsite (or very close by).

These places in single, double and triple rooms are especially meant to meet the needs of students and young researchers at early stages of their careers, as well as those of delegates coming from "Band 2 countries" and those countries especially hit by the crisis. They will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. Delegates will be able to choose this option in a separate section of the registration form (University Accommodation - EDISU), where they will be asked to indicate the name(s) of selected colleague(s), in case of room sharing (if no specification is given, and a place in a shared room is chosen, allocation will be on a same-sex basis).
We hope that this 'in kind contribution' towards meeting the conference costs will especially encourage a high attendance by young scholars.

You can get in touch with the conference secretariat for any question: info@esa11thconference.eu

TASA – Celebrating 50 years
2013 Conference
Monash University – Caulfield Campus, Australia

The annual Australian Sociological Association Conference will be held at Monash University at Caulfield on the 26th to the 28th of November 2013. This event will be the culmination of a year-long celebration as we move as an association into our 50th year of establishment in Australia. We hope you can come and join us at this landmark event in Australian sociology.

The conference theme – ***Reflections, Intersections and Aspirations*** – focusses on the development and history of sociology in Australia and abroad and how we envisage the discipline's future in the context of some significant challenges. The conference is designed to provide an opportunity for *reflections* on our history and legacy, for examinations of *intersections* of inequalities, of disciplines and programs, and considerations of our future *aspirations*.

Further details are available on TASAweb at http://www.tasa.org.au/tasa-conference/tasa-conference-2013/

Conference Announcement

Learning for a better world
The initial conference of the UK contribution to the EU Agenda for Adult Learning

Thursday-Friday, 25-26 April 2013
Holiday inn Cardiff City, Castle Street, Cardiff CF10 1XD

Background
The role of adult learning and skills to enhance Europe's economy and society is central to the work of the European Union, its member states and other participants in the Lifelong Learning Programme. *Rethinking Education: investing in skills for better socio-economic outcomes, made a compelling case for investment*. The European Agenda for Adult Learning, adopted by Council Resolution in November 2011, similarly stresses the need for adult educators to make a case for investment, better analyse learner participation and motivation, and develop robust strategies to engage adults who have benefited least from initial education systems.

NIACE as UK National Co-ordinator for the Agenda is running a number of innovation projects and peer learning activities in 2013 and 2014. This conference provides a platform for activity over the coming eighteen months. It will bring together adult learning practitioners, policy makers, learners and researchers from a variety of levels-- transnational, UK wide, national, regional and local.

The aim is to contribute to the EU Agenda and think about the UK's contribution in three main areas

- Linking adult learning to wider social and economic policy in the UK
- Raising awareness of the value of adult learning to UK citizens
- Increasing participation of low skilled or less well qualified adults

The programme will run over 24 hours hosted by NIACE Dysgu Cymru with workshops, seminars, keynote speeches, exhibitions and cultural visits.

Participants will receive a full conference report.

Aims

- To showcase some of the good practice happening across the UK and the rest of Europe;

- To hear the latest policy interpretations from a variety of speakers from government, academia and support agencies;

- To establish a strong platform for ongoing development and research projects;

- To initiate a UK wide discussion on the value and contribution of adult learning to wider social and economic policy;

- To report back to the European Commission on progress.

Outcomes

By the end of the conference participants will have been able to:
- hear the latest analysis and opinion from expert speakers and contributors

- debate key matters that affect adult learning policy makers and practitioners

- contribute to NIACE-led projects as part of the European Agenda for Adult Learning.

Audience

- Further and Higher education adult learning practitioners;
- Community learning staff;
- Union learning representatives;
- Careers staff;
- Policy makers
- Learners
- Researchers from a variety of levels-- transnational, UK-wide, national, regional and local.

For more details and to book places:
http://www.niace.org.uk/campaigns-events/events/learning-for-a-better-world

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Conference Announcement

INVITATION: "The regulation of health professions in the European Union"

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the conference "The regulation of health professions in the European Union", which will take place on 19 of April, 2013, at the Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Institute (IHMT), in Lisbon. The conference is organized by the WHO Collaborating Center on health workforce policy and planning of the International Public Health and Biostatistics Unit of IHMT, with the support of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

In times of economic and financial crisis, it is critical that the health sector maintains its capacity to supply quality services in an efficient manner. The way the work of health care professionals is regulated can facilitate or be an obstacle to the achievement of this objective. This conference will present an opportunity to review the experience of other EU countries in this matter and to reflect on

lessons that can be learned to help ensure that Portuguese citizens continue to have an equitable access to health services of high quality, produced in an efficient manner.

Attached, you will find the conference programme. Attendance is free of charge, but registration is required before 15 April. Contact for registration: Claudia Leone: claudia.leone@ihmt.unl.pt or by telephone: +351 213 652 664.

Programa/Programme
8.30 Inscrição/Registration

9.00 Introdução ao tema da conferência/Introduction to the theme of the Conference
Reinhard Neumann (FEF)
Paulo Ferrinho (Diretor/Director IHMT)
Gilles Dussault (Diretor/Coordinator WHOCC)

9.15 A regulação dos profissionais da saúde no Reino Unido e na Alemanha/The regulation of health professions in England and in Germany
Facilitador/Facilitator: Maria de Belém Roseira, ex-Ministra de Saúde, Presidente do Conselho Consultivo do IHMT/ ex-Minister of Health, President of Advisory Board of IHMT
• Niall Dickson, Chief Executive, General Medical Council, UK
• Ellen Kuhlmann, Guest Professor de Políticas de Saúde e Serviços, University of Siegen, Germany /
Professor of Health Policy and Services, University of Siegen, Germany

10:45 Pausa

11.15 A regulação dos profissionais da saúde em Espanha e em Portugal / The regulation of health professions in Spain and Portugal
Facilitador/Facilitator: Luís Lapão (WHOCC- IHMT)
• Beatriz Gonzalez Lopez-Valcarcel, Universidade de Las Palmas, Espanha
• Marta Temido, WHOCC- IHMT, Lisboa, Portugal

12.45 Síntese e conclusões/ Synthesis and conclusion
Inês Fronteira (WHOCC- IHMT)

13.00 Almoço/Lunch

14.00 Painel e discussão (em Português) / Panel and Discussion (in Portuguese)
Facilitador/Facilitator: Jorge Simões, Presidente da Entidade Reguladora da Saúde, Portugal/ President of the Portuguese Health Regulation Agency
• Maria Arminda Costa, Presidente da/President of European Federation of Nursing Educators
• Raquel Rego, Investigadora do Centro de Investigação em Sociologia Económica e das Organizações (SOCIUS) / Research centre in economic and organizational sociology, Universidade Técnica de Lisboa
• Filipa Marques, Diretora do Departamento Jurídico da Ordem dos Médicos Dentistas e Assessora Jurídica do Conselho Nacional das Ordens Profissionais (CNOP) / Law Department Director at Portuguese Dental Council and Law Advisor at Portuguese National Council of Professional Orders
• Tiago Correia, Lecturer, Lisbon University Institute (ISCTE-IUL)

16.00 Síntese e conclusões / Synthesis and conclusion

Paulo Ferrinho, Diretor do IHMT

Simultaneous translation will be available

Mais informações/For more information: IHMT
http://www.ihmt.unl.pt/?lang=pt&page=actualidade&subpage=noticias&m2=138

Call for papers

Social Network Environments Conference (SoNetE 2013)

Romania, Bucharest, May 27 -31

http://sonete.sas.unibuc.ro
Contact: gabriel.hancean@sas.unibuc.ro

Keynote-speakers: David Willer; Rebecca B. Morton; Patricia Powell; Ulrich Teichler

Important dates:

Abstract submission deadline: March, 30, 2013
Abstract submission extended deadline: May, 7, 2013
Paper submission deadline: May, 20, 2013
Early conference registration from February, 14, 2013
Regular conference registration: March, 18 – May, 10, 2013
Late/on-site conference registration after May, 10, 2013
Workshop session registration deadline: May, 20, 2013
Announcing the Conference program: May, 20, 2013

Conference theme

SoNetE 2013 aims at assessing the current state of advanced social applied research, on topics as social network analysis, exchange networks, intra and inter-organizational social networks. Furthermore, we lay a special stress on how academic communities manage to deliver scientific knowledge as to meet the needs of non-academic environments (i.e. public sector, business and non-profit organizations). Put it differently, we want to discuss if there is a gap between academic communities and non-academic environments, in terms of scientific agendas. Ways of building bridges between the two parts are sought, if necessary.

SoNetE 2013 provides researchers with the possibility of presenting their research work (e.g. early stage research presentations, papers close to completion etc.) during three workshop sessions. The participants to the workshop sessions are offered the opportunity to publish their research work in a special issue of International Review of Social Research journal.

We invite researchers to submit original papers on their early stage, ongoing or completed studies that are focused on either inter or intra-organizational topics, until March, 30 (for the abstracts) and until May 20, 2013 (for the papers).

Topics

Papers are invited on topics including, but not limited to, the following:

· positive and negative ties;
· voice and silence in organizations;
· organizational informal networks;
· dark networks and terrorist organizations;
· organizational decision-making strategies;
· organizational alliances, board interlocks, join-ventures and inter-firm alliances;
· knowledge management and organizational learning;
· social cognition and group processes;
· time and space in organizations;
· power, politics and policies in and among organizations;
· organizational and individual social capital;
· on-line and off-line social networks;
· emergence of norms in organizational environments.

Submission
Please, submit your paper (4,000 – 8,000 words in length) together with an abstract of no more than 200 words, to the following address: editor@irsr.eu; until May 20, 2013.

Prior to submission, please check author guidelines at http://irsr.eu/instructions.html.

Publication
All accepted papers, after having been assessed via a double blind peer-review process, are to be published in a special issue of International Review of Social Research (http://irsr.eu).

Call For Papers and Reviewers: Cognition and Knowledge

We would like to invite you to participate in the International Symposium on Cognition/Knowledge Science and Engineering: CKSE 2013 (www.2013iiisconferences.org/ckse), being organized in the context of The 7th International Conference on Knowledge Generation, Communication and Management: KGCM 2013 (www.2013iiisconferences.org/kgcm), to be held in Orlando, Florida, USA, on July 9 - 12, 2013.

The deadline of papers/abstracts submissions and invited session proposals for both events is *April 9th, 2013*. The deadlines for notification to authors and camera ready upload can be found at the events web site.

Deadlines for the collocated (same venue and time) conferences and symposia can be found at http://www.2013iiisconferences.org/current-deadlines.asp. (Check the web site for possible extension of the submission deadline).

To provide support as reviewer, you can do it by filling the form at www.2013iiisconferences.org/ckser. The required fields will take no more than 2 minutes from your time.

Submissions for Face-to-Face or for Virtual Participation are both accepted. Both kinds of submissions 1) will have the same reviewing process, 2) the accepted papers will be included in the same proceedings, and 3) authors of the best 20%-25% papers will be invited to adapt their papers for their publication in the Journal of Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics with no additional costs, i.e. the respective Article Processing Charge will be waived for them.

With the purpose of fostering *Inter-disciplinary Communications* participants registered at any conference or symposia can attend any sessions of the collocated events. Registered participants will also receive a CD containing the proceedings of all collocated events, and will have a password to access any virtual session of these events, so they can comment the papers presented at any of them.

Main Themes or Tracks of CKSE 2013 (Suggested topics in each Track are suggested at the symposium web site):
• Cognitive Science
• Cognitive Engineering and Technologies
• Knowledge Engineering
• Knowledge Science
• Knowledge and Cognition Philosophies

Other purposes for organizing CKSE 2013 are:
• to explore the possibility of organizing CKSE 2014 as a conference by its own, not in the context of another one;
• to identify the interest that there might be regarding special issues in the Journal of Systemic, Cybernetics, and Informatics (JSCI) on CKSE, where best papers will certainly be published in regular or special issues;

- to examine with CKSE 2013 participants the feasibility of publishing a multiple author book on the CKSE topics or on a cluster of them; and
- to analyze with CKSE 2013 participants the desirability and feasibility of organizing an international association on CKSE and/or of publishing a related Journal.

Details about the following issues have also been included at the conference web site (URL given above):
- Pre- and post-conference virtual sessions
- Virtual participation
- Two-tier reviewing combining double-blind and non-blind methods
- Access to reviewers' comments and evaluation average according to eight criteria
- Waiving the registration fee of effective invited session organizers.
- Best papers awards

We would also like to inform you about a conference with similar topics to the Orlando's collocated conferences that will be held in *Porto, Portugal* on June 30 - July 6, 2013 (International Conference on Complexity, Cybernetics, and Informing Science and Engineering: CCISE 2013) Deadlines are displayed at the conference web site www.2013iiisconferences.org/ccise

Best regards,

CKSE 2013 Organizing

Call for Papers

EAPRIL 2013 CONFERENCE

Wednesday November 27 - Friday November 29, 2013

Haute Ecole Pédagogique - BEJUNE, Biel/Bienne

Switzerland

This year, the 8th EAPRIL Conference will be organised in Biel/Bienne, which is the largest Swiss bilingual city and the world capital of watchmaking. Situated at the foot of the Jura mountains and on the shores of Lac de Bienne, the Haute École Pédagogique – BEJUNE is looking forward to welcoming all practitioners and practitioner-researchers in the fields of education, learning and instruction, and training and development.

NEW this year: To give you the chance to start organising your conference visit and presentation as soon as possible, an extra submission & review period is organised before the summer. However, if you prefer to submit your proposal in September, the regular submission and review period is installed.

Submissions

Early Submission Deadline: **June 5, 2013**
Final Submission Deadline: **September 18, 2013**

EAPRIL Best Research & Practice Project Award

Deadline: **June 5, 2013**

http://www.eapril.org/EAPRIL2013/Submit_your_contribution_now_!

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"The Speed Dating sessions were a really nice way of getting to know other delegates. I felt immediately connected with colleagues from abroad."

"The EAPRIL conference distinguishes itself from other conferences by its good balance between theory and practice. You always had the choice to attend either a theoretical or a practical session, as well as sessions that combined both."

"The conference focused very much on educational practice, which I hoped to see at the EAPRIL conference."

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- Present & Discuss sessions
- Roundtable sessions
- Symposia
- Interactive poster sessions
- Speed Dating sessions
- Cloud Discussion sessions
- EU project sessions
- EAPRIL Best Research & Practice Project Award sessions
- …

For its interesting keynote presentations by leading figures in the field of learning and development

- Prof. dr. Anne-Nelly Perret-Clermont
  Title will be soon available

- Prof. dr. Pierre Dillenbourg
  Classroom orchestration: why do some tools sometimes work well?

- Prof. dr. Susan McKenney
  Practitioners conducting educational design research: Tales of tension and triumph

For its interesting cloud sessions in which practitioners and practitioner-researchers meet to discuss their expertise in different topics.

- Teacher Education
- Educators' Professional Development
- Instructional Strategies & Learning Environments
- Innovation & Learning Practice
- HRD & Workplace Learning
- ICT, Media & Learning
- Practice-based Research & Inquiry
- Subject-based clouds on (e.g.) economics, language, and maths education

More information?

Visit http://www.eapril.org/EAPRIL2013

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Acta Universitatis Sapientiae – Social Analysis

Call for Papers

The Editorial Board of the ***Acta Universitatis Sapientiae – Social Analysis*** invites manuscript submissions for the sixth issue of the journal to be published in December 2013.

Social Analysis publishes original studies focused on the analysis of various social phenomena and processes taking place in East-Central Europe. The journal seeks to provide a stance for comparative perspectives and multiple methodologies in the approaching of these themes.

The journal welcomes theoretical discussions, empirical studies, research notes and book reviews which investigate issues of social change and development, cultural reconfiguration and associated discourses in the context of East-Central Europe and its regions.

A special section of our forthcoming issue is dedicated to anthropological approaches. The East-Central European region is usually approached through studies which analyze the nature of the communist past in terms of mentality, attitudes and behaviours, respectively the ways in which these patterns of the past continue to survive after the regime change. During the last two decades this part of the world has witnessed a series of changes like the process of transition and Europeanisation, both associated with various types of crisis, deceptions and success. However, besides and beyond all these macro-level phenomena and processes, the region has developed 'all by itself' a way of life conduct in terms of surviving and transitioning strategies. Such micro-level processes, which are frequently independent from the macro-level or are even antagonistic, provide conditions and frameworks for the everyday life of the citizens. As a consequence, we seek articles which provide in-depth analysis into the everyday life of East-Central European citizens through anthropological approaches centred around discourses, narratives and observations.

Besides this general topic, we particularly encourage those articles which are concerned with the problem of space and space-appropriation on various levels, from urban and rural communities to households. On the level of the everyday life the ways in which space is organized and transformed through symbolic contents and practices (e.g. spaces for memento, but also new spaces like shopping malls, etc.) is a very salient phenomenon throughout the region. Citizens are frequently facing two kinds of constraints (frequently as the results of their accentuated involvement in transnational flows, like migration): that of re-assuring the role of the past and tradition by accentuating specific spaces and landscapes (e.g. parks of memorials, rural tourism, etc.) in parallel with seeking new ways for self- and community expression in the form of space rehabilitation, new spaces of consumerism (e.g. shopping malls), but also in the form of small scale, household-level redesigning and redecorating. Studies dealing with various anthropological approaches of space (e.g. the anthropology of commemoration, space appropriation, consumption, narratives and history of space, etc.) are thus particularly welcomed.

Contributors are kindly asked to submit their manuscripts electronically, to the e-mail address acta-social@acta.sapientia.ro or la.nistor@gmail.com no later than **July 15, 2013**.

Acta Universitatis Sapientiae, Social Analysis is a peer-reviewed journal. All submitted manuscripts are reviewed by two anonymous referees.

For questions regarding our journal, its indexing, guidelines for manuscript preparation, etc., please consult the website of the journal: http://www.acta.sapientia.ro/acta-social/social-main.htm

If you have any questions about the journal or about the reviewing process, please contact the Editorial Board of the *Social Analysis* at the address: acta-social@acta.sapientia.ro, or la.nistor@gmail.com

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Call for Applications

Computational Social Science: Big Data

July 20 - July 27, 2013, Lipari Island, Italy

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

REGISTRATION OPEN

The Social Sciences are undergoing deep changes in terms of research style, data availability, underlying knowledge, and methods. Today, the availability of social "big data" cannot be overlooked by social scientists. Big data utilization and management will be an integral part of the future of Computational Social Science. The 2013 edition of the Lipari Summer School on Computational Social Science will bring together world-class experts in the fields of quantitative social science and big data analysis to provide a lecture and workshop series to an interdisciplinary international audience. The goal of the 2013 edition is to expose social science researchers to tools and methods for analyzing big datasets of socially relevant information.

List of speakers
  Jianbo Gao
  Massive media event data analysis to assess world-wide political conflict and instability [abstract]
  University of Florida, USA

  Kalev H. Leetaru
  Using ?Big Data? To Understand the World Around Us: Towards Realtime Modeling, Monitoring, and Forecasting Global Society [abstract]
  University of Illinois, USA

  Andrew Tomkins
  Algorithms and approaches to understanding large-scale social data [abstract]
  Google Research, USA

Tutorials
  Davide Bennato
  Using social media data for social science research [abstract]
  University of Catania - Department of Humanistic Science, Italy

  Damiano Carra, University of Verona, Italy
  Rosalba Giugno, University of Catania, Italy
  Calogero Zarba, Neodata Group, Italy
  Non relational data management for big data management [abstract]

  Alfredo Pulvirenti
  Tools and techniques for data mining [abstract]
  University of Catania - Department of Clinical and Molecular Biomedicine, Italy

Information

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

Two kinds of participants are welcome. Students: Participants who are expected to do afternoon courseworks and take a final exam (The grades will be given following the ECTS grading scale). The course will involve a total of 24 hours of teaching. According to our university rules passing the final exam gives right to an equivalent of 6 ECTS credits in any Ph.D. program. Auditors: participants who are not interested in taking the final exam.

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

Deadline for application is April 30, 2013 (admission notification will start on April 1st according to registration time). Applicants must include a short curriculum vitae and specify two professors whom letters of recommendation will be asked to, if deemed necessary. Applicants will be notified about admission by May 8, 2013.

The official language is English.

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   Prof. Alfredo Pulvirenti, University of Catania, Italy

People interested in receiving further information about the school can contact:
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Call for Applications

Dynamic Networks and Social Behavior

July 6 - July 13, 2013, Lipari Island
http://lipari.cs.unict.it/LipariSchool/ComplexSystems/index.php

REGISTRATION OPEN

The Jacob T. Schwartz International School for Scientific Research in 2010 opened a new set of summer schools on Computational Complex Systems

The 2013 edition addresses PhD students and young researchers to the forefront of research activity on data mining and computational models for dynamic networks and social behavior. Recognized authorities in the field will give formal lectures tailoring these for an interdisciplinary audience.

Participants will also have the opportunity to present the results of their research during a short communication session. As a whole, the planned summer school will allow participants to be exposed to cutting edge results in one of the most challenging research area, while at the same time enjoying the relaxing atmosphere of one of the most beautiful italian islands.

Speakers

Bernardo Huberman
Social Media and the Attention Economy
Stanford University, USA

Michael Kearns
Network Games: Algorithms and Behavior
University of Pennsylvania, USA

Michael Walton Macy
Computational Models and Complex Systems
Cornell University Sociology, USA

Guest Speakers

Santo Fortunato
Aalto University, Finland

Dirk Helbing
ETH Zurich, Switzerland

Kimmo Kaski
Aalto University, Finland

Janos Kertesz
Central European University (CEU) Budapest

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Short Communication Session
Accepted participants may submit an abstract to present their research activity. The abstract should be submitted before 30 May 2013.
Deadline for application is April 30, 2013 (admission notification will start on March 1st according to registration time).

Applicants must include a short curriculum vitae and specify two professors whom letters of recommendation will be asked to, if deemed necessary. Applicants will be notified about admission by May 8, 2013.
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Call for Applications

"Settling Into Motion"

The Bucerius Ph.D. Scholarship Program in Migration Studies

The ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius requests applications for 6 - 8 Ph.D. Scholarships in migration studies.

The Bucerius Ph.D. scholarship program in migration studies "Settling Into Motion" offers six to eight scholarships for Ph.D. theses addressing migration in changing societies. For 2013, research applications on "Transformation of Migration and Societies" are specially welcome. Qualified Ph.D. students of - in a broad sense - social sciences can apply until 11 April 2013.

Please find further information as well as the online application on the program´s website: http://www.settling-into-motion.de.

Focus 2013

For 2013, research applications on "Transformation of Migration and Societies" are especially welcome.

Migration is not only an integral part of broader social transformations; it is also a process with its own internal dynamics and changing patterns: In addition to the long term or permanent displacement of domicile, shorter forms of spatial and social mobility are increasingly subject to academic research and animate the public discussion. These short-term movements - described as "circular", "temporary" or "return" migration - are more conditional and are shaping societies in a different way as compared with the traditionally indented perpetual stay in a host country.
Which impact do different forms of mobility have on the social change in the sending and receiving societies? How do they transform social, economic and cultural dynamics in the traditional and new destination countries? How do cultural institutions and policies respond to and facilitate these changes? How should we understand the relationship between migration, mobility and social change?

Ph.D. students dealing with internal dynamics of migratory processes and their impact on societies are invited to apply for a scholarship. We encourage the following topics, but will also consider other approaches:

- Changing migration and mobility patterns
- Migration and social change
- Institutional challenges in sending and receiving countries
- Role of cultural production, policies, and institutions in mobility and social inclusion

Innovative approaches both in terms of subject matter and methodology will be highly encouraged.

Call for Applications

International workshop

Sociology and Political Science in dialogue on Rational Choice Theory and Applications

Sponsored by the International Sociological Association (RC45)

September the 19th — the 21st, 2013
Collegio Carlo Alberto
Via Real Collegio 30, Moncalieri (Turin), Italy

Rational Actor approaches have enjoyed increasing interest both in sociology and in political science, thanks to recent theoretical and empirical developments. Experimental research has been largely encouraged by this approach and common theoretical perspectives have been shared in different disciplines of human behaviour and decision making. At the same time the concept of rationality has evolved in order to adhere to actual decisions of individual people, groups and collective behaviour. Models of rational actor have become softer and more complex. Relations between instrumental rationality and sentiments, selfishness and altruism, game theoretic assumption and cultural conditions have been experimentally checked, often bringing counter intuitive and even paradoxical results.

The aim of the conference is that of making scholars of both disciplines meet and discuss their approaches with the idea that a comparison between sociology and political science on the advancement of cutting edge research activities can open new perspectives, suggest future research and be of mutual benefit for both.

The international workshop is devoted to PhD students and young researchers.

Organization of the workshop

1. Thursday, September the 19th evening, welcome dinner.

2. Friday, September the 20th morning, opening session with a double presentation:
Hanno Scholtz (University of Konstanz, Chairman of the ISA RC45 on Rational Choice)
Iain McLean (Nuffield College, University of Oxford, Professor of Political Science)
Discussion of the presentations.

3. Friday, September the 20th afternoon, presentation of six selected papers (20 minutes each) and discussion
(15 minutes each) with appointed discussants.

4. Saturday, September the 21st morning, presentation of five selected papers (20 minutes each) and discussion
(15 minutes each) with appointed discussants.

Papers of sections 3 and 4 will be collected through a public call and selected by a panel of sociologists and political scientists within the ISA Research Committee n. 45.

Each paper is distributed in advance to the appointed discussant and copies are made available to all participants.

Discussants: Filippo Barbera (University of Turin, Italy), Antonio M. Jaime-Castillo (University of Malaga, Spain), Antonio Chiesi (University of Milan, Italy), Fabio Franchino (University of Milan, Italy), Iain McLean (University of Oxford, England), Hanno Scholtz (University of Konstanz, Switzerland).

Application
Applications should be addressed to Dr. Paola Ghione (workshop.dss@unito.it) by May 31th.

Participants are asked to present a paper theoretical or empirical and will be selected according to:
1. the quality of their paper abstract (up to 500 words);
2. a brief CV (one page).

Notice of acceptance will be given by June 30th.
Up to 12 participants will be admitted.
The workshop fee is 150 euro, which covers access to the workshop, coffee breaks and lunches, and accommodation in Turin. ISA members are exempted from fees.
Contributions to travel expenses are available for candidates from countries of cat. B and C of ISA.

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