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CRITICAL POLITICAL ECONOMY RESEARCH NETWORK OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Call for Papers – Mid-term conference

Crisis, Resistance and Rights: Critical Political Economy Perspectives

12-13 September 2014, Vienna

The current crisis reveals one of capitalism's key contradictions: the relationship between rights, the state and society. Giving primacy to austerity politics, governments appear unable to guarantee basic rights vis-à-vis market forces. These developments constitute fundamental challenges to social reproduction. Governments have for example been pro-active in protecting banks' rights in foreclosures and housing evictions at the expense of people's right to housing, or imposed labour reforms marking a retreat of labour rights and rights to decent work. Similar trends can be observed with respect to welfare rights, the right to education, the right to water or democratic rights that go beyond ballot boxes, such as the right to protest and claim public spaces. Of particular importance here is also the political ecology dimension, with a focus on the financialisation of nature, enclosure of commons, and the green economy as a new hegemonic project. Resistance movements and civil society organisations/groups increasingly challenge private property rights and demand collective socio-economic and human rights. Academic discussions of rights have long been a prerequisite of liberal political philosophy and received little attention from critical scholars. What can scholars in law, political economy, political science and sociology contribute to a critical understanding of rights? How does an emancipatory conception of rights look like? What are common rights, and/or rights to commons? How could such conceptions add to a critical understanding of crisis and resistance?

This two-day conference in Vienna seeks to explore interlinkages between crisis, resistance and rights in an open, genial and reflexive manner. We are interested in all of the above plus more, and wish for the conference to cover a wide range of topics. As such, we seek contributions from scholars with an interest in political economy research, regardless of their disciplinary affiliation and whether they are in academia or not. We also hope to attract a diverse range of participants, from a variety of countries and backgrounds. To this end, limited funds will be available for assisting PhD and early career scholars, especially those from Central and Eastern Europe, with their travel and accommodation costs.

There is no fee for attending and participating in the workshop. The workshop language will be English.

Abstracts of around 250 words should be submitted to cpern@criticalpoliticaleconomy.net by no later than **1 March 2014**. The applicants will be informed of the selection committee's decision by **1 April 2014**.

About CPERN

The Critical Political Economy Research Network (CPERN) promotes and facilitates research aimed at understanding recent transformations of capitalism and capitalist societies. The primary focus is on Europe, but CPERN is in no way restricted to just this part of the world. CPERN's purpose is to reassert the centrality of political economy perspectives and to promote critical and emancipatory scholarship. It is a hub for interdisciplinary exchange, straddling principally the disciplines of sociology, politics and economics, but also reaching out to geography, social policy and law.

CONFERENCE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Croatian Sociological Association is pleased to announce the organisation of its international conference:

Towards a European Society? Boundaries, Borders, Barriers

The conference will take place in Zagreb, Croatia, 13 – 15 June 2014.

Theme

European society, with its inherent dilemmas, discontents, and horizons of opportunity, urgently demands the attention of the social sciences in general and sociology in particular. As the depth and breadth of cultural, social, economic and political ties across the boundaries of European national spaces increases at a greater velocity, the need for diverse representations of European citizens on the European and global level concomitantly grows. However, European social spaces emerge in multiple and fragmented forms, which necessarily contest the idea of cultural, territorial and political unity inherent in, and enforced by, the concept of “Europe” itself. Transnational spaces in Europe do not overlap simply with national domains; nor do they correspond to administratively determined regions of the EU. The challenges of imagining a European-wide public sphere or European civil society, as well as the idea of European integration through multi-level governance, have only increased as European political and economic boundaries widen and shift. Additionally, the entry of new member states has increased the range of social and economic inequality throughout the European Union by producing new political hierarchies and new barriers to the social integration of Europe. The political landscape of Europe might very well become even more complex if some ‘old’ member states seriously consider opting out even as new countries enter the EU. The first anniversary of Croatia’s admittance in the EU is an appropriate occasion to discuss the present and future of European society, European citizenship, support for and alienation from the European integration project and the nature of emerging European social spaces.

The conference is organised under the auspices of

Croatian Sociological Association (HSD)

European Sociological Association (ESA)

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Manja Klemenčič (Harvard University, USA)

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Keynote speakers:

Roberto Cipriani (Università Roma Tre, Italy)

Gerard Delanty (University of Sussex, UK)

Vjeran Katunarić (University of Zadar, Croatia)

Chris Rumford (Royal Holloway, University of London, UK)

Conference fee: 70 €

Please send the title and abstract (200 words) of your presentation by 17th of February 2014 to info@hsd.hr.

For any further information please contact the Secretariat of the Croatian Sociological Association at: info@hsd.hr

Mini-Conference at the 26th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE),

July 10-12, 2014 - Northwestern University and the University of Chicago

Call for Papers: "The institutional foundations of distributed and open innovation"

Like economic behavior in general corporate innovation activities rest upon institutionalized rules, norms, routines and practices. Institutions are formative for the generation, distribution and allocation of knowledge and therefore essential for understanding innovation systems. For a long time innovation systems have predominantly been characterized by companies organizing their innovation activities in-house in order to utilize their exclusive, proprietary knowledge to gain competitive advantages. On the societal level, these corporate strategies were embedded in a corresponding institutional framework. Now, for several reasons firms increasingly strive to integrate external resources into their processes of innovation and knowledge creation. Instead of concentrating on internal R&D processes they open up their innovation processes to make use of external sources of knowledge or take part in distributed knowledge production. Such innovation strategies, for instance, may include networking with other companies or cooperation with lead users in product development processes, utilization of user experience to develop new applications, or joint efforts in external communities.

The mini-conference focuses on institutional preconditions and consequences of such distributed or open innovation strategies. Open innovation strategies force companies to reorganize their innovation processes in a more dynamic and application-oriented way raising organizational challenges since established strategies are put into question. In particular, companies have to re-define the conditions for knowledge transfer as well as the interfaces between internal and a broad variety of external resources and actors, be it other companies and individuals or new actors and new contexts of knowledge production like networks and communities. The increasing relevance of distributed knowledge (production) raises the question of how companies attempt to frame and coordinate distributed innovation processes and inter-organizational knowledge transfer. This question does not only point to organizational conditions but also to the institutional foundations of innovation systems. Hence, the mini-conference invites papers – empirically or theoretically informed – that address the following questions:

- Which new actors and forms of collaboration in knowledge production do emerge? How do internal and external actors' roles, orientations and patterns of behavior change?
- How does the increasing incorporation of external actors (like customers and communities) into product development affect the companies' strategies? How do they go along with an on-going or even increasing competition between firms?
- To what extent do existing institutions enable or constrain distributed and open innovation processes? How do they change? How do corporate as well as external actors re-define and re-interpret existing institutions?
- Which new institutions facilitating distributed knowledge creation and transfer between internal and external actors do emerge?

Abstracts must be submitted by **January 20, 2014** via the online submission system on the SASE website. Candidates will be notified by February 17, 2014. Please note that Mini-Conferences require an extended (up to 1000 words) abstract, and ask that you submit a full paper by March 31, 2014.

See https://sase.org/mini-conferences/themes_fr_182.html#MC3 for more information on the mini-conferences and https://sase.org/about-sase/conference-submission-and-award-guidelines_fr_25.html for further information on submission guidelines.

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Call for papers

(deadline: 31st January 2014)

Changing population: migration, reproduction and identity

University of Trento, June 3-5, 2014

The social sciences have long debated the use of racial, ethnic and national categories in analyzing processes of collective identity construction. Anthropology and Sociology have both contributed to uncovering the implicit essentialism underlying the racial and cultural definitions of difference conventionally used to identify, subdivide and classify human populations. At the same time, contemporary processes of social and cultural interconnection, fueled by intense global mobility, are challenging, bridging and overturning institutional boundaries of identity and belonging. National citizenship categories in particular have become increasingly limiting and constrictive in relation to the wide variety of reproductive practices individuals enact transnationally. Issues such as the family basis of migration, the fertility and birthrates of migrants and ethnic minorities, the rise in mixed marriages, the transnational spread of familial and kinship networks and the access to citizenship for “second generations” are only the most visible signs of a deeply rooted change, which impacts the composition and shape of national populations and triggers new citizenship claims.

Faced with these processes, dominant demographic discourse has adopted ethno-racial classifications and slipped easily into a rhetoric of danger: the danger of invasion, extinction, poverty and cultural disintegration. Still lacking or underdeveloped is a primarily social analysis of the demographic developments at play that draws on socio-anthropological research in order to problematize the demographic construction of minorities, in opposition to national demography; and, at the same time, that explores how individuals and communities ensure their own biological, social and cultural continuity despite and across ethno-national boundaries.

This conference aims to establish a space for international and interdisciplinary dialogue on contemporary socio-demographic shifts. We propose to focus in particular on the biopolitics of reproduction put in motion by both national governments, as they distinguish between citizens and non-citizens, and migrants and their descendents, as they affirm, negotiate or refrain from constructing their own definitions of family, kinship, genealogy and belonging.

In this perspective, which primarily addresses the intersection of reproduction and identity in relation to migrants and multicultural contexts, we invite papers exploring the following issues:

- The analytical categories and classifications employed in research on population, namely ethnicity, race, nation, culture and group;
- Demographic politics and systems for defining national populations;
- Family reunification and the ethno-national bases of welfare systems;
- The marriage practices, reproductive behavior and social genealogies of migrants and their descendents;
- Family planning policies and fertility management among migrants and minorities;
- Notions of identity and continuity in transnational migration.

The conference is organised by the SMMS Research Unit (Migration Scenarios and Social Change), Department of Sociology and Social Research, University of Trento.

Confirmed keynote speakers include David Kertzer and Pnina Werbner.

Abstracts (300 words), containing a description of the main argument, the key question(s) driving the paper and the kind of evidence analysed, should be sent by 31st January 2014 to the following address: smms@soc.unitn.it. For further information please contact the conference coordinators, Francesca Decimo [francesca.decimo@unitn.it] Alessandra Gribaldo [alegribaldo@women.it] and Paolo Boccagni [paolo.boccagni@unitn.it].

Acceptance will be notified by 28th of February 2014. **Full papers** (5-8.000 words) are expected by 30th April 2014.

Call for papers

www.futuresconference.fi/2014

SUSTAINABLE FUTURES IN A CHANGING CLIMATE (Future Infinite Academic)
11-12 June 2014
Wanha Satama, Helsinki, Finland

ORGANISER:

Finland Futures Research Centre, University of Turku, Finland

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

The following key note speakers have confirmed their participation:

- Dr. R.K. Pachauri, Chairman of IPCC

- Prof. Ying Chen, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
- Prof. Joyeeta Gupta, Governance and Inclusive Development (GID), Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam
- Dr. Louis Lebel, Unit for Social and Environmental Research, Chiang Mai University
- Prof. Sohail Inayatullah, Tamkang University & University of Sunshine Coast
- President Tarja Halonen, co-chaired the UN Secretary-General's High-level Panel on Global Sustainability (to be confirmed)

TOPICS OF INTEREST:

Theoretical, methodological and empirical contributions are solicited in (but not limited to) the following topics:

- Sustainable low-carbon futures
- Goals and objectives for sustainable development
- Measuring sustainable development
- Beyond conventional growth paradigms: Neo-growth, green growth and de-growth
- Transformations, transitions & sustainability pathways
- Eco-innovations and clean tech
- Climate change adaptation
- Climate change mitigation
- Climate governance and changing north-south dynamics
- National and regional climate policies
- Alternative energy futures
- Futures studies methodologies

The 16th International Conference organised by Finland Futures Research Centre will deal with the different dimensions of Sustainable Futures in a Changing Climate. The United Nations Rio +20 summit in 2012 and the commitments of governments to create universal Sustainable Development Goals have generated new and fresh debate on sustainability challenges and how to best pursue environmental sustainability with social equity. At the same time it has become globally acknowledged that sustainable development cannot be thought of without reference to climate change – and vice versa.

Sustainable development and climate change are themes which operate on local, regional and global scales and require multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral research and cooperation. Environmentally, socially and economically sustainable development as well as successful climate change adaptation and mitigation can be achieved only by encouraging knowledge sharing and cooperation between various sectors and decision-makers. The methods of futures studies include tools for describing possible, probable and desirable variations of the present and drafting possible images of the future. By looking at the variety of different possibilities, we can come closer to shaping the future – rather than predicting it. Future studies offer valuable tools to understand and shape the development of our societies.

The conference will bring together the best experts from the fields of Futures Studies, Climate Change and Sustainable Development and enhance interaction and cooperation between the scientific community, policymakers and representatives of companies. By developing images of alternative futures, the goal of the conference is to present current academic research and give new viewpoints and novel ideas to decision-makers to assist them towards more feasible decisions for sustainable development.

KEY AUDIENCES:

- Academics and researchers
- Research and development managers
- Representatives of governmental and municipal sectors
- Strategic planners

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Papers will be reviewed by their abstracts (max. 200 words). Abstracts should contain the paper title, the body of the paper with author names, affiliations and contact information.

Consistent with standard practice each submitted paper will receive a minimum of three reviews. A scientific board will evaluate the abstracts.

Final papers should be original, unpublished and not more than ten single-spaced pages with minimum font size of 12 pt. Papers should be submitted in .doc, .docx or .rtf format, and should only contain the paper title and the body of the paper, with author names and affiliations. Final papers should be sent to the conference secretariat by the 5th of May, 2014.

All accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings. The organizers are negotiating a special issue in an international journal for selected papers from the conference.

Please submit your abstract to the conference coordinator at futuresconference2014@utu.fi

WORKING GROUPS

Please click the link below to learn more.

<http://www.futuresconference.fi/2014/>

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Deadline for working group proposal (extended): October 31, 2013
- Deadline for abstracts (extended): January 16, 2014
- Notification of acceptance (extended): February 28, 2014
- Deadline for full papers: May 5, 2014

REGISTRATION FEE:

Early bird registration fee: 350 €.

A reduced price will be announced for students.

CONFERENCE VENUE:

The conference will be held at Wanha Satama in Helsinki, Finland. For further information on FUTURE INFINITE ACADEMIC please visit

<http://www.futureinfinite.fi>

If you wish to contact us or join our mailing list send an email to futuresconference2014@utu.fi

Call for abstracts

Session “*Dimensions of Gender-sensitive Methodologies*”

VI European Congress of Methodology

July 23-25, 2014 Utrecht, The Netherlands

<http://eam2014.fss.uu.nl/>

Session organizers: Elisabetta Ruspini and Alessandra Decataldo
(University of Milano-Bicocca)

Session chairs: Elisabetta Ruspini and Alessandra Decataldo

E-mail addresses of session chairs: elisabetta.ruspini@unimib.it; alessandra.decataldo@unimib.it

In gender-blind research, women’s experiences and contributions remain invisible, and, consequently, important aspects of an issue remain undocumented and underestimated and, therefore, may be misunderstood (Leduc, 2009). Gender-sensitive research pays attention to the similarities and the differences between men and women’s experiences and viewpoints, and gives equal value to each. It helps both men and women concerned by a problem to analyse an issue, understand its causes, and

find solutions. A gender-sensitive research methodology is usually more participatory and can contribute greatly to empowering people, notably women (Callamard, 1999; Leduc, 2009).

This session intends to explore the ways in which methodology can become gender-sensitive. Engendering research means that the gender dimension is mainstreamed into every component of the research: identifying the problem; defining the conceptual and analytical framework; choosing the methodology; analysing the findings; and disseminating the results.

More specifically, the session will focus on one or more of the following issues:

- aspects to take into consideration in the conceptual framework to avoid a male bias and to ensure a gender-sensitive approach;
- how to ensure gender-sensitive formulation of the research question;
- the definition of concepts;
- how to integrate gender issues into research: gender-sensitive data gathering methods and the use of qualitative and quantitative analysis tools;
- gender-sensitive research and the quantitative approach. A predilection for the qualitative approach has been consolidated among feminist scholars, while the logic of quantitative research has long been considered a gender-blind practice of male domination. However, quantitative research may greatly contribute to gender research. Moreover, contemporary sociology has made many efforts to overcome the rigid quality-quantity dualism;
- the use of gender sensitive language in the research report;
- the benefits of engendering social research;
- men, masculinities and research methodologies. Research on men and masculinities has grown exponentially in recent years. How can we address difference and diversity amongst men and between masculinities in our methodological approaches? (Pini and Pease, 2009).

Papers should address one (or more) of these issues, in terms of existing research, research development, best and new practices.

Abstracts can be submitted to the Session *Dimensions of Gender-sensitive Methodologies*:

<http://eam2014.fss.uu.nl/dimensions-of-gender-sensitive-methodologies/>

All abstracts must be submitted in English via this submission page:

http://www.eventure-online.com/eventure/welcome.do?type=abstract&congress=7_13064

In the abstract form you can specify preference for an oral or a poster presentation, but the organizing committee makes the final decision.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is the 1st of February 2014.

We aim to send our decision about acceptance of all submitted abstracts by the 1st of March.

Keywords:

Gender studies, Gender-sensitive research, Quantitative methodology, Qualitative methodology, Survey research

References:

Callamard, Agnese. 1999. *A Methodology for Gender-sensitive Research*, Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development, Amnesty International Publications: Quebec.

Leduc, Brigitte. 2009. *Guidelines for Gender Sensitive Research*, November, ICIMOD.

Pini, Barbara and Pease, Bob (eds.). 2013. *Men, Masculinities and Methodologies*, Routledge: London.

Call for Papers

11th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference

Berlin, June 30 to July 1, 2014

SOEP 2014 in Berlin

The 11th International German Socio-Economic Panel User Conference (SOEP2014) will be held in Berlin, June 30 to July 1, 2014, at DIW Berlin and Hertie School of Governance. The conference provides researchers who use the SOEP with the opportunity to present and discuss their work with other researchers familiar with SOEP data. Researchers of all disciplines (e.g. economics, demography, geography, political science, public health, psychology and sociology) who use the SOEP or the SOEP part of the Cross-National Equivalent Files (CNEF) are invited to submit an abstract. We encourage in particular submissions of papers using the longitudinal features of the SOEP as well as cross national comparative analysis.

Keynote Speakers

We are happy to announce as keynote speakers:
Patricia McManus, Indiana University, Bloomington/USA
Jacques Silber, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat-Gan/Israel

Scientific Committee

Johannes Giesecke, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Marco Giesselmann, DIW Berlin
John Haisken-DeNew, University of Melbourne
Anika Rasner, DIW Berlin
Jule Specht, Freie Universität Berlin
Carsten Schröder, Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: February 28, 2014

Please submit electronic versions of abstracts (up to 300 words) not later than Feb 28, 2014 to: soep2014@diw.de

Submitters will be notified on acceptance of their paper by April 17, 2014.

Proceedings

Shorter versions of selected conference papers will be published in a volume of conference proceedings (Journal of Applied Social Science Studies [Schmollers Jahrbuch], 2/2015) with the understanding that a full version of the paper may be submitted to another professional journal.

Prize for Best Paper

The Society of Friends of the DIW Berlin will honor the best three papers and the best poster, presented at the conference with the Joachim R. Frick Memorial Prize.

The SOEP2014 program committee will act as a jury and will present the award at the end of the conference.

Financial Support

We ask scholars to pay their own travel costs. If this is not possible partial reimbursement of expenses may be provided to presenters (one grant per paper) at the following rates, depending on which country presenters are coming from: up to € 125 (Germany), up to € 500 (Europe), up to € 750 (overseas).

Local Organizers

Anika Rasner, Marco Giesselmann, and Christine Kurka

If you have any further questions concerning submissions of papers, please contact the local organizers at: soep2014@diw.de

Centre for Research in Social sciences and Humanities

<http://www.socialsciencesandhumanities.com>

is inviting paper/panel proposals for

Interdisciplinary Conference on Religion in Everyday lives to be held in

Vienna, Austria, 28-29. 03. 2014.

Conference venue: ***** Hotel Ambassador Vienna, A-1010 Wien, Kärntner Straße 22 / Neuer Markt 5, Austria, <http://www.ambassador.at/>

Religion is often discussed through the eyes of secularisation theory; however, there is no agreement on what secularisation is, or to what extent religion is present in our present lives even though religion is as influential as ever. Whether we understand secularisation as a decline of religious beliefs, privatization of religion, or as differentiation of the secular spheres and emancipation (Casanova 2006; Berger 2001), we still have to ask ourselves to what extent religion shapes our present lives. Many scholars believed religion will eventually lose importance and that societies will face decline of religious beliefs, but by the end of the 20th century many changed their views and acknowledged that secularisation theory does not work, and that religion is as important as ever (Berger, 1999). Nonetheless, we can agree with a view "religious communities have survived and even flourished to the degree that they have not tried to adapt themselves to the alleged requirements of a secularised world" (Berger, 1999: 4).

Recently, scholars also advocated that religion emerges in times of crisis such as, for example, the Arab Spring, breakup of former Yugoslavia, current economic crisis that is shaking the world etc. It is questionable whether we can truly discuss secularisation as a phenomenon, or we should simply turn our attention to the notion of religion in all of its aspects, and try to increase understanding of this complex phenomenon.

We are, therefore, seeking papers from social sciences and humanities that address religion and its influence on our present reality, and its growing importance.

Papers are invited (but not limited to) for the following panels:

Secularisation vs sacralisation

Methodology in researching religion

Spirituality

Pilgrimage

Religious practices

Religion and culture

Religion and the media

Religious subjectivity

Material religion

Religion and childhood

Religion and critical theory

Religion and discrimination

Religion and identity

Religion and education

Religion and belonging

Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia

Religion and the Idea of Europe

Religion and ethnicity

Prospective participants are also welcome to submit proposals for their own panels.

Submissions of abstracts (up to 500 words), short bios (up to 100 words), and email contact should be sent to Dr Martina Topić (martina@socialsciencesandhumanities.com) by 15th February 2014. Decisions will be made by 25th February, and payment of the conference fee has to be made by 1st March. Panel proposals should be sent by 1st February 2014. When we receive four or five quality papers for a whole panel, we will send notification of acceptance earlier.

Finalised Conference programme will be available by 15th March. Early decisions are available for participants with EU visa requirements, and for panel proposals.

Participants should indicate in their applications whether they would like to chair one of the existing panels (if not proposing their own panel).

The Centre plans to establish a peer review journal, as well as publish working papers and edited volumes. Conference papers will be considered for publication.

We welcome paper proposals from scholars, NGO activists, Master and PhD students, and independent researchers.

Conference fee is EUR 290, and it includes

The registration fee

Conference bag and folder with materials

Conference publication

Access to the newsletter, and electronic editions of the Centre

Opportunity for participating in future activities of the Centre (research & co-editing volumes)

Discount towards participation fee for future conferences

Conference drinks (mineral water and fruit juices)

Coffee-break morning with drinks and pastries

Buffet Lunch (Hotel Ambassador)

Coffee-break afternoon with drinks and pastries

Buffet Dinner (Hotel Ambassador)

WLAN during the conference

Conference rate for rooms at Hotel Ambassador

Certificate of attendance

Centre for Research in Humanities and Social Sciences is a private institution founded in December 2013 in Croatia (EU).

We selected Austria as a place for hosting conferences due to Austria's favourable geographic position, and liberal Visa regime for conference participants with EU Visa requirements.

Unfortunately, the Centre has no available funds for covering transport and accommodation in Austria. Participants are responsible for finding funding to cover transportation and accommodation costs during the whole period of the conference.

The Centre will not discriminate based on the origin and/or methodological/paradigmatic approach of prospective conference participants.

Conference drinks, coffee breaks, lunches and dinners are covered for both days of the conference.

Centre for Research in Social sciences and Humanities

www.socialsciencesandhumanities.com

is inviting paper/panel proposals for

International Conference on Culture and Cultural policies to be held in

Vienna, Austria, 24-25. 04. 2013.

Conference venue: ***** Hotel Ambassador Vienna, A-1010 Wien, Kärntner Straße 22 / Neuer Markt 5, Austria, <http://www.ambassador.at/>

Culture is a set of rules and behavioural patterns we learn with socialisation. However, in a globalised (and multicultural) world culture became subject of discussions from various points of views, and its importance is not losing strength.

In the past century, we witnessed many attempts to foster cultural agendas using popular culture where identities were formed in a way to present one nation to other nations in a favourable way, and where audiences were confronted with various messages that are sometimes blurred with first-hand experiences. States indeed invest funding in their cultural policies, and particularly in their cultural policies oriented towards abroad via external cultural institutes, or tourist offers where culture is emphasized as an achievement of a certain nation (most notably, in art and music). Cultural relations, on the other hand, are centred on creating mutual recognition and understanding, however, many scholars and practitioners expressed criticism calling western countries as imperialists imposing their cultural patterns over less advanced countries just via peaceful means and not through colonialism anymore.

On the other hand, culture is often a subject of discussion when minority groups are in stake because minorities find themselves surrounded by different culture, and in a dilemma whether to assimilate or to preserve their culture while still trying to lead average lives. The latter is then subject of criticism from conservatives and the Far Right that insist on integration, an unclear term that sometimes seems more like forced integration.

These and other issues are the subjects of discussion at our conference. Papers are invited (but not limited to) for the following panels:

Culture and identity
Culture and nationalism
Religion and culture
Culture and tourism
Cultural diplomacy
Cultural imperialism
Popular culture and cultural policy
Cultural policies – case studies
Art and cultural policy
Music and cultural policy
Theatres and cultural policy
Culture and media
EU cultural policy
US cultural policy
Culture and propaganda

Prospective participants are also welcome to submit proposals for their own panels.

Submissions of abstracts (up to 500 words), short bios (up to 100 words), and email contact should be sent to Dr Martina Topić (martina@socialsciencesandhumanities.com) by 10th March. Decisions will be made by 15th March, and payment of the conference fee has to be made by 30th March.

Panel proposals should be sent by 10th February. When we receive four or five quality papers for a whole panel, we will send notification of acceptance earlier.

Finalised Conference programme will be available by 15th April. Early decisions are available for participants with EU visa requirements, and for panel proposals.

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This issue's topic

FEEDING THE PLANET: ENERGY FOR LIFE

Feeding the planet that feeds us. This could seem a nonsensical invitation or yet another manifestation of human presumption. It refers instead to an imperative, where its deep meaning can only be understood once we consider its implicit circularity. It raises the problem of dual reciprocity at global level, between people and people, and between people and nature. It therefore brings up the basic issue of economic production in relation to the needs of feeding the world population, and the other no less significant issue of environmental sustainability in respect of this same production. In other words, in order to understand the sense of this circularity, we need to conduct a deep-rooted examination of the reasons why we are producing.

Reflecting on existence can, in actual fact, open us up to new areas of meaning and political action, especially when we clearly grasp the distance separating basic survival from the satisfaction of purely hedonistic demands. Positioned within this broad and infinite range of conditions, life shows its full political meaning, which, in current times, increasingly assumes specific bio-political connotations.

Ecology, the green economy and macro-policies of multinationals (or action of Nation-States becoming more and more ineffective) regarding food can be understood as a new form of global bio-politics. It no longer refers to being moved from "making live and letting die" to "letting live and making die", as Michel Foucault argued, but rather reaching "letting live and not letting die", by following bio-political practices that rediscover new ethical and value-based directions. And one that considers not only the human bios as its field of action, but also the natural: more specifically the natural bios, which includes the human one.

Biotechnologies, policies on health, reproduction and genetic programming are applied as much to nature, as to the human being. A new idea and corresponding bio-political action therefore needs to be clarified, based on responsible institutions and cognisant individuals. Far from being driven purely by economic interests, these would know how to look at life, both at a local level and on a global dimension, and from a perspective that is both holistic and territorially specific.

In respect of globalisation, then, what is the 'being' (historic and current) and the 'must be' in terms of agriculture, food practices and health education? What are the ideas and actions inspired by the principles of cooperation, environmental sustainability and global justice? What are the forms of living and eating together, which change with the intensification of human relations? What are the difficulties for the (currently predominant) urban population? What are the changes that refer to cities, and 'global cities', their networks and the surrounding territories?

The theme for the 2015 Milan Expo "Feeding the planet: energy for life" suggests these and many other problems. And never before when compared to this global era, each aspect takes on a significance in relation to the whole. While the whole can be only understood when we consider the reticular nature of its many and specific aspects.

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OPPORTUNITIES

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The next round of the doctoral program in sociology starts in September 2014. Applications are now possible.

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