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Call to Action

Petition for more support of Social Sciences and Humanities in Europe

The ESA has launched a petition addressed to European Parliament, the Council and European Commission in order to ask for more support of Social Sciences and Humanities in Europe.

We invite you to sign it and share it with your contacts.

The petition can be signed here:

https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/SSH_community_members_Call_to_Action/?nuRwgjb

Call for Nominations

ESA, election of the President and Executive Board, August 2015

The Nominations Committee launches broad consultations with National Associations, Research Networks, individuals or groups of members to find candidates for the new Executive Committee and the ESA President. We are looking for a good coverage of the candidates by geographic region (East-North-South-West) and according to a gender balance. We also try to follow the representation of different fields of sociological knowledge.

We need between 24 and 28 candidatures to 14 places of the Executive Committee and between 2 and 4 candidatures for the Presidency of the ESA. Candidates for the Presidency should be nominated and seconded by members of the Executive Committee, and/or Co-ordinators of Research Networks and/or National Associations. Each candidature must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae (max 100 words) and a photograph.

Current ESA Executive Committee members that can be candidates for the 2nd round

1. Tiziana Nazio
2. Helena Serra
3. Krzysztof Konecki

Please send proposals by e-mail to:

Carmen Leccardi

President of the Nominations Committee

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The deadline is 15 March 2015

The Nominations Committee:

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Call for Sessions

ESA RN16 Mid-Term Conference, May, 19-21, 2016

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, New University of Lisbon, Portugal

New directions in health care work and organisations

In contemporary societies, the social organisation of healthcare is facing many challenges that may lead to fundamental transformations. Major challenges emerge from global economic trends towards marketization and the ways most States are restructuring the public sector. Side effects are already taking place, in particular how work is structured and organizations compete in the context of limited resources. Consequences are set also on the side of users. However, it must not be undermined that some fields in healthcare and players may face expansion and new opportunities in this context, namely those linked to technologies and management. In sum, changing policies and governance result in comprehensive challenges to the social organisation of healthcare that warrant further attention, including different models of governance; greater involvement of technologies; the emergence of new health professions and competition for professional jurisdictions; the incentive of private healthcare systems; possible implications for users in the access to and consumption of healthcare. These new directions may vary within and among countries and globally.

We invite the submission of SESSION PROPOSALS addressing these issues from any area of sociology of health and illness, either in comparative perspectives or in one dimension. If you are interested in organising a session please send the proposal including: title, the call for papers (no more than 150 words); name and full contact details of the session organizer and, if appropriate, up to two co-organizers (names, affiliations, country, e-mails) by email (as word file) to the ESA RN16 programme coordinator Helena Serra (helena.serra@fcs.unl.pt) and co-coordinator Tiago Correia (Tiago.Correia@iscte.pt) no later than **30 June 2015**.

Decision on the final selection of sessions will be made by the ESA RN16 Board in August 2015. The selected Call for Papers will be launched in September 2015 and abstracts invited for submission via the ESA online system.

Session organizers and possible co-organizers are responsible for overseeing the selection of papers in due time, recruiting a session chair if necessary and plan the session as indicated by the ESA RN16 programme coordinators.

Do not forget that session organizers must be ESA RN16 members.

Call for Sessions

February 2, 2015 - March 15, 2015 24:00 GMT

Research Committee on The Body in the Social Sciences, RC54

Body and Time in Global Present: The Interplay Between Biologically Experienced Time with Social Systems, Social Innovations, New Technologies, Embodied Memories and Cultural Traditions

Program Coordinator

Biancamaria PIRANI, University of Roma, Italy, biancamaria.pirani@uniroma1.it

Number of allocated sessions including Business Meeting: 10.

Session proposer must submit session`s description on-line
(<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2016/cfp.cgi>)

Session proposals (250-word description) must be submitted in English, French or Spanish.

The RC54 Sessions at the Third World Forum of Sociology seek to explore the multifaceted nature of space, time and the body in order to question the ways in which we construct, experience and understand our world. We encourage an examination of time, space and/the body as inter-connecting areas of embodied people who constantly participate in specific tasks, at particular times and in constructed spaces. Our aim is to take advantage of our mutual experience and know-how in order to identify the optimum content for the Forum.

In order to strengthen the ongoing scientific collaboration between the sociology of the body and a systematic promotion of innovative best practices, we intend to develop a set of tools, techniques and strategies aiming at producing a dynamic sample of culture as negotiating across collective practices and behaviors. We will work to intervene socially for a successful integration by focusing on the factors that shape and constrain the development of wide-ranging public policies and civil initiatives more embedded in habitus, bio-social equilibrium, sense and perception. Our task will be, therefore, to achieving an interdisciplinary frame of exchanges and experiences throughout a methodological crossing, working along the following three axes:

A declined comparison of different spatial and temporal scales [local, regional, national, international];

A circulation of data between countries and disciplines;

An implementation of survey protocols and tools [numeric, artistic and audiovisual] in the collection of fresh data.

A strong support by an empirically based research will be the essential prerequisite to pursue the following articulated strategies:

To invent an innovative grammar by mapping the practices of embodiment;

To create and share new methodologies for the study of the human body that meet the challenges of entirely new ways in which the issue of embodiment is now appearing in the contemporary world;

To provide an avenue of communication between scholars and practitioners in fields such as medicine, nutrition, sport, urban planning and technology development, and to communicate findings of research, currently too often trapped within the academic community, to policy makers, planners and the public;

To stimulate fresh research on the subject of the body in society and nature.

Recognising that different disciplines and practitioners express themselves in different mediums, we welcome traditional papers, panels, workshop proposals and other forms of performance (as can be accommodated in the space provided). Accordingly, topics are sought on different aspects and/or relationships between any combination of space, time or the body or on how these realities are understood and constructed in order to affect, effect, order and/or control each other.

Invited topics can include any of the following themes and related areas:

1. Contexts for Space, Time and the Body

Architecture: the Construction and Constraints of Space;
Work and Power as a Temporal-Spatial Event;
Time and the Spatiality of Movement;
City Planning and Change Over Time or Terrain.

2. Experiencing Time, Space and the Body

Time 'Performativity' ;
Religion and Ritual;
Real-time Tracking of the Human Body;
Time-space Routines and Biological Rhythms.

3. Travel (and Tourism) as Motors for Body Movement

Travel and Tourism Geography;
The Ethics of Tourism;
Ecotourism;
Health, Tourism and Hospitality.

4. Sport

Body Clock and Sporting Peak Performance
Lifestyle Training
Health Related to Sport Exercise;
Sport Nutrition and Exercise Metabolism.

5. Time in Health and Illness

Trauma: New Forms of Social Suffering;
Age and the Impact of Space and Time;
Artificial Organs and Therapeutic Interventions;
Diet and Health, Anorexia and Obesity.

Call for Papers and Spatial Design

Deadline March 31, 2015

Date: June 6-11, 2015

6th Urban Space and Social Life: Theory and Practice would like to invite you, your colleagues and students to submit papers and spatial design to our conference. The theme focuses on Projects in Cities and Identities.

Locations: City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong;

Zhuhai Radio & TV University, Zhuhai;

University of Macau, Macau

Co-organizers:

World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for Asia and the Pacific Region (WHTIRAP -- Shanghai);

Sociology Department, University of Macau;

Public Policy Department and Department of English, City University of Hong Kong;

Zhuhai Radio & TV University;

Sociology Department, University of Edinburgh

Keynote speakers:

Carlos Wong Ph.D., Chairman of CBJ Ocean Platform Engineering Corp., China

Prof. James Kennedy, Sociology, University of Edinburgh, UK

Prof. Gregory A. Katsas, Sociology, The American College of Greece, Greece

The 4C5M Studio's 6th Urban Space and Social Life conference invites papers and spatial design that explore the relationship between projects in city and identities. Projects in city include infrastructure (hardware), policies (software) and all things in between. Multi-dimensional identity includes, but is not limited to, cultural, ethnic, gender, class, and place. Case studies and theories in forms of papers and spatial designs which reflect the relationship between projects and identities from international scholars, professionals, business sector and government sectors will stimulate our understanding of and the practice of this important topic.

Please help forward the Call for Papers to any department, faculty member and friend who may find this of interest. Send any question to Prof. Ho Hon Leung at hohon.leung@oneonta.edu or urbanspace2015@4c5mstudio.org

For conference details, please visit <http://www.4c5mstudio.org/conference/conference-paper-and-spatial-design-at-hong-kong-zhuhai-and-macau-june-6-11-2015/>

For upcoming publications from the past conferences, please visit <http://www.4c5mstudio.org/project/urban-space-and-social-life-conference-publications/>

Call for Papers

Reflections on Revenge: an International Conference on the Culture and Politics of Vengeance.

2/3/4 September 2015, University of Leicester

Confirmed keynote speaker: Philippe Sands QC

'...the sweetest morsel to the mouth that ever was cooked in hell'

The taste for revenge, whether morsel or dish served cold, is something people, groups and nations, and even animals desire. Since time immemorial, individuals and communities have done justice by harming those who have harmed them, despite the costs, and the avengers immortalised as heroes and villains. While the hurts and methods for addressing them may differ, blood feuds, the killing of Osama bin Laden, and revenge porn are all motivated by the need to get even.

This interdisciplinary conference will ask who seeks revenge and why, how it is done, how it is justified, how it is represented, how it feels to get revenge or be on the receiving end. This includes revenge starting with the smallest workplace slights, through family disputes and lynch mobs, to political violence, war and terrorism. We invite contributions, including those not in the academic paper format, from any area of biological, human and social sciences, arts and humanities, and more, that are related to topics including but not limited to:

- interpersonal revenge, state revenge, collective punishment
- technologies of revenge
- revenge cultures, blood feuds, and informal justice
- revenge, politics and world history
- revenge, terrorism, armed conflict and retaliation
- the personal and social costs of revenge
- revenge, justice and injustice
- revenge in art, literature and media

This is a multimedia event, and will be contributing to the production of a documentary on revenge by Rex Bloomstein and Justin Temple (RexEntertainment) as well as traditional academic outputs.

Please submit a 250 word abstract via email to revenge@le.ac.uk by **April 2nd, 2015**.

Call for Papers

Thinking Beyond Capitalism

Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade

June 24-26, 2015, Belgrade

Abstract Submission Deadline: April 10

Call text: http://instifdt.bg.ac.rs/conference_capitalism.html

How is it at all possible to make sound statements about contemporary capitalism? How does one adequately diagnose the current state of the economy? Clearly there is no consensus whether the financial crisis which culminated in 2007-2008 should be seen as a symptom of the structural crisis of neoliberal capitalism only, or of capitalism in general. Moreover, one should keep in mind that the term 'crisis' is itself laden with different ideologems. The talk of 'crisis' implies the existence of a superior prior state of capitalism, free of any crisis, and that we are now witnessing an extraordinary phase which is alien to the 'normal functioning' of the system. Should we understand the crisis merely as the means for restructuring the existing system, or as the beginning of an irreversible demise of the current mode of production? Is it possible that the crisis has actually enabled the exacom preservation of the status quo, and has prevented any change? Or was the crisis, on the contrary, the crucial catalyst for the politicization of the otherwise depoliticized actors within late capitalism? We are thus simultaneously exposed to various institutional-reformist suggestions, more or less grounded apologias, and identifications of fundamental contradictions within the capitalist reproduction process. In *The Communist Manifesto* Marx argues that capitalism is a social order which arises and subsists in the form of a critique of all alternative orders and subjective dispositions. Capitalism has proven more radical than its competitors: it has destroyed the *ancien régime*, has rendered all societal bonds flexible and has constantly revolutionized the means of production. It is a system in which 'all that is solid melts into air, all that is holy is profaned'. To what extent, then, is it even possible to formulate a critique of such societal system, a system that has managed to incorporate critique itself? Can one stage a revolution against the 'revolution' itself? If capitalism thus emerges as the actual constitutive framework of our thought, how do we begin to think beyond capitalism?

Starting from the assumption that crises are in fact situations which open up space for thought rather than obstruct it, we intend to thematize the following spectrum of problems:

- Difficulties regarding the self-valorization of capital
- Inequalities within the global division of labour and the challenges of (re)distribution
- Reproduction of social classes and forms of domination
- Structural unemployment and the growth of the precariat
- Tensions between market imperatives
- Ideologems of management, *esprit d'entreprise*...
- The transformed property relations characterizing 'non-material goods'
- Geographical aspects of capitalism (territories, borders, etc.)
- Tensions between the centres, semiperipheries and peripheries of capitalism
- Dangers of climate change
- Competing dimensions of normativity (universal, global, particular, local, singular...)

- Democracies *versus* authoritarian social orders
- The cultural dimensions of neoliberalism
- Critique of ideology, critical discourse analysis of neoliberalism
- Neoliberal patriarchy and the new feminisms
- The rise and evolution of anti-neoliberal / anti-capitalist movements
- Left, right, and Romanticist anti-capitalism
- Alternative modes of production of social life today

Organization of the conference

The conference is organized by the Group for the Study of Social Engagement, part of the Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory in Belgrade, with the support of the Serbian Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Centre for Advanced Studies in Rijeka, Croatia, the Centre for Ethics, Law and Applied Philosophy in Belgrade, and the French Institute in Serbia.

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

Presentations should not exceed **20 minutes**.

The Program Committee of the conference will select the presenters based on the submitted abstracts. The book of abstracts will be published by the time of the conference.

Conference **applications** should be sent only via e-mail to the following address: ifdt.capitalism@gmail.com We kindly ask you to put in your email subject the following title: 'Application: title of the paper'.

The complete application in the .doc, .docx or .pdf format must contain: the title of the presentation, an abstract of up to 200 words and a short biography, in English.

There will be **no registration fees**. Conference organisers will provide lunch and light refreshments during the conference program. Participants are kindly requested to make their own accommodation and travel arrangements.

Important dates

Application deadline: **10 April 2015**

Notification of acceptance: **25 April 2015**

Conference dates: **24–26 June 2015**

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Call for Papers

Congress of the Swiss Sociological Association 2015

June 3 – 5, 2015 – University of Lausanne

Workshop 35: Dynamics of political public spheres: Diagnosis meets Epistemology

Workshop-Organizers :

Kornelia Hahn (University of Salzburg/ Austria)
Andreas Langenohl (University of Giessen/ Germany)

The workshop aims to challenge most recent concepts of the transformation of the public by discussing approaches and methods on how to analyze public political discourses and practices. In contrast to depicting 'the' public as a given research entity, we suggest to focus on processes of negotiating the political public sphere with special reference to the current phenomenon of (de-) regulation. The following aspects urge us to rethink the viability of classical concepts of the public:

- the constitution of political public spheres, classically conceived as a macro-model of political communication, needs rethinking towards micro-logical processes with special attention to digital media communication.
- the public/private antagonism: while the notion of the boundaries between 'private' and 'public' has played a crucial role in depicting the political sphere in modern societies, we must account for recent debates about the political 'protection' of privacy (for instance, private data) in order to reassess the conceptual status of that boundary
- revisiting the confrontation between 'serious' public discourse and entertainment: how can we grasp the potential salience of entertainment formats in their quality as idioms of politically informed debate and critique?

We invite contributions that address current phenomena of the dynamics of political public spheres and processes of (de-)regulation with special emphasis on instruments to tackle them both theoretically and methodologically.

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Please note: Paper proposals must be submitted through the dedicated Congress web portal!!

<http://www3.unil.ch/wpmu/sss-congres2015/en/call-for-paper-paper-proposal-workshop/>

Deadline of application: March, 13th 2015

Call for Papers

Social Services in Times of Disaster

Multidisciplinary Nordic Symposium

Nordic House, Reykjavík, Iceland

May 4-5 2015

This Nordic Symposium will bring together a multidisciplinary group of experts including administrators, academics and students as well as stakeholders working in the field, to discuss the role of local social services in times of disaster. The Nordic countries are known for their extensive welfare systems and the importance of local social services in providing universal care to all members of the public. The aim of the Symposium is to discuss the roles of local social services in preparedness, emergency response and the aftermath of disasters and how social services can enhance the resilience of residents and communities under such circumstances.

Organisers: The symposium is co-organised by the Nordic Welfare Watch – in Response to Crisis (NWW) and the Nordic Centre of Excellence on Resilience and Societal Security (NORDRESS) with support from the Ministry of Welfare in Iceland.

NORDRESS has received a 5-year grant from NordForsk to carry out multidisciplinary studies to enhance societal security and resilience. Partners from 15 institutions in all Nordic countries will join forces to elucidate the nature and importance of resilience of individuals, communities, infrastructure and institutions. Training and mobility play a significant role in NORDRESS that will e.g. support courses and seminars through the Nordic Societal Security Academy.

The project Nordic Welfare Watch - in Response to Crisis is a 3-year research project financed by the Nordic Council of Ministers. The project examines the role of local social services in times of disasters and the need for a Nordic welfare watch.

Schedule:

May 3th 2015 Arrival

May 4th 2015

08:30 Welcome: Guðný Björk Eydal Project leader of NWW and Guðrún Pétursdóttir NORDRESS coordinator

08: 45 Key Note Address: Gudmund Hernes Professor and President of the International Social Science Council

Blessings in Disguise? Are disasters necessary to change opinions about societal risks?

09:45 Coffee

Session I: Social services in times of disaster

10:15 Merja Rapeli Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health in Finland

The role of social services in Finland in times of disasters

10:45 Carin Björngren Cuadra, Associate professor, Department of Social Work, Malmö University, Sweden

The role of social services in Sweden in times of disasters

11:15 Ragnheiður Hergeirsdóttir Former Mayor of Árborg , South Iceland

The earthquakes in southern Iceland in 2008; the Mayor's perspective on the role of local social services

11:45 Lunch

Session II: Residents in times of disasters

13:00 Atle Dyregrov Professor and Director, Centre for Crisis Psychology, Bergen, Norway
Intervention for children after mass trauma bereavement
14:00 Guðrún Gísladóttir Professor, Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Iceland
Resident perception of volcanic risk in South Iceland and the impacts of the 2010 Eyjafjallajökull volcanic eruption on people's livelihood
15:00 Coffee
15:30 Parallel paper sessions
17:00 Closing of today's schedule
19:00 Dinner

May 5th 2015

08:30 Workshop: A case of creeping crisis: Bárðarbunga; the earthquakes and volcanic eruption in northern Iceland
Guðrún Jóhannesdóttir and Einar Pétur Heiðarsson Department of Civil Protection and Emergency Management, National Commissioner of Police
09:45 Closing remarks: Guðrún Gísladóttir Professor and NORDRESS Project Leader
10:00 Departure by bus for Keflavik airport from the Nordic House

Registration will be open from **February 20th until March 31st 2015** on www.nordress.hi.is

Please note that the number of participants is limited and thus it is important to register as soon as possible. The symposium fee of 100€ includes lunch and refreshments. A symposium dinner on May 4th is optional and costs 100€.

Participants are responsible for the reservations and cost of their travel and accommodation. Please note that until March 15th 2015 a number of rooms for symposium participants will be reserved at Hotel Marina in central Reykjavik (www.icelandairhotels.com/en/hotels/marina). You can make a reservation either by email to Reykjavik@icehotels.is or by phone 00354 444 4000. The reservation number is RG038244.

Note that there are flights from Iceland to Scandinavia around noon, as well as in the early morning.

Call for abstracts

You are invited to submit a paper proposal linked to the themes of the conference. Abstracts and papers should be in English, the language of the symposium.

Abstracts should not exceed 400 words including:

- . Title
- . Contact details: author(s) affiliation, postal address, phone number and e-mail address
- . Whether the author will also submit a full paper or not
- . Main issue to be raised in the paper, including a brief background
- . Approach (theoretical / conceptual or empirical) and type of methodology
- . Main findings and conclusions

Abstract submission deadline is **March 15th 2015**, please send your abstract by email to ilo@hi.is

Abstract acceptance notification: March 31st 2015. All accepted abstracts will be published electronically on the seminar website.

Full papers should be submitted by April 21st, if the authors wish to make them available on the seminar website. Please send full paper by email to ilo@hi.is.

Call for Submissions

Anthropology of food

Food & cancer. Construction of a new social issue?

<http://aof.revues.org/7732#tocto1n2>

Food & cancer, construction of a new social issue?

This call aims examining the social and political construction of an emerging health issue, through established links between food and different kinds of cancer. This social issue is itself structured by an expanding scientific field that includes norms and ideologies of public health as well as new eating behaviors. Given the numerous social, economic, cultural and individual consequences, we invite contributors to this issue to consider the possibility that we are witnessing a new social issue in the making.

For the past thirty years, the study of links between food, nutrition and cancer has been the focus of numerous epidemiological, nutritional and medical surveys (see in particular De Thé and Hubert, 1988; WCRF and AICR, 2007). Today the subject mobilizes exceptionally active scientific networks at the international as well as national levels (see especially in France the Réseau National Alimentation Cancer Recherche -NACRe). Such study concerns both the multiple impacts of cancer and anticancer treatments on food behaviors and the role of food in relation to the development of the disease. Such surveys stimulate consensus groups and conferences on an international scale and contribute to a public health policy that is at once globalized and specific to each country (for France, cf. in particular INCA, 2009). Considering links between food and various kinds of cancer therefore indicates not only the emergence of a medical or public health issue, but also a real societal issue including multiple ramifications in social practice, both among patients suffering from cancer and in the general population.

That is why the influence of food (broadly speaking drinks, food supplements and herbal preparations, etc.) on cancer is, from this point of view, constructed Food & cancer. Construction of a new social issue? <http://aof.revues.org/7732#tocto1n2> scientifically as much as a risk factor as a protective (Hubert, 1991), even healing, agent. More generally, the relationship between food and cancer refers to an ambivalent view of food perceived sometimes as noxious, sometimes as beneficial. This is actually reminiscent of the classic anthropological opposition between food perceived as poison or as remedy, or the opposition healthy / unhealthy (Vigarello, 1999) to be found in representations and ordinary practices as well as in unconventional conceptions (Cohen and Legrand, 2011). While cancer can be considered as one of the major diseases of civilization, conceptions of cancer prevention through diet tend to resolve not only the disorder of uncontrolled body cells but also disorders of society and food practices considered improper. From a medical or public health question, food turns into a lever of transformation in food habits. Therefore, links between food and cancer raise many problematic issues in the fields of epidemiology and the medical sciences as well as the human and social sciences. This conjunction and questioning is what we wish to highlight in this issue.

To what extent do scientific knowledge and the ambivalence toward food pervade not only the food practices of patients and their families but also the care and nutritional advice delivered by medical and paramedical teams, and more generally the food habits of society as a whole?

We propose a focus on the links between food and cancer in order to determine if we are, indeed, confronting a new societal issue in the making. We invite authors to reflect on the following topics.

1- Food as factor of risk and prevention: a scientific, socio-cultural and political construction

We wish to question the ways in which scientific knowledge is constructed over time and how it influences public health and scholarly conceptions of food. Historical or socio-historical approaches could be proposed to understand this emergence. Then too, the understanding of current processes could benefit from examining the roles of the principal actors (scientists, biologists, physicians, epidemiologists, nutritionists, oncologists, etc.), contexts and institutions which take part in the

construction of this public health issue. Analyses of the construction of this thematic scientific field would, possibly allow identification of "arenas" of discussions, exchanges and controversies (cf. on obesity Poulain, 2009). In the same way, the process of agenda setting for public policy and public health would be a fruitful site for examination.

The following themes could be approached:

- Construction of scientific knowledge and the modalities of influence on public health (between science and policy): historic and socio-historic perspectives
- Construction of conventional and/or expert knowledge and its influence on practices and associational, community and political practice.
- Parallel construction of non-conventional concepts, in addition or even in reaction to conventional ideas.

2- Food and the cancer experience

For cancer patients, food before, during or after cancer is an inescapable topic of "the stages of cancer" (Ménoret, 1999). Indeed, the experience and treatment of cancer often involve food changes, even problems (Locher et al., 2009; Hoarau et al., 2012; Fontas et al., 2014; Lorcy, 2014), which are even worse for older patients. Depending on the different countries and care centers, ordinary care management can be offered in order to limit risks of malnutrition and infection and to better assist patients in everyday life. However, nutritional management in cancer may malfunction and not meet the expectations and needs of patients (Bell et al., 2009). Such malfunction can prompt the use of unconventional practices that involve alternative authorities (Cohen & Legrand, 2011). We aim here to bring together scientific knowledge and public health concerns with the experience of cancer by patients, their families and caregivers.

Various elements can be considered:

- The impact of public health recommendations, popularization of scientific knowledge about patients' food habits.
- The real-life experience of patients: difficult food changes, sensory alterations, managing everyday life (food supply, meals preparation, social life, etc.)
- Conventional and unconventional care of problems and/or food changes induced by cancer and/or treatment of side effects, the relationship between the treatment proposed and public health recommendations
- The caregivers: management of chronic illness and impact on everyday life and food practices.

3- Cancer as producer of food reform(s)?

We also want to consider more generally how society and its various components have used scientific knowledge or/and representations of relations between food and cancer (Bell, 2010). Cancer has now become a major cause of morbidity. Observing the preponderance of medicalization and health in contemporary societies in addition to a moral economy (Fassin, 2009; Fassin and Eideliman, 2012) that is oriented towards a quest for health or the legitimization of social issues through health, we suggest examining the fight against cancer through food as a significant "food reform" under construction.

Thus, what is the impact of scientific knowledge and public policy on the prevention of cancers in the general diet? How do individuals take control of reforms instigated by public health agencies and governments? Areas that might be explored include:

- Definitions and modalities of appropriation of "food reform" (according to geographical units and countries)
- Vectors of food reform: circuits of production, distribution and consumption including advertising and marketing strategies, as influenced by "the will" of the dominant food reform

- Production of a new food culture: changes in food practices and cultures, construction of a new food morality, mobilization of values centered on health
- Limits of promoted food reform: divergent food reform messages, pernicious effects, role of food values and food representations unrelated to health, product accessibility, production of social inequalities, etc.

We invite potential contributors to share their work that may involve different socio-cultural contexts in various parts of the world. Contributions may be in English, French or Spanish.

Deadlines

Paper proposals should be sent before **March 20th, 2015** at the latest and should include an abstract of 12 lines maximum accompanied by a maximum of 10 keywords. Proposals should present the title of the article, research question, the field studied, the methodology and the main results obtained. They should also include name, first name, status, institutional affiliation and e-mail of the author or co-authors.

Please send proposals to all three of the following addresses:

patrice.cohen@univ-rouen.fr

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armelle.lorcy@hotmail.fr

Answers will be given to the authors from **April 20th, 2015**.

Full papers should be sent before **September 15th, 2015 at the latest**.

Call for Book Proposals:

New Series in Complex Social Systems

Vernon Press, a small independent publisher committed to excellence in scholarship, is inviting book proposals for a new series in Complex Social Systems. At this early stage the scope is necessarily broad and could accommodate formal approaches to the study of complexity from across the social sciences, including computational sociology, complexity economics and system dynamics. We would particularly welcome proposals for books that seek to introduce complex systems perspectives, approaches and methods to advanced postgraduates, professionals and new researchers to the field. We expect to launch the first titles in 2016 and maintain a publication schedule of 2-4 titles a year.

Sample Topics

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 Novel data collection tools and methods
 Big Data, Content analysis
 Social network theory / analysis
 Complex networks, Network design
 Emergence, philosophy of complexity
 Policy implications of complexity

What we look for in a new book proposal

- The book should be the product of original research and scholarship. It may reflect an original idea or the application of an existing idea to a new setting. Alternatively, it may draw from and unite existing approaches into a comprehensive whole, resulting in a volume suitable for reference or student instruction.
- It should be in an area in which you are an expert in courtesy of extensive study, research and/or professional experience. It should be of a sufficiently high academic standard to stand the test of peer review.
- It should strive to make a contribution to the field, enlarge upon existing research, or fill a market niche. In all cases, it should be of interest to a sufficiently large community of researchers and practitioners to justify publication in book format.

Submission procedure

Please send a short book proposal (5 pages maximum) or extended abstract to info@vernonpress.com.

To speed up initial screening, you may include a sample chapter, the full list of references and a list of your other academic publications or a brief biographical note. If your proposal interests us we will proceed with peer review. For more information see www.vernonpress.com/publish

About the publisher

Vernon Press is an eclectic publisher with a small but growing cache of works in Economics and Sociology. We work closely with authors, academic associations, distributors and library information specialists to identify and develop high quality, high impact titles. Our recent launches include critically acclaimed works such as George Chorafakis' "*The Knowledge Plexus: A Systemic View on the Economic Geography of Technological Knowledge*" and Jose L. Torres' "*Introduction to Dynamic Macroeconomic General Equilibrium Models*". We offer attractive terms to authors and strive to turn around manuscripts quickly with only the necessary intervention.

Call for Applications

Basque Coast Summer School: 13-17 July 2015

The University of Pau and Adour Regions (South West of France) is holding a one-week English-language summer school on its Atlantic Coast campus just outside Biarritz (13-17 July 2015). The school is open to students of all ages interested in a unique "Anglo-Saxon" academic experience in an exceptional setting: sandy beaches and stunning coastal cities are 10 mn away from campus.

Courses

Four exciting courses with a broad appeal will be taught by talented and enthusiastic professors recruited specifically from English-language universities:

- **“Third World Women”: Gender and the Global South, by Samantha Christiansen, Marywood University, USA.**
Students will learn about topics of contemporary significance to women in the Third World, such as the Veil, Microfinance, and Sex Trafficking, among others.
- **Economics of Climate Change: Myths and Realities, by Peter Dorman, Evergreen State College, Washington State.**
Acknowledging climate change is just the start. In this course we'll cut through the confusion about the science, economics and policy of the century's toughest challenge.
- **Contending Economic Theories: Neoclassical, Keynesian and Marxian, by Richard D. Wolff, New School University, NY, USA.**
Learn about the three major economic "worldviews" - the dominant and the dissenting - and how they shape thoughts and actions trying to cope with global economic and social problems of the 21st century.
- **Big History: An introduction to 13.8 billion years of history since the Big Bang, by David Baker, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands.**
"Big History" is a recent and multidisciplinary school of history that emphasizes "the grand narrative" spanning the 13.8 billion years of our universe.

For further information

For information about the course structure, the possibilities of accomodation and the diverse activities aside the courses (excursions, sport possibilities, public debate) take a look at our homepages <http://www.univ-pau.fr/live/formation/summer-school> and <http://bcmss.sciencesconf.org/> or feel free to write directly to the school's director at Marc.Artzrouni@univ-pau.fr

Call for Applications

Linking Theory and Empirical Research

Berlin, July 19 – August 1, 2015

We are delighted to announce the 5th Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences. The summer school aims at promoting young researchers by strengthening their methodological understanding in linking theory and empirical research. The two weeks program creates an excellent basis for the advancement of their current research designs.

In the first week we address the key methodological challenges of concept-building, causation/explanation and micro-macro-linkage that occur in almost all research efforts and strive for a clarification of the epistemological implications underlying methodological paradigms. In the second week, these methodological considerations are applied to central empirical fields of research in political science, sociology, and their intersections with other disciplines. In this second part of the program participants are assigned to four thematic groups according to their own research topics. The thematic areas cover "Governance, Politics and Processes of Decision-Making", "Citizenship, Migration and Diversity", "Social Struggle and Globalization", and "The Dynamics of National and International Regimes".

The program is characterized by a varied format of lectures, workshops, seminars, and one-to-one consultations. During the summer school participants will also have the opportunity to present and intensely discuss their own work and approaches and will be provided with hands-on advice for their research designs.

The school brings together a faculty of renowned international and Berlin-based scholars. Among the confirmed international lecturers are Michael Burawoy (UC Berkeley), Michael Coppedge (University of Notre Dame), Donatella Della Porta (EUI), Macartan Humphreys (Columbia University), Friedrich Kratochwil (formerly EUI), Daniel McFarland (Stanford University), Virag Molnar (New School for Social Research), Wendy Olsen (University of Manchester), and Sanjay Seth (Goldsmiths, University of London).

The Berlin Summer School is a joint endeavor of the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS) at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and the WZB Berlin Social Science Center. It is co-funded by the two institutions. Moreover, we receive generous funding from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). Details on travel grants and tuition fees can be found on our webpage.

The international summer school is open to 50 PhD candidates, advanced master students and young Post-Docs. The call for applications has opened. Applications can be submitted online via the application form on the summer school webpage until March 31, 2015.

The decisions of the selection committee will be communicated to the applicants at the beginning of April. For more information, please visit our webpage at www.berlinsummerschool.de.

If you have additional questions, please contact directly the organizing team at summerschool.bgss@hu-berlin.de

Call for Applications

Training School, Vienna, July 6-10, 2015

The global digital Workplace – New Ways of Working, New Forms of Labour, a training school for PhD students and Early Stage Researchers

Department of Sociology at the University of Vienna

July 6-10, 2015

This COST Training School will also constitute the 5th Marie Jahoda Summer School of Sociology to be held at the University of Vienna. The event will therefore be a close co-operation between the University and the COST Action.

Between July 6 and July 10 2015 the 5th Marie Jahoda Summer School of Sociology on digitization of work will take place in Vienna. PhD-students and early stage researchers are welcome to apply for the Summer School. The event is held in close cooperation between the Department of Sociology (University of Vienna) and the COST Action IS 1202 –Dynamics of virtual work.

The Marie Jahoda Summer School will explore recent developments of digital work and labour within corporations, along global value chains and over the internet. In this context new questions arise. How are workers' identities shaped? What are their individual and collective reactions to these new forms of work? How do boundaries between paid and unpaid work shift? What do these processes mean for the gendered division of labour? Does the shifting international division of labor provide new perspectives for labour markets and development in the Global South? To what extent is work embedded in particular localities?

Applicants are asked to submit their abstracts until **February 28** to costis1202@herts.ac.uk. Participants from COST member countries have the possibility to apply for a flat rate grant. Please spread the call for papers to anybody it may concern.

Further information can be found on the webpage

<http://dynamicsofvirtualwork.com/training-school-vienna-july-6-10-2015/>

Call for Applications

International Bioethics Summer School in Manhattan, NYC

Contact Ana Lita | Phone: 212 687 3324 or 646 269 0773| Fax: 212 661 4188

Email: applicants@globalbioethics.org

Please check out our program's website <http://summerschool.globalbioethics.org>

Global Bioethics Initiative (GBI) invites students worldwide to attend its first International Bioethics Summer School in New York City (June 15-July 18, 2015) organized in collaboration with the Bohemian Literary and Benevolent Association. Join us for this 5-week one-of-a-kind educational opportunity.

Interested candidates can apply directly, but universities/departments may nominate students to apply and assist them with their application and financial aid. National and international participants such as high school seniors, undergraduate students, and graduate students may apply.

U.S. CITIZENS/PERMANENT RESIDENTS

Closing date for EARLY APPLICATION (discounted fees) for U.S. Citizens/Permanent Residents is **March 15, 2015**.

Closing date for REGULAR APPLICATION for U. S. Citizens/Permanent Residents is May 15, 2015.

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS/NON-U.S. CITIZENS

Closing date for EARLY APPLICATION (discounted fees) for international participants is March 15, 2015.

Closing date for REGULAR APPLICATION international participants is April 15, 2015.

LANGUAGE COMPETENCY: Candidates whose first language is not English will be called by a member of the Selection Committee by telephone in order to demonstrate competence in spoken English. Please provide a phone number(s) where you may be contacted and indicate your Time Zone. International language certificates may also be accepted as proof of English proficiency/competence.

VISA: Due to visa issues, international participants must apply either early, by March 15 or at the very latest, April 15, 2015. Applications after that date will still be considered, but we cannot guarantee your ability to get a visa on time, so you can defer the attendance for the next year. Once accepted you will receive a letter of confirmation. You are strongly advised to contact the American Embassy in your country for complete visa requirements as early as possible.

Please read attentively and check all relevant links on [program's website!](#)

Call for Applications

An international workshop on developing synthetic biology in South-Eastern Europe

Ljubljana, Slovenia, June 18-19, 2015

The Synenergeneproject is pleased to announce the dates of the international workshop on "Perspectives and Key Issues in Synthetic Biology: Opportunities, Risks and Policies", which will take place in Ljubljana, Slovenia on 18-19 June 2015.

The workshop will feature stakeholders from Southern and Central European Countries to assess the priorities, potentials and resources for a responsible development of synthetic biology in the region. Participants from academia, civil society organizations, business, media, and governments and public administrations are encouraged to join the workshop and get involved in charting and shaping the regional trajectory for this exciting new scientific field.

Grants are available for intended participants to fund their travel and stay during the workshop. Expressions of interest and enquiries are welcome at the following address:

keysynbio@gmail.com

The conference website will be online by February 8, 2015, at:

<http://www.keysynbio.com>

Confirmed speakers:

Prof. Daniel Barben, Alpen-Adria-Universität Klagenfurt, Austria
Dr. Davide de Lucrezia, Explora Biotech, Italy
Prof. Roman Jerala, National Institute of Chemistry, Slovenia
Prof. Franc Mali, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Prof. Federico Neresini, University of Padua
Dr. Eleonore Pauwels, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, USA
Dr. Lei Pei, Biofaction KG, Austria
Dr. Tony Pustovrh, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Dr. Dirk Stemerding, Rathenau Institute, Netherlands
Ddr. Rene von Schomberg, European Commission

The workshop is organized by the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) and the University of Padua (Italy) as part of the Synenergeneproject. Synenergene is funded by the Seventh Framework Program of the European Union (Grant No. 321488)