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- The most recent job offers are available in the ESA Jobs Bourse:
<http://www.europeansociology.org/jobs.html>

Call for Applications

European Sociological Association PhD Summer School 2016

New University of Lisbon- FCSH, PORTUGAL, June 19-21, 2016

(Un)Making Europe: Capitalism, Solidarities, Subjectivities

Academic Journal writing: developing a publishing strategy

[\(click here to download the application form\)](#)

ESA initiative on promoting a summer school intends to share knowledge and practice on how to write an academic journal paper and how to internationalize one's research in a meaningful way. The main Summer School focus is to prepare work for publication. Through the work of students and talks by the teachers it will also reflect on the topic of the ESA Conference 2017 “***(Un)Making Europe: Capitalism, Solidarities, Subjectivities***”

The 2016 ESA SUMMER SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE:

- A platform for learning about academic journal writing and publishing in scientific journals.
- The opportunity for students' reflection on their own work and how it links to “(Un)Making Europe: Capitalism, Solidarities, Subjectivities”.
- Lectures delivered by ESA Executive Committee members.
- Seminar groups organized around the presentation of their own papers.
- Networking opportunities with PhD students across European universities and ESA executive members.

The Venue

The Summer School is co-organized by **CICS.NOVA** (Interdisciplinary Centre of Social Sciences) at the **Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of the New University of Lisbon in Portugal (FCSH-UNL)**. The New University of Lisbon is centrally located.

<http://www.fcsch.unl.pt/contactos-en>

The Summer School Teachers are all members of the ESA Executive Committee:

Prof. Helena Serra (Director) (New University of Lisbon, Portugal)

Prof. Airi-Alina Allaste (Tallinn University, Estonia)

Prof. Monica Massari (University of Naples “Federico II”, Italy)

Prof. Ruth McDonald (University of Manchester, UK)

Prof. Lena Näre (University of Helsinki, Finland).

Costs

ESA will cover the costs of accommodation and meals during the Summer School. A total of Euro 150 is available for each student towards the costs of travel to and within Lisbon, Portugal. Students must bring their own computers.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

- PhD students working on an article in progress. This can be i) in the final stage before initial submission to a journal, ii) post peer review, or ii) at the final editing stage.
- Candidates must be or must become an ESA member for the application to be considered. <http://www.europeansociology.org/membership.html>
- There are 23 student places on the course. The main selection criterion is the quality of the application. However, diversity in terms of gender, university, country of study and sociological themes will be taken into account
- The selected students will be required to send their draft article (in English) by June 1st 2016, so it can be circulated among the teachers and the other students. Further details will be provided to successful applicants
- The list of participants will be announced by the end of April 2016. For further information, email Helena Serra, Director of the Summer School 2016, helena.serra@fcsh.unl.pt

HOW TO APPLY:

The deadline for applications is March 19th 2016 (there will be no exceptions).

Applications must include all requested information about the student, an abstract of the proposed article, and a short CV, as outlined on the [application form](#).

Applications must be emailed to esa.summerschool2016@fcsh.unl.pt

Call for Papers

9th Midterm Conference of the ESA RN02 - Sociology of the Arts

Arts and Creativity: Working on Identity and Difference

8th, 9th and 10th September 2016 Porto, Portugal

Conference website: <http://esa-arts2016.eventqualia.net>

The deadline to submit proposals has been extended to **March 1st, 2016**.

The general topic of this Conference focuses on arts and creativity, questioning the processes through which in an increasingly global, open, different and multicultural world artistic creativity is (re)defined, fostered, evaluated and asserted. Focusing the debate on the relationship between arts and plural societies, on the one side, and on the place and statute attributed to art by the new rhetoric of the creative agenda and the creative economy, on the other side, the Conference aims to critically debate the role of the arts as a pillar of cultural, social-ecological and socioeconomic development, of social cohesion and active citizenship, as well as on the processes of identities construction. Thus, the approach will focus on the diverse ways through which the arts are intertwining with processes of identity-making, both at individual and collective levels, and the material and symbolic reframing of social, economic and cultural differences in contemporary societies.

Keynote Speakers: Antoine Hennion, Michael Hutter, Alfonso Montuori

More info on the conference website: <https://esa-arts2016.eventqualia.net/en/2016/home/>

Call for Applications

Summer School

Artistic and other Creative Practices as Drivers for Urban Resilience

September 5-7, 2016, Museu Municipal de Espinho (Portugal)

[Summer school](#) organized by the Centre for Social Studies (CES) at the University of Coimbra, in collaboration with the ESA Research Network Sociology of the Arts, and linked to the Midterm Conference being held in Porto on September 8-10, 2016.

The summer school is being held immediately before the [9th ESA RN2 Midterm conference](#), in the small coastal town of Espinho, within the Metropolitan Area of Porto.

Course description summary

Urban sustainable development requires enhancing urban resilience. In this Summer School, we look at resilience as a space for translocal bottom-up learning, emerging artistic-cultural-ecological approaches or as a 'Space of Possibilities':

Resilience as openness, possibility, emergence, praxis, mutual learning and doing . . . not a 10-point governmental program to be implemented.

Several key characteristics of resilience (redundancy, diversity, learning modes, and self-organization) can potentially be fostered in urban neighborhoods through creative practices entangling natural and cultural resources and processes such as "ecological art" and "social practice" interventions, "urban gardening" projects, autonomous social-cultural centers fighting against gentrification, and activist actions that question unsustainable city planning and societal behaviours. However, how far does the potential of such practices reach? When and how do they scale up to wider urban institutions as drivers of transformations, fostering systemic innovations? What limits and challenges do they encounter? How far do they foster urban resilience towards sustainability as a transformative search process of fundamental change, or are they coopted into neoliberal urban development?

The summer school, conceived as an extended workshop, will explore comparative insights across different urban initiatives and projects. We invite researchers, artists, and practitioners to address together several sets of questions and reflect on their empirical research, previous project experiences, and expertise from different cities.

Participants

Researchers (multidisciplinary), graduate students and post-docs, artists, and practitioners working with community-based artistic and sustainability/resilience initiatives

During the pre-registration process, applicants are asked to submit [\[HERE\]](#) a brief statement on the relevant project(s)/initiative(s) with which they are involved, and why they want to attend the summer school. These statements will be reviewed as part of the participant selection process. **Deadline: Sunday, May 1, 2016.** All applicants will be notified of selection process results by Monday, May 16, 2016.

Coordinators

[Nancy Duxbury](#) (CES) and [Sacha Kagan](#) (Leuphana University Lüneburg; ESA RN2)

Core Team

Nathalie Blanc, Le Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS), France
Hans Dieleman, Universidad Autónoma de la Ciudad de México, Mexico; Cultura21
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Registration

Earlybird rate (by May 31): € 150

Late rate from June 1: € 165

Fee includes: Summer School registration and materials | Welcome BBQ or dinner on Sept 5 | Lunch on Sept 6 and 7 | Breaks (5). (Accommodation and dinner on Sept. 6 at own cost.)

Maximum number of registrations: **25** | Minimum number of registrations: **20**

This is a self-funded, non-profit Summer School.

For the full course description, detailed programme, bios of the core team, online pre-registration, and more, please visit:

http://www.ces.uc.pt/cessummerschool//index.php?id=13412&id_lingua=2&pag=13413

Call for Papers

Mid-term Conference 2016

ESA RN03 BIOGRAPHICAL PERSPECTIVES ON EUROPEAN SOCIETIES & UNIVERSITY OF LATVIA - Advanced Social and Political Research Institute (ASPRI)

RIGA, 22 and 23 September 2016

Biographical Research: Inequality and Innovation

Contemporary Europe is among the world's richest regions. At the same time, Europe faces turbulence – like the financial crisis in 2008 and its aftermath or the recent challenges of migration. The divide between more and less wealthy, between more and less developed, between more and less tolerant, between East and West, South and North of Europe are challenging the imagined (economic, political and cultural) European Union. There are core EU values (human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality) at stake because of the growing inequalities and conflicts. How are social actors experiencing and facing these inequalities? How can biographical research reach new in-depth knowledge of contemporary inequalities in the EU?

One argument is that Europe has to move toward smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. One of the central concepts in debates on development is innovation. Social innovation is seen as crucial to reach new economic goals, but especially to eradicate poverty and reach greater social cohesion. However, policy and development oriented perspectives cover just one part of the issue. How are these political aims reflected at everyday level? What can be added to current debates from the micro-perspective of everyday life worlds and individual viewpoints, uncovered by biographical perspectives?

Or generally put: What is the contribution of biographical perspectives to sociological debates and developments in contemporary Europe? Biographical research explores the interconnections of individual life worlds and society, of biographies and social contexts. With its methods of collecting and interpreting life (hi)stories biographical research gives voice to inconvenient topics or silenced stories and challenges hegemonic public and scientific discourses, for instance on inequality and innovation.

Papers dealing with empirical, methodological and/or theoretical questions are invited on the following themes:

- Biographical research and the divisions in Europe: challenges and potentials
- Biographical perspectives on inequality in contemporary Europe
- Biographical strategies in overcoming inequalities
- Social innovation research and biographical perspectives on agency
- Interconnections of biographical perspectives and discourses: finding silenced stories and provoking hegemonic narratives
- Forced migration, mobility and movement across Europe
- Silenced biographies

Keynote speakers

Prof. Dr. Ursula Apitzsch (Germany): Research experience and expertise in the field of migration, gender, politics and biography

Prof. Vieda Skultans (Latvia / United Kingdom): Research experience and expertise in the field of narrative and medical anthropology

Cultural Event with filmmaker and media artist Bettina Henkel (Vienna/Austria) on trauma, migration and biographical work. Together with an introduction to Bettina Henkel's work we'll have a screening of her documentary "Theatre Street 6". This short documentary is part of a compilation film for the programme of the Riga European Cultural Capital 2014. In this short documentary as well as in other productions the filmmaker deals with the history of her own family – German Baltics who had lived in Theatre Street 6 in Riga until 1939. The topics of her work are Baltic postcolonialism and transgenerational transmissions of trauma in the European context.

In order to apply, please provide a paper abstract **in English with no more than 300 words and a brief biographic summary of no more than 200 words**. Deadline for submissions is **30 March 2016**. Applications should be submitted electronically via www.esabiographyconference.lu.lv

Decisions will be made by 15 May 2016. Travel and accommodation costs will have to be covered by the participants. The participation fee is 50 Euro for regular participants, 40 Euro for ESA members and 30 Euro for PhD students. PhD students might apply for travel cost funding to the RN03. For further inquiries, please contact rn03conference@gmail.com and see our website: www.esabiographyconference.lu.lv

Organisers:

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Ina Alber (University of Göttingen/Germany)

Call for Papers

THE 7th MIDTERM CONFERENCE ON EMOTIONS, STOCKHOLM

This is the call for papers for the 7th midterm conference of the Sociology of Emotions Research Network (RN11) within the European Sociological Association. The midterm conference will be hosted in Stockholm University, Sweden, and will take place from **August 25–27, 2016**. There will also be a PhD student workshop on the 24th with Åsa Wettergren and Christian von Scheve.

We are delighted to confirm that **Professor Monique Scheer** will give the **keynote address** at this year's interim conference. Prof. Scheer is Professor of Historical and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Tübingen. Her primary research interests lie in religion and popular religious practice, especially in Germany, and more recently in the theory and history of emotions. In this latter endeavour, Prof. Scheer has approached the emotions from the perspective of practice theory, and argues that emotions might be best viewed as 'emotional practices', drawing especially on the work of Bourdieu and his conceptualization of *habitus*. Network members may be interested in her paper from 2012 in *History & Theory*, in which this position is outlined more fully (see [here](#)).

As in previous years, we will give serious consideration to all high quality abstracts on any emotion-highlighting topic. At the same time we would like to offer several focal areas of investigation in which abstracts are particularly welcome.

Proposed Sessions

Theorizing Emotions. Key theoretical frameworks for the sociological analysis of emotions have stood the test of time during more than thirty years since they launched the sociology of emotions. Nevertheless, the potential for sociological theorizing of emotions is far from exhausted. While sociological interest in emotions is swiftly growing, emotions are still not recognized by mainstream social theorizing as a fundamental aspect of social life. We want to encourage contributions that try to develop innovative theories of emotions as well as theories that demonstrate how (specific) emotions can be integrated into social theorizing more generally.

Affect and Emotion. What relates the term affect prominent in the Cultural Studies with the sociological concept of emotion? Are these terms exclusive or could their synthesis be of use to Emotion Sociology? What are the pitfalls and potentials of this (im)possible dialog between disciplines? In this session we want to connect to the discussion starting to win attention among sociologists in the last years.

Emotion and Practice Theory. In recent years practice theory as a distinctive approach within social theory has been growing in prominence and influence. While today it is most usually associated with the work of Pierre Bourdieu, there are alternative and overlapping strands within the broader 'practice turn', such as the work Theodore Schatzki and Stephen Turner. Yet, with the notable exception of Monique Scheer, the role of emotion within and for practice remains underexplored. Do emotions count as practices, and if so, what are the implications of this? Here we invite submissions that reflect on emotions and practice and practice theory, broadly defined.

Emotions, Morality and Normativity. Although moral orientations and values have a long tradition in sociological thinking, current research on the relationship between morality and emotions is dominated by psychology, neuroscience, and philosophy. What does a sociological perspective contribute to this topic? How does sociology conceptualize the relationship between morals, norms and emotions? What do we learn about the normative constitution of groups and societies if we look at their emotional lives and dynamics?

Emotion and Discourse. Discourse theory, especially discursive psychology, contributed a lot to dismantle personal attitudes, attributes, stereotypes and identities as discourse dependent and highly situated features of social interactions. However, there are still not too many works addressing emotions in discourse(s). The theoretical question of what concept of emotions discourse theory

needs to make the emotion research fruitful is strongly related to the practical empirical question of how to investigate emotions in the discourse.

New Methodologies for Researching Emotions. We want to continue the thread from several previous network meetings and ask how emotions can be researched empirically. This remains an emerging subfield of the sociology of emotions and calls for expanded inquiry and debate about how emotions function in the research process; how to analyze emotions in empirical data; how to gather relevant data; how to devise methodologies for specific theoretical concepts, etc.?

Emotions, Civic Action and Social Movements. Research on protest and social movements has become a large and well-established field and within this, emotions have been received considerable attention recently. Other forms and domains of civic action, however, have not been analyzed from an emotions perspective. How can analyses in both fields be furthered and related to the workings of emotions in politics more generally? Are there emotions other than the 'usual' that need to be considered?

Collective Emotions and Identity. Much has been said on emotions binding groups and collectivities by the classics of sociology, but their contributions have not yet led to a coherent research agenda. In what ways and by what means groups and collectivities emerge and become sustained, paying particular attention to the role of emotions? And what is a still strongly discussed additional value of the term collective emotions in explaining these processes?

Emotions and Literature. Literary works can be a valuable resource for emotion research. Not only do they reveal something about the emotional lives of their protagonists, they also shed light on complex emotional dynamics. Contributions are welcome using literature and discussing its methodological value in the study of emotions.

Law and Emotions. The idea of rationality as unemotional has persisted the longest within legal theory. However research within law and social psychology has paid increasing attention to emotional patterns and practices in legal practice. How can a sociological perspective add to this emerging trend? What role does emotion play in everyday law practice? How are emotions integrated in the making of laws and in the laws themselves? Can scrutinizing these and other questions further our understanding of the changing role of law within modern societies?

Emotions in Organizations. An important development of emotional labour studies has been the examination of emotions within organizations, focusing how organizational norms and regulations can both further and hinder emotion management at work. This field is divided both methodologically and between disciplines and needs both empirical and theoretical integration.

Emotion and Religion. Some classics of sociology together with theologians and philosophers have analyzed religion with an eye for emotions. Yet, the sociology of emotions has paid little attention to religious affairs. What is the role of emotion in religion quite generally? How can contemporary religious life be understood in new ways through the analysis of emotions? How can we use different sociological theories of emotions for analyzing religion?

Emotions in Intimate Life. Intimate life may seem like the primary sphere of emotions. While this notion could be contested on other grounds, closer analysis also shows how emotions in the intimate sphere are complexly embedded into larger social processes and macro-social structures.

Emotions, Power and Status. There is a long tradition of investigation within the sociology of emotions on the intersection between emotion, power and status. Central to this approach has been the work of Kemper, but these concepts and their interrelation remain important to both structural and interactionist approaches to emotion. In this session we welcome both theoretical papers that aim to interrogate these concepts and their interactions, and also empirical work that explores these ideas in specific situations and contexts.

Emotions, Finance and Political Economy. The global economic crisis and the growth of inequalities have brought political economy back to prominence in the social sciences. Yet, within this approach, the role and place of emotion are only now beginning to be investigated. Within both the economic and financial systems recurring speculation, economic and financial crises and growing inequality call for a more critical take on the financial world. What role or function does emotionality have for the construction and maintenance of such inequalities, and what are the emotional costs?

Emotions, Politics and the State. While emotions in various ways might be said to have always been foundational to political life, in recent years there has been an upsurge in work exploring the connections between emotions and politics. Yet, while great strides have been made in both the political sociology of emotions and political psychology to understand and explain the 'politics-emotion nexus', less attention has been paid to the relationships between emotions, the state, state power and legitimacy. In this session we seek papers that address any of these or other issues that relate to emotions, power and politics, broadly conceived.

Migration, Globalization and Emotions. Despite the prominence of the term globalization, emotions have not been particularly prominent in global analyses. The role of emotions in transnational and supranational organizations, international NGOs, transnational migrant communities and global networks of mobile professionals is understudied, as well as the new layers globalization adds to the person's emotional attachments, emotion regimes and cultures. What challenges and opportunities for individuals, groups and organizations these new layers cause?

Post-Atrocities Emotions. In the past two-three decades resurgence in idealism, calling on societies split by violent conflicts to pursue truth, justice and reconciliation (often cast as a precondition for making a transition to democracy), has re-asserted itself. Both transnationally and in each of the societies whose members had taken part in atrocities, there are attempts to formulate rules for which emotions are prescribed and which are proscribed. Contributions are welcome highlighting in a critical way these emotional regimes and the vested interests behind them.

Mediated Emotions. Media, including not only the conventional press or television but also the internet and new forms of mass communication, continue to gain importance in shaping social realities. What role do media play in shaping emotions in society and how in turn are media affected by emotional processes in society? Focus on both, particular media events and whole media structures, are welcome.

Abstracts not exceeding 300 words should be sent by the **18th of March 2016** to Stina Bergman Blix (stina.bergmanblix@sociology.su.se). Please indicate whether your abstract is for a specific session listed above. If you want to participate in the PhD student workshop, also send a short (one page) description of your doctoral research project. Notifications about the abstracts selected for presentation at the midterm conference will be made by the end of April 2016. Also conference fees, more precise time table, and links to accommodation will be announced then.

Call for Papers

Qualitative Methods and Research Technologies

ESA RN 20 Qualitative Methods Conference

September 1-3, 2016, Cracow, Poland

Workshops August 31

As technology becomes more advanced and pervasive, we must question its influence on our society, on our interactions and on our research methods and data. The omnipresent digitalization and a significant advancement of data analysis software both contribute to *technologising* the research process. The meaning of *technology* within the field of qualitative research has another dimension - it can be seen as a way of standardizing and formalizing the methodology itself.

Therefore technologies require debate on opportunities, threats, practices, merits, disadvantages, solutions, and a diverse array of methodological, epistemological, and ontological approaches that qualitative social researchers confront (or should confront) when conducting research. Perhaps even in research methods, we can say "man makes the tools and the tools make the man."

We invite novice and experienced researchers to participate in and contribute to the forthcoming Conference. Authors are invited to submit their abstracts either to a specific session or to the open sessions. Submission until 20th April. See other requirements and deadlines: www.esa-cracow.pl

Topics include (but are not limited to):

- Analytical procedures as *research technologies*
- Paper-and-pencil instruments for qualitative researchers
- Discovering new kinds of qualitative data
- Ethnography in a technological era
- Digital and sensory methodology
- The digitalization of qualitative research process
- Emergent technologies and hi-tech research equipment
- Social media and online data collection
- Netnography, Internet-based and hypermedia methods
- Mobile and geospatial research technologies
- The use of qualitative data analysis software (CAQDAS)
- Visual analysis and social iconography
- Conversation Analysis and Discourse Analysis
- Storytelling and narratives through technology
- Video and photo elicited interviews, participatory video
- Videography
- Developing Grounded Theory with technological support
- Contemplative inquiry and research technologies
- Embodiment and digital communication
- Research in psychotherapy - qualitative technologies
- Digital repositories and qualitative data archiving
- Methodological challenges posed by technologies
- Ethical dilemmas in the digital world
- Exploring technological knowledge

and other issues related to qualitative methods, epistemological considerations, and research praxis

Call for Papers

Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty Research Network 22 (ESA)

Mid-term conference

Risk and Uncertainty in a Comparative Context

Adnan Menderes University

Aydin, Turkey

27-29 October 2016

The European Sociological Association (ESA) Risk and Uncertainty network plays a major role in the ESA's general conferences, held every four years. In between we also convene 'mid-term' events of our own. These conferences are smaller and more intimate, providing the opportunity for more sustained and relaxed interaction - quite different from the anonymity and scale of major disciplinary conferences. Our next event is to be held at the Adnan Menderes University, Aydin, in Turkey's Aegean region in the West of the country, hosted by the Department of Sociology. We are excited to have secured such an interesting venue and hope you will consider joining us in Turkey, in October.

We aim to stimulate sociological and interdisciplinary research and debate into how risk and uncertainty are perceived, constructed, and managed by social actors, as well as the impact of these responses in society. Every conference has its own theme which helps shape discussion and this year's is a comparative one - reflecting upon similarities and differences in the way that social actors engage with comparable phenomena and their different effects. A comparative perspective broadens our view, beyond particular case studies. More than this, it can help de-naturalise what can otherwise seem inevitable reactions, as we see the often very different outcomes in different socio-cultural settings. It can also allow us to then isolate explanatory variables that help explain, for example, why some societies embrace particular technologies and others remain wary.

Thus we would particularly welcome contributions that consider how similar risks and uncertainties are constructed, perceived and managed in different societies or over time periods. We hope that papers examining more particular developments in whatever society may also try and draw out a comparative dimension.

Although the event will focus on the theme of comparative risk, this is an open call for papers which explore aspects of risk and uncertainty across a broad range of sociological and interdisciplinary perspectives. Papers will be grouped into themes after acceptance around topics such as: comparative risk; health risks; environmental risks, technological risks, risks of energy supply, risk governance; risk and crime; professional approaches to risk; biographical risks; risk and emotions; trust; risk management and uncertainty; inequality and risk; risk, resilience and everyday life; and social theories of risk. Other risk related issues are welcome but we do ask that risk is considered in a specific way, in relation to 'something that may happen' and not just 'something bad'.

Our previous mid-term conferences have been very successful and we hope you'll join us in Turkey for stimulating discussion and reflection on the latest European risk research. We are delighted to be holding the conference in Turkey. This is not only an unusual one for ESA conferences but one that ties in well with our focus on comparative perspectives, and we look forward to papers that consider similarities and differences in how risk is configured in Turkey and the rest of Europe.

Keynote speakers

Dr Kerstin Dressel, Sine Institut, Munich

Professor Michalis Lianos, University of Rouen
Professor Adam Burgess, University of Kent

Location

The conference will take place at Adnan Menderes University, Aydin, hosted by the Department of Sociology. Aydin is close to the famous – and amazing! - Ancient Roman city of Ephesus, to which we will organise a tour during the conference.

Timetable

Abstracts, 250-350 words plus full name, institution, and the author(s) contacts, should be sent by March 15th, 2016 to the local organizer, Kayhan Delibas: kdelibas@gmail.com
Notification of acceptance will be announced by April 15th, 2016.

Registration and registration fee

Participants will be required to pay a nominal registration fee of 100 Euros (150 Euros for non-members of ESA) by 31 August 2016. This will include coffee breaks, lunch and one dinner. Late-registration (from 1st of September 2016 onwards) will cost 200 Euros (250 Euros non-ESA members).

Postgraduate/Early Career Researcher Travel Expenses Competition

We will be awarding two travel bursaries of 300 euros for the best conference submissions. Current postgraduates and early career researchers up to 4 years after the award of their PhD are eligible. Please mention clearly at the top of your submission that you would like your abstract to be judged for this award. The criteria will be relevance to our themes, originality, and clarity.

Travel and accommodation

Participants will need to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations. Conference organizers will provide information about accommodation, as well as suggestions about different alternatives for travelling to Aydin. We aim to make this an affordable event for a diverse range of participants, and will provide advice accordingly.

Call for papers

The sociological gaze on science and society relations

Workshop

Organized by Research Network 24 -- Sociology of Science and Technology Network (SSTNET) of the European Sociological Association (ESA) and the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon, Portugal

20--21 June 2016, Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon

Keynote speakers

Massimiano Bucchi (University of Trento) and Maja Horst (University of Copenhagen)

Over the past few decades, the (lack of) connections between science and society have often been seen as a 'social problem' that needs to be addressed, given rise to specific public policies and the emergence of a new field of scientific enquiry. Under labels as different in meanings and implications as "scientific literacy", "public understanding of science", "public engagement with science" or "science with and for society", the way citizens relate to science and scientists engage with society has been seen as problematic. Scientists tend to see citizens as lacking in scientific knowledge and showing little support for science. The public tends to see science as distant from their interests and concerns. A wide array of undertakings has been developed for bridging this gap, compelling scientists into adding yet another range of skills and activities to an already increasingly demanding profession. Conversely, the expectations of what citizens need to know and have an opinion about are also on the rise, deferring to them in part the responsibility to prevent scientific development with undesirable consequences.

Though this field has attracted the attention of scholars from different disciplines, sociology can offer a unique perspective, based on a plurality of theoretical and methodological approaches. Sociological insights may prove particularly useful for examining the construction of science--society relations as a 'social problem' and how this construction depends on changing roles of science in contemporary societies and broader socio--economic and political-- ideological contexts, such as neo--liberal governance discourses. Sociological approaches may analyse the plurality of actors involved in science--society relations and the networks they establish, the role of power elites from the political and economic sphere, the impact of such demands on the organisation of research institutions and career development, the particular ways different disciplines engage with the public, or the power relations that underlie encounters between scientists and citizens.

We particularly encourage contributions that critically reflect on science and society relationships and the ways in which these relationships are expected to change.

Key dates:

An abstract of up to 500 words, containing an outline of the paper, including methodology as well as the expected contribution of the paper, should be submitted by e--mail to Ana

Delicado: ana.delicado@ics.ulisboa.pt

31 March 2016: Deadline for submission

15 April 2016: Notification of acceptance

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No fees are charged for participation and no funds are available to SSTNET to cover travel or accommodation expenses. Further information about the workshop venue, accommodation and useful details about host--city will be provided later.

Call for papers

Mid-term conference of ESA Research Network 26 (Sociology of Social Policy and Social Welfare),

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

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

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

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

Information requested when submitting an abstract includes:

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

Abstracts should not exceed 250 words.

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

Early career scholars may get some of their expenses refunded by sending a short application to jbr@uin.no prior to the conference.

Abstract Submission Deadline: **June 10, 2016**.

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

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

Prof. Ingo Bode, University of Kassel, Germany, ibode@uni-kassel.de

Call for Papers

Rethinking social change

Social Theory Conference of the European Sociological Association, Research Network 29

29-30 August, 2016

Barcelona

The emergence of new political movements and citizens' actions is transforming the contexts in which social theory was created and has been developed since. Alongside, we observe a questioning today of traditional bureaucracies and their production of inequalities, but also questioning of the social theories that had traditionally interpreted societies and proposed social changes. Habermas clarifies that within democratic revolutions, citizens decided to govern themselves and created social sciences in order to know themselves. In addition, different authors have argued that social theory and the interest to read it and study it has evolved (to more and less intensity) in relation to efforts to changing society.

Looking back, some sociological theories wanted to consolidate the capitalist order (i.e. Comte, Parsons); others wanted to make a revolution to achieve a different order (i.e. Marx, Mills, Marcuse). However, whatever orientation they took, the theories which achieved greater social influence and higher motivation from young students were the ones that linked social theory development to the social transformations of their times. Weber warned about a bureaucratisation process, which has not only affected capitalist enterprise and the modern state, but also the social sciences. Great parts of social sciences have actually lost their original meaning when detaching themselves from current social transformations.

In 2011 Catalunya Square, just some metres away from the Catalan Academy of Sciences where we will have our Social Theory venue, witnessed the "Spanish revolution" (seed of the occupy movement). Since then, everything is changing in the political arena, in the relations between citizens, administration and private sector, in the personal relations among individuals, and in the relations between social sciences and society. New social conceptualizations are slower than the actual social processes, and they are often more useful to explain the past than to comprehend future tendencies. However, the Research Network 29 on Social Theory of the European Sociological Association is eager to stand ahead and calls for this Mid-term Conference in Barcelona to inquiry and debate about new elaborations from social theory that can help to interpret the present and to collaborate, from our field, in the building of a better future for all citizens worldwide. We welcome papers reflecting on these topics as well as other current debates informed by social theory.

Deadlines:

Abstract submission: 30th April, 2016

Notification of authors: 25th, May, 2016

Conference early bird registration: 30th, June, 2016

Final registration 15th, August 2016

Submissions:

Please submit your proposal (max. 250 words) by email to:

esa.rn29@gmail.com

Conference fees:

Early bird registration:

60 EUR (for ESA members 40 EUR, students 25 EUR)

Late registration:

80 EUR (for ESA members 60 EUR, students 30 EUR)

Venue:

Institut d'Estudis Catalans (Catalan Academy of Sciences)

Carrer del Carme 47

08001 Barcelona, Spain

Call for Papers

Facing a New "Age of Migration"? Methodological Challenges, Conceptual Questions, Political Entanglements

ESA RN 35 "Sociology of Migration" – Midterm Conference

1–2 September 2016

Bucharest

**Organizers: ESA RN 35 "Sociology of Migration, Research Institute for Quality of Life,
Romanian Academy and the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work,
University of Bucharest**

Please find a detailed description of Research Network 35 at
<http://www.europeansociology.org/research-networks/rn35-sociology-of-migration.html>

Keynote:

Prof. Bridget Anderson

Professor of Migration and Citizenship, and Research Director of COMPAS

In the midst of intense public debates and political discussions on migration, ESA Research Network 35 "Sociology of Migration" announces its third mid-term conference, to be held from 1 to 2 September 2016 in Bucharest.

The main theme of the Conference will be to reflect on the question of whether or not European countries are currently facing a "new" age of migration and on the methodological and conceptual challenges posed to migration research within the current developments. Thematically, this conference will bring together various analytical and methodological approaches in refugee and migration studies.

Studies on the refugee question, on extremism and racism as well as studies involving longitudinal and/or comparative analyses focusing on the European context are particularly welcome, as are papers which analyse everyday practices and strategies of action and resistance of refugees and migrants and their families. We particularly invite papers that reflect upon, as well as examinations of the complex political entanglements of migration scholarship.

Our aim is to provide a platform for those who have already met at earlier conferences to continue our discussions, and to invite other scholars to join us in this endeavour. This conference will have a strong focus on dialogue. Hence, papers that draw links to and/or reflect upon their relation to ongoing scholarly and public debates will be given priority.

Our midterm conference will cover the following issue areas:

1. Sociological diagnoses of the current situation – from political discourses to migrant agency: We welcome papers that present contemporary studies focussing on the refugee "crisis" including the perception of refugees and migrants, consequences of shifting policies, racism and social change in Europe, effects on migrants' lives and practices and linkages between extremisms, success of far-right wing parties and Islamist tendencies to migration. We specifically invite papers that draw links between different conceptual fields, for example by 'evaluating' policies from below: How are migrant's affected by the intensification of the current political and public debates?

2. Methodological challenges – from epistemological debate to travelling methodologies:

Methodologically, the field migration studies is broad and very diverse. We encourage submissions of methodological papers that reflect on the implications of different epistemological perspectives and the concrete pros and cons of specific methodological approaches. Among others, we are interested in evaluations of current challenges for quantitative migration research. How can, e.g., administrative data be used for academic purposes? How do we evaluate their quality and the ways in which they are

used? What can researchers in the European context learn from methodologies that have been developed and applied in other settings?

3. Theoretical legacies and blind spots – from methodological nationalism to receiving

country bias: In the face of current developments, migration research needs to discuss its conceptual and analytical toolkit. How do our forms of construing, problematizing and researching migration relate to orders of mobility, power, and inequality? Have we managed to overcome methodological nationalism? Or are our accounts still structured by dominant political notions and problem understandings - e.g. in what de Haas has called a receiving country bias in migration research?

4. Sociological self-reflection: One of the pressing conundrums that migration researchers are faced with is: How can sociologists become or remain relevant without becoming part of the very system they criticise? We particularly invite papers that combine self-reflexive and critical accounts of past and ongoing research with suggestions for future scholarly activity.

The deadline for submission of abstracts (max. 200 words) and brief biographical notes is March 1 2016. Please send your documents to karin.peters@wur.nl. Decisions will be communicated by March 21 2016.

Organisation:

No fees will be charged, but you will need to pay for your own travel and accommodation. Information on hotels and hostels close to the conference venue will be communicated to all participants in due course.

Call for papers

Research network 36 “Sociology of transformations: East and West”

European sociological association - International midterm conference

‘Social transformations: new challenges, practices, and critique’

September 28-29, 2016, Sibiu, Romania

Organizing institutions:

- ESA RN36 “Sociology of transformations: East and West”;
- Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu (LBUS);
- Alumni Association LBUS Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities;
- Romanian Sociological Society (RSS).

Transformative processes occur worldwide and can be subject to various interpretations from different theoretical perspectives. Despite the end-of-history rhetoric surrounding the initial stages of ‘transitions’ from state socialism to democracy and capitalism the transformations are far from being finished. Moreover, the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Asia have experienced a broad variety of transformation paths leading to very different results, ranging from a spiral of economic decline to relative prosperity, from democratisation to the maintenance of hybrid or even fully autocratic regimes, from embracing Euro-Atlantic integration to insisting on traditional political and cultural divisions, and so on. These days we are witnessing the unleashing of forces that radically affect the stability of European social development. These forces manifest themselves in such aspects as rising social inequality and exclusion; widespread disillusionment after the expectations of the initial stages of transitions, increasing distrust in political and other institutions, mass migrations; political radicalisation and the threats to social welfare.

Societies in Central and Eastern Europe have gone through more or less radical transformations, while trying to balance in very different ways between universal prescriptions and their local specifics. The complex systemic changes, simultaneous reforms in different spheres, stimulated by technological developments have created social acceleration in post-communist societies. “Speeding up” is constructed as a ‘natural’ condition of social life in public discourses and seen as a main factor of successful transition. The socio-cultural implications beyond these processes (social stress, polarization between ‘winners’ and ‘laggards’, capacity of cultural reproduction, etc) as well as the tensions between the agents of social acceleration and resistance are waiting to be discussed.

These problems set the stage for a more reflexive and critical way of thinking about social transformations. An in-depth exploration of transformations in this region might produce significant new lessons and ideas. Classical sociological approaches to social transformation tended to focus on large-scale changes – crises, revolutions, long-term economic and social development, whereas relatively ‘small’ changes can produce unpredictable and ambivalent challenges for a particular society. Such ‘small’ changes also require constant research monitoring, followed by theorising upon research data.

Change deserves to be explored in many areas of social life in CEE countries as well as all over the world. Some specific areas of research may be more mainstream, while others seem to be at a peripheral zone of scientific discourse. However, they are (or should be) more debatable and perhaps complicated than they appear to be. A wide range of factors arising from (and elucidated by) different analytical frameworks – institutionalism in particular – contribute to explaining the different trajectories of countries over time.

This conference invites submissions approaching transformation in a wide variety of fields, including but not limited to:

- transformations and sociological theories;
- mediation and public discourses of transformation and social change;
- critical approach to CEE transformation;
- unanticipated consequences of transformation;
- post-industrial society or non-industrial society?
- economic and social gap between the East and West;
- Europe: more or less unity?
- paths of transition on a local/regional/national level, challenges and solutions;
- class division and inequality;

- generations in the context of transformation;
- spaces of poverty and exclusion in Central and Eastern Europe;
- rural and urban areas, local communities life and practices;
- migration flows, new challenges, consequences, and possible solutions;
- the idea of nation state in transformation;
- political tensions and political order, new challenges for consent;
- political behaviour and political values;
- ecology, gender, city-movements, protest movements as new waves of transformation;
- civil society: development and barriers, self-government, self-organization, NGOs;
- values, identities, cultural practices;
- intellectuals and their impact on social changes discourse: past and present.

Conference venue: Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Library Building, 2A Lucian Blaga, 511069 – Sibiu, Romania

Abstract and Language:

The organizers invite theoretically or empirically grounded papers on the above topics. Special consideration will be given to empirically grounded papers, either comparative or country-based. The language of the abstracts, the papers and the conference will be English. Abstracts should be about 400 words, and should be accompanied by the name(s) of the author(s), his/her/their affiliation(s) and e-mail(s). The processes of abstract submission and acceptance will be managed using the online platform of the Romanian Sociological Society (Conference Management System):

<http://societateasociologilor.ro/conference/index.php/esarn36/>

Accommodation and Traveling: Will be covered by the participants.

Meals: Organisers will provide meals for participants.

Registration and Deadlines:

Deadline for submitting paper proposals (approx. 400 words) – May 30, 2016

Notification of paper acceptance – June 15, 2016

Deadline for registration – June 30, 2016

Abstracts should be submitted at: <http://societateasociologilor.ro/conference/index.php/esarn36/>

Conference Fees:

Regular fee – EUR 45

Discounted fee for ESA and RSS members – EUR 30

Discounted fee for PhD students in Sociology – EUR 20

Conference webpage: <http://conferences.ulbsibiu.ro/esa-rn36>

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Conference Announcement

**International Conference of Visual and Filmic Sociology
From the Viewpoint of Everyday Life
University of Evry-Paris Saclay
29-30 September 2016**

**organised by
University of Evry/Paris-Saclay Centre Pierre Naville
University of Genoa Sociology of Visuality laboratory
French Sociology Association (GT 47)**

This international conference is intended to establish an inventory of European research groups working on *Visual and Filmic Sociology*. The aim will be to create a loose network to augment a specific understanding of the practices and approaches that sociologists apply when developing work from filmic and visual perspectives. As far as possible, conference communications should relate to participants individual work (photos or film excerpts).

Visual and Filmic Sociology seeks to account for the complexity of interpretations of reality that are rarely unequivocal. This sociology begins by questioning the appropriateness of associating the term “scientific” with sociological discoveries and asks what role the proliferation of narratives has played in this respect. Other questions include the role played by a sociologist’s gender; whether the basic research paradigm varies for cinematographic as against photographic forms; and the role that sensitivity to (and the materiality of) objects and bodies – together with the symbolism of gestures - plays in understanding everyday life.

The importance of everyday life

This topic has been of great interest to a range of sociologists (including Henri Lefèbvre and Erving Goffman), philosophers (Michel de Certeau) and psychoanalysts. Depicting objects through the creation of images and sounds takes on a whole other dimension here, in part because it creates a potential need to re-think the distancing that should be taken from otherwise familiar objects.

The question then becomes whether this topic is universal or particular in nature. The idea here is to stop and take a look at moments in people’s lives, i.e. not viewing life as a continuum but as a collection of fragments that may or may not have intrinsic overall meaning, even if some bits of hidden meaning are revealed under scrutiny. In the way that it frames things and the multiple perspectives it enables, filmic sociology makes it possible to analyse all these scenes, moments and fragments of everyday life from a wide range of perspectives.

Routine

Authors sometimes emphasize everyday approaches when questioning routines and repetition. At other times, they will tend to highlight quantum leaps caused by violent but necessary adaptations (unemployment, moving house, divorce, etc.). The city where people live and work, an individual’s neighbourhood, schooling, family, the coffee shops that people visit, intercommunity relations and migration –these objects are all highly conducive to images and sounds. Authors may do no more than to describe and enunciate them - or instead they may try to delve more deeply by highlighting the collective or individual positions that people take.

The unsaid

Everyday life is clearly rooted in the social sphere and can be used to justify narratives about inequality and class or gender domination, while explaining the bases of the great injustices that permeate the modern world. Like sociology, cinema is quite obviously political in the way that it constructs itself and finds space in economies suffering a structural crisis. The question this raises

is how *Visual and Filmic Sociology* uses the unsaid and unseen as concepts for “talking about what society doesn’t do anymore”.

The primacy of viewpoint or perspectives

Questioning people’s everyday perspective is a way of contextualising the tensions found in the things that seem ordinary (or “natural”) in people’s everyday lives as well as the way in which the sociological approach develops tools that account for social reality and explain its foundations. By transcending more traditional methods found in scriptural (paper-based) sociology, the new variant necessarily asks new questions by inventing mechanisms that change the relationship between observers and their object of analysis. A partial list of possible new themes might include:

1 - Film writing and the viewpoint of everyday life. The question of the relations between the sociologists’ viewpoint AND the location of his or her camera and microphone is posed here; beyond, it is also the question of the framework, and the “off-screen” that is asked (focal, viewing angle, sound spectrum...)

2 - Being at one with the people we study: affect and sensitivity in the scientific construction.. Does the use of the film and photo camera foster the development of subjective capacities that open to the expression of affect and sensitivity, which follows the project of comprehensive sociology? How can we bridge the oppositions between objective camera and subjective camera?

3 - Visual and filmic sociology, a evident research stance? Does the viewpoint of the sociologist/filmmaker get to be more visible when the research process includes image and sound recording? Is the relation between the researcher and his or her subject modified or, in other words, what are then the relations between the one who films and the one who is filmed? How can the intentions and the biases of the sociologist instantiate themselves in the photo or film work that is produced?

4 - Photography and cinema facing sociological schools of thoughts. Is there a place in visual and filmic sociology for the reproduction of the tensions between the main schools of thoughts of sociology? What place is there for example for “individualistic” and “holistic” bias? What place can take the importance assigned to social structures or to immediacy of intersubjectivity?

Films or photos of everyday life appear to be an excellent way of revealing the epistemological questions evoked by the way that sound and vision are being used in sociology and ancillary disciplines. The aforementioned questions are only a few of the many that might be asked, with participants being free to add to the list.

Proposed communication (maximum 800 words or 5,000 characters) can be written in French, English, Italian or Spanish (note that debates will be held in French and English). Submissions must take place before 30 March 2016 and be sent to Joyce Sebag (joyce.sebag@gmail.com), Jean-Pierre Durand (jpd.duran@gmail.com) and Luca Palmas (luca.palmas@unige.it). They should also indicate the photographic or filmic materials that are being. The Scientific committee will select final conference communications in March with authors being requested to submit their final paper before June 15, 2016.

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Conference Announcement

Women and the Criminal Justice System - past, present and future

15 April 2016

Royal Statistical Society, London

Join us in London for our one-day conference to discuss women as victims and as perpetrators of crime.

Throughout the day, academic researchers and professional practitioners will describe and analyse the journeys women take as they engage with the criminal justice system - from the point of being at risk of becoming a victim or offender, through experiences of trial, diversion and being inside and outside of prison - using a range of statistical and qualitative evidence.

This conference brings together the latest academic and policy analysis to key issues concerning women and the criminal justice system, aiming to inform practice, stimulate academic-professional partnerships and provide an opportunity for networking.

This conference is organised by the Centre for Criminology and the School of Law at the University of Essex with the Royal Statistical Society, co-sponsored by ESRC and Palgrave Macmillan.

Tickets are free and all are welcome. Lunch will be provided with a wine reception to close proceedings.

For further information see our website: http://www.essex.ac.uk/events/event.aspx?e_id=9439

Call for Papers

Contemporary Political Youth Culture and Communication

A two-day Symposium

University of York, UK

18-20 July 2016

Marking the launch of the Centre for Political Youth Culture and Communication (CPAC) this two-day international symposium explores the socio-cultural factors influencing the civic engagement of young people and its means of communicative expression. Young networking citizens in many parts of the world today play a crucial role in shaping the future prospects for democratic societies. The styles, nature and means of their political engagement is therefore of increasing importance to policy-makers and academics alike. This event is focused upon the communicative, emotional, embodied, and aesthetic modes of youth citizenship. It examines the social construction of the political identities of young people within the context of widening social inequality, climate change, reflexive individualism and a networked social media ecology. We welcome papers drawing upon research and theory that address questions of contemporary political youth culture including, but not limited to, such topics as:

Citizenship norms	Political talk	Social networking
Precarious employment	Celebrity politics	Personalisation
Identity politics	Social movement protest	Community politics
Political socialisation	Civic education	Political education
Transnational politics	Populist parties	youth Campaigns
Migration politics	Electoral engagement	

Keynote Speakers

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Prof. Lance Bennett, University of Washington
Prof. Donatella dellaPorta, European University Institute, Firenze

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KEY DATES

Please submit title, abstract and brief bio for consideration to brian.loader@york.ac.uk by **Monday 14th March 2016**.

Notification of decision.

Monday 21st March, 2016

Call for Papers

Proud In Europe?

LGBTI Emancipation in Comparative Perspective

August 4-5, 2016, Amsterdam

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

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

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

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

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

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

Confirmed Speakers:

Phillip Ayoub (Drexel University)

Surya Monro (University of Huddersfield)

(interviewing members of the

Rainbow Cities Network)

Special event with trans activist and artist Paola Revenioti

Papers can be submitted to one of the following panels:

- Panel 01: Pride and Prejudice: Queer Connections between Sexual Minority Emancipation and Religious Change
- Panel 02: Sexual Justice?
- Panel 03: Sexual Citizenship - Are We There Yet?

- Panel 04: Migration of rights: Europe-Africa legal exchange in relation to sexual orientation and gender identity
- Panel 05: Governments Going Gay? Relations Between LGBT Social Movements and Governmental Actors in Various European Contexts
- Panel 06: Persistent Homophobia? The Political Marginalization of LGBT Issues and Organizations in Europe
- Panel 07: Trans* health practice, politics and science
- Panel 08: Embedding lesbian and gay parenting in various legal contexts within Europe: How legal changes relate to experiences, acceptance and emancipation
- Panel 09: From the Margins to the Mainstream?
- Panel 10: Local level, neighborhoods and LGBTQ politics in European cities: A comparative perspective
- Panel 11: Comparative survey approaches to LGBTI persons, couples and families
- Panel 12: Beyond the alphabet soup?
- Panel 13: LGBTI Refugees, Immigration Authorities and the Gay Community
- Panel 14: More labels or no labels? An interdisciplinary panel on “creating space” for gender ambivalence and diversity
- Panel 15: Non-binary gender possibilities, practices and identities at the interstice of “Asia” and “Europe”
- Panel 16: (Re)Formations of transgender activism and politics
- Panel 17: European perspectives on LGBTI workforce diversity
- Panel 18: Out! LGBTQI Visibility in Media and Celebrity Culture
- Panel 19: LGBTQI politics, homo/heteronationalism and political economy
- Panel 20: Bisexualities and Equalities in a European context
- Panel 21: Polyamory: Law and Human Rights
- Panel 22: How homophiles became gay and proud
- Panel 23: Emancipated yet suffering in silence? – tackling the stubbornly high prevalence of mental health problems among LGBTI people
- Panel 24: Same-sex families and the migration experience

For a full description of each panel please see the conference website: <http://aissr.uva.nl/europride-conference>

Information for paper submissions:

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

Please send: Name and email address of the author, Title, Abstract (up to 300 words)

Deadline for submission: March 31, 2016

Paper proposals can be submitted from February 22, 2016 until March 31, 2016.

Panel conveners will be notified of the decision in mid-April 2016.

Registration fee for presenters and panel organizers: €150

Registration fee for graduate students and participants: €75

Deadline for registration of participants: July 1, 2016.

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

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Call for Papers

UACES Student Forum - 17th Annual Research Conference

United or Divided We Stand? Perspectives on the EU's Challenges

The University of Kent in Brussels

9-10 May 2016

Conference Theme

Today's Europe is confronted with simultaneous, complex and wide-ranging challenges. Direct challenges – such as the large-scale movement of refugees to the EU, high levels of youth unemployment and climate change – are multifaceted, and often multi-level, issues. More abstract challenges – such as the legitimacy of conditionality imposed in exchange for Eurozone bailouts and public disillusionment with leaders and institutions – are more difficult to isolate. In some cases, the EU's Member States have found a common, united approach. In others, the (re)assertion of national interest has led to division and inaction. We now speak of both integration and disintegration when we reflect on the European project. We invite submissions of abstracts for papers on these contrasts in Europe – unity and division, integration and disintegration. How is the EU addressing or not addressing the challenges it faces? How could it address them differently?

This two-day research conference provides a friendly environment for postgraduate students in the various disciplines of European Studies to present their work, receive feedback and dialogue with each other. It offers an ideal introduction to the UACES community. Research students at all levels are welcome. Students in the earlier stages of their work can gain experience in presenting their research and meet other researchers. Students in more advanced stages of their work can refine their presentation skills, continue to build their contacts and gain experience as chairs and discussants. As the flagship event of the UACES Student Forum, the conference is a prime venue for networking with colleagues and presenting new research.

Submissions

The Call for Papers is now open.

Postgraduates can submit an abstract for a paper (max 200 words) or a proposal for a panel of papers.

Submit your abstract/proposal online: <http://uaces.org/events/sfevents/research2016>

The deadline for submissions is **03 March 2016**.

Submissions from students at all stages of their PhD in European Studies are welcome.

Funding

UACES is able to offer up to 90 GBP towards travel expenses to/from Brussels.

We can also offer up to 45 GBP towards accommodation expenses on 8 May 2016 and up to 45 GBP towards accommodation expenses on 9 May 2016.

Please read the full [Terms and Conditions of Funding](#) before submitting an abstract/proposal.

We can offer funding for up to 45 students. This funding will be allocated following the conclusion of the competitive Call for Papers.

Results and Papers

Students will be informed of the results of the paper selection by the end of March 2016.

Paper-givers taking part in the conference must deliver a completed paper (6000-8000 words) by **29 April 2016**.

Papers will be made available on the UACES website.

We look forward to receiving your abstracts and proposals!

The UACES SF Committee

This conference is organised with the support of the Erasmus + Programme of the European Union. The [UACES Student Forum](#) (SF) is the network of research students in contemporary European Studies.

Find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Call for Submissions

Società Mutamento Politica

SMP ISSUE NO. 15 (1/2017)

“TOWARD A POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY OF OUR TIME”

Edited by Lorenzo Viviani – University of Pisa

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Sociology has been interested in political phenomena, from the earliest sociologists onward, as an integral and fundamental part of its own scientific progression, in a comparison that has developed over the course of time with other disciplines, from political philosophy to political sciences, from political psychology to anthropology, from history to law. It is a continuous exchange in which sociology has maintained its own theoretical and methodological specificity, one which this issue of Smp proposes to reexamine, opening itself to the contribution of Italian and foreign authors and turning to new generations of scholars able to enrich the debate on a “political sociology of our time”. Looking at political phenomena through a sociological lens means assuming that there exists a constant interaction between society and politics, that in contemporary society it plays out on a global scale, including economic recessions, power conflicts, religious phenomena, migration flows, and more generally all those processes that change the social bases of democracy and the attribution of power within different societies.

The objective of the call for papers is therefore to collect theoretical and empirical contributions that develop themes and research methods capable of encompassing the complexity of current political changes in a comparative key. As for the topics of this issue, the focus is principally on representative democracy as a result of the force of identity of traditional ideologies, and more generally with the redefining of society, corresponding to processes of advanced modernisation. A change that involves the individual and the very structure of social and political ties, and which underpins the crisis of the expressive and organisational methods of politics developed during the century of party democracy. In this sense, the radicalisation of the process of individualisation and pluralisation of identity construction processes is accompanied by the disintermediation of politics and by the changing of actors and contents of representation, with the stability crisis between identity and procedural activity present in traditional political organization. Further, such a radical transformation of the forms of politics in advanced democracies makes the study of the processes of the personalisation of politics and leadership particularly relevant nowadays. In particular, the sociological perspective allows the theme of leadership to be confronted in its nature of social relationship between leaders, citizens/voters and the contexts inside which it develops, and at the same time explore more deeply the relation between leadership and democracy in the political era of post-mass integration.

The crisis of confidence and delegitimization (with regard to traditional parties and to the political class), the emergence of movements and parties opposed to the traditional, political and institutional system, and the rise of populism are phenomena that political sociology has to face by analysing in how and to what extent representative democracy may be experiencing a period of fragility. They also affect the forms that continuing phase of surpassing party democracy has taken on, in the different perspectives of output democracy, of post-democracy, of populist democracy, of participative and deliberative democracy, and of leader democracy.

Lastly, a political sociology of – and for – our time cannot ignore the supranational dimension of political conflict, just as it cannot be uninterested in the phenomena that characterise societies outside of Europe, no less the relationship between religion and politics in Middle Eastern countries. This issue thus intends to throw itself into the middle of the debate on new challenges of research at the national and international level, that once again give the political sociologist a central role in unravelling the intricate narrative of contemporary, social and political change. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to: crisis of representative democracy in advanced societies; personalization of politics, personalization of power, and leader democracy; populism and political parties; new cleavages politics; new perspectives on political sociology research in European and non-European countries.

Peer Review Policy

Every article submitted to Smp will be evaluated by the Director and the Curator to verify that the contents are relevant to this issue. In the event the article is accepted, it will be subjected to a double-blind peer review.

Submission procedure

This issue of Smp will accept articles primarily written in English and Italian. The articles should be no longer than 10,000 words, notes and bibliography included, and should be drafted according to the editorial guidelines of Smp, which may be consulted on the journal's website. Every article should be accompanied by a brief note on the author (max. 150 words) and an abstract (max. 200 words).

Deadline

- Article submission: **15 September 2016**
- Peer review feedback: **15 November 2016**
- Article submission with edits: **31 December 2016**
- Issue publication: **15 April 2017**

Articles and abstract should be submitted to the following email address: lorenzo.viviani@unipi.it

The editorial guidelines are available at:

http://www.fupress.net/public/journals/33/smp_norme_eng.pdf

Previous volumes are available at:

<http://www.fupress.net/index.php/smp>

Call for Submissions

for the topical issue of *Open Theology* journal

Alternative Religiosities in the Soviet Union and the Communist East-Central Europe:

Formations, Resistances and Manifestations

Open Theology (<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/opth>) invites submissions for the topical issue "Alternative Religiosities in the Soviet Union and the Communist East-Central Europe: Formations, Resistances and Manifestations", under the general editorship of Dr. Rasa Pranskevičiūtė and Dr. Eglė Aleknaitė (Vytautas Magnus University).

DESCRIPTION

After the boom of traditional religions (i. e. prevailing national religions or those that have a relatively long history in a particular country) and alternative religious movements (i. e. religious movements that offer an alternative to the traditional religion(s) in a particular country) in post-communist/post-socialist countries, the religion(s) of this area have gained increasing scholarly attention. Research on the religious situation during the prior communist/socialist period is primarily focused on restrictions placed on traditional religions and their survival strategies, while the corresponding phenomena of the alternative religious of that time still lack proper analysis.

The special issue invites papers that address alternative religiosities in the communist/socialist countries up to 1990. Due to Soviet control, they mostly existed underground and could remain only if expressed clandestinely. Beside the officially-established Soviet culture, connected with the Communist Party's aim to control all aspects of the public sphere, there was an unofficial cultural field that was very receptive to the arrival, formation, spread and expressions of diverse alternative religiosities and spiritualities. The disappointment with the existing narrowness of the official communist ideology and the loss of the absolute allegiance to it led to the formation and rise of unofficial socio-cultural alternatives within the system. The underground activities, including access to alternative spiritual and esoteric ideas and practices, generally existed in parallel, or even jointly, with the official culture and institutions.

We invite religious scholars, historians, anthropologists, as well as authors representing other disciplines, to submit both empirical and theoretical papers including, but not limited to the following topics:

- Networks and inter-community connections
- Flows of ideas within the Soviet Union and communist East-Central Europe and from the outside
- Centers and peripheries of the milieu of alternative religiosity in the region
- Politics and actions of the regime towards alternative religiosity
- Restrictions, repressions and survival strategies of practitioners of alternative religiosity
- Milieu of alternative religiosity as a space of resistance
- Relationships of communities of alternative religiosity with dominant religious traditions
- Theoretical frameworks and methodological problems in research on alternative religiosities within the Soviet Union and the communist East-Central European region

Authors publishing their articles in the special issue will benefit from:

- transparent, comprehensive and fast peer review
- efficient route to fast-track publication and full advantage of De Gruyter Open's e-technology,

- no publication fees,
- free language assistance for authors from non-English speaking regions.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Submissions are due June 30, 2016. To submit an article for the special issue of Open Theology, authors are asked to access the on-line submission system at:

<http://www.editorialmanager.com/openh/>

Please choose as article type: "Special Issue Article: Alternative Religiosities".

Before submission the authors should carefully read over the Instruction for Authors, available at:

http://www.degruyter.com/view/supplement/s23006579_Instruction_for_Authors.pdf

All contributions will undergo critical review before being accepted for publication.

Further questions about this thematic issue can be addressed to Dr. Rasa Pranskevičiūtė at Rasa.Pranskeviciute@degruyteropen.com or Dr. Eglė Aleknaitė at ealeknaite@yahoo.com. In case of technical questions, please contact journal Managing Editor Dr. Katarzyna Tempczyk at katarzyna.tempczyk@degruyteropen.com.

OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Applications

REFRAMING MASS VIOLENCE IN EUROPE AND THE AMERICAS

The Holocaust & Global Memory Constellations

Transatlantic Summer Institute – Graduate Student Fellowship Program

Universität Bayreuth (June 12-19, 2016)

Application deadline: Friday March 11th, 2016

Faculty: Bernt Schnettler (U. Bayreuth), Alejandro Baer (U. Minnesota)

This Summer Institute's objective is to explore the particular developments and transnational entanglements of memory discourses in societies revisiting their legacies of large-scale political violence. This entails processes of re-interpretation, renaming and reframing of a) the atrocities themselves and b) the (often questioned) transitional justice mechanisms that were adopted in their aftermaths. We place special emphasis on the analyses of practices, rituals and social events that help creating, supporting and disseminating social memories related to mass violence.

We look forward to assembling a group of emerging scholars who bring interdisciplinary commitments and concerns to their work, and who are interested in sharing their work with their peers internationally.

Sample questions that might serve as the framework for our discussions include:

- How are events reframed through Holocaust-related and also specifically legally-bound concepts such as "genocide," "crimes against humanity," and "forced disappearances"? And how are these concepts becoming a guide for action for grassroots organizations, shape the content and terminology in ceremonies, museums, memorials and other sites of memory, become recurrent tropes in literature, film, and art?
- How do different generations in the same setting look at the past from different time angles and how does generational transition involve different interpretations of past events in different contexts?
- What is the role of organizations and institutions (such as the judicial world, human rights advocacy networks, mass media, and the academic community) that mediate the production, public articulation, circulation, and legitimation of memories of mass violence?
- How do new forms of communication shape, transform or enhance social memories of mass violence? What challenges emerge from the use of digital and visual forms of communication in this area?
- What methods of analysis are appropriate for studying phenomena in this field? How can we deal with technical, legal, ethical restrictions and possible distortion? How can we balance analysis, scrutiny and activism?

The TASI's collective discussions across disciplinary and geographic boundaries will serve to identify new emerging patterns of social memory, which have distinct national features and are at the same time shaped by interdependence, linkages, and transnational cross-fertilization.

Sponsored by the Center for German and European Studies through a grant of the DAAD.

Faculty bios

Alejandro Baer is Associate Professor of Sociology, Stephen C. Feinstein Chair and Director of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at the University of Minnesota. He has published on social memory theory and research methods, visual sociology, Holocaust representations and antisemitism in Europe. His current research interests include comparative genocide studies and memory politics. He is particularly interested in the socio-political consequences of memory narratives and the delicate relationship between processes of collective remembering, reconciliatory initiatives, and the demands of justice in post-conflict or post-authoritarian societies.

Bernt Schnettler is Professor of Sociology at the University of Bayreuth (Germany). He has written on different areas in the sociology of knowledge, including religious experiences and memory rituals, computer supported presentations and cultural events in social worlds of migration. His research interests encompass phenomenology, hermeneutics, interaction, social forms of knowledge, visual sociology and sociological theory. By studying social forms of communication and social events, he seeks to explore the intersection of interaction, communication and processes of constructing, disseminating and legitimizing meaning and knowledge in contemporary societies.

In addition to the lead faculty, several guest faculty will participate in the workshop. These guest faculty include Natan Sznaider, Professor of Sociology at Academic College Tel Aviv-Yaffo, Israel, and Francisco Ferrandiz, researcher in the Institute of Languages, Literature and Anthropology at the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), Madrid.

Fellowship Information & Application Materials

The Institute is intended for advanced graduate students working toward a Ph.D. or other terminal degree at a North American or European university. Preference will be given to students who have already defined a dissertation topic. The language of instruction is English. Competency in English and a reading knowledge of another European language are required.

All fellows will receive a fellowship to cover *most* expenses:

- Institute tuition
- Housing and meals for the duration of the Institute
- Access to library and archival materials and Internet resources
- partial travel support

Fellowships for advanced graduate students enrolled at North American universities include up to \$750 in support of round-trip airfare to Germany. Although not required, we encourage fellows to apply to their home department for match to cover the remainder of their travel expenses. Fellows enrolled at a European university will receive up to \$150 to cover travel costs to Bayreuth.

Complete applications for admission to the Institute must be received by **Friday, March 11th, 2016**. Applications must be submitted electronically to cges@umn.edu. Decisions will be made by March 31st, 2016.

A complete application consists of 1) [applicant information sheet](#), 2) a letter of interest, 3) a two-page dissertation abstract, or a two-page statement about the relevance of this topic to the applicant's research, 4) a curriculum vitae, 5) an unofficial graduate transcript, and 6) one confidential letter of recommendation by a faculty member familiar with the applicant's research project. The letter of interest should include information on the applicant's scholarly background, interests, and career goals.

Call for Applications
6th Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences
Linking Theory and Empirical Research
Berlin, July 17 – 28, 2016

We are delighted to announce the **6th 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 foundations 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 "External Governance, Europeanization, and Global Norms Diffusion", "Citizenship, Migration and Social Inequalities", "Social Struggle and Globalization", and "Democracy at the Crossroads".

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 Gilbert Achcar (University of London), Donatella Della Porta (EUI), Macartan Humphreys (Columbia University), Bob Jessop (University of Lancaster), Sanjay Reddy (New School), and Vera Troeger (University of Warwick).

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, 2016**.

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

Tackling Transparency the Methodological Challenges of Research on Disclosing Sustainability

**Machiel Lamers
Sanneke Kloppenburg
Hilde Toonen
And others**

June 21-25, 2016

Registration deadline: March 1, 2016

Course organised by the Environmental Policy group (ENP) in collaboration with Wageningen School of Social Sciences (WASS) and SENSE Research School for Socio-Economic and Natural Sciences of the Environment Wageningen University

Introduction & objectives of the course

The Summer School will be organized in conjunction to the International Conference “Disclosing Sustainability; The Transformative Power of Transparency?”. The Summer School participants are therefore able to generate expert insights and experiences for operationalizing research on the presented themes in the International Conference which takes place on June 24 and June 25, 2016 in Wageningen. The Summer School is scheduled from June 21 to June 25, 2016.

The aim of the Summer School is to explore the methodological challenges of operationalizing research on disclosing sustainability. The Summer School will highlight a number of themes and contexts in which these challenges manifest themselves:

- Analyzing the role of information in sustainability practices
- Using big data and social media in research
- Developing and analyzing sustainability indicators
- Involving and analyzing citizen science approaches

More specifically, the Summer School will address the methodological challenges that researchers encounter in operationalizing their research and in facing the following questions, among others:

- What are fundamental concepts in researching transparency?
- What basic research skills do I need, and do these differ from the ones I already have?
- Do I need to use new methods, why and which?
- To what extent can or should I be engaged, for example when using social media?
- How do I deal with representativeness of my research population, should I be happy or worried about citizens who are eager to participate in my study?
- What about ethics in transparency-research: how do I deal with privacy-issues and with availability and accessibility of data gathered and stored by private companies?
- Are there specific biases and pitfalls I should be aware of, in terms of the reliability and validity of my research?
- What does transparency mean for the role of science in society?
- What are useful and fun ways of disclosing my own research findings?

Target group and learning outcomes

The Summer School is open to an international group of PhD candidates and Postdocs, who embark on, or are already involved in researching transparency, accountability and empowerment in the broad realm of sustainable development. The group may include PhD candidates, in any phase of their research, from the field of social sciences, such as political sciences, sociology, geography, and economics. It should be noted that PhD students and Postdocs whose paper has been accepted by the International Conference committee are invited to participate in the Summer School, but this is not a prerequisite for participation.

Assumed prior knowledge

No specific prior knowledge is assumed, although a keen interest and aspiration to gain insight in methodological considerations about assessing transparency challenges is expected. Students are expected to prepare themselves by reading and analysing a selection of key literature prior to the Summer School provided by the organisation. It is assumed that Summer School participants are able to reflect on their own role as researcher, willing to actively contribute to discussions and debates, and open to giving and receiving feedback.

Course fees

The Summer School fee is 500 euros. This fee includes food, drinks, course materials, the conference fee and accommodation for four nights (Tuesday until Saturday).

PhDs registered with WASS and SENSE pay a reduced fee of 250 euros.

Session Times

This Summer School takes place from June 21 to June 25, 2016, in Wageningen and includes participating in the two-day conference (June 24 and 25). All participants will be accommodated together in group accommodation. The Summer School will start on June 21, early afternoon, with a welcome lunch. Participants to the Summer School should prepare for an intensive programme, i.e. full working days and some additional evening activities. The last session is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, which is after the closing session of the International Conference. A detailed timetable with the scheduled indoor and outdoor activities will be made available at a later time.

Outline of the Course in Hours

Estimation:

- Preparation: 16 hours
- Participation/attendance Summer School (including International Conference and some evening activities): 44 hours

Teaching methods

In-house lecturers and experts attending the International Conference are invited to give a lecture and afterwards to participate in discussions with the participants of the Summer School. The format of the lectures and discussions will vary, yet some discussions will have a workshop-like character. Targeted reading is a part of the Summer School, to provide all participants a common knowledge base. It is expected that students will have read the assigned literature prior to the Summer School. There will be small group assignments during the Summer School, including an assignment which needs to be carried out during the International Conference. Gained knowledge will not be tested in a written examination, yet, during the final session on Saturday afternoon insights are discussed. Active participation in this final session is obligatory.

Requirements and ECTS

- PhD candidates and Postdocs, who embark on, or are already involved in researching transparency, accountability and empowerment in the broad realm of sustainable development.
- Five-days intensive and internal programme.
- Motivation letter and 2 page CV
- 2.2 ECTS

Course Schedule

To be announced later

Location

The Summer School takes place in the beautiful rustic and woody setting of estate "Hoekelum". Our accommodation is located in the forest near the castle of Hoekelum. This accommodation will be based on shared male or female bed rooms, with self-catering option (kitchen) and a shared living room. The shared living room, as well as the outside area, will serve as class room. The conference sessions will take place in the hotel *De Wageningse Berg*. Transportation from/to the conference venue will be arranged.

Registration

Registration is possible electronically via the SENSE courses page until **March 1 2016**:

http://fd8.formdesk.com/wageningenuralterra/Tackling_Transparency2016

The maximum number of participants is set at 25, the minimum at 15.

In the registration button you will be asked to upload a motivation letter and a 2-page CV, and possibly your request for financial support. We also ask you to provide additional data necessary for organising the logistical part of the Summer School. Please make sure that you provide the most recent contact details so that in case of any changes you will be notified promptly. After your internet registration you will receive a short notification that your name has been registered. We will make the selection in March, and aim to inform you around mid-March about whether or not your application is accepted. If you are selected to participate in the Summer School, you will receive a confirmation and an information package, which will include the location and the schedule. We will send an invoice to the address indicated in the registration form.

Cancellations

Cancellations may be made free of charge until 1 month before the start of the course. Cancellation fee of 100 % applies if participants cancel the course less than 1 month prior to the course. The organisers have a right to cancel the course not later than 1 month before the course starts. The participants will be notified of any changes at their e-mail addresses.

Further information

For further information please contact the course organiser, Machiel Lamers, Environmental Policy group.

He can be reached by email: machiel.lamers@wur.nl, or telephone: (+31) (0)317 484274

Call for Applications

The Carlos III-Juan March Institute (IC3JM) invites applications for its

Master in Social Sciences

The **Carlos III-Juan March Institute (IC3JM)** at the Carlos III University of **Madrid** offers a **two-year Master in Social Sciences**, taught entirely in English, with paths of specialization in Sociology, Political Science, Economic History and interdisciplinary social sciences. Its first edition starts in **September 2016**.

The IC3JM has a strong international reputation for being a top research institution in Europe. The IC3JM Master in Social Sciences is an academic Master, with **120 ECTS** (European Credit Transfer System) that provides the most advanced analytical and methodological skills required to undertake high-level research in the core topics of the Social Sciences.

The Master offers an advanced **interdisciplinary training** in the Social Sciences, with a strong emphasis on comparative and historical approaches, as well as on methodological issues and quantitative techniques. Students acquire the skills required for research design, hypothesis formulation, and advanced data analysis.

Courses are taught by members of the IC3JM and professors at the Carlos III University. Members of the IC3JM and Carlos-III faculty hold PhDs from the best universities in the world and have a very strong international publication record. In addition, **world-leading scholars** are invited every year to teach specific courses. In its first edition, the IC3JM Master in Social Sciences will include as invited scholars Lucinda Platt (London School of Economics), Dídac Queralt (Institute of Political Economy and Governance) and José Fernández Albertos (CSIC).

All the information on the Master can be found here:

<http://ic3jm.es/masters/social-sciences/index.aspx>