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**European Sociological Association**

**Call for Conference Bids**

**Where will the 13th ESA Conference take place in 2017?**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Conference of the European Sociological Association will be held in early September 2017. We are currently inviting bids from parties wishing to host the conference. The deadline for submitting proposals is Monday **20<sup>th</sup> October 2014**.

As recent ESA conferences have been attended by some 2000 to 3000 delegates, the venue must have sufficient capacity in terms of meeting rooms and catering facilities. Furthermore, there should be a variety of accommodation available at different price points suitable for all.

Departments or Associations who are interested in hosting the ESA 2017 conference can send their proposals to Gisèle Tchinda-Falcucci, ESA Secretary ([esa@europeansociology.org](mailto:esa@europeansociology.org)).

**Further information is available in the following PDF document**  
([http://europeansociology.org/docs/conferences/Call\\_for\\_Conference\\_Bids\\_2017.pdf](http://europeansociology.org/docs/conferences/Call_for_Conference_Bids_2017.pdf))

**Conference Announcement**

**Gender Summit 4 - Europe 2014**

**From Ideas to Markets: Excellence in mainstreaming gender into research, innovation, and policy,**

**30 June - 1 July 2014,**

**Brussels**

Welcome from Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Commissioner with responsibility for research, innovation and science, European Commission

*"The 4th Gender Summit is focused on Horizon 2020. There's a lot of money at stake in Horizon 2020 and the new rules ensure that women are at the centre of the decisions on how it should be spent and at the heart of the research and innovation that is funded. Horizon 2020 provides a clear incentive to applicants to ensure a better gender balance in their research teams. If two proposals receive exactly the same scores on all other evaluation criteria, the gender balance will be one of the factors in deciding which proposal is ranked higher. Horizon 2020 also promotes the gender dimension in research and innovation content to ensure that it takes into account the needs, behaviours and attitudes of both women and men. This is the way to excellence, jobs and growth. In Horizon 2020, the gender dimension is explicitly integrated from the outset in many of the specific programmes – in more than 100 topics so far out of 610 in total, spread across 13 different programmes. This gives us a promising idea of the number of projects that will develop a gender dimension and of the new knowledge that they will produce. I hope that those attending the Gender Summit and the science community will respond to these opportunities to create better research and more sustainable technological innovations."*

After expanding to North America in 2013, this year the Gender Summit returns to Brussels. The Gender Summit 4 - Europe 2014 (GS4EU) will, again, bring together experts from research, industry and policy to consider gender research evidence and the ways of improving the quality and impact of research and innovation through the inclusion of gender in science knowledge making and application. The Programme will focus Horizon 2020, the current €80bn funding programme of the European Commission. GS4EU's Themes and Tracks will focus on the cross-cutting role of gender and how gender can be integrated within the different calls, through actions enhancing gender equality and through inclusion in research and innovation content. The GS4EU provides an early opportunity for H2020 applicants to explore with experts how gender can be best accommodated in their proposals.

**GS4EU 2014 Aim**

The key aim of GS4EU is to promote a standards-based and systematic operationalization of gender in research and innovation process as a core quality condition in study design, research content, and processes, in order to foster smarter, sustainable, and effective European science endeavour.

**GS4EU 2014 Outputs**

- Expert review of the latest approaches for conducting gender sensitive research and innovation,
- Recommendations for improving research practice through the attention to the role of gender specified in Horizon 2020 under Article 15, which states that: "Horizon 2020 shall ensure the effective promotion of gender equality and the gender dimension in research and innovation content"
- Defining a standard-based approach for integration of the gender dimension in research and innovation,

- including maximising its cross-cutting role.

## **GS4EU 2014 Programme**

The Programme includes contributions from:

- DG Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission • DG Research and Innovation (DG RTD), European Commission • Cabinet of Commissioner Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Research, Innovation and Science, European Commission • Elsevier, USA • European Research Council (ERC) scientific Council • Fraunhofer Gesellschaft, Germany • Gendered Innovations in Science, Health & Medicine, Engineering, and Environment project, EU • Karolinska Institutet, Sweden • University of Louvain, Belgium • National Science Foundation (NSF), USA • National Research Council of Italy (CNR), Italy • Technical University Berlin (TUB), Germany • Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies • Norway's Gender Balance in Research Committee (KIF) • Rutgers University-Newark, USA • VU University Amsterdam - Amsterdam Center for Career Research, The Netherlands • University of Cambridge, UK • University of Tromsø, Norway • Wellcome Trust, UK • Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB), Germany

Read more about the [Speakers](#) and the [Programme](#).

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### **Call for papers**

#### **Meeting of Slovene Sociological Association**

**“Economy and Society”**

**24<sup>th</sup>-26th October 2014**

**Bohinj, Slovenia**

The organisers invite you to submit paper proposals for the international panel of the meeting. Paper proposals could be linked to one of the meeting streams or related to different aspects of the meeting theme and the intersecting problems and topics. You will find the list of streams below and at the website: <http://www.sociolosko-drustvo.si/english/>.

Abstracts should be about 300 words and provide the information on paper title, contact details (author(s) affiliation, postal address, phone number and e-mail address), main issue to be raised, analysed or discussed in the paper, including a brief background, approach (theoretical / conceptual or empirical) and type of methodology (qualitative / case study or quantitative), main thesis or findings and a conclusion expected from the analysis.

Send your abstract (as word or pdf attachment) to panel coordinators: [aleksandra.kanjuo-mrcela@fdv.uni-lj.si](mailto:aleksandra.kanjuo-mrcela@fdv.uni-lj.si) and [nbandelj@uci.edu](mailto:nbandelj@uci.edu).

The deadline for submitting abstracts is **1st July 2014**

Panel coordinators will rank all abstracts and inform successful applicants by 25th July 2014.

After the conference the organisers will submit a selection of conference papers to a review procedure for a thematic special issue of the scientific journal Theory and Practice (<http://www.fdv.uni-lj.si/en/journals/science-journals/teorija-in-praksa>).

Authors who are interested in possible publication are invited to submit full papers.

The deadline for paper submission is 26th September 2014

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## Call for papers

### The European Values Study and the University of Deusto organize a workshop on Values, Solidarity and Generations on Friday 10th October 2014 in Bilbao, Spain

The European Values Study is a large-scale, cross-national, and longitudinal survey research programme on basic human values. It provides insights into the ideas, beliefs, preferences, attitudes, values and opinions of citizens all over Europe. The project started in 1981 and since then is repeated every nine years, in an expanding number of countries. The dataset allows for longitudinal comparisons of and investigating trends in values. The workshop focuses on the three topics of generational changes of value orientations, social solidarity and identity as well as on methodological issues related to measuring values.

**Topic 1:** Value orientations shared by people belonging to the same generation are acquired during early socialization; therefore people socialized under the influence of same factors share similar values orientations. On the other hand, major social, political and historical events like national crisis, economic recession or changes in political regime reshape individuals' value orientations during their adulthood. Covering a large time span of almost 30 years and providing information about Europeans belonging to different generations, EVS offers the possibility of disentangling the effects of early socialization of those of major historical events on individuals' value orientations. We welcome contributions which using EVS data investigate long term trends in values change, focusing on how generations differ with respect to values shared in different life domains or on how significant historical events shape individual value orientations.

**Topic 2:** The financial and economic crisis in Europe has given the question of solidarity new momentum. Economic austerity policies have direct effects on the social benefits available to those suffering from the crisis. In interaction with that, decreasing private and public wealth also challenge individuals' readiness to provide support to those in need, be it through direct help or through one's contributions to the state budget. We invite presentations that address questions such as: Is it possible to identify attitudinal or structural preconditions for the willingness to provide support?

How does the readiness for providing support differ across different target groups of support? What is the role of national, regional, or even European identities for support readiness vis-a-vis particular groups? Using EVS data, can national baseline measures for social support in the European countries be established?

**Topic 3:** Over the past four waves, EVS developed several scales tapping value orientations in different life domains. Some of the scales changed from one wave to the other, but giving priority to longitudinal comparisons, EVS tried to maintain the same instruments to capture long term changes. We invite methodological contributions assessing the quality of scales used by EVS over time, with a special focus on validity, reliability and measurement equivalence. Contributions pointing out critical aspects of items and scales used by EVS are particularly welcomed since they help to improve the questionnaire to be used for the next data collection scheduled for 2017.

Social scientists who analyze EVS data and want to present a paper are invited to submit an abstract of maximum 100 words by **30th June 2014** to [evs@uvt.nl](mailto:evs@uvt.nl). Decisions about acceptance will be taken by 15th July 2014.

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**Call for research proposals under the FP7 EU project**  
**SUPPORT FOR TRANSNATIONAL ACCESS TO OFFICIAL MICRODATA**  
**“Data without Boundaries” (DwB)**

Highly detailed or “confidential” microdata from other countries are often not available for research purposes. Or, if they are available, researchers have to go through diverse national accreditation processes and self-finance their access. To enhance access across borders to official microdata for comparative research, DwB gives you the unique opportunity to work with data from a number of European countries.

**What data are available?**

The data are those available through specific Research Data Centres (RDCs) from France, Germany, the Netherlands and UK. The data do not include public or scientific use files such as those available from national data archives or Eurostat. Depending upon the RDC, available datasets are business data and household surveys considered to be too detailed, confidential or sensitive to be provided through standard access mechanisms.

Business data can be used to research into areas such as productivity, national and international trade and investment, innovation, manufacturing and industry, retail trade, turnover and earnings. We particularly welcome applications that aim to explore and understand national differences in productivity, particularly in the current climates of recession.

Household surveys generally provide detailed information about households and household members. Potential areas for research include household and family structures, living arrangements (incl. non-marital cohabitation), sexual division of labour, low-income households, earnings, poverty and expenditure, including long-term changes. We particularly welcome applications that aim to explore these areas.

**What support is available?**

The RDCs/DwB will:

- provide support and access to microdata via guest stays ranging from one to three weeks or, depending upon the RDC, remote access/execution
- support researchers with national accreditation processes and, where application forms and information about the data are not in English, will assist with translation.
- reimburse travel and accommodation expenses (subject to an upper limit) either for visiting the RDC prior to remote access, for onsite access (including any access fees), for any mandatory training, accreditation or enrolment purposes. Note that the DwB projet end-date is April 20th 2015 and any expenses being claimed must have been spent before this date.

**Who can apply?**

Academic researchers, including PhD students, resident in countries within the European Union or the European Free Trade Association, are eligible. Researchers should apply to RDCs that are not in their country of residence (they may independently use microdata from their own country of residence).

The data will be of interest particularly to researchers in sociology, demography, economics and geography. Comparative research projects requiring access to multiple RDCs are very welcome. Note, however, that it is not possible to pool/combine data from different RDCs.

**How to apply**

Please first check the availability of the designated datasets and contact the Research Data Centres to check the feasibility of your project with these data. As soon as the Research Data Centre confirms the feasibility of your project, please send an application form **before one of the specified deadlines** (see Estimated Timeline for DwB Calls) to [tna@dwbproject.org](mailto:tna@dwbproject.org) describing your research project. Your application must name specific Research Data Centres and Datasets. You must clearly demonstrate why you need highly detailed data incase public or scientific use versions of the data are available.

This is a continuous call and there will be additional opportunities to apply – the last deadline date is 15th October 2014. Note that the DwB project end-date is April 20th 2015 and any research for which expenses are to be claimed must be completed before that date.

For details of how your application will be evaluated see Application process. A decision will be made not later than six weeks after the deadline. Applicants will also have to go through the national accreditation process for which DwB will provide help.

What are the expected outcomes?

Researchers are expected to publish their results and may be given the opportunity to present them in at least one international conference organized by DwB with travel and accommodation expenses paid for.

A Research Infrastructures: User group questionnaire will need to be completed online.

Queries about the call and the application process should be sent to [tna@dwbproject.org](mailto:tna@dwbproject.org). Visit the FAQs section before sending any queries.

Further details on DwB:  
<http://www.dwbproject.org/about/>

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## Call for Submissions

### Social Inclusion

### Open Access Journal

ISSN: 2183-2803

### Special Issue

### Talking about Roma: Implications for Social Inclusion

#### Special Issue Information

#### Talking about Roma: Implications for Social Inclusion

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Information: The contributions to this special issue will address various aspects of the relationship between discourses on and the social inclusion of Roma ('Gypsies'). Since Roma first arrived in Europe, policies targeting them have varied both in ultimate aim and in proposed means. In the absence of a consistent direction in official approaches to Roma, from the sixteenth through the late twentieth century Roma in Europe were subject at various times and places not only to policies ranging from assimilation through enslavement to physical extermination, but sometimes also to official approaches recognizing Roma as a legitimate minority with a set of rights to be protected. At present, while official discourse calling for the elimination of Roma – whether through mass killing or by abolishing cultural distinctions – has largely given way to approaches explicitly aimed at inclusion and emphasizing Roma's rights as individuals and as members of a minority and/or tying future improvements in the situation of Roma to economic benefits for entire societies, the coexistence of these two types of ostensibly more inclusive approaches is not necessarily an easy one. Moreover, both are arguably compatible with debates on the possibility and/or desirability of the social inclusion of Roma. The contributions to this special issue will critically examine current public discourses ostensibly aimed at promoting the social inclusion of Roma, attending to the liabilities of these discourses and exploring possible alternatives for avoiding backsliding on human rights commitments.

**Keywords:** assimilation; economics; genocide; human rights; inclusion; Gypsies; Roma

**Submission of Abstracts:**

1 to 8 October 2014

**Submission of Full Papers:**

26 January 2015 to 1 February 2015

**Publication of the Special Issue:**

June 2015

Instructions for Authors: Authors interested in submitting a paper for this Special Issue are kindly asked to consult the Instructions for Authors of Social Inclusion (<http://www.cogitatiopress.com/ojs/index.php/socialinclusion>) and to send their abstracts by email to Mr. António Vieira ([antonio.vieira@cogitatiopress.com](mailto:antonio.vieira@cogitatiopress.com)) from 1 to 8 October 2014.

**Website:**

<http://www.cogitatiopress.com/ojs/index.php/social%20inclusion/pages/view/specialissues>

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### Call for Applications

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#### Application Deadlines

July 15, 2014

for students who apply for tuition waivers or scholarships

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## **FSD Data Service Portal Aila launched**

### **Finnish Datasets in English via New Data Portal Aila**

The Finnish Social Science Data Archive (FSD) has officially launched its new online data service Aila which facilitates access to data.

Registered users can download data online, according to the conditions set for each dataset.

Browsing and searching data is possible even without registration.

Users are provided with enhanced search opportunities. There is data search allowing users to search study level information, and it is possible to restrict the search to study title, data creator, abstract or keyword. Variable search allows searching for question texts or response alternatives. The previous data catalogue is available for the time being but from now on data deliveries are executed through the Aila service.

The data of many studies have already been translated and can be found with Variable Search in Aila. The FSD translates quantitative data into English on request, free of charge. Once the requested data have been translated, it can be downloaded online.

Aila Data Service: <https://services.fsd.uta.fi/?lang=en>

Data translation services:

[http://www.fsd.uta.fi/en/data/ordering/data\\_translations.html](http://www.fsd.uta.fi/en/data/ordering/data_translations.html)

User Services: <http://www.fsd.uta.fi/en/contact/>

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