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***The European Sociological Association, Research Network for Sociology of Health and Illness (ESA RN16) in cooperation with the ESHMS and ISA RC15***

***Calls for papers and contributions for the PhD workshop***

**‘Ethics and methodological pitfalls in health research’**

**To be held on 27th August 2014 prior to the joint ESA RN16, ESHMS and ISA RC 15 conference in Helsinki, Finland.**

Whilst investigating the domain of health and illness in the lives of people and modern societies, medical sociologists have always dealt with various aspects of human suffering. Correspondingly, perhaps more than their colleagues working in other fields, they have been faced with specific ethical and methodological questions related to such conditions. However, the specific nature of these issues is rarely a matter for wider discussions in this sub-discipline.

This PhD workshop addresses the need to discuss ethical and methodological questions particular to the field of sociology of health and illness, with a specific aim of helping social science doctoral students and young researchers working in the field, to find appropriate ways of dealing with ethical and methodological dilemmas in their research. The workshop participants will get an opportunity to engage in discussions about their current research projects with other student colleagues as well as with prominent scholars in the sociology of health and illness who will assist them as mentors.

There will be several working groups focussing on topics such as:

- . Researching vulnerable populations
- . Dealing with ethical committees and writing about ethical dilemmas in health research
- . Writing up on and publishing about sensitive topics
- . Methodological pitfalls in investigating sensitive topics
- . Ethnography in medical settings: ethical and methodological dilemmas

**Eligibility:**

Social science PhD students and young researchers working in the field of health and illness are eligible to apply.

**The Venue:**

The PhD workshop is co-organized with the ESHMS, ISA RC15 and the University of Helsinki, Finland.

**How to apply:**

A short abstract (250 up to 300 words) together with a brief biography, including the applicant's institutional affiliation and research interests, should be sent to: [newsletter.rn16esa@gmail.com](mailto:newsletter.rn16esa@gmail.com), and in copy to [ehresano@kss.zcu.cz](mailto:ehresano@kss.zcu.cz), by the **31st March 2014**.

Applicants will be notified about acceptance by the beginning of May. Participants are required to send their full papers (10 to 15 pages) to be distributed to co-participants and mentors by the 1st July 2014. There will be a publishing opportunity for the best papers.

**Costs:**

The participants are not required to pay any fees. However, they will be responsible for covering their

own travel and accommodation expenses. The ESA RN16 will be able to provide only a limited number of fellowships to PhD students from economically disadvantaged regions in Europe (please indicate your interest in this application).

**Important deadlines:**

Abstract submission: 31st March 2014

Full paper submission: 1st July 2014

**Prospective mentors:**

The PhD workshop mentors are established prominent scholars in the field of sociology of health and illness involved in the ESA RN16 and affiliated associations.

Keynote speakers:

- . Prof. Ellen Annandale
- . Prof. Jonathan Gabe

**Call for Papers**

**RN 17 Work, Employment and Industrial Relations, ESA**

**Eurofound Dublin**

**Mid-term Conference of RN 17 in cooperation with IREC and Eurofound, Dublin, 10-12 September 2014**

**The Future of the European Social Model – New Perspectives for Industrial Relations, Social and Employment Policy in Europe?**

The 2014 Industrial Relations in Europe Conference (IREC) will take place at Eurofound in Dublin from 10 to 12 September 2014. The conference is organized jointly with the Research Network on Work, Employment and Industrial Relations (RN nr. 17) of the European Sociological Association (ESA). Papers may be theoretical and/or empirical (using qualitative or quantitative methods). As in previous IREC conferences European comparative research papers are especially welcome. Please refer in your abstracts to one of the 5 themes.

Theme 1:	European Social Dialogue: is the role of European social partners changing? Are we moving to a new social dimension?
Theme 2:	Industrial relations around Europe: What future in Europe for collective voice and response to the employment crisis?
Theme 3:	Company level social dialogue: New developments
Theme 4:	Employment and social divergence in Europe – What implications for welfare state, labour market and employment policy in Europe?
Theme 5:	Methodology: Which theory, theories and methods do we need and want?

In order to explore the overall theme of the conference as well as other current debates in the field, the call for papers intends to invite all researchers to submit their work in the diverse fields of work, employment and industrial relations for presentation.

Guidance and inspirations on these 5 themes can be found on the IREC2014 website

[www.eurofound.europa.eu/events/2014/irec](http://www.eurofound.europa.eu/events/2014/irec)

DEADLINES:

31 MARCH 2014 –Submission of abstracts and proposals(by e-mail to [Peter.kerckhofs@eurofound.europa.eu](mailto:Peter.kerckhofs@eurofound.europa.eu))

25 APRIL 2014 –Acceptance of paper-proposals

1 JULY 2014 –Submission of papers

Early bird registration is possible from 5 January 2014 to 25 May 2014

For details see our conference webpage:

[www.eurofound.europa.eu/events/2014/irec](http://www.eurofound.europa.eu/events/2014/irec)

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## CONFERENCES/CALLS FOR PAPERS

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### Conference Announcement

#### *ImPRovE Mid-term Conference*

#### *The distributive impact of policies before and during the crisis*

#### *Lessons for Europe 2020*

*Antwerp, 8 April 2014*

Dear colleague,

With this message, we would like to cordially invite you to attend the ImPRovE Mid-term Conference which will take place 8 April in the Meerminne, University of Antwerp. In this conference, we scrutinise the impact of policies on poverty and inequality during the Lisbon era and the recent economic crisis and draw lessons for the future. We pay particular attention to the countries hardest hit by the crisis and ask European Members of Parliament to reflect on how the Europe 2020 targets can be reached.

The conference will build on results of the EU funded project ImPRovE. Preceding the conference, two workshops will be organised on social innovation and on reference budgets.

Participation is free, however registration is required. More information about the conference can be found on the conference website [http://improve-research.eu/?page\\_id=1952](http://improve-research.eu/?page_id=1952).

Hoping to be able to welcome you during the conference,

With our very best wishes,

Bea Cantillon (Coordinator ImPRovE)

Tim Goedemé (Manager ImPRovE)

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### Call for Papers

#### **Annual BAGSS Conference (ABC):**

#### **Migration and Integration Research**

**University of Bamberg, Germany, July 14-15, 2014**

The Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences (BAGSS) invites contributions to its first interdisciplinary Ph.D. Conference on 'Migration and Integration' to be held on July 14-15 in Bamberg, Germany. The conference provides an opportunity for Ph.D. students to present and discuss their research with colleagues and leading scholars in the field. The conference panels cover a wide range of migration and integration-related topics in the social sciences:

- Education

- Political participation and representation
- Labour market
- Cultural integration
- Policy analysis
- Social integration
- Language (e.g., acquisition, retention)

In each session an invited senior participant will present his or her latest research and provide feedback on the papers presented in the session.

Keynote speaker: Prof. Richard Alba  
(City University of New York -Vice President of the American Sociological Association and President of the Eastern Sociological Society)

We invite Ph.D. students to submit an abstract (max. 350 words) in pdf format to [orga-abc.bagss@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:orga-abc.bagss@uni-bamberg.de). The application should include your contact information (name, affiliation and e-mail-address) and your preferred panel.

**Submission deadline: April 15, 2014.**

Corresponding authors will be notified about the outcomes of their applications by May 10, 2014. To allow for fruitful discussions at the conference, presenters will be asked to submit either an extended abstract (2-4 pages) or a paper (max. 8.000 words) by July 1, 2014.

More information is available on the ABC website: [www.uni-bamberg.de/bagss/abc](http://www.uni-bamberg.de/bagss/abc)  
The fee for the optional conference dinner is 25 €. Participants may apply for a limited number of travel grants.

## **GENDER AND MIGRATION IN DIFFERENT TRACKS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Workshop of the Research Committee Gender Studies, Swiss Sociological Association, in co-operation with the section on Women's and Gender Studies, German Sociological Association and the section on Feminist Theory and Gender Studies, Austrian Sociological Association.

**31 October – 1 November 2014**

**Swiss Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training SFIVET**

**Zollikofen, Switzerland**

### **Call for Papers**

Higher education faces increasing trends of internationalization. A growing part of the faculty at universities (US) and universities of applied science (UAS) has an international background. In parallel the number of students with foreign nationality or a migration background has risen within the last decades. Although much less is known about the situation in higher professional training and education (PET) – a form of higher education widespread in the German-speaking countries – it is likely that PET also faces a growing number of students with migration experiences.

Up to date, little is known about whether and how trends of internationalization in higher education affect social inequality. This holds in particular regarding educational opportunities for young men and women with a migration background and/or foreign nationality and degrees earned abroad. Against this background, the conference will focus on the following questions:

How do gender and migration experiences affect access to the different tracks of higher education (professional education and training (PET), universities of applied science (UAS) and universities (US))? What role do gender and migration experiences play in explaining trajectories and success rates in higher education and the ensuing transition into the labour market? To what extent do tracks of higher education (PET, AUS, US) offer comparable access and success chances for men and women with different social and ethnic backgrounds?

In particular, we seek contributions dealing with the following questions (list not comprehensive):

- How are trends of internationalization incorporated into the structures, procedures and discourses of higher education? How are these trends (socio-politically) related to the subjects of gender and migration? Do gender- and migration-specific opportunities in higher education differ between regions and/or countries?

- How well are the different tracks in higher education (PET, UAS, US) accessible for young men and women from abroad or with a migration background? Do the various training and degree courses and fields of study differ regarding patterns of (gender and ethnic) segregation?

- Which institutional access barriers may be identified for different tracks of higher education? Which institutional barriers exist during the process of education and training and at labour market entry? Which factors determine the use and the returns of higher education degrees (PET, UAS, US)?

- How do students cope with institutional frameworks in higher education? Under which conditions does gender or migration background become a cultural or social resource? - How do the different institutional arrangements in higher education (PET, UAS, US) as well as training strategies of firms affect access rates of different social and ethnic groups?

- What is the significance of gender, nationality and a migration background in professional education and training (PET) – an educational track which has hitherto been very little investigated?

### **Abstracts**

Please send proposals for oral presentations to Irene Kriesi ([irene.kriesi@ehb-schweiz.ch](mailto:irene.kriesi@ehb-schweiz.ch)). Abstracts (max. 400 words) should be written in English and include a clear description of the research question, theoretical framework, data, analytical strategy and – if already available – main findings. The deadline for submission is **30 April 2014**. The conference language will be English.

All abstracts will be peer reviewed. Authors will be notified about the outcomes of their submissions by 15 June 2014.

### **Keynote speakers:**

- Prof. Dr. Christian Imdorf, University of Basel (Switzerland)
  - Dr. Angela Wroblewski, Institute for Advanced Studies Vienna (Austria)
  - NN (Germany)
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## **Call for Papers**

### **International conference**

#### **Social boundaries of work. Changes in the sphere of work in the 21st century capitalism**

**Wrocław, 14-15 November 2014**

#### **Organizers:**

**The Sociology of Work Section of the Polish Sociological Association  
Institute of Sociology, University of Wrocław**

in cooperation with

**Students' Circle for Social Initiatives, University of Wrocław  
Wrocław Branch of the Polish Sociological Association**

We invite paper proposals for the international conference „Social boundaries of work. Changes in the sphere of work in the 21st century capitalism”. The conference will take place at the Institute of sociology, University of Wrocław, on 14-15 November 2014. The goal of the conference is to discuss the changing meaning of human work in the context of economic, institutional and cultural transformations in the sphere of employment in the late capitalist societies. The contemporary debates on flexible labour market and inclusion and exclusion in the sphere of employment in Europe relatively rarely address in a critical manner the social, economic and political mechanisms of the marketisation and commodification of work. The latter mechanisms translate into the social constructions of the differences between work and employment, between standard and non-standard employment, between employment and unemployment and between formality and informality. The ways of investing work with particular meanings by various social actors (employees, employers, political elites, trade unions, labour administration, incl. career counsellors etc.) influence, in turn, the range of social and civic rights enjoyed by the various categories of employees. On the one hand, the new forms of employment and increasingly flexible labour market require new theoretical approaches to understand better the long-term outcomes of ongoing transformations. On the other hand, in order to grasp these transformations and formulate more accurate policy recommendations, it is necessary to move beyond the reductionist identification of work with employment and labour market.

The conference will be organised around two main thematic blocks: (1) a interdisciplinary theoretical panel in which the sociological, philosophical, ethical, legal and economic ways of defining work, labour and employment will be discussed from comparative and historical perspectives; (2) a practical panel for which practitioners active in shaping labour market policies and career counselling will be invited (employers, trade unions, career counsellors, policy-makers).

For the theoretical panel, we invite papers covering following themes:

- historical and contemporary discourses of work, employment, lack of work, “standard” and “non-standard” employment and their social, legal, institutional and cultural foundations and consequences;
- flexible labour in the European Union and periphery, social and biographical costs of the flexibilisation of labour market,
- occupational careers on the flexible labour market, the social and biographical costs of new career patterns;
- precariat and precarisation of work and “bullshit jobs” in low end and high end of the economy;
- work in informal and shadow labour markets;
- migrants and migrant work, the problems of inclusion/exclusion in the labour market;
- unpaid work - domestic work, work at home, work for employment, reproductive work, unpaid work in probationary periods, voluntary work;
- non-standard employment and interest representation: theoretical approaches
- legal aspects of work - the legal consciousness of employees working with non-standard employment contracts and the respective or envisaged evolutions of the labour law;



We also invite papers to the practical panel which will concern the following themes:

- the work of career counsellors;
- the role of state employment offices and private employment agencies;
- the experiences and problems of employers - the benefits and costs of non-standard employment;
- the role of trade unions and civil society organisations in representing the interests of non-standard employees;
- the challenges of gathering public statistics on the flexible forms of employment in Europe;

**The special guest of the conference will be Professor Guy Standing.**

A **special poster session (Project Open Day)** of the Early Stage Researchers within the FP7-PEOPLE-2012-ITN project **“Changing Employment”** “The changing nature of employment in Europe in the context of challenges, threats and opportunities for employees and employers”, project no. 317321 ([www.changingemployment.eu](http://www.changingemployment.eu)) will be organised on 15 November 2015.

#### **Organisation committee**

- Associate Professor, Zbigniew Galor, Szczecin University
- M.A. Slaviana Holc, Graduate School for Social Research, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw
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- Prof. Jolanta Kulpińska, Professor Emeritus at the University of Lodz, Academy of Social Sciences, Warsaw
- Prof. Paul Stewart, University of Strathclyde
- Prof. Danuta Walczak – Duraj, University of Łódź
- Dr. Violetta Zentai - Central European University, Budapest

#### **Conference fees:**

- Regular fee (academic staff with PhD degree and professors and non-academic participants) - **300 PLN (80 EUR)**
- PhD students & students - **200 PLN (50 EUR)**

The conference fee covers: catering during two days of the conference and the possibility of publishing a conference paper in special issues of the Polish journals "Forum Socjologiczne" or "Humanizacja Pracy" in case of its recommendation by the scientific board and organisation committee and a positive peer-review.

#### **Language of the conference:**

- **1st day - ENGLISH**
- **2nd day- POLISH and ENGLISH**

#### **Important deadlines:**

- **31 March 2014:** Deadline for submitting conference abstracts (250-500 words, see the **registration form** attached)
- **30 April 2014:** Decision on the acceptance of abstracts by organisers and the scientific board
- **30 June 2014:** Conference fee payment and registration deadline
- **1 October 2014:** Submission of full papers (4000-6000 words)

**Abstracts and queries should be sent to the conference address:**

email: [konferencjapraca.wroclaw2014@gmail.com](mailto:konferencjapraca.wroclaw2014@gmail.com)

webpage: [www.socialboundariesofwork.pl](http://www.socialboundariesofwork.pl)

## **SLLS International Conference**

***Lives in Translation: Life Course Research and Social Policies***

**Lausanne, Switzerland**

**9 - 11 October 2014**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS & SYMPOSIA**

Please mark your calendars for the fifth annual conference of the [Society for Longitudinal and Life Course Studies](#) (SLLS).

Although the overall conference theme will focus on social policy this year, we welcome conference submissions from **all areas of longitudinal and life course studies**: physical, psychological, social developmental and ageing processes and functioning within and across life course stages from infancy to old age; methods and findings of cohort studies; other sources of longitudinal data such as panel studies and record linkage; international comparisons; household, and income dynamics; intergenerational transfers and returns to learning; gene-environment interactions; 'mixed', and comparative methods; innovative methodology in design, measurement, data management, analysis and research practice (quantitative and qualitative).

Proposals are sought for three kinds of conference presentation:

1. A symposium comprising at least 3 papers to be presented in a one and a half hour session or a series of two sessions. For each symposium suggested we require an overall abstract of no more than 300 words plus an abstract of no more than 300 words for each paper. Please provide names and professional affiliations for all presenters.
2. An individual paper for oral presentation for which an abstract of no more than 300 words is required.\*\*
3. A poster presentation for which an abstract of no more than 200 words is required.

\*\* Papers which do not fit into regular sessions may be allocated to Round Table discussion groups or presented as posters.

Please submit abstracts to Cat Westlake ([cwestlake@slls.org.uk](mailto:cwestlake@slls.org.uk)) using the form below by **March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014**.

[Abstract Submission Form](#)

All contributors will be notified of the conference committee's decision by **May 31<sup>st</sup> 2014**.

More information about the conference and conference accommodation will be posted on the SLLS website as it becomes available.

The fee for conference registration will be discounted for SLLS members so please consider joining if you have not already done so! Please visit the membership pages of this website for full details and a membership form to complete on-line.

The Society's journal, *Longitudinal and Life Course Studies*, will be a possible outlet for the publication of conference papers.

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## Call for Papers

### THE QUALITY OF LIFE CONFERENCE

#### Sustaining Quality of Life across the Globe

#### ISQOLS 2014

Free University Berlin, September 15 – 18, 2014

Conference Website: [www.isqols.org/berlin2014](http://www.isqols.org/berlin2014)

Contact: [berlin2014@isqols.org](mailto:berlin2014@isqols.org)

The International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS) and the Free University Berlin (FU Berlin) invite researchers from all disciplines, policy makers and practitioners from across the globe to participate in the 2014 Quality of Life Conference "Sustaining Quality of Life across the Globe". We invite you to join an exciting convening of quality of life thinkers September 15-18, 2014. This interdisciplinary ISQOLS conference will be hosted at the Free University in Berlin, Germany in conjunction with the departments of psychology, sociology, and economics and in cooperation with the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW Berlin). More details about the topics, sessions, fees, and publication opportunities are available at [www.isqols.org/berlin2014](http://www.isqols.org/berlin2014).

ISQOLS is a multidisciplinary society encouraging the pursuit of quality of life studies and application. This international group convenes regularly to share ideas and findings, and actively supports the dissemination of findings and thoughts via its journal and newsletter, Applied Research in Quality of Life, and Social Indicators Network News as well as its allied publications (see [www.isqols.org/resources/publications](http://www.isqols.org/resources/publications)). We encourage all disciplines and perspectives to join us to promote quality of life globally via research, policy, and partnerships. Come explore new horizons in quality of life with us.

#### Conference Theme and Topics:

Our theme is "Sustaining Quality of Life across the Globe" and we welcome papers from all related disciplines. Submissions on issues of happiness, well-being, and any dimension of quality of life are welcome.

#### *Theoretical and Philosophical Foundations*

- Foundations for quality of life and happiness

- Views on quality of life in new philosophical approaches (e.g., capability approach, new realism)
- New impacts of neurosciences and behavioral sciences on quality of life
- Preservation of living conditions and intergenerational justice

#### *Empirical Applications*

- Causes and consequences in happiness and quality of life
- Social indicators – instruments for the improvement and preservation of quality of life
- Living conditions and life domains
- Living conditions and quality of life over the life cycle

#### *Databases and Methods*

- Statistical methods and multidimensional applications for measurement of quality of life
- New survey methods for the measurement of happiness and quality of life
- Databases and -sources

#### *Community and Regional Perspectives, and Global Trends*

- Quality of life in the local and regional environment including community well-being, planning, and development
- Trends in poverty, inequality and the distribution of living conditions in cross-national perspectives
- Global impacts (increasing world population, global economics, limits of resources) on the distribution of living conditions within and between countries

#### *Everyday Life Experiences and Political Debates*

- Applications for the indication and improvement of living conditions in everyday life
- Best practices and institutional settings for the preservation of living conditions
- Civil society, welfare state, suffering and resilience, and well-being
- Beyond GDP – review of debates and agenda for action

### **How to Submit Your Proposal**

Please submit your proposed abstract of approximately 500 words with a list of 3-5 keywords using the following e-mail: [berlin2014@isqols.org](mailto:berlin2014@isqols.org). If you intend to organize a session, please contact us directly at [berlin2014@isqols.org](mailto:berlin2014@isqols.org). For new sessions we need a proposal of 500-1000 words together with a list of potential papers. All submitted abstracts and session proposals will be reviewed by established ISQOLS members in collaboration with the conference organizers. There will be the opportunity to submit your paper for publication consideration in a special issue and book volume.

More information will be available at [www.isqols.org/berlin2014](http://www.isqols.org/berlin2014).

### **Deadlines:**

Conference Date: September 15–18, 2014 at the Henry Ford Building of the Free University Berlin, Germany

Submission of Abstracts: May 1, 2014

Announcement of Acceptance: May 30, 2014

Registration: June 1-August 31, 2014

Late Registration: September 1, 2014-conference (late registration fees)

**Conference Organizers:**

Prof. Dr. Petra Böhnke, Universität Hamburg  
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Jessica Ordemann, M.A., Universität Hamburg  
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**Call for Abstracts**

**62nd Annual And Scientific Meeting 2014**

**Radisson Blu Hotel, Galway**

**9th-11th October 2014**

<http://www.irishgerontology.com/events/62nd-annual-and-scientific-meeting-2014-science-healthy-and-active-ageing>

**THE IRISH GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY** actively encourages participation in our annual Scientific Meeting from clinicians, practitioners, academics, researchers and students working in all fields of ageing.

**We welcome both quantitative and qualitative research submissions covering all spectra of ageing within the four pillars of gerontology, social, psychology, biology of ageing and health/clinical.**

Details (titles, institutions, authors, year) of abstracts submitted to previous IGS Scientific Meetings (2005-2013) are available on the searchable **IGS Database of Abstracts in Gerontology**. This is located on this website under the 'Research' menu.

### ***Why submit an abstract?***

Oral and Poster presentations are a powerful way to gain recognition for your expertise among fellow gerontology leaders, practitioners and professionals. They also facilitate discussion and sharing of ideas with your peers and colleagues. These practices have established the IGS annual scientific meeting as a pivotal hub of knowledge and learning within the gerontological community over the last 60 or so years. We hope to see you there and that you will take advantage of this opportunity to present your research.

### ***What are the benefits to you?***

**Gain from feedback.** Get useful feedback on your concepts and on your research methodology.

**Make valuable connections.** Increase your visibility and build your profile by meeting contacts and colleagues in one of the world's oldest gerontological communities.

**Build your CPD portfolio.** Presenting at our meeting will help you to advance your professional competencies and to meet your learning and development requirements.

**Achieve recognition for your work.** Abstracts accepted for our scientific meeting will be published in the Irish Journal of Medical Science and may be cited in other publications. Winning abstracts will be published on the IGS website. All accepted abstracts will be listed in the IGS Abstracts database.

**Make a respected contribution.** Your abstract will contribute to the evidence-base for gerontological professions.

Submitting an abstract is a very easy 4-step process. Once you have registered as an author, you will receive detailed submission information attached to your confirmation email. Alternatively you can download these instructions in advance using the link below. You can choose whether you wish to submit an oral or poster presentation. **Abstracts deadline: Friday 30th May 2014 (midnight).**

*Tip: don't leave it until the last minute - that leads to unwanted mistakes. Once you have registered online, you can make changes to your submission before the deadline date.*

**Abstracts submission deadline: Friday 30th May 2014 (midnight).**

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## **Call for Papers**

**The 22nd Annual Workshop Transitions In Youth (TIY) will take place at the Ciutadella Campus of Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona) on September 3rd to 6th 2014. The workshop will be hosted by the Sociodemography Group at this university.**

<http://eventia.upf.edu/tiy2014barcelona/>

In recent decades, in spite of a general reduction in the relative number of young people and a general increase in their educational attainment, there has been a worsening of the youth labour market situation in the OECD area (Preparing Youth for the 21st Century, OECD 2011). Such worsening is reflected in earnings, the relative risk of unemployment or underemployment and the delay in attaining

a significant job. The on-going economic crisis has unfortunately deepened this process, making the need for research on transition from school to work even more pressing.

The 22nd Annual Workshop Transitions In Youth (TIY) will focus on the effect of the ongoing economic crisis on the prospects of young people at the point of entry into the labour market. Three broad areas will receive particular attention:

- Impact of the crisis on educational participation. The Workshop welcomes research on the effect of the crisis on the length of the educational career and on transition difficulties early school leavers. Due to an increasing demand for skills in the labour market, this group has become more prone to exclusion and persistently poor labour market performance.
- Dimensions of the education-to-work transition. Special attention will be paid to the increasing phenomenon of NEET ('not in employment, education or training'), a phenomenon particularly prevalent amongst youth during the current recession. Other dimensions of interest are earnings, job security, occupational attainment, working conditions, or the effects of the crisis on the geographical and occupational mobility of school leavers, with a particular attention to the issue of over-education and over-skilling.
- Effects of the education-to-work transition in terms of poverty, family formation and political participation. Finally, the Workshop welcomes contributions that address the consequences of the ongoing crisis for well-being, family formation, health and political participation.

The organisation encourages comparative research on the extent to which the growing risks mentioned above (early school leaving, discouragement, unemployment, low-paid work, adverse working conditions, geographical mobility, overskilling etc.) are unequally distributed across gender, ethnic origin and levels of education, and the institutional and political factors explaining cross-national differences.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Abstract submission deadline 31st March  
Acceptance of abstracts 30th April  
Registration opens 1st May  
Registration deadline to be confirmed  
Full paper submission deadline 15th August

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### **Call for Papers**

#### **Scientific Conference "Children and society: social reality and innovations"**

E-mail of the organizers: [rss@isras.ru](mailto:rss@isras.ru)

**When:** 13th-14<sup>th</sup> of October, 2014

**Organizers:**

- Russian Society of Sociologists;
- Institute of Sociology (Russian Academy of Science);
- INION.

Supported by the **Russian State Children's Library**.  
(List is open)

**Forms of participation:**

- full-time;
- correspondence.

Relevance of the proposed theme of the conference is condition to several important factors. Complex of objects, events, age of childhood, social institutions and social practices with regard to children has formed and supported by the society. But children are not the only object of influence, they are an important structural element of society and interact with the other groups, actively exploring the reality and integrate into society. Realization of the "National Strategy of Actions in Children`s interests in 2012-2017" submits for sociologists wide field of contemporary relevance evaluation and examination of public policy and civil society efforts to improve the situation of children in the Russian Federation, the analysis capabilities of children as independent subjects of social life, ways to ensure participation children in matters that affect them directly. In modern Russian society expands the range of consumers of scientific knowledge about children. In these circumstances, becomes urgent sociologists cooperation with experts in the framework of socio-psychological, socio-educational, socio-cultural, and socio-laws studies. In connection with the new realities new knowledge will be significant for the "traditional" childhood specialists (teachers, child psychologists, etc.), and other important professional groups: heads of children's associations, workers' social institutions, lawyers, ombuds men child employees of state agencies, committees on youth policy, the creators of children's communication media. They should also join the dialogue of public sociology and society.

**Goals of conference:**

- Conduct sociological performance audits and features of support for children in modern society;
- spread modern scientific knowledge about the state of the domestic and foreign sociological studies of childhood in the community of scholars and practitioners with children;
- formulate a list of issues and new research methods for the interdisciplinary study of childhood and children's communities.

**Sections and scientific questions for discussion:**

1. Modernization of society and childhood: the clash of traditions and innovations(in relation to childhood in society and children's attitude to society, children's organizations as a mouthpieces of the voices of children in society and an element of civil society; secure infrastructure childhood, etc.);
2. Children and Education(problems of preschool, school, additional education, training of professional cadre to support childhood: the mechanism of formation of the professional community);
3. Socialization of children (prevalence deviancy in childhood and adolescence, the basic tendencies; risks and resources environment in formation the personality of the child, the role of social institutions(family, religion, information space -media, Internet, etc.);
4. A typical childhood: the world of children in difficult situations; socio-demographic features of children at-risk groups, children with disabilities, orphans, street children, etc.;
5. Children's rights and public policy for children (children's welfare in a modernizing society: sociological monitoring and indicators of health, development and successful socialization; comparative analysis of foreign and international experience in the implementation of policies for children);
6. Culture and children(children's subculture and culture for children, the role of the media, books, the Internet, games in the formation of modern lifestyle of children);
7. Children and health (the way of a healthy lifestyle for children, self-preservation behavior, prospects and possibilities of anti-alcohol, anti-drug, anti-smoking and other prevention strategies);
8. Family and children(reproductive attitudes, social care practices, development of parenting);
9. Children and Economics (social specificity of childhood economy and the marketing research of children's goods and services);
10. Ethno-national and regional features of socialization and education of children.



**Roundtables:**

1. Sociology of childhood in Russia and in the world (historiography, interaction with other sciences, problems of teaching in universities);
2. Children `Representation of modern Russian society: public opinion of future modernizers;
3. Patriotism and citizenship of children in modern Russian society: educate or socialize?
4. Methodology features and research techniques of consciousness and behavior of children;
5. From childhood to youth: borders, initiation, general and specific problems;
6. Symposium "Pre-school educational organization and transformation of society". With support of Academy PK and PPRO, Russian Union of science-city development, the journal "Bulletin of Education in Russia", Interbranch center of integration of preschool organizations and RGNF (grant № 12-03-00490).

**Sessions:**

1. Socio-cultural environment of modern preschooler: time to develop.

Session is carried out in the circuit implementation of "National Strategy of Actions in Children`s interests in 2012-2017" (decree №655 from 01.06.12) to facilitate "Modernization of regional systems of pre-school education" and aims to identify the social and professional status of teachers of preschool education in the context of their relationship with the child, family, society, government, the media. Relevance of session caused by the difficult situation in a professional group of teachers of pre-school education, which is characterized by a shortage of teachers and the increasing demand for services for this professional group, on the one hand, the introduction of the FGOS and the underfunding of the sector of services, on the other hand. Important aspects of the symposium is supposed to address issues of socialization of children, the study of the needs of parents in non-government pre-school organizations and especially the rights of children in the science-cities. On this site it is possible to identify how the science-cities create conditions for the continuity of generations, organize recreational and educational and business environment of the implementation of social technologies, social networking researchers, educators, and the professionalization of charity.

Session is accompanied by the module of an exhibition "Constellation of science-cities", presentations and master classes.

**Co-Chairs of the Conference Organizing Committee:**

1. Mansurov V.A. – doctor of philosophy, professor, the president of Russian Society of Sociologists;
2. Gorshkov M.K. – academician of Russian Academy of Science, the director of Institute of Sociology in Russian Academy of Science.

Planned to publish scientific papers to the conference.

To participate in the conference you need to fill out the registration form here and pay the registration fee until June 15, 2014.

**The size of article is under 12 pages.**

**Requirements for articles:**

1. Format of file – Microsoft Word.
2. Font – Times New Roman, 14 pt.
3. Indention – 1,25 cm, justification by width.
4. Spacing – sesquialteral.
5. Fields:
  - Upper – 2 cm;
  - Lower – 2 cm;
  - Left – 3 cm;
  - Right – 1,5 cm.
6. Initials and surname of the author written right (bold). No space between initials.
7. Place of work (or study) and city are written right on the next line.
8. Title of the article is written in the middle (bold and uppercase letter).
9. Headings and subheadings are written left with indention (bold).

10. Footnotes by pages, numbering on each page, font Times New Roman, 10pt.
11. References made in accordance with GOST.
12. Links to sources from the bibliography given in square brackets, if necessary, with page number.

Authors are requested to be avoided if possible using of graphs and tables in their articles.

Example of the article here.

**Organizing fee - 500 rubles.**

Voucher for Payment Arrangement Fee download

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## **Call for Proposals**

### **International conference**

### **WHY STILL EDUCATION?**

Kovačica, Serbia

6-8. June 2014

The first International conference *Why still education?* is conceived as an open forum for reflection on and development of educational strategies, which will provide the space for the exchange of experiences and knowledge, and encourage challenges to the existing educational practices.

#### **Potential applicants include:**

- Researchers of education in the fields of philosophy, sociology, pedagogy, andragogy, psychology, political theory, anthropology, history, as well as experts in education management;
- Practitioners (teachers, textbook authors, initiators of supplementary educational activities, representatives of the alternative educational programs, etc.).

#### **Domains and themes:**

Since it aims to gather researchers and practitioners from various disciplinary and research areas, the conference will include three thematic domains:

1. History and theories of education
2. Education in Transition
3. Teacher on the Stage

For additional information please refer to the official internet presentation of the Conference <http://wse2014.instifdt.bg.ac.rs/> or contact the organizers via email [conference@instifdt.bg.ac.rs](mailto:conference@instifdt.bg.ac.rs).

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**5th Urban Space and Social Life: Theory and Practice Conference  
City Development in Its Natural and Built Environment**

**Call for  
1) Papers  
2) Design Competition  
3) Jurors for the Design Competition**

**All paper presenters will be the jurors of the competition at the conference**

Date: June 16-18, 2014

Location: Athina (previous a silky factory) in Gazi, Athens, Greece

Organizer: 4C5M Studio

Co-organizer: World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for Asia  
and the Pacific Region (WHITRAP)

Support: Shanghai Tongji Urban Planning and Design Institute, Shanghai, China  
Department of Sociology, The American College of Greece, Athens, Greece

Keynote Speakers: Professor Gregory A. Katsas, The American College of Greece  
Professor Thomas J. Campanella, Cornell University  
Professor Qisheng Pan, Texas Southern University

The 4C5M Studio's 5th Urban Space and Social Life conference invites papers and design competitions that explore challenging issues under the theme of City Development in Its Natural and Built Environment. City Development's challenge lies in how we sustain the quality of our living while balancing the demands of the natural and built environment. Often times, our city development creates undisputable "gridlocks" for ourselves. Challenges include but not limited to traffic, revitalization of old centers, balance use of spaces that intersect with natural forces such as natural disasters, geographic limitations (mountains, waters, and weather), and the return of wildlife. Our everyday living, culture, identity are shaped and impacted by the convolution of the natural and built environment. The conference invites the participants' imagination and creativity (papers and/or designs) to explore, understand, and solve some of the issues.

Creating a Better Living Space with Joint Responsibility

Please visit the conference website for details and design competition rules and regulations:  
<http://www.4c5mstudio.org/conference/conference-at-athens-greece-june-16-18-2014>

Please forward any question to [urbanspace2014@4c5mstudio.org](mailto:urbanspace2014@4c5mstudio.org).

Best Regards.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee.

Audrey Feirstein  
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## Call for Submissions

### Partecipazione e Conflitto

\* The Open Journal of Sociopolitical Studies \*

<http://siba-ese.unisalento.it/index.php/paco>

ISSN: 2035-6609 (electronic version)

#### **CALL FOR THE ISSUE 8(2) 2015**

##### **TITLE:**

**Between resilience and resistance: grassroots (economic) activism in times of cri-sis”**

##### **Guest Editors:**

Giacomo D’Alisa, Institute of Science and Environmental Technologies (ICTA), Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Francesca Forno, University of Bergamo

Simon Maurano, University of Bergamo

##### **ABSTRACT:**

Looking at the history of social movements, we may identify periods during which these actors have prevalently opposed the dominant power structure directly by using protest actions (i.e. conflicting and resisting the dominant socio-economic structure), and periods in which movements have prevalently proposed and sustained forms of self-help and self-production – mutualism, economic cooperativism – i.e. developing their resilience through commoning.

Like in the past, the mobilizing capacity of social movements to this day is conditioned by the environment within which these actors operate. The degree of openness/closedness of political, economic and cultural opportunities not only affects the action strategies adopted by these collective actors, but also their organizational structure.

In the current economic crisis, social movements simultaneously face two types of challenge: firstly, they are confronting institutions which are less able (or willing) to mediate new demands for social justice and equity from various sectors of society in the wake of the successful neo-liberal attack on the social welfare system and the consequent retreat of the state; secondly, given the highly individualized structure of contemporary society, they also experiencing difficulties in building strong and lasting bonds of solidarity and cooperation among people, bonds which constitute a fundamental resource for collective action.

It is in this context that potentially huge protest waves are in fact often short-lived, and it is here that we see the rise and consolidation of new mutualistic and cooperative experiences within which (like in the past) new ties for collective action are created. Apart from spectacular events given special attention by the media, over recent decades it has in fact been at the local level in particular that social movements have continued to expand, promoting community-led initiatives for social and economic sustainability, which in some cases have played a decisive role in the fight against poverty and in defending human and environmental rights.

Such organizations include those promoting solidarity-based exchanges and networks, barter groups, new consumer-producer cooperatives, time banks, microfinance, local savings groups, ethical banks, alternative social currency, citizens’ self-help groups, pro-sumption practices, solidarity purchasing groups, social enterprises, fair trade, and others communing practices.

Grassroots economic activism sprang up during the economic crisis in Argentina and other Latin American regions. Similar initiatives also developed in Europe before and after the 2008 crisis – e.g. the flourishing of local currencies and barter networks in Greece and Spain; the Plataforma contra los Desahucios and the citizens' assemblies in neighbourhoods which help residents with foreclosure/housing issues in Spain; the alternative cashless production and exchange systems such as the Local Exchange Trading Systems (LETS) in the UK; the GAS (Gruppi di Acquisto Solidale) groups in Italy; the French AMAPs (Associations pour le Maintien d'une Agriculture Paysanne) and the CSA (Community-Supported Agriculture) movement which started in Europe and spread to the U.S.; the so-called Transition Town Movement, as well as more radical groups promoting degrowth and nowutopias. All these networks and practices attest to a new kind of politics through the creation of bottom-up participatory initiatives promoting a 'solidarity economy', as seen in countries confronting crises in the past.

While indicative of citizens' capacity to self-organize in order to tolerate, absorb, cope with and adjust to the environmental and social threats posed by neoliberal policies in order to cover basic and urgent needs regarding food, shelter, health, childcare and education, these informal networks are also attempting to change an economic system increasingly perceived as unfair by building an alternative system within it based on greater mutual solidarity between individuals and the environment. That means that unlike more 'classic' social movements, such informal networks are much more involved in constructive and thoroughly organized forms of dissent towards contemporary capitalism and its transnational organization by promoting and diffusing innovative economic practices throughout society.

Despite the rapid growth of grassroots economic activism, there is still currently very little information available. The purpose of this special issue is to gather empirical studies that might shed light on new forms of self-organization that address both the intensification of economic problems and the difficulties of rebuilding social bonds and solidarity within society, emphasizing solidarity as a means by which to re-embed the economic system within social relations, starting from a local level. We are particularly interested in collecting contributions that address the organizational aspects, the individual stories and biographical consequences of this form of activism, as well as the role of the political representation of these organizations and their ability to influence decision-making processes. Comparative studies will be particularly appreciated, but theoretical considerations and in-depth cases studies are also welcomed.

#### **Submission procedure:**

Articles, written in English, will be submitted to a peer review process according to the following schedule:

- Submission of long abstracts (about 1,000 words): **30 April 2014**
- Selection of long abstracts: **31 May 2014**
- Submission of articles: **31 October 2014**
- Provision of peer review feedback: **31 January 2015**
- Submission of revised drafts: **31 March 2015**

Articles should be no longer than 10,000 words, including notes and references. A maximum of 10 articles will be published.

Please refer to the editorial guidelines available at <http://siba-ese.unisalento.it/index.php/paco/about/submissions#onlineSubmissions>

Please address any queries to: [francesca.forno@unibg.it](mailto:francesca.forno@unibg.it)

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## OPPORTUNITIES

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### Call for Editors

#### The Polish Sociological Association

#### seeks Editor-in-Chief for *Polish Sociological Review*

Due to the expiry of the term of the present Editorial Board, the Polish Sociological Association is seeking applicants for the position of Editor-in-Chief for *Polish Sociological Review*.

**Closing Date: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014**

**About the journal:** *Polish Sociological Review* is a quarterly, peer-reviewed and internationally abstracted. The journal publishes contributions from diverse areas of sociology with focus on social theory, social structure, social change, culture and politics in global perspective. Provides publications of Polish and foreign sociologists. *Polish Sociological Review* is published four times a year: March, June, September, December.

Details about the journal available at: [www.polish-sociological-review.eu](http://www.polish-sociological-review.eu)

The term for the position is three years, starting in late 2014.

The interested person for the position of Editor-in-Chief of the *Polish Sociological Review* should be a respected sociology scholar with publications in monographs and journals.

#### **The offer should include:**

The vision for the direction of the journal,

The name, affiliation, and other important informations about the candidate

Full Curriculum Vitae with a list of published works.

Applications should be e-mailed to Polish Sociological Association by the end of March 2014 at the latest: [pts@ifispan.waw.pl](mailto:pts@ifispan.waw.pl) Subject: Editor-in-Chief.

All applications will be treated as confidential.

Applications will be reviewed by the Search Committee of the Polish Sociological Association's Executive Board.

The Editor-in-Chief of the *Polish Sociological Review* is expected to be member of the Polish Sociological Association.

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## Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM)- IS1206- Femicide-

NEW CALL, February 15, 2014

### The COST Action Femicide Across Europe (IS1206),

[http://www.cost.eu/domains\\_actions/isch/Actions/IS1206](http://www.cost.eu/domains_actions/isch/Actions/IS1206) invites you to participate in a **Short Term Scientific Mission**, aiming to support mobility and strengthen existing networks and collaborations by allowing researchers to visit an institution or laboratory in another country.

STSM applicants must be engaged in a research programme as a postgraduate student or postdoctoral fellow, or be employed by or officially affiliated to an institution or legal entity.

#### Standard STSMs must:

1. Be a minimum duration of 5 days;
2. Be a maximum duration of 90 days;
3. Be carried out by May 2014.

#### The calculation of this contribution for a STSM will be based on the following:

- The reimbursement rate per day is EUR 160 maximum;
- Up to EUR 500 may be allocated for the travel expenses;
- A maximum EUR 2 500 in total can be afforded to the grantee.

If you are interested, please send the following by **March 15, 2014** to STSMs committee of this Action (flexibility for 10 days after the deadline):

- A written agreement of the host institution
- CV
- work plan specifying what you intend to do 500 words
- list of publications
- motivation letter, explaining how your work will benefit from this STSM
- letter of support from the home institution

For further information, please see COST Action Vademecum, pages 32-36, or the presentation given by Christiana at the MC committee in Jerusalem.

Regards,

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