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CALL FOR PAPERS

**Consumption Theories and Consumer Research in Dialogue  
Considering the interdependence between theoretical and empirical projects  
in the field of consumption research**

**Consumption Research Network Interim Meeting 2012  
European Sociological Association  
[www.esa-consumption.org](http://www.esa-consumption.org)**

**Technical University, Berlin, 5-8 September 2012**

The field of sociology of consumers and consumption does reach a certain state of scientific maturity in Europe. This offers the opportunity to check the interrelations between theoretical and empirical efforts. How well are they interconnected? Where do we stand considering the theoretical understanding of consumption phenomena when empirically studied, and how much empirical insights are recognized in current consumption theories? and what about the challenge of seeking new theoretical avenues? The time has come to ask for the state of the art of consumer and consumption research which is obviously under continual construction.

Now, Berlin, the political and creative industry capital of Germany, does have a very special history not only as a city which was divided by a wall over almost 30 years. Berlin is said to be a metropolis which is endemically restless and under continual construction since the 19th century (Franz Hessel in "Spazieren in Berlin" 1929). It will be a nice opportunity to discuss the current progress within the field of sociology of consumption in this city under global and regional aspects as well.

We invite papers that address various aspects of the sociology of consumption. Possible themes include but are not limited to:

- Compulsive consumption
- Consumption and the body
- Consumption inequalities and exclusions
- Cultural stratification
- Ethical and political consumption
- Food and consumption
- Gender and consumption
- Generations and consumer culture (children, adolescents, adults, elders)
- Markets of consumption
- Material culture and immaterial consumption
- Politics of distinction
- Prosuming: Production and consumption reunified
- Sociology of taste: Cultures of consumption
- Spaces of urban and excess consumption
- Sustainable consumers/consumption
- Theories of consumers/consumption

Please see the conference website at [www.consumption2012.edicypages.com](http://www.consumption2012.edicypages.com)

**Deadlines**

We invite abstracts of 250 words by February 15th, 2012. Abstracts should be sent via the submission form on the conference website. Please include in the abstract information about the theoretical framework of the research, the methodology employed, and the contribution of the paper.

Letter of acceptance and preliminary programme will be sent to participants by March 15th, 2012. Registration and payment of conference fee should be made by July 1st, 2012. In case you are not

able to attend, but have paid the registration fee, please note that there will be no refund because of the budgetary and administrative constraints, including the wish to keep the registration fee as low as possible.

### **Conference fee, registration and accommodation**

The conference fee is 120 € and should be paid by July 1st 2012 to the conference account at the Technical University of Berlin, details of which will be specified soon. The fee includes conference documents and catering during the two and half days (coffee breaks and three lunches). **Travel grants for students** will be offered depending on available funding.

There are a lot of accommodation options in the direct vicinity of the conference venue. The Participants are kindly asked to make reservations by themselves. Some hotel options within walking distance are mentioned here:

- Hotel Aida (<http://www.hotelaida.de/>): Comfort (Einzel) 49 €, Standard Doppelt 59 €, Comfort Doppelt 69 €, Exclusive Doppelt 89 €
- Excelsior Hotel Berlin (<http://www.hotel-excelsior.de/>): Standard Doppel 84 €, Superior Doppel 94 €, Deluxe Doppel 104 €
- Hotel Gates (<http://www.hotel-gates.com/>) Standard 32 €, Comfort 49 €, Comfort Plus 59 €
- Hotel Heidelberg (<http://www.hotel-heidelberg-berlin.de/>) 65 € Einzelzimmer, 75 € Doppelzimmer
- Novotel (<http://www.novotel.com/de/hotel-3649-novotel-berlin-am-tiergarten/index.shtml>): Standard 79 €, Executive 104 €, Junior Suite 179 €

All prices are as of September 2011. They may change slightly depending on inflation and your time of booking.

Additional information on the city can be found here <http://www.berlin.de/tourismus/> or check [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com) for "Berlin Charlottenburg."

### **Getting to Berlin**

*By airplane:* Because the inner city airport "Flughafen Berlin-Tegel „Otto Lilienthal"" will be closed on the 2nd of July 2012 everybody who will come by airplane will enter Berlin over the airport "Flughafen Berlin Brandenburg" which lays a little bit outside of Berlin (<http://www.berlin-airport.de/DE/ReisendeUndBesucher/AnUndAbreise/AnfahrtAuto/Uebersicht.html> )

To reach the main building of the TU Berlin you have to take the public traffic (<http://www.berlin-airport.de/DE/ReisendeUndBesucher/AnUndAbreise/AnfahrtBusUndBahn/SXF/OeffentlicheSXF.html>).

*By train:* The main train station in Berlin is "Berlin Hauptbahnhof" ([http://www.bahnhof.de/site/bahnhoefe/de/ost/berlin\\_hauptbahnhof/berlin\\_hauptbahnhof.html](http://www.bahnhof.de/site/bahnhoefe/de/ost/berlin_hauptbahnhof/berlin_hauptbahnhof.html) ).

From there the shortest way is to take the "S-Bahn" within the main train station on the top level till the S-Bahn station "Tiergarten."

### **Working schedule**

Registration and get-together on Wednesday September 5th at a restaurant which will be announced later. Sessions will start at 9.00 am on Thursday 6th and continue until lunch at 12.30-13.30 on Saturday 8th September 2012.

Conference dinners and evening entertainment will take place outside the TU Berlin elsewhere in the city on Thursday and Friday nights.

### **Further information**

Queries can be made on the conference website. They will be answered by e-mail.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Berlin!

### **Organizing committee**

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### **Call for papers**

for the interim meeting of the European Sociological Association (ESA) research network “Sociology of Families and Intimate Lives”, to be held in Milan (Italy), on September 13-15, 2012. The meeting is organized by Giovanna Rossi, Catholic University of Milan, (IT) and Isabella Crespi, University of Macerata (IT).

#### **Families, care and work facing the challenges of a globalized world: policies, practices and services**

organized by

*Giovanna Rossi, Catholic University of Milan, Athenaeum Centre for Family Research and Studies,  
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and

*Isabella Crespi, University of Macerata, Dept. Education, Italy*

The ESA research network on Sociology of Families and Intimate Lives organizes an interim meeting in Milan, Italy, on September 13-15, 2012.

The meeting titled *Families, care and work facing the challenges of a globalized world: policies, practices and services*, will address the “hot issue” of managing care and work in everyday family life and on the societal level of policies, cultural patterns, and welfare regimes. Families are always under pressure as they are involved in economic, social, cultural events characterising the contemporary world and thus have to manage the challenges prompted by the conditions of global crisis. Further, families are facing every day life, with the managing of educational and care tasks and the balancing of internal and external requests during all the family life-cycle. Indeed, each stressful event, as the impairment of a family member, challenges family life and compels the subjects to act some reflexivity on their everyday life.

The redefinition of gender roles, the need for reconciliation between family and work, the presence of immigrants taking up the role of caregivers and the second demographic transition are profoundly changing the taken-for-granted negotiations among genders and generations.

In a rapidly changing world a multitude of new challenges are emerging and affecting families and individual life; at the same time the welfare state is subject to crisis in many parts of the world. A globally encompassing capitalism is deeply involved and the consequences of the recent financial crisis are felt worldwide. Due to this, many countries are struggling to develop new policies to maintain good level of social welfare; the need for an in-depth understanding of social problems is urgent and requires an updated rethinking of causes, mechanisms and solutions, applied to policies and services as well.

Recent literature and researches indicate some potentially fruitful indicators.

The focus of the conference is to shed light on the role of different agents (state, market, third sector), relationships and social policies in combining care and work within the families; for example, to identify services of excellence as for quality, efficiency and efficacy and programs promoting to empower family's capability to keep on generate social capital.

What is relevant is not just a "service provision" perspective but also the true impact of policies and practices in shaping the society and the families as a whole, while trying to address its most crucial needs.

There will be seven sessions as follow:

1. The changing meaning of care and work in the families experience
2. Care, work and intergenerational relations
3. Care, work and migration processes
4. Gender, care and work
5. Social policies, care and work: the different role of state, markets, third sector and families
6. Care and work services: case studies
7. Special session: Ph.D Session

All abstracts should be completed in English. They should include six distinct sections, in the following order:

**1) Title + authors:** institutional address (email, fax, office phone).

**2) Content:** A description of the theoretical framework, the main hypotheses that are tested, some of the findings and their relation with the literature.

**3) Method:** A description of the data and the methods (either qualitative, quantitative or mixed methods) that are used.

**4) Keywords:** Five keywords describing the main contributions of the paper should be included.

**5) References:** a brief list of references (10 maximum).

**6) Sessions:** indication about the session in which your contribution fits best.

Ph.D candidates should also indicate in the abstract: 1) the relevance of the issue discussed, 2) hypothesis 3) the stage of the research carried out 4) the methodology and the main findings emerged or expected.

The best Ph.D paper, among the 7 accepted, will be awarded with a reimbursement for the conference expenses (such as travel, accomodation) for a maximum of 500 euro.

No contribution will be accepted unless it fits the six sections.

Individuals may submit a maximum of two abstracts to the conference but should not be the first author (i.e. the presenter) of more than one paper. The abstract length should be between 3000 and 9000 characters (all sections and spaces included). Tables and figures should not be included in your abstract.

We kindly request authors to send their abstracts (pdf or doc files) no later than **January 30th 2012** to [esaRN13.2012@unicatt.it](mailto:esaRN13.2012@unicatt.it) with email subject reading "ESA Milano 2012" and naming the file with surname\_name (ex. rossi\_giovanna)

Authors will be communicated about acceptance of their papers on **March 1<sup>st</sup> 2012**<sup>[1]</sup>. All selected papers must be sent to the conference organizers no later than **15<sup>th</sup> June 2012**.

The conference organizers cannot pay for travel expenses, however attendance is free of charge and beverage will be provided in coffee breaks. The conference can accommodate 22 papers at the maximum and 7 Ph.D presentations. No parallel session will be hold. Each paper will be granted 30 minutes (20 minutes for presentation, 10 minutes for discussion).

The contributions are planned to be published in an edited book or journals after a reviewing process and agreement by the authors.

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<sup>[1]</sup> All the papers that will be accepted after reviewing process, but exceeding the scheduled number of oral presentations, will have the opportunity to be displayed as poster session during the coffee break, if authors agree.

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## Call for Papers

**ESA Research Network 34 – Sociology of Religion**

**Mid-term Conference**

**University of Potsdam,, Germany**

**3-5 September 2012**

### **Transformations of the Sacred in Europe and Beyond**

The thesis of secularization, once sheer uncontested in the social sciences, is increasingly under fire. Secularization is nowadays often deconstructed as an ideology or mere wish dream that is intimately connected to the rationalist ambitions of modern Enlightenment. Such alleged blurring of morality and science, of what 'is' and what 'ought', informing sociological analysis obviously obscures clear sight on recent developments in the Western world.

Countless empirical and theoretical studies convincingly demonstrate that religion is alive and well in Europe and beyond. Particularly after the attacks of 9/11 in 2001, religious identities have become salient in a situation of cultural polarization and religious pluralization. Moreover, we are witnessing a

trend towards 'believing without belonging' (Davie, 1994) and – particularly in those European countries that are most secular – a shift from organized religion to 'spiritualities of life' (e.g., Heelas and Woodhead, 2005), paganism and 'popular religion' (Knoblauch, 2009). And although the thesis of secularization has always been highly problematic from a non-European or global perspective, the rapid globalization of Islam and the Evangelical upsurge – especially in Africa, Latin America and East Asia – fly in the face of the long-held expectation that religion is doomed to be a marginal or socially insignificant phenomenon.

Evidently, then, the focus of sociological analysis has shifted over the last decades from religious decline to religious change. More than that: it is theorized that we are living in a "post-secular society" (Habermas, 2005) where religion is re-vitalized, de-privatized and increasingly influences politics, voting behavior, matters of the state and ethical debates in the public domain (e.g., Casanova, 1994). Motivated by such observations, the mid-term conference calls for papers addressing changes in the field of religion and, more in particular, transformations of the sacred in Europe and beyond.

**Particularly we welcome studies covering the following topics:**

- Studies on how and why conceptions of the sacred, religious beliefs, doctrines, rituals and organizations of **long-standing religious traditions** – such as Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism or Hinduism – transform under the influence of processes of globalization, individualization, mediatization as well as changing gender relations.
- Studies dealing with trends of **believing without belonging**, i.e. non-institutionalized beliefs, personal 'bricolage' and privatized conceptions of the sacred outside the Churches, Chapels and Mosques. Encouraged are also studies addressing new, more informal ways of 'belonging', religious communication and collective effervescence, i.e. in loose social networks, discussion groups or virtual communities on the internet.
- Studies covering **popular religion** and **post-traditional spirituality**, i.e., New Age, esotericism, paganism, occultism, discussing for instance an epistemological turn from belief to experience and emotion; a shifting emphasis from transcendence to immanence; from seriousness to playfulness; or a transition from dualism to monism.
- Studies dealing with **implicit religion**, i.e. addressing a re-location of the sacred to seemingly secular domains in society such as self-identity, sports, modern science and technology. This avenue of research may also include the place and meaning of the sacred (i.e., religious narratives, symbols and images) in popular media texts – in novels, films, series on television or computer games.

These topics are rough guidelines; papers dealing with religious change and the transformation of the sacred in Europe and beyond other than these outlined above are also very welcome. Furthermore we invite PhD and post-doc candidates to contribute to a **poster session**, including work in progress; the best poster will get a – small, but nice – prize.

**Dates & Deadlines in 2012**

March 15 Submission of abstracts and online registration starts

April 20 Submission of abstracts ends

May 10 Acceptance of abstracts

June 30 Early-bird registration ends

September 3 – 5 Conference

**For further information, please visit: <http://www.esareligion.org>**

Contact: [esa-religion@uni-potsdam.de](mailto:esa-religion@uni-potsdam.de)

### Conference Venue

The University of Potsdam turned 20 this year. More than 20,000 students are enrolled in more than 100 degree programmes, located at three different sites. The mid-term conference will take place at **Griebnitzsee Campus**, which is directly located at the S-Bahn that connects Potsdam City and Berlin.

The campus is close to the lake Griebnitzsee. It invites to make a beautiful canoe tour or a ride by bicycle, and it is close to the Filmpark Babelsberg, one of the oldest movie production sites in the world. Furthermore, Babelsberg Castle, Sanssouci, the Glienicke Bridge and the Cecilienhof are impressive historical sites awaiting your visit.

For more information on Potsdam visit: [Wikipedia](#) | [Wikitravel](#) | [Tripadvisor](#)

[Click here to download the 'Call for Papers' poster](#) .

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## CONFERENCES/CALLS FOR PAPERS

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### Call for Abstracts

#### Leipzig European Winter School

March 19/20 2012

"Social relations in turbulent times", the title of the European Sociological Association's 2011 conference was nicely chosen. At present it is almost impossible to ignore social change dramatically accelerating around the globe. Think of the Arab spring, the Occupy Wall Street protests, the riots in the centre of British metropolises, the indignados, the euro crisis or the one EU member that is in danger of becoming a "failed state"; think of the power shifts in the IMF and the World Bank in favour of the former emerging nations or the growing precariousness and exhaustion of the middle classes in the rich Western nations.

Howsoever one might describe these developments in detail they share one thing: They have to do with institutions either having or causing problems. If institutions as guarantors of social stability coming under pressure it is really "crass social change" (Lars Clausen). Thus it is worthwhile to focus on institutions and their recent developments from the perspective of social sciences.

We cordially invite authors to present their PhD projects dealing with questions of political sociology, European sociology and especially with the tension between institutional developments and social action. On March 19/20, they will be able to discuss the approaches and results of their projects with the following seniors of European studies and Political Sociology:

Maurizio Bach (University of Passau)  
Astrid Lorenz (University of Leipzig)  
Steffen Mau (University of Bremen)  
Georg Vobruba (University of Leipzig)

Each senior will discuss the project of three participants. In addition, there will be „Author meets Critics“ sessions where the participants will discuss some of the seniors' most recent research results or publications.

Leipzig European Winter School 2012 cordially invites PhD students who have been working on their projects for at least 1 year to enter their applications until January 23rd, 2012. We require an abstract (in German or English, 300 words max.) which gives information about topic, aim and state of the



study and which also names the supervisors. The participating PhD students will be chosen immediately after this deadline and will then be required to send a synopsis of about 5 pages until February 10th. Along with the invitation the participants will be sent the Seniors' texts for the „Author meets Critics“ sections.

The Leipzig European Winter School 2012 is scheduled directly after the Leipziger Buchmesse (March 15.-18.), it is thus possible to combine a visit to the book fair.

We regret that we cannot cover any expenses for your travel or accommodation.

Please send your abstracts to Jenny Preunkert ([preunkert@uni-leipzig.de](mailto:preunkert@uni-leipzig.de)), she will also be happy answer any questions that may arise.

For more information you can check our website: [www.uni-leipzig.de/lews](http://www.uni-leipzig.de/lews)

Jenny Preunkert and Georg Vobruba

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## Call for papers

### International Conference in Moscow “Embeddedness and Beyond: Do Sociological Theories Meet Economic Realities?”

October 25–28, 2012

#### Status of the conference

Joint Interim conference of ISA RC02 “Economy and Society” and ESA Economic Sociology Research Network with the support of ASA Economic Sociology section.

#### Conference venue:

National Research University ‘Higher School of Economics’, Moscow, Russia

#### Plenary sessions and featured speakers

Institutional change and social policy	Frank Dobbin, Wolfgang Streeck
Power of networks	Roberto Fernandez, Brian Uzzi
Culture and valuation	Marion Fourcade, Laurent Thevénot
Knowledge, technology, and markets	Karin Knorr-Cettina, David Stark

#### Mini-conferences and their coordinators

New theoretical perspectives in economic sociology	Patrik Aspers, Jens Beckert
Money, finance and society	Nigel Dodd, Alya Guseva, Olga Kouzina
Organizations and institutions in emerging markets	Neil Fligstein, Vadim Radaev
Emergence and Innovation in Markets and Organizations	David Stark, Valery Yakubovich
Gender and work transformation	Sarah Ashwin, Roberto Fernandez
Market society and moral order	Marion Fourcade, Kieran Healy, Philippe Steiner
Performing economy in a material World	Trevor Pinch, Gregory Yudin
Capitalist globalization and its alternatives	William Carroll, Georgina Murray

## **Selection of participants**

Selection of the Conference participants is made by mini-conference coordinators on the basis of submitted extended abstracts. Proposals can be accepted for oral presentation or as distributed papers. Full papers are submitted before the Conference.

## **Important deadlines**

Deadline for submitting proposals	February 15, 2012.
Acceptance notifications	April 1, 2012.
Early registration	May 15, 2012
Late registration	September 15, 2012
Deadline for submitting full papers	September 15, 2012

## **Funding**

No funding can be provided for traveling and hotel accommodation from the LOC Committee with the exception of featured speakers. All attendees, including other invited presenters, discussants, and coordinators, must pay registration fees.

Stipends for graduate students pursuing MA and PhD are provided on a competitive basis.

## **Contact information**

Conference e-mail: [esconf2012@hse.ru](mailto:esconf2012@hse.ru)

Conference website: <http://esconf2012.hse.ru/>

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**The Second ISA Forum of Sociology  
Social justice and democratization  
Buenos Aires, Argentina  
August 1-4, 2012**

**Research Committee on  
Sociology of Youth, RC34**

**"Youth cultures from a cosmopolitan perspective"**

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A large body of cross-disciplinary research in the last few decades has focused on the development and impacts of a global society, and more recently on the cosmopolitan consequences of such changes. Notably, however, there is a lack of knowledge and understanding of the emergence of transnational shared practices, values, norms, behaviors, cultures and patterns amongst young people. This session focuses on adolescence and youth from a cosmopolitan perspective. Within sociology the idea of cosmopolitanism has re-emerged in the last two decades as a major focus for debates about social change, globalization, and cultural differences. It also represents a significant theme in questions of public policy and political ethics suited to the challenges of a global society. The cosmopolitan challenge within sociology seeks to explore the ethical, political and cultural implications

of the radical relationality and decentring increasingly institutionalized by global society. At its core, the session urges us to consider whether we are witnessing the globalisation or the localisation of the condition of youth. Furthermore, it considers how youth experience in this context should be contextualised within the dynamics of contemporary theories of cosmopolitanism.

Part of the social scientific challenge of such an idea is findings its articulation at the level of the 'really existing' layer of everyday life. This session is consistent with the perspectives of the emerging cosmopolitan awareness and practices that are derivative of globalised world, in which nations are no longer the only units of analysis. We suppose that youth cultures are not confined to nation-states, even if comparative works confirm the widely accepted thesis that national contexts still impact considerably on juvenile conditions. We endeavor to address how and in what ways young people are both the product and agents of this developing global frame of reference, and in turn ask what this means for rethinking aspects of both cosmopolitan theory and youth studies. Possible topics for consideration include: local and global belongings of young people; young people and cultural plurality; globalization and young people's futures; effects of risks and uncertainties associated with globalization; attitudes toward global politics, economy and environment; learning about global issues; young people and mobilities; the reception of global popular cultures.

<http://www.isa-sociology.org/buenos-aires-2012/rc/rc.php?n=RC34>

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**Critique, Democracy, and Philosophy in 21st Century Information Society.  
Towards Critical Theories of Social Media.  
The Fourth ICTs and Society-Conference.  
Uppsala University, May 2nd-4th, 2012.**

CfP: <http://www.icts-and-society.net/events/uppsala2012/>

<http://www.icts-and-society.net/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/CallforAbstracts.pdf>

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**CALL FOR PAPERS  
Thematic Meeting of the Kettil Bruun Society.**

***Conference Hotel Majvik, Helsinki, Finland 14-17th October 2012***

**ADDICTION:  
WHAT IS THE ADDED VALUE OF THE CONCEPT TODAY?**

**Background**

Addiction is a concept that has relatively recently – within two or three decades – become a common expression that covers no longer only traditional substance use but a wide and growing range of behaviours like gambling, gaming, internet use, even eating disorders, shopping, shoplifting, sexual behaviour and others. The increasingly widespread use has been observed in the public media, in expert discourses, in popular culture, in the world of commercials, and even in everyday talk. The concept of addiction is being introduced in the international classifications of diseases, and addiction is the topic of many research and prevention programmes today.

There is no consistent and commonly agreed neurobiological theory of addiction, although recent brain research has made great progress in identifying some of the mechanisms that make people behave in a way that they recognize as harmful and would rather want to stop. There are well-known similarities in the brain functions concerning the satisfaction of very different types of desires, but nevertheless the evidence is far from convincing to prove that from a biological point of view harmful repetitious behaviours could be lumped together as a singular disorder.

The issue is further complicated when we account for cultural factors. Addiction can be said to be caused from culture in the sense that addicted behaviours are transformations of culturally modified desires. We do not call dependence on proper nutrition, clean air and water an addiction unless their object is a pleasure that results from cultural practices, like preparing food, raising endorphine levels by physical exercise, or getting intoxicated in one way or another.

A third complication arises from the fact that treating excessive behaviours as a syndrome of an underlying disorder individualises the problem and medicalises societal reactions to it. This is why public health experts were cautious of the concept “combined approach” when it was part of the World Health Organization discourse on drugs, tobacco and alcohol in the 1970s, while at the same time recognizing the need to include alcohol in the policy agenda on illicit drugs and psycho-pharmaceuticals. Instead of paying attention to the supply side, policies framed as prevention of addictions focus on identifying high-risk individuals and preventing their harmful behaviour.

Also the conditions of prevention and treatment are very different concerning different types of behaviour. Preventing obesity involves measures that are very different from those that arise in substance use prevention, for example.

The most extensive body of research exists for alcohol and alcohol dependence. The next large research area will most likely *concern gaming, especially gambling*. In this developing area the lessons learned from alcohol studies are particularly relevant, because we need new understanding of the pathways from non-problem use to problems and addiction. Alcohol research experience is of great methodological and theoretical help in this area. Also the policy issues are relatively similar, with wide public and private economic interests involved in both the alcohol trade and in the gambling business. Moral and philosophical issues are also similar, concerning individual freedom of choice and the public good.

### **Objective**

The Colloquium and Thematic meeting provides a platform for discussing the usefulness of framing consumption risks as addictions, or even as different aspects of a singular phenomenon. Critical and careful analysis of evidence, reflexion on the moral and practical implications of the concept in different contexts, and the way forward need to be given a proper and free space of interchange between different points of view. It might be envisioned that some sort of consensus emerges that could be useful for policy-makers, but this CFP is not foreseeing that as necessary.

### **Size and structure of the meeting**

We aim to attract about 30 – 40 interested experts from several fields to participate and papers will be pre-circulated. We aim to keep the number of presentations moderate, hoping that participants will read as many papers as possible in advance of the occasion. Presentations will be organised in sessions of 1,5 hours with two or maximum three papers per session, chair and a discussant will be assigned to each session.

### **Time and venue**

The meeting will start on Sunday evening October 14th and last until lunch on Wednesday October 17th. The venue will be a conference centre near Helsinki.

### **Organization**

The conference will be organized by the Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies in collaboration with The Kettil Bruun Society, The Finnish Foundation for Alcohol Studies and the National Institute of Public Health.

### **Programme Committee**

Pekka Sulkunen, chair (CEACG, University of Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies)

Franca Beccaria (KBS President, Eclectica, Turin)

Matilda Hellman (CEACG, University of Helsinki)

Mikko Salmela (University of Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies)

Kerstin Stenius (National Institute of Health and Welfare, Helsinki)

### **Conference fee and registration**

The conference fee covers meals, the conference tour and dinner and conference services.

Conference fee for early birds is 300 euros payable **before** 30.6.2012

Conference fee (regular) is 400 euros payable 01.07-16.09.2012.

Accommodation in the conference Hotel Majvik (Helsinki/Kirkkonummi, Finland) will be reserved by participants and paid directly to the hotel. Single room in Majvik is 103 euros/night and double room 83 euros/night/person (breakfast included). Detailed information will be issued together with the letter of acceptance of the registration.

Majvik is on the shore of Espoonlahti, only 25 kilometres from downtown Helsinki, Finland.

More about Majvik: <http://www.majvik.fi/en/>

Limited amount of support for conference fees and travel is available for researchers who otherwise would not be able to participate. Requests should be submitted together with the abstract and registration.

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#### **Deadlines**

16.04.2012 Registration and abstract submission ([matias.karekallas@helsinki.fi](mailto:matias.karekallas@helsinki.fi))

01.05.2012 Letter of acceptance of the registration

30.06.2012 Payment of early bird registration fee 300 euros

16.09.2012 Payment of regular registration fee 400 euros

16.09.2012 Free cancellation ends

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### **Call for Abstracts**

#### **Conference “*Communal Experience? Entertainment for the Masses? Global Business? Sociological Explorations of Contemporary Sport*”**

**University of Gdansk**

**15-16 March 2012**

The Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Journalism at the University of Gdansk, Gdansk City Council, the Foundation Center for Social Research and Analysis and the Academy of Physical Education and Sport in Gdańsk organize the conference “*Communal Experience? Entertainment for the Masses? Global Business? Sociological Explorations of Contemporary Sport*”. The symposium will take place 15-16 March 2012 on the PGE Arena Gdansk stadium and the Department of Social Sciences at University of Gdansk.

The aim of the symposium is to critically consider contemporary sport and its relation to the social world as well as contribute to the popularization of the idea of combining the sphere of science with a complex reality of business, sport, entertainment and culture. During the two-day meeting we would like to take a closer look at a set of issues, including the links between sport and social theory, global sport from a local perspective, social worlds of fans, media – sport – technologies as well as sport traditions, customs and rituals.

The deadline for submitting abstracts (maximum 200 words) is January 15, 2012. You will be informed on the selection of abstracts soon after the deadline. All the participants will also receive guidelines for preparing papers. The registration fee is 50 € (to be paid on the confirmation of abstract). Please send your abstract proposals and inquiries to the following address: [konferencja.sport@gmail.com](mailto:konferencja.sport@gmail.com)

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