

## **Theorising from the Margins**

### **Midterm Conference of the ESA Research Network 29**

**University of Salzburg**

**28-29 September 2023**



## **Call for Papers**

Since the past conference the network has dedicated itself to an exciting ‘internal investigation’: exploring the modes of theorising and frameworks of social theory itself. What does it mean, take, or what do we do when we intend to theorise? In addition, how do we apply theory, and importantly, which theories are predominately applied? How are these theories grounded (e.g. philosophical, empirical, classical), contextualised and situated (e.g. Global South, postcolonial, anthropocentric), and framed (e.g. critical, post/modern, interpretive)? How does the development of theory and theorising reflect its production, and eventually how might (applying) specific theories and the modes of theorising affect the respective sociological analyses?

In short, we want to question features of theory and theorising which might be too often regarded as taken-for-granted, self-evident or paradigmatic. At this midterm conference, we want to shed light on ‘the margins’ of social theory and theorising.

Essentially, we do not want to define any specific ‘margins’ from the outset. Rather, the conference invites papers which critically discuss one or more of these topics: (1) the significance of theories and theorising from perspectives which are underrepresented; (2) modes of applying and interpreting (classical) social theory; (3) methodologies, i.e. the crafts, skills and ‘art’ of theorising, also in contrast to the apparently stringent canons of empirical research; (4) teaching and circulating knowledge on social theory and theorising; (5) the communication of theoretical analyses, both to academic audiences and beyond. Furthermore, we invite creative and innovative approaches and reflections on social theory and theorising not included within these topics.

**Paper submission**

Please submit your abstracts (max 250 words) by 30 April 2023 to  
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