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Message of the Chair of the ESA Research Networks Committee

Become a member of “your” Research Network(s)!

Starting now for the period 2011-2012 and onwards, ESA members are invited to become formal members of one or several research networks. Each membership costs a symbolic amount of 10 Euros for two years. The amount is small enough that ESA members can become members of more than one network.

The status of a research network will depend on how many paying members it has. To keep the status of an ESA-RN, a research network must have a minimum of 25 ESA members. The full amount of membership fees goes directly to the RNs and is transferred together with the midterm conference funding (to reduce transfer costs). In the future, the number of members of a RN may be used to allocate funding for midterm conferences – a large RN gets more funding than a small one – and also to allocate space (number of sessions) at a conference.

So please support the research networks you feel committed to by paying 10 Euros for a two-year membership per research network. To reduce banking transfer costs, please pay the amount together with your ESA membership fee.

As the website is not fully set up yet, we ask you to suspend paying your membership fee for 2011-2012 until the end of January, if you have not yet made the banking transfer.

With my very best wishes for a happy, successful and healthy new year

Thomas S. Eberle
Chair Research Networks Committee

KEY DATES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

10th January 2011 Opening of Abstract Submission

25th February 2011 Closing of Abstract Submission

6th April 2011 Decisions on acceptance of abstracts by RN coordinators and RS conveners relayed to paper-givers and also relayed to the Conference Organizer in Geneva

20th April 2011 Programme of papers for each sessions sent by RN coordinators and RS conveners to the Local Committee

Abstracts should be submitted to <http://www.esa10thconference.com/>

Research Network 1: Ageing in Europe

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network:

Ageing is an area of increasing interest to sociologists and social policy researchers, stimulated by awareness of the rising proportion of older people, the projected costs of pensions and health care, the 'vertical' growth of families, changing patterns of consumption and lifestyles.

International comparative research on these issues is vital, and the Research Network on Ageing in Europe aims to facilitate contacts and collaboration among those with research interests in ageing.

General call for paper:

At the European Sociological Association conferences in Helsinki (2001), Murcia (2003), Torun (2005), Glasgow (2007) and Lisbon (2009), the Research Network on Ageing in Europe organised outstandingly successful paper sessions and discussions. Increased interest in the topic of ageing resulted in record numbers of sessions at the Lisbon conference. We thank everyone who helped to make these sessions so stimulating and exciting.

At the 10th conference of the European Sociological Association in Geneva in 2011, the Ageing in Europe Research Network will again hold sessions that focus on empirical, theoretical and conceptual aspects of research on ageing. These sessions will continue on-going discussions, refer to the conference topic "Social relations in turbulent times", and add some new themes.

Papers could fit into the following **thematic areas**:

- Ageing and Technology
- Senior Markets and Consumerism in Older Age
- Ageing Societies and the Welfare State
- Diversity, Inequality and Equity in Ageing Societies

- Formal and Informal Care and Older People
- Health, Mortality and Quality of Life in Older Age
- Informal Networks and Intergenerational Relations in Older Age
- Norms, Values and Images in the Field of Ageing
- Interculturality, Cross-Cultural Comparisons and Ageing
- Biography, the Life-Course and Older Age
- Activities and Time Use in Older Age
- Ageing and Mobility
- Retirement and the Labour Market in Older Age
- Biographical Perspectives on Ageing in Migration

Of course we will also consider papers with new and creative approaches that do not fit into one of these categories exactly. Papers with a cross-national, comparative focus and papers by researchers earlier in their careers are particularly to be welcomed. Individuals should not be the first author (i.e. the presenter) of more than one paper. If you need additional information, please contact the RN co-ordinators (coordinators@ageing-in-europe.org). We look forward to meeting you in Geneva!

The RN co-ordinators: Ricca Edmondson, Harald Künemund & Kathrin Komp

Research Network 2: Sociology of the Arts

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
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September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network:

The Research Network on the Sociology of the Arts aims to provide the sociological context for understanding the multi-faceted and interwoven social aspects which characterize artistic worlds. We define 'arts' broadly to include fine, folk, popular forms and are inclusive in valuing a large range of topics and theoretical perspectives. The network values theoretical, methodological and empirical debate.

General call for paper:

The ESA Research Network 02, Sociology of the Arts, invites abstracts on all aspects of the sociology of the arts. Specifically, we seek papers in these areas:

- **Art in Turbulent Times.** Here, we seek to showcase work in the sociology of the arts that addresses the theme of the Geneva Conference, *Social Relations in Turbulent Times*. Amongst the questions that may be addressed here are: Will the financial crisis change artistic practices or products in the cultural industries, in non--profit organisations or in artists' studios and workspaces? Can art survive the economic downturn, decreased income and cuts to funding and sponsorship? Can art provide solace, distraction, or inspiration during these turbulent times or can art help heal social rifts which may arise as a result?

- **Current Theoretical Developments in the Sociology of the Arts.** Here we seek theoretical reflection or synthesis in any area of sociology of art.

- Current Empirical Contributions to the Sociology of the Arts. Here we wish for research that is based on empirical study of the arts, from any discipline (fine, folk, popular, commercial) and from any methodological approach (quantitative, qualitative, case study, etc.)

We are delighted, as well, to be organising two joint sessions. These are:

- The Arts in the Creative Industries. This session is co-organised with the ESA RN07, Sociology of Culture. Co-organisers: Victoria Alexander, (University of Surrey, UK) and Anna Lisa Tota (University of Rome III, Italy).

- Sociology of Artistic and Cultural Professions. This session is co-organised with the Sociology of Arts and Culture Research Committee of the Swiss Sociological Association. Co-organisers: Victoria Alexander, (University of Surrey, UK), Valérie Rolle (University of Applied Arts, Geneva, and University of Lausanne, Switzerland) and Olivier Moeschler (University of Lausanne, Switzerland) and André Ducret (University of Geneva, Switzerland).

It is anticipated that there will be parallel sessions in each of these 5 areas. Sub-themes within each topic will be based on the abstracts submitted. There is also a session described as 'Open' in order to encourage the broadest range of scholarly enquiry to be represented.

Instructions for Submitting Abstracts:

Please submit your abstract by using the abstract submission form on the conference ebsite at <http://esa10thconference.com> by **25 February 2011**. Further instructions and guidelines will be here as well. Abstract submission will open on 10 of January 2011 and will close on 25 February 2011. Decisions on abstracts will be made before 6 April 2011.

Please note that, in addition to the sessions organised by the Research Network on the Sociology of the Arts itself, the network is pleased to be involved in organising two research streams at the Geneva Conference. These are: 'The Sustainable City and the Arts' (Conveners: Volker Kirchberg, Leuphana University, Germany and Laura Verdi, University of Padua, Italy) and 'The Tacit Knowing-Approach – An Epistemological Foundation for the Exploration of Professional Practice?' (Conveners: Tasos Zembylas, University of Music and Performing Arts, Austria, and Christiane Schnell, University of Frankfurt, Germany). Please see the separate CfPs on the ESA 2010 Geneva website for further information.

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Specific Session title I: Art in Turbulent Times

Specific Session title II: Current Theoretical Developments in the Sociology of the Arts

Specific Session title III: Current Empirical Contributions to the Sociology of the Arts

Specific Session title IV: The Arts in the Creative Industries (co-organised with RN07, Sociology of Culture)

Specific Session title V: Sociology of Artistic and Cultural Professions (co-organised Sociology of Arts and Culture Research Committee of the Swiss Sociological Association)

Specific Session title VI: Open

Specific Session title VII: Open

Specific Session title VIII: Open

Research Network 3: Biographical Perspectives on European Societies

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Description of the Research network: RN03 'Biographical Perspectives on European Societies'

General call for paper:

Biographical Research in Turbulent Times:

Re-thinking Biographical Perspectives on European, National and Glocal Identities

The term 'identity', once primarily a topic of philosophical and psychological deliberations, markedly conquered the field of sociology, political science and historical investigations in the 1960s. Since then the concept 'identity/identities' has inspired many critical and stimulating academic discussions accurately summarized by Derrida (1981) when he said, "identity is an idea that cannot be thought in the old way, but without which certain key questions cannot be thought at all".

The 10th ESA conference on "Social Relations in Turbulent Times" opens the possibility to further discuss the theoretical and empirical implications for re-thinking biographical perspectives on identity/ies in the twenty first century. Current times are marked by an increasingly complex relationship between the local and the global, instability, a focus on risk and security, the sharpening of social inequalities, analysis of cross border flows, movement, mobilities and migration, as well as the material and imaginative configurations of identity and belonging. Biographical research with its theoretical, methodological and policy implications proposes to re-think identity/ies in terms of contemporary processual structures that include both collective and individual experiences and contestations under specific socio-historical social conditions, and in certain constellations of power. To this end Research Network 03 welcomes theoretical, methodological and empirical papers exploring the following themes.

Specific Session title I: BIOGRAPHY AND THEORY

Chair: Wolfram Fischer

Specific Session title II: EUROPEAN IDENTITIES AND 'THE OTHER' (Presentation of the research results by the EU-project 'Euroidentities')

Chair: Robert Miller

Specific Session title III: ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS IDENTITIES BETWEEN THE FIGURE OF 'SELF' AND 'OTHER'

Chair: Thea D. Boldt-Jaremko

Specific Session title IV: BIOGRAPHICAL TURBULENCE: BIOGRAPHY, PERFORMANCE, ARTS
Co-Chairs: Brian Roberts and aggie O'Neill

Specific Session title V: APPLYING BIOGRAPHICAL AND PERFORMATIVE RESEARCH

Chair: John Given

Specific Session title VI: MIGRATION AND BIOGRAPHY: GLOBAL, LOCAL, AND GLOCAL IDENTITIES

Chair: Baiba Bela

Specific Session title VII: MEMORY AS BIOGRAPHICAL AND COLLECTIVE RESOURCE IN TURBULENT TIMES

Co-Chairs: Kaja Kazmierska, Victoria Semenova and Elena Rozhdestvenskaya

Specific Session title VIII: BIOGRAPHICAL PERSPECTIVES ON AGEING IN MIGRATION Joint session RN3 and RN1

Co-Chairs: Harald Künemund and Thea D. Boldt-Jaremko

Research Network 4: Sociology of Children and Childhood

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
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Description of the Research network: The Research Network aims to bring together scholars across Europe who are engaged in theoretical and empirical work on children and childhood. There have been successful Sociology of Childhood Streams at the last six ESA Conferences (1999-2009). The general theme of the 2011 conference is 'social relations in turbulent times', and the various sessions will address children's lives and social relations in the context of societal change.

General call for paper: The Research Network aims to bring together scholars across Europe who are engaged in theoretical and empirical work on children and childhood. We have organized successful Sociology of Childhood Streams at the last six ESA Conferences (1999-2009). The general theme of the 2011 conference is 'social relations in turbulent times', and the various sessions will address children's lives and social relations in the context of societal change.

We invite abstracts on the following themes:

1. Children's social relations and everyday lives
2. Children as victims, witnesses and perpetrators of crime and violence
3. Children and migration
4. Child poverty and child work
5. Children's rights, citizenship and participation
6. Trust dynamics in children's lives
7. Theoretical and methodological issues in researching childhood and children's lives
8. Open theme

Network activities planned for the Conference also include a round-table event 'childhood sociology meets international organizations', plus the annual meeting of the Network and a social event.

Abstracts (200 words maximum) will only be accepted through completion of the online submission form, available at the conference website: www.esa10thconference.com

The deadline for receipt of abstracts is **25th February 2011**. Decisions on acceptance will be conveyed by **26th March 2011**.

Research Network 5: Sociology of Consumption

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
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September 7-10, 2011

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Description of the Research network: The Consumption research network has been active in the European Sociological Association since the early 1990s, and has drawn in scholars from across Europe for discussion at the cutting edge of social and cultural debate on consumption. Meetings of the group typically deal with a broad range of theoretical, methodological and empirical issues in the sociology of consumption. For more information, please see www.esa-consumption.org

General call for paper:

Social relations in turbulent times: Creativity or stability in consumption processes?

Present day consumption patterns are pushed and pulled in multiple directions as a consequence of change instigated by a wide array of factors, ranging from the economic downturn to the climate crisis. These changes raise questions regarding the reconfiguration of social processes and conditions of groups of consumers, consumption practices and consumption institutions; the balance between the social dynamics of consumer cultures and the reproduction of social relations; and the reaction of consumers and other stakeholders to possible future scenarios of consumer society.

Our Research Network invites papers that deal with various aspects of the sociology of consumption. Possible themes include but are not limited to:

- Food and consumption
- Ethical and political consumption
- Spaces of urban and excess consumption
- Consumption inequalities and exclusions
- Sustainable consumption
- Material culture
- Sociology of taste
- Markets of consumption
- Cultural stratification
- Arts participation
- Consumption and the body
- Theories of consumption
- Gender and consumption
- Children and young people's consumer culture
- Structural and institutional conditions of consumption
- Joint session: The RN will also hold a joint session with RN7 'Sociology of Culture' on the theme of cultural consumption. If you wish to be considered for this special joint session, please indicate so in the abstract.

Abstracts will be reviewed by the coordinator and the board of the research network according to the following criteria:

- The abstract should indicate an original and coherent contribution to sociology of consumption debates.
- The abstract should provide clear information about the type of research or empirical evidence the paper is based on.

- The abstract should specify existing theories and concepts the paper is in discussion with.

We invite abstracts of no more than 250 words. The online abstract submission platform will be available at the conference website, 10th January - 25th February. The deadline for notification of acceptance of abstracts is 6th April 2011. Full Papers should be submitted by 15th July 2011 (not mandatory, please see conference website).

Please visit the conference website <http://www.esa10thconference.com> where information on the 10th ESA conference is available, including further instructions on abstract submission.

For inquiries please contact RN coordinator: Tally Katz-Gerro tkatz@soc.haifa.ac.il

For the research network website please visit: www.esa-consumption.org

Research Network 6: Critical Political Economy

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Description of the Research network:

The network was established in 2005 as a platform to promote and facilitate research aimed at understanding recent transformations of capitalism and capitalist societies in the European Union and Europe. Its purpose is to reassert political economy perspectives in European social science, and to promote critical and emancipatory scholarship. We are avowedly interdisciplinary in our outlook, and seek to bring together researchers employing a range of critical political economy perspectives.

General call for paper:

‘Varieties of capitalism in crisis?’

The continued fall-out from the economic crisis has led to continuous debate about the impact of this systemic shock to the world economy. For instance, evidence could be amassed to support or refute the argument that it has had a significant impact on the future of capitalist diversity. On the one hand, it has generated common systemic pressures everywhere – the most salient being the recurrent fiscal crises of different national states – but on the other, there have been important differences in the national responses to the crisis – compare for example Germany and the United States.

In the field of political economy, a much-discussed approach has been the varieties of capitalism literature. Conceived here as wider than just the paradigmatic Varieties of Capitalism framework and inclusive of a general institutionalist orientation when studying national political economies, a weakness in this work has been the low priority placed on the wider social relations which institutions are inevitably part of. Therefore, although much progress has been made in the past 15 years, the ability of the varieties of capitalism literature to account for the developments of the past few years – and thus its more general explanatory capacity – is open to question.

As such, the phrase ‘Varieties of capitalism in crisis?’ has two distinct but connected meanings. For this reason, the CPE RN is interested in receiving abstracts which consider the evolution of empirical capitalisms – we expect our sessions to focus on but not be exclusively concerned with Europe, be it at the national, regional or supranational level – and/or conceptual issues related to the study of capitalist diversity. We seek contributions from scholars with an interest in political economy research, whatever their disciplinary affiliation (sociology, political science, economics, geography,

anthropology, ethnology, development studies, area studies, history, etc.). Hence we aim to attract a diverse range of junior and senior researchers, from postgraduate students to professors.

Research Network 7: Sociology of Culture

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Description of the Research network:

The "cultural turn" had a profound general impact on the general sociological research agenda and on the content of academic sociological curricula. The main aim of the research network "Sociology of Culture" is to provide a forum for discussion and exchange for sociologists of culture who are either based in Europe or whose research is devoted to one or more aspects of "culture in Europe".

General call for paper:

Cultural crisis is both part cause and effect of political-economic crisis. Thus, "social relations in turbulent times" are marked by both a "*crisis in culture*" and a "*crisis of culture*". Culture—the symbolic context in which choices and actions acquire meanings, shared or not—is a medium for building "worlds". It frames our very sense of time and space. It helps bridge past and future. It expresses the primordial issues of justice and identity—individual and collective.

The RN sessions listed below will address the following types of questions, illustrative of the range of cultural sociology.

- ❖ How is cultural heritage related to national identities? What are the plurality of roles and definitions of cultural heritage in globalized societies? How is cultural heritage sustainable?
- ❖ If culture is no longer "innocent," as an arena structured by various power inequalities, how do (or do not) competing claims to societal legitimacy and recognition find cultural resolution?
- ❖ How do new media and the communication they mediate constitute virtual agoras, and with what consequences for citizenship?
- ❖ How can cultural sociology engage cultural globalization, cosmopolitanism, and transnationalism, and with what reciprocal effects?
- ❖ How do new methodologies—both technical and philosophical—encourage reflexive awareness of the strengths and limitations of existing procedures and approaches in cultural sociology?
- ❖ How is culture performative? Conceived as the medium in which relations and realities are made manifest, how does culture consist in tools and templates, scripts, rhythms, props, metaphors, exemplars and modalities for action?
- ❖ How does "integrated conservation"—with its material, cultural, and social dimensions—provide a model for indexical and complex issues of planning, intervention, and identification of human values in the built environment?
- ❖ What is knowledge, and what are the observable forms of its production and transmission?

How does it contribute to the cultural construction of social reality?

We will organize sessions on the following areas:

1. Cultural Heritage

In contemporary societies, cultural heritage plays a crucial role, especially in relation to national and transnational identities. How can we define this notion? We have witnessed a shift from a more “material” notion of cultural heritage (defined as the collection of monuments and cultural artefacts) to a more symbolic one. According to this second definition, cultural heritage would consist of the whole set of cultural practices and artistic artefacts that are relevant in their symbolic meaning for a certain nation or for transnational identities. This notion of cultural heritage is much more extended than the first one and can also include rituals and traditions, which are not material in nature. Cultural heritage becomes a collection of symbols, monuments, and traditions that literally can shape the identity of a nation or of a continent. Moreover, cultural heritage can be viewed as the space and place for articulating social and political conflicts. In the age of globalization, cultural heritage becomes the privileged site where national, but also other collective identities can take shape. In those societies where democracy is at risk, we often see deep political interventions in cultural heritage. In this session, we welcome papers on the relations between cultural heritage and national identities, on the plurality of roles and definitions of cultural heritage in globalized societies, on the sustainability of cultural heritage, on the ways to preserve and change it, and on any other aspects of this topic.

2. Culture, Power, and Conflict

The work of Pierre Bourdieu, Stuart Hall, Judith Butler and many other scholars has stressed the links between culture and the reproduction of class, ethnic (racial), gender and other forms of social domination. Within the field of the sociology of religion, the focus is also shifting from a seemingly neutral view on secularization to mechanisms of governance that implicitly or explicitly reproduce the liberal-secularist world-view that is one of the cornerstones of modernity. From a more institutionally-oriented point of view, the relationship between culture and power has already been discussed for quite some time with regard to the impact of mass media in modern or postmodern societies. Thus one could say that culture is no longer an 'innocent' notion. Rather, the concept refers to an arena that is structured by various sorts of power differences or inequalities, and in which claims to societal legitimacy and recognition clash with each other. The political system and mass media are key actors in this arena, but they are simultaneously marked by different definitions of the notion of culture (e.g., does it include the realm of religion?). Yet clashing points of views and claims to cultural legitimacy or recognition can also be found in nearly every domain of social life and they can play a significant role in daily life interactions, in which they are implemented with more or less power, and also with more or less reflexivity. The notion of cultural power thus opens up to view a vast array of practices in which relations of social domination are either implicitly reproduced or explicitly contested by individual and collective actors.

3. Culture and the Media

The media and the public sphere are crucial to understanding contemporary societies. As an organizational form the media and mediated communication constitute the virtual agoras within which citizens share the same political forums and agendas. In addition, through “audiencing” the same media, people are formed into the public or nation of a regional state; they share a great deal of knowledge, mediated experiences, and cultural products such as films, music and television programmes, which all have a bearing on their tastes and mentalities. Thus to understand the cultural forms of contemporary societies cultural sociology needs to study the media, their audiences, and the ways in which the media are part of people’s everyday lives. Recently, the development of information and communication technology has meant that electronic mass media such as radio, television, film and video are amalgamated with interactive media such as telephones and the internet. For instance, using the internet may at times entail ‘audiencing’, when an individual reads, views or hears texts, programmes, films or music, but at other times or simultaneously it may mean that he or she is engaged in two- way communication or in gaming. These changes pose new challenges to cultural sociologists studying mediated communication.

4. World culture, cosmopolitanism and trans-nationalism

Processes of cultural globalization have become a very important topic within sociology and related disciplines over the last decade. Yet it remains the case that the sociology of culture has not yet systematically taken the “global turn,” either in terms of its empirical foci, its methodological approaches or its conceptual dispositions. Papers in this session will investigate the various ways in which the sociology of culture can engage with matters of cultural globalization, cosmopolitanism and transnationalism, investigating both how the sociology of culture can inform thinking about wider globalization issues, and also how the forces and phenomena associated with globalization compel and enable reworkings of established procedures and forms of thought within sociological studies of culture. Overall, papers will demonstrate how globalization and globality are impacting on the means whereby sociologists seek to comprehend what “culture” is, and what cultural forms are taking shape now and in the future.

5. Researching culture: methodological innovations

A very important element of sociological studies of culture is the set of ways in which particular empirical contexts are accessed and data are collected. Indeed, one of the key ways in which the sociology of culture can be differentiated from cultural studies is the nature of sociology's battery of methodological approaches, and the emphasis sociologists typically place on methodological matters in studying specific contexts and phenomena. Consequently, a very important area for debate within the sociology of culture is the degree to which existing methodological approaches can deal effectively with emerging social and cultural conditions. Papers in this session will engage with both critiques of established methodological positions in the field and also novel developments within it. New ways of thinking about methodologically accessing and operationalising cultural matters sociologically will be engaged, with the aim of encouraging reflexive awareness about the strengths and limitations of existing procedures and approaches. “Methodology” is defined widely to encompass both more technical procedures (e.g. innovative statistical methods; new software packages, etc) and also more “philosophical” issues (e.g. what “culture” means within different methodological approaches; how sociology of culture methods relate to broader issues within the philosophy of the social sciences, and so on).

6. Performing Cultures

In recent years, sociological interest in performance has been revitalized and this interest has resonated with a wide range of other disciplines concerned with the study of culture and society. In the performance paradigm, culture is conceived as the medium in which relations and realities are made manifest. It is seen to provide tools and templates, scripts, rhythms, props, metaphors, exemplars and modalities for action and to work in often quasi-conscious and embodied ways. The focus on performance thus encompasses the aesthetic and tacit features of social action and so connects arts sociologies with the sociological study of culture more broadly. We invite contributions that focus on the empirical study of performances as well as theoretical investigations of performance. Topics may include ethnography of communication, the focus on aesthetics in action, embodied features of performance, material cultural ecologies and performance settings and studies of non-verbal performance or any other innovative issues that enrich the performance paradigm.

7. Cultures of conservation and sustainability

Integrated conservation as a well developed theoretical scholarly-professional discourse and multi-disciplinary-oriented platform has gradually become a well accepted general approach to conservation applications in planning at various levels of society. Contemporary theory of conservation calls for common sense for understanding why, and for whom, things are conserved. The contemporary theory of conservation is based on negotiation, on equilibrium, on discussion, and on consensus. Consequently, conservation should leave the expert-only zone to enter *the Trading Zone*, where the objective is to trade to reach an agreement between affected people. The concept integrated conservation, with its material, cultural and social dimensions, enables a model for the identification of appropriate means to deal with contextual and complex issues of planning, interventions and identification of human values related to urban and architectural structures of everyday built environment. In order to be successful, sustainable development with its three dimensions has to proceed from the existing resources of the region, and in this context the cultural heritage is of crucial importance. The concept sustainable conservation has been increasingly recognized and

frequently used during the last period. *The integrated sustainable conservation* approach implies the firm involvement of citizens.

8. Culture and Knowledge

From the point of the new sociology of knowledge, culture has been defined as consisting of knowledge, i.e. socially transmitted meaning. In addition to this basic connection between culture and knowledge, the role of knowledge, knowledge transmission and knowledge production has gained much importance in recent years. Debates on spatial knowledge, knowledge and power, knowledge and discourse, knowledge society and knowledge culture(s) have demonstrated that knowledge has become a topic not only for sociology but also for the society. The session on culture and knowledge, therefore, will focus on the intimate relation between culture and knowledge in the frame of the general question: How is it that knowledge contributes to the cultural construction of social reality. In addition to the topics mentioned above, the papers invited to this session may focus on the theoretical conceptualization of knowledge, on the empirical forms of the social production and transmission of knowledge as well as on the analysis of the role of knowledge in social action, interaction and practices.

We welcome all papers in the sociology of culture more generally, and in particular on the following topics:

Individualism and Collectivism, Culture and politics, Cultural policies, Migration and diasporas, Cultures of Crises, Ritual, Reflexivity, Cultural frames of economics, Identities and cultural differences, Culture spaces, Culture and time, Cultural institution and participation, Cultures of body.

In addition to RN sessions we will hold **joint sessions with other RNs**: RN5, Sociology of Consumption ("Cultural Consumption"); RN2, Sociology of the Arts ("The arts in the creative industries"); RN28, Society and Sports ("Sports and Spirituality"); RN18, Sociology of Communication and Media Research ("Digital Cultures"); and RN34, Sociology of Religion ("Culture and Religion"). Those wishing to submit an abstract for consideration in these sessions are kindly requested to indicate so in their abstract.

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Further members of the programme committee: Pertti Alasuutari Tia de Nora, Thomas S. Eberle, Dick Houtman, David Inglis, Mark Jacobs, Rudi Laermans.

The deadline for proposals is Sunday 25th February 2011. Notification of acceptance will be given by 6th April 2011.

Abstracts should have no more than 250 words, can only be submitted online and must include: 1) name (s) and affiliation (s) of the author(s); 2) contact details of presenting author (postal address, telephone, fax and email address); 3) title of proposed presentation. 4) If your abstract refers to one of the above-mentioned topics, please indicate which one.

Abstracts will be reviewed by peers according to the following criteria:

- Whether the paper will make an original, understandable, and meaningful contribution to sociology of culture debates.
- What research or evidence the paper is based on.
- Which existing theories and concepts the paper is in discussion with.

Please visit the conference website <http://www.esa10thconference.com> where information on the 10th ESA conference is available, including further instructions on abstract submission.

For the website of the research network "Sociology of Culture" please visit:

www.europeansociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=25&Itemid=29

Research Network 8 'DISASTER AND SOCIAL CRISIS'

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011

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Description of the Research network:

The purpose of the Disaster and Social Crisis Research Network (DSCRN) is to promote the research and analysis of disasters and crises in order to promote disaster-resilient communities. We propose to achieve our scientific and social policy goals through several means such as the organization of sessions during the biannual conferences of ESA, the publication of an electronic newsletter and the communication through a webpage. Welcome to visit us at www.dscrn.org!

General call for paper:

The theme of this 10th ESA Conference is 'Social Relations in Turbulent Times' - a topic that concerns our research network in particular. Times become turbulent when crises and disasters occur. Such phenomena can be defined as critical events interrupting a determined social order in time and space, as well as social processes that are forged in the past, evolving in the present and shaping the future.

The Coordinating Committee of the Disaster and Social Crisis Research Network (DSCRN) invites all network members, associated colleagues and all those interested to submit abstracts for any of our sessions outlined. The aim of the sessions is to engage in discussions on relevant theoretical issues that can enhance our understanding of crises and disasters, and to address pressing problems in the field of disaster and crisis management policies and practices.

The DSCRN invites scholars from different disciplines and practitioners from different areas to submit abstracts and share with us their thoughts, research results and experiences. All abstracts will be considered and reviewed by the Coordinating Committee and by the convenor/s of the respective sessions.

Please read the full abstracts of each proposed session at our webpage (www.dscrn.org). Submissions of abstracts are electronic and accomplished through the ESA conference web page. Please check both web pages for all relevant information. The DSCRN Coordinating Committee look forward to read your abstracts and welcome you to our sessions in Geneva!

Specific Session title I: Collective violence and non-violence as alternative strategies for social change - comparative perspectives

Specific Session title II: Disability, society and disasters

Specific Session title III: Disasters, catastrophes and techniques of risk

Specific Session title IV: Impacts and implications of the new international policy for disaster risk reduction

Specific Session title V: Planning for the worst case scenario: policies, politics and practices of disaster risk reduction

Specific Session title VI: Social acceptance criteria for refuge ports for ships in distress in Europe

Specific Session title VII: The environmental movement: A problem or a solution for the current economic crisis

Specific Session title VIII: Theories of social relations in times of uncertainty: Going through existing theories and bringing in new ones

Research Network 9 'ECONOMIC SOCIOLOGY'

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network:

This research network explores all areas of economic sociology - however one wants to define it. Since the inception of the ESRN and its first meeting, held in the context of the Amsterdam ESA conference in 1999 this network, we had more than 400 paper presentations and we are open for new avenues, questions and issues.

General call for paper:

We live in turbulent times indeed. For example, the current economic crisis shows that economic phenomena do not follow an economic logic. And even if there is an economic logic, it has to be understood in social terms. Questions starting from the operational logic of finance more narrowly defined to other areas like social capital, valuation, status, stigma, trust, performativity, and cultural forms, as well as issues relating to the broader impact of the crisis such as the euro, housing markets, migration - all seem crucial for a substantive sociological understanding of the crisis.

Yet the crisis is only one phenomena worth considering these days. This network does not want to restrict itself to the crisis itself, but also invites papers dealing with other phenomena, crises, conflicts and tensions.

Please submit your abstract to our network if you think your interests are somehow related to.

- Economic sociology and sociological theory
- Conflict, tensions and violence in economic sociology
- Sociology of Financial Markets
- Financialiation
- New forms of inequality
- Trust, Networks and Social Capital
- SME and Welfare State
- The consequences of the current economic crisis
- Sociology of Economics and economic thought

Please submit your abstract until **25th February** through the submission platform (www.esa10thconference.com). Letters of Acceptance will be sent on **6th April**.

Please feel free to contact one of the coordinators:
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Research Network 10 'SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION'

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011

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Description of the Research network:

The Sociology of Education Research Network aims at enhancing cooperation between sociologists of education in Europe. Contemporary Europe faces the deep changes in functioning of educational systems. Ongoing expansion of education brings its expected and unexpected outcomes (both positive and negative). Investigation in these processes is one of the most important tasks of sociology of our times. The aim of the SoE RN is to provide a forum for diverse educational research.

General call for paper: Geneva, Switzerland 7-10 September 2010

One of the most prominent characteristics of our times is 'uncertainty'. The world economic crisis is only one of the most visible indicators. The term 'risk society' has become a common place as a kind of a 'pocket dictionary' for social scientists and politicians. Moreover, unclear rules, lack of trust in expertise systems, anomic and uncertain indeed prospects are experienced by citizens of the contemporary western world and are accompanied with political measures that stress individualisation of responsibility' and 'privatisation of concern'. One of the questions then is how all these developments affect education. The last couple of decades, we observe rapid changes and reforms in the institution of education all around the world. In Europe, such is the case both in 'old EU countries' as in 'new member countries', however with important differences. On the one hand, changes are rooted in a social movement built upon social desire and demand for better education; on the other, reforms are purposely initiated by EU policy. It might be the case that education is a kind of a universal solution for social problems and private concerns (in terms of Mills) – recognised as a 'cure' for unemployment, 'tool' for social cohesion, 'investment' in children's future (i.e. parentocracy described by S. Ball). The question one may ask is whether education really fulfils such tasks.

Moreover, questions that could be addressed in a proposed paper are the following: How do education systems (national systems or local schools.) react to turbulent times? (e.g. with regard to burdened social relations, to middle classes at risk, to migration, to growing educational markets, qualifications etc.)? What are the impacts of the financial and social crises on educational systems and quality of educational provision? How do educational decisions of families or students reflect turbulent times and uncertainty?

We invite paper abstracts that deal with theoretical and empirical issues of the subject outlined above. Information about where to send the abstract and important deadlines is to be found on the website of the conference www.esa10thconference.com
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Research Network 11: Sociology of Emotions

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 10th European Sociological Association Conference Geneva, Switzerland September 7-10, 2011

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Description of the Research network:

The Sociology of Emotions Research Network brings together researchers with an interest in emotions who share a range of substantive research themes and draw upon diverse methodologies. The ESA Sociology of Emotions Research Network was formed in May 2004 and is steadily expanding in terms of members, planned and ongoing joint publications and research activities.

General Call for Papers:

Abstracts in the general area of the sociology of emotions, especially those promising advances in theorizing about emotions, are welcome. Please, note that a special session on the role of emotions will be organized together with the network on social movements and collective behaviour. Another joint session might be organized together with Family and Intimate Relationships. Abstract submission will be open on Monday, **10th January 2011** and will be closed on Sunday, **25th February 2011**. The following 7 topics are also strongly encouraged:

Specific Session title I: Emotions & Integration & (Imagined) Communities will address emotions that are of crucial importance for the processes and actions fostering a sense of "belonging", and leading to, shaping and sustaining various types of social collectives, including nations. The focus Here is on the role of emotions in linking micro and macro levels.

Specific Session title II: Social Movements & New & More Complex Emotions: This session will be devoted to theorizing and analyzing social movements whose emotions or emotional repertoire complex and goes beyond the "shame, pride and anger"-set. Contrasts between the emotion(s) attached to the self-image and the emotion(s) attached to the public image of a movement are also of interest.

Specific Session title III: Emotions & the Media: In the context of the global financial crisis the mass media play a pivotal role in framing issues and emotions emanating from "the crash". The rhetoric of fear, panic, anger and guilt parallels the rhetoric of opportunity, hope and regeneration. The session will explore whether there are uniquely national, cultural or even pan-European styles of affectively documenting the present situation.

Specific Session title IV: Emotions & Internet: This session will address emotions expressed via internet (CMC) at three levels of social organization: the micro level of the individual and dyadic relations; the mezzo level of groups, organizations, social movement and community; and at the macro level of society and transnational networks.

Specific Session title V: Methods: In preparation for a planned book on methods and emotions, this session calls for advanced contributions on methods fit or especially developed to unearth and analyze emotions. Emotions emerging during research are also of interest.

Specific Session title VI: Body and Emotions in Action: The body is a medium for expression of emotions. Expressed emotions are part and parcel of experience, interaction and the stories actors told afterwards. Many strategies help control or exploit emotions in body action in order to influence the definition of the situation and steer (inter)action. This session will address the body and emotions in (protest) action.

Specific Session title VII: Immigration, Inegration and Emotions: In the past years Europe has fortified itself against immigration. Some countries even manage to convert themselves into countries of emigration. Yet immigration as such but also “integration” of migrants and their (grand)children remains an object of heated, emotionalized controversies. This session invites abstracts on these topics.

Research Network 12: Environment & Society

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network:

The Environment & Society Research Network (RN12) of the European Sociological Association (ESA) brings together social scientists with a research interest in issues of environment and sustainability. More information on RN12 can be found on our website: <http://www.esa-esn.org>

General Call for Papers:

Among the turbulences confronting societies to date, environmental risks have a prominent place. Concerns about climate change, biodiversity degradation, resource depletion, water management, and urban air pollution are threatening the livelihoods of vulnerable communities, and are pressing the long-term political agendas. In the RN 12 sessions at the ESA conference in Geneva, we explore these issues from theoretical and practical points of view. We invite you to contribute to the sessions and submit abstracts.

Topics addressed in the RN 12 sessions include:

1. Social theory and the environment
2. Climate change and the public
3. Energy and carbon: the new global currencies?
4. Environmental justice and the social pillar of sustainability
5. Consumerism and environment
6. Biotechnology, GMOs and the social sciences
7. Sustainable development of food chains
8. Environmental attitudes, values and awareness.
9. Participation, citizenship and environmental democracy.
10. Science, uncertainty and environmental decision-making.
11. Biodiversity and nature protection
12. Governance of water and social dimensions of water management
13. Education for sustainability and social learning
14. Corporate governance and corporate social responsibility
15. Sustainability and environmental innovations.

We are open to proposals for additional topics, as far as they can be accommodated in the conference schedule. Authors from outside of Europe are especially invited to participate in the sessions.

Abstracts can be submitted through the conference site: www.esa10thconference.com, starting on Monday, 10 January 2011. The deadline for submitting abstracts is Sunday, **25 February 2011**. Review criteria can be found on the RN12 website: www.esa-esn.org.

For proposals for session topics and other questions or comments, please contact the RN 12 coordinator: Kris van Koppen, Social Sciences Department, Wageningen University, Hollandseweg 1, 6706 KN Wageningen, The Netherlands. E-mail: kris.vankoppen@wur.nl

Research Network 13: Families And Intimate Lives

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 10th European Sociological Association Conference Geneva, Switzerland September 7-10, 2011

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Description of the Research network:

The founding members of this research network were Jean Kellerhals and Claudine Attias Donfut, who built up a working group in 1994/95 and then founded the research network on Sociology of the Family (later renamed Sociology of Families and Intimate Lives). Over the last decade, the network has been managed by a group of family sociologists from Switzerland, France, Sweden, the UK, Finland and Portugal, with the coordination of the committee rotating every four years.

General call for paper: Family relations between time and space: What family changes in turbulent times?

The Research Network 13 'Families and Intimate Lives' of the European Sociological Association (ESA) invites submissions on family relations between space and time, contributing to delineate what changes and scenarios are there in turbulent times, for participation to the 10th European Sociological Association Conference which will be held in Geneva-Swiss from 7th September until 11th September 2010.

Time and space represent indeed the two major axes to read family relations and their changes. Studying family relations in space and time gives the researchers the chance to focus on relational, symbolic, and structural aspects that constitute the family, in a dynamic approach, able to identify resources and risks within specific social contexts.

We would like to propose a few sub-topics that may help you understand and develop the main theme:

- Investigating family relations and space in an era of turbulence:

- o Family relations, migration and other forms of spatial mobility
- o Transnational family relations
- o Family relations in public/private spaces
- o Family relations and marginalisation
- o Family relations and social inequalities
- o Family relations and work constraints
- o Family configurations beyond the nuclear family
- o Family policies
- o Family relations and the spaces for care
- o Family relations and urban/public/private spaces
- o Methodologies for investigating family relations in space

- Investigating **family relations and time in an era of turbulence:**

- o Family relations and generations
- o Family relations and gender rapports
- o Same-sex families
- o Post-divorce families
- o Families and social change
- o Individualisation trends and families
- o Family relations and life transitions
- o Methodologies for investigating family relations over time

Abstract submission will be open on Monday, 10th January 2011 and will be closed on Sunday, **25th February 2011**. Abstracts should be submitted directly on the website of the conference at <http://www.esa10thconference.com>

Research Network 14: Gender Relations In The Labour Market And The Welfare State

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
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September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network:

The importance of employment and labour market for the life chances of the members in the European nation states and in the developing common labour market of the European Union is undisputed. The specific and discriminated situation of women is an important reason to study the complex interrelation of the societal and labour market situation (not only) of women.

General call for paper:

In the aftermath of the 'credit crunch', European economies have been experiencing recessions and economic turmoil. Although some countries have already suggested that they have overcome the recession, most nations are still experiencing high unemployment, triggering fear of jobless growth and economic and social problems resulting from high base unemployment. In parallel, the decline of public services means that those facing risk in the labour market are less supported economically and socially. There are indications that a range of sectors, occupations and individuals are affected by the increase in insecurity but past experiences show that women can bear the brunt of economic change, for example by being pushed into a 'reserve army of labour' or into increasingly insecure and flexible employment. What impact does the current/recent recession have across Europe? Are older workers especially affected? Do economic and policy responses to these 'turbulent times' increase pressure on women and/or men in combining work and life? What support is still available to them? How are welfare states changing in response to the developments and what are the implications for women, men, and especially working parents? We invite papers to address all these issues and call for the submission of abstracts.

Abstracts will only be accepted through completion of the online submission form, and submission in any other form will be declined. The Online Abstract Submission form and Instructions and Guidelines for Online Abstract Submissions are available on the conference website:

www.esa10thconference.com

The deadline for web submission of abstracts is Sunday **25 February 2011**. If you are interested in putting together a whole session (up to four papers) or in chairing a session at the conference, please get in touch with the research network organisers.

Research Network 16: Sociology of Health & Illness

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
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RN16 - Health And Healthcare In Europe In Challenging And Uncertain Times

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Description of the Research network:

The Network embraces research on the impact of changing social, cultural and political factors on health within Europe and beyond. This includes but is not limited to themes such health inequalities, health systems, health professions, migration and health, risk, gender and health, ethnicity and health, bioethics, new genetics, embodiment, lay beliefs and illness accounts. Members' interests concern both physical and mental health and encompass theoretical as well as empirical research.

General call for paper:

Radical and ongoing changes within and across the societies of Europe pose new challenges for health and healthcare. The impacts of the global financial crisis, new forms of healthcare governance, more mobile populations and the emergence of new social identities and new moralities have potentially far reaching implications for health and healthcare. Thus the overarching theme of the RN16 sessions is the challenges – and also the new opportunities – that are thrown up by social relations in turbulent times. Questions posed include: the movement of 'global health' is developing apace, what does this mean for how we think about health and healthcare across Europe? Are traditional lines of health equality hardening? What new lines of health inequality are emerging? How is the provision of healthcare and access to care impacted by the global financial crisis? What are the health consequences of mobile populations across Europe? How do new forms of social identity and health-related consumerism impact on concepts of health and the body in different country contexts

As well as the Individual RN sessions listed below we anticipate being involved in two joint sessions with other RNs, as follows i) Remodelling the health professional workforce (with RN19) ii) contemporary sociology of blood – beyond boundaries or purity, danger and institutional control (with RN22 and RN33)

Research Network 16 invites papers that deal with the themes listed in the Call for Sessions. We particularly welcome papers offering a comparative perspectives:

Specific Session title I: Biomedicine and genetics in health and healthcare

Specific Session title II: European healthcare systems: innovations and new paradigms

Specific Session title III: Health inequalities across Europe

Specific Session title IV: Migration and new mobilities: implications for health and wellbeing

Specific Session title V: Culture, identity and health

Specific Session title VI: Globalisation and 'Global health': Europe and beyond

Specific Session title VII: Mental health and new social pathologies

Specific Session title VIII: Consumption, health and the body

Research Network 17: Industrial Relations, Labour Market Institutions And Employment

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network:

The network intends to assemble scholars interested in studies and research on employment, industrial and labour relations and socio-economic governance. The thematic themes of the network range from the traditional areas such as trade unions, employer associations, collective bargaining and industrial conflict to new forms of work organization and interest representation.

General call for paper:

The consequences of the recent financial crash and the following economic crisis on organized labour, i.e. on industrial relations, employment and labour market institutions, is frequently seen as dramatic. However, industrial relations were always heavily exposed to financial and economic shocks and crises. For example, the shocks of the 1970s altered post-war labour relations radically, albeit with notable differences in pace and shape across countries. On the other hand, industrial relations and labour market institutions influenced the way in which this policy shift took place. The interrelationship between crises, turbulent times and industrial relations gives reason to discuss the implications of the crisis for the interaction of industrial relations with the economy and society.

In line with the conference theme, RN 17 is interested in the following questions in context with the current crisis: will industrial relations undergo restructuring processes on a scale similar or even larger than the alterations of the past? To what extent will industrial relations and labour market institutions affect the policy responses and their effects?

In order to explore the theme of the conference as well as other current debates in the field of industrial relations, labour market institutions and employment, this call for papers intends to focus on the **following areas:**

Work and employment in (turbulent) times of the crisis

Labour markets: segmentation and social inequalities. The role of trade unions.

Macro concertation in Europe in times of the crisis: welfare and collective bargaining

Restructuring and workplace labour relations: reorganisation processes and negotiations.

The emergence of a European system of industrial relations: critical current debates

Perspectives for the European social model

New challenges to interest representation (RN17 and RC10).
The resurgence of conflicts: individual and collective forms of labour disputes.

We expect to receive theoretical and empirical (both qualitative and quantitative) papers. Cross-national papers are especially welcome. Please submit your abstracts through the conference website (www.esa10thconference.com), using the online abstract submission form. The abstract submission platform opens on **10th January 2011** and the deadline for submissions is **25th February 2011**. Papers for presentation will be selected by the RN coordinators on 6th April 2011. For further information and registration, please contact the conference secretariat (www.esa10thconference.com).

Stream number 7 is jointly organised by ISA RC10 (Participation, Organizational Democracy and Self-Management) and ESA RN17.

RN 17 coordinators:

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Research Network 18: Sociology of Communications and Media Research

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
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RN18 - Communication Disruptions - European Perspectives On Global Challenges

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Description of the Research network:

The interests of this research network are in fostering research and debate about the social role of communications, information and media in transforming and networking public spheres, and in the sociological analysis of the role of communications in contemporary socio-economic, cultural, political, and technological developments.

General call for paper: Communication Disruptions - European Perspectives on Global Challenges

Long-term social developments whether turbulent or not necessitate personal, mass and network media transformations. Information and Communication Technologies and Media Content Dynamics as well as changes in the ownership and control of media organizations require close observations and sound diagnoses. Media studies in Europe have attempted to tackle these factors and processes in the last decades. The globalization of communications and the enlargement of the European Union have forced media researchers to continuously broaden their horizons and reassess their approaches. Our next Research Network 18 meeting is especially concerned with these changes.

Abstracts are invited for papers to be given at the next meeting of the Network on the 7th to 10th September 2011 that will take place in Geneva. Papers are particularly invited where they address the general theme of the conference.

The first criteria for the selection will be excellence of research and general interest to network and ESA members. We also encourage critical and interdisciplinary approaches aiming to create a dialogue between a broad diversity of social scientific and media culture studies methods and theories.

Presentations will be no more than 20 minutes, though fuller papers will be required for circulation. Work in progress is welcome.

Abstracts, which should be no more than 200 words and include full contact details for the author(s), should be sent to the ESA Conference Website for our RN 18, to be specified there:
<http://www.esa10thconference.com/submission.php>

Abstract submission will be open on Monday, **10th January 2011** and will be closed on Sunday, **25th February 2011**.

We welcome papers with a historic and comparative perspective, allowing for detecting European perspectives on global challenges. We are grateful that we can offer two concluding sessions with two of the other most pertinent research networks, namely on the sociology of culture and on social theory.

Specific Session title I: Political Economy of Media Dynamics

Specific Session title II: Media Continuities and Discontinuities

Specific Session title III: Divided Europe – Antagonistic Media Narratives

Specific Session title IV: The Web versus the Rest: Media Hegemonies

Specific Session title V: Globalizing Europe: Threats to National and European Media Autonomies

Specific Session title VI: (Di-) Visions of Europe

Specific Session title VII: Digital Cultures (with RN 7 “Sociology of Culture”)

Specific Session title VIII: Social theory and mass communication (with RN 29 “Social Theory”)

Research Network 19: Sociology of Professions

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Description of the Research network:

Internationalisation and European integration as well as national reorganisation and an overall change in welfare state models have to a great extent changed the conditions for professions and professional work. Thus, there is vital interest for a research network in the sociology of professions on a European scale. Major aims of the network are: to ensure an institutional context for workshops and meetings and to encourage and organise international research projects.

General call for paper: Whither Professions and Professionalism in Turbulent Times?

Globalising societies are experiencing diverse forms of turbulence, causing diverse and differentiating processes of change concerning both the structure of professional occupations and the discourses of professionalism. There are transformatory changes occurring in the formal institutions that regulate,

order and organise professional work. At the same time, the cultures of work worlds as well as professional identities are changing. Questions engaging researchers include: How do these turbulent times affect the contents of professional work? How does social, political and economic turbulence impact professional discretion? Despite the complex changes it is clear, however, that professions continue to be called upon to play important roles in the management of different kinds of turbulence. Sociologists who study professional occupations and professionalism are in the position to examine and make sense of the new trends that concern the object of their research. They are able to shed light on whether professions in turbulent societies can be seen as troubleshooters or troublemakers, paying attention to the social processes where these social roles are negotiated. Possible session foci include:

* Social insecurity and uncertainty: mobilising professional services and professionalising groups

- Professionalism as a mode of governing in turbulent times
- Reconfigurations of professional work and professionalism
- 'Boundary crossing': professions and management
- Professional knowledge, ethics and integrity in turbulent times
- Innovating the public sector: remodeling professional occupations and organizations
- New inequalities within professional groups and professional systems

* Intersecting 'turbulences' in the globalising professional workforce: gender, race/ethnicity and place

- Shaping of professional selves in turbulent times
- Professional careers and turbulent professional labour markets
- Public sector professions and changing governance
- Remodeling the health professional workforce (joint session with RN16 Health)

We invite papers addressing these and other issues related to changes in professionalism and professional groups either in a single country or occupation or in a comparative perspective. We especially encourage submissions from PhD students.

Submission of the abstract will only be possible through the abstract submission platform of the conference. Abstract submission will open on the **10th of January 2011** and close on the **25th of February 2011**. <http://esa10thconference.com/submission.php>

For information about the conference go to <http://esa10thconference.com/where> detailed information about abstract requirements will also be made available.

Research Network 20: Qualitative Methods

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Description of the Research network:

The goals of the RN 20 are:

- a communication between qualitative researchers (through informing by newsletters and common publications, etc.);
- deliberative integration of researchers representing different orientations in qualitative methods and research (through organizing of conferences, midterms, workshops, direct contacts and cooperation with other ESA Networks and other sociological organizations);
- development of qualitative methods and techniques of research.

General call for paper: Krzysztof Konecki - President
Bernt Schnettler - Vice President

European Sociological Association, Research Network 20, Qualitative Methods, 10th conference, Geneva, 7 – 10 September 2011.

Call for papers

For the past 10 years, the Qualitative Research Network has welcomed the leading experts in the field to discuss cutting edge issues in qualitative research. For Geneva 2011, we invite papers dealing with all aspects of the practice, methodology and ethics of qualitative research.

Among the areas we invite papers are:

- Methods for studying visual data
- The logic of interview and focus group research
- Documentary and textual analysis
- Ethnographic methodologies
- The logic of grounded theory research
- Discourse analysis and critical discourse analysis
- Conversation analysis and ethnomethodology
- Mixed methods
- Making qualitative research credible
- The relationship between qualitative and quantitative research
- Practitioners, policymakers and qualitative research
- Evaluating qualitative research
- Innovations in qualitative methods
- Qualitative market research
- Qualitative action-research
- Qualitative evaluation research
- Ethics of qualitative research
- Applied qualitative research (e.g. applied ethnography)
- Other topics associated with qualitative research

Please note that we are interested in methodological papers, so papers dealing purely with research findings will not be accepted. While the organizers encourage participants to suggest a session for their work, we reserve the right to allocate the accepted papers to whatever sessions we deem most appropriate for the benefit of the total program.

We particularly welcome papers from research students. The Network prides itself on the number of student papers presented in previous years and the sympathetic audience we provide for students.

Abstract submission will be open on Monday, 10th January 2011 and **will be closed on Sunday, 25th February 2011.**

Abstracts will only be accepted through completion of the online submission form, and submission in any other form will be declined. (The Online Abstract Submission form and Instructions and Guidelines for Online Abstract Submissions will be on the conference website:

<http://www.esa10thconference.com/submission.php>)

Research Network 22: Sociology Of Risk And Uncertainty

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network:

The Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty stream exists to stimulate debate about how risk and uncertainty is perceived, constructed, managed and/or neglected by social actors – individuals and organisations – as well as the impact of these responses.

General call for paper: Call for Papers – ESA Conference, Sept 2011 – Geneva, Switzerland

Research Network 22 – Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty

The Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty stream exists to stimulate debate about how risk and uncertainty is perceived, constructed, managed and/or neglected by social actors – individuals and organisations – as well as the impact of these responses. In this sense submitted papers may well have much to say about the overall conference theme – ‘Social Relations in Turbulent Times’.

We are also keen for papers which critically examine the social construction of this turbulence and which interrogate the way risk and uncertainty has been constructed within recent years – for example in relation to financial markets, migration and integration, health risks, environmental concerns, or the fiscal pressures faced by governments. Papers might consider/question the novelty of these pressures, what their emergence says about solidarity and tensions within and between social groups, the ideologies by which blame is apportioned, and the forms of governance which are emerging or revisited. Papers which raise methodological issues, of how risk and uncertainty may most appropriately be investigated within these contexts, are especially welcomed.

Of course we are also keen for papers which address risk and uncertainty in other senses. For example as they relate to social theory, the environment, crime and security, health and healthcare, public participation in decision-making, everyday experiences, the life course, inequalities, technologies, and social policy.

Research Network 23: Sexuality

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network:

The ESA Research Network (RN23) Sexuality was re- established in 2009 with a successful stream of over 60 papers at the 9th ESA Conference in Lisbon. Our goal is to ensure that the study of Sexuality remains at the centre of the European sociological agenda.

General call for paper: Turbulent Sexualities?

During the first decade of the twenty-first century, there have been significant changes in social attitudes, legal frameworks and cultural understandings concerning sexuality across Europe and beyond. Within sociology a vast array of theoretical, methodological and conceptual approaches have been applied to the study of sexuality during this period. However, in turbulent times like those we are living in, when social inequalities tend to deepen and social cohesion is threatened, research agendas are frequently redefined and sociological agendas must be adapted to cope with new ideas and new

social realities. Therefore, it seems important that we ask: what now for sexuality in turbulent times? Will sexuality fade from the sociological and political agenda? Or is a concern with the sexual in fact a mirror of our turbulent times?

We are inviting papers that address sexuality in turbulent times, or turbulent sexualities, in the following list of thematic areas; however this is not an exhaustive list so please feel free to send a proposal not directly linked directly to these themes.

- Sexual citizenship
- Sexuality and the media
- Sexuality and politics
- Regulating sexualities
- Sexuality, age and identity
- Conceptualising and theorising sexualities
- Sexualities and crime
- Sexualities and intimate lives
- Sexuality and the work place
- Teaching sexualities
- Sexuality and health
- Sexualities and globalisation
- Sexualities and space/place
- Methodological innovations

Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be submitted by **25th February 2011** via the ESA submission platform. Abstracts will be blind reviewed and acceptance will be notified by 6th April 2011.

We look forward to seeing you in Geneva in September 2011.

Ann Cronin (Lead Coordinator) and Andrew King (Supporting Coordinator)
RN23 Sexuality Research Network

Research Network 24: Sociology of Science and Technology

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network:

SSTNET provides a European forum for the development, discussion and dissemination of research on all social aspects of science and technology studies. It organizes sessions at the bi-annual ESA general conferences, as well as meetings and conferences between the ESA conferences. It also facilitates research collaboration, joint research projects and publication among scholars and encourages young scholars to participate in its meetings.

General call for paper: Research Network 24 - Sociology of Science and Technology Network (SSTNET)

Social Organization, Participation and Governance in Science and Technology

During the past few years the impact of the financial crisis has had significant consequences on the lives of people around the world. The instability and turbulence created by economic uncertainty has created a need to find ways in which to manage crisis situations and create stability in society. Science and technology have traditionally been perceived as tools through which various governments and institutions attempt to create stability in society. At the same time, however, crises and turbulences, such as environmental problems and climate change, are created by the supposed stability and path-dependence of socio- technical systems. many have argued that participatory governance strategies are needed to de-stabilise and overthrow unsustainable and obdurate socio-technical configurations. Within this context the ambivalent relation between science and society is central in that various forms of social organization of science, research output, public/citizen participation and engagement in decision making, public understanding of science, as well as people's perception and images of science and technology are particularly relevant in relation to new modes and models of governance in research and development. The models and modes of governance in turn are impacted and impact the ways in which social turbulence and instability can be mitigated and controlled, but also in the ways new forms of instability and turbulence are possibly created.

The Sociology of Science and Technology Network (SSTNET) would like to invite papers to its sessions which touch upon the themes of social organization, productivity, governance, participation, perception and images of science and technology and its relation to social relations in turbulent times. This may also touch upon any of the following general themes:

- Governance of science and technology
- Public understanding of science
- Public engagement in science and technology
- Public perceptions of science and technology
- Representations of science in mass media
- User engagement in R&D
- Science and society
- Science and development policies
- Science, climate change and energy policy
- Changes of social organization of science
- Economic crisis and resource allocation in S&T
- S&T productivity
- Developing all human resources in S&T
- the role of women and young researchers

Papers that address these and other topics from a sociological, epistemological/philosophical, anthropological, psychological, historical, economic, informational, bibliometric, scientometric, political and policy perspective are welcomed. We especially encourage submissions from PhD students and people approaching these issues from an interdisciplinary perspective.

The deadline for submitting an abstract is **25.2.2010**. Please visit the ESA conference website <http://www.esa10thconference.com/> where you can find more information on the conference, including further instructions on abstract submission.

For further information please contact RN 24 Co-ordinators: Aaro Tupasela and Katarina Prpić.
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Research Network 25: Social Movements

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network: -

General call for paper:

The purpose of the social movement research network's sessions at the ESA conference in Geneva 2011 is to contribute to the on-going reflection on social movement theory and present up-to-date empirical research on mobilisation in various contexts. Abstracts in the area of social movement theory and interdisciplinary methods are welcome. Please note that one joint session on the role of emotions will be organized together with the network on the Sociology of Emotions. Another joint session might be organized together with Political Sociology. Abstract submission will be open on Monday, 10th January 2011 and will be closed on Sunday, 25th February 2011. The following topics are also strongly encouraged: policing of dissent, new forms of participation, social movements and emotions, media and public sphere, organisational innovation, transnational forms of mobilization, the consequences and outcomes of mobilization, global justice and global environmental issues.

Specific Session title I: The Policing of Dissent and New Forms of Political Participation in Social Movements: The panel will address the policing of dissent in institutional arenas of politics in interaction with movements' alternative practices and cultures of participation in different local, national and transnational arenas inside and outside movements. The focus here is on providing new theoretical insights based on empirical analysis and comparison.

Specific Session title II: Social Movements & New & More Complex Emotions: This session will be devoted to theorizing and analyzing social movements whose emotions or emotional repertoire complex goes beyond the "shame, pride and anger"-set. Contrasts between the emotion(s) attached to the self-image and the emotion(s) attached to the public image of a movement are also of interest.

Specific Session title III: Social Movements, Media and the Public Sphere: At a moment when the internet becomes a hot object of debate about the boundaries of democracy and public opinion, this session will be devoted to theorizing and analyzing innovate practices of protest and the interaction between social movements, mainstream media, and alternative arenas of political communication. Contrasts between different public arenas, visual/discursive media and the role of different languages/cultures of communication uses are also of interest.

Specific Session title IV: Culture, Organizational Innovation and Social Movements: This session explores how cultures of organizational decision-making and knowledge production in institutions are challenged and shaped by social movements. The session also invites work that addresses the role of activists and sociologists within public discourse, rituals of political talk, and academic knowledge production.

Specific Session title V: Politicization, Transnational Protest and Democratic Alternatives: Under which conditions do politicization and protest contribute to a democratization of global and European politics? How do transnational social movements promote democratic alternatives? The panel invites theoretical and empirical work on experiments and practices of democracy in local, national and transnational movements and discursive arenas.

Specific Session title VI: Citizenship, Solidarity and the Crisis of Social Justice in Europe: How do politicians and protesters imagine citizenship and solidarity after the financial and economic crisis? Invited is work on different right-wing, left-wing, social and religious interventions into debates about inclusion, social justice and citizenship in Europe, and comparative work on different case.

Specific Session title VII: Consequences of Contentious Politics: This panel aims to discuss which are the consequences of contentious politics in a comparative perspective. Looking especially, but not exclusively, at those types of mobilization that have been overlooked by social movement scholars interested in outcomes. With these we mean "awkward" movements like right-wing radicals, fundamentalist religious groups, and armed groups. Papers should focus either on political, cultural or biographical outcomes and compare cases either across space (countries, counties, cities, etc.), time,

issues (campaigns, movements, etc.), or a combination thereof.

Specific Session title VIII: Social Movements and the global environment: global environmental issues like global warming, the loss of biodiversity, food security are at the centre of political and public debates and mobilization. This session is devoted to explore local, transnational and multi-level forms of activism and framing on these issues. Both case studies and comparative work are welcome.

Research Network 26: Sociology of Social Policy And Social Welfare

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network:

The aim of the Sociology of Social Policy and Social Welfare network is to provide a broad arena for the discussion, dissemination and development of research on all aspects of social policy and social welfare in Europe, with a particular interest in perspectives rooted in sociology and social theory. Research agenda includes the analysis of welfare institutions, organisations and policies throughout the enlarged Europe, as well as the nature of human well-being and social citizenship.

General call for paper

Research Network 26 (RN 26 ESA): Sociology of Social Policy and Social Welfare

The aim of the Sociology of Social Policy and Social Welfare network is to provide a broad arena for the discussion, dissemination and development of research on all aspects of social policy and social welfare in Europe, with a particular interest in perspectives rooted in sociology and social theory. Our research agenda includes the analysis of welfare institutions, organisations and policies throughout the enlarged Europe, including their material and symbolic impacts, as well as the nature of human well-being and social citizenship. We are dealing with social welfare in a broad sense, including fields such as social work or health care.

For this conference, we invite papers on both a particular topic which intersects with the general theme of the conference, on the one hand, and timely issues regarding social policy and welfare provision and explored from a (visible) sociological perspective, on the other. Of the eight sessions of the RN, four will be devoted to each of these 'sub-streams'.

The particular theme is labelled '**Social relations and social welfare provision – dynamics and tensions in contemporary European societies**'. A key issue here is the way in which prominent patterns of social relations (at work, in the family, throughout civil society, within organizations) relevant to social welfare provision have evolved over the last years or decades, and with which impact on, or challenges for, the design on welfare state institutions. One point of departure could be those turbulent times many European countries have been facing due to the recent financial turmoil. Are there social conflicts arising from this turmoil? And how does this turmoil connect with broader social developments, such as the crisis of middle classes or the re-gendering of the welfare state? Does the 'public spirit' around social policies change, e.g. in the sense that larger sections of society (politics, civic organizations, the public sphere) express concerns about the poor urged to pay the price for the 'carelessness' of the rich?

The debate will be stimulated by contributions tackling these questions in more general terms. It will then turn to particular fields of social policy and social welfare provision. Towards the end of the four

sessions, the network coordinators will make an attempt to review the contributions under the headline selected for this stream.

The *open stream*, labeled: '**Sociological perspectives on welfare (states)**', will be organized around themes emerging from the papers submitted to (and accepted by) the coordinators. Particular attention will be paid to the sociological perspectives and concepts used in researching and analyzing issues concerning social policy and social welfare provision. For each paper in this stream, discussants will present short comments. We particularly welcome contributions from early stage researchers and doctoral students who are warmly invited to join the network.

Please send an outline of about one page to the conference homepage, indicating the preferred substream, the sociological approach, methods and purpose of the work to be presented, not later than by **February 25th**.

Specific Session title I: Social relations and social welfare provision – dynamics and tensions in contemporary European societies

Specific Session title II: Sociological perspectives on welfare (states)

Research Network 27 – Southern European Societies

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network:

As the American-born "crisis" unfolds and hits Europe, as Southern European societies such as Greece and Portugal - but also other European societies such as Iceland, Ireland, Britain... - suffer from the wrongdoings of their financial actors and perhaps governments, as Spain and France are said to be next in line, the time has come perhaps to ask the right questions and to focus on core issues.

General call for paper:

For instance: which concrete actors stand behind "the markets" ? Which particular "creative practices" - such as the "subprime" initiatives of U.S. financial firms - led to the present crisis, including real-estate practices of some European banks which "their" governments supported? Why are European salaried populations being asked to foot the bill for the devastating consequences of "their" financial elites' practices? Is this the logical continuation of the ultra-liberal program of deregulation, privatisation, and priority to "excellence" which was initiated in the US and Britain by Thatcher and Reagan during the eighties? Deregulation - also called structural reforms in ultraliberal newspeak - means rolling back social rights which have been acquired after decades of social struggles, and giving all freedoms to banks, industrial and financial firms; privatisation means entrusting public services - such as British Rail - and the public good generally to private companies; priority to excellence means organising free-for-all competition between institutions (e.g. hospitals, schools, universities, pension funds...) and ending up with the "winner-takes-all" principle.

As it has been abundantly documented for U.S. society (e.g. by Paul Krugman), the ultraliberal program resulted in making the poor poorer, the middle classes shrinking, the rich richer; and the super-rich, super-richer. It seems that European power elites go along with such a program; but should the salaried European populations follow? This program was supposed to make the U.S. and British economies "more competitive"; did it so? What do European left parties have to say about it?

We are well aware that economists and political scientists are more versed into such issues than sociologists. But they are also closer, and perhaps too close to business and political elites. Sociologists are closer to civil societies and their (sporadic) mobilisations; but hopefully they will have something to contribute.

Hence our Call for papers. Of course we are open in RN 27 to all kinds of topics dealing with Southern European societies: topics such as class structure and social mobility, changes in the sexual division of labour, immigration and especially integration policies (e.g. multicultural vs. intercultural ones), healthcare issues, education issues, unemployment issues (especially for youths); and the issue of the "Bologna process" academic reform which is of particular relevance to us as statutory or would-be academics.

But given that our societies are indeed passing through "turbulent times" - which may last a long time, see the 1929 Great Depression or the "lost decade" in Japan, which this country is still enduring - we would like presenters to focus if can be on the origins, causes and dynamics of the phenomena they are studying.

Thus we shall give priority to comparative research with other European countries (whether they belong to Southern, North-Western, Central, Northern or Eastern Europe), for we believe with Weber that the best sociology is comparative. We shall give priority to research documenting the resistances to and mobilisations against the ultraliberal programme; and to power elite studies.

Admittedly this is not a "neutral" call for papers. But we believe that (political) neutrality is once more at odds with the ultimate goal of straining towards objectivity (which too often is confused with "neutrality"). Looking at the forces which do shape the contemporary world is certainly not "neutral"; but we believe it is in complete accordance with the aim of making sociological research strive for discovering which objective forces, which social processes and which resistances of "weak actors" contribute in shaping it.

To send your abstract, please follow the ESA requests; that is, connect after January 10th to the ESA Submission platform www.esa10thconference.com. The "time window" for sending it will be opened by ESA on January 10th only, and will be closed on **February 25th**.

Be kind enough to also send it directly to Daniel Bertaux (Coordinator of RN 27), Ana Romao and Andrea Vargiu (Co-coordinators): daniel.beraux@misha.fr, anaromao74@gmail.com, larvanet@tin.it.

According to the specifications of the Conference organisers, RN 27 will have eight slots of one and a half hour during the Conference. We are supposed to select no more than four papers for each slot. If we receive and select more than 24 proposals we may either give the other papers the status of "distributed papers" (as recommended by organisers); or dedicate one time-slot of our program to a poster session (our preference); or set up parallel sessions.

Research Network 28 – Society And Sports

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network:

Involving millions of European citizens, the emotions of sport and physical activity contribute to shape interaction models, accomplish socialization processes, express local, national and transnational identities and senses of belonging.

The Research Network 28 "Society and Sports" aims at encouraging and supporting research within this highly relevant field, serving as a forum for exchange, collaboration and sharing among sociologists of sport and those with overlapping interests.

**General call for paper:
Sports and Social Relations in Turbulent Times**

The RN Society and Sports invites papers for the Esa conference to be held in Geneva in September 2011. As highlighted in the conference theme, the financial crisis is posing new challenges to the European societies, opening the way to many possible transformations. Established practices and institutions may crumble and die and new configurations and alliances may rise.

How are these dynamics reflected in the field of sports, physical activities and body cultures? How will the sphere of sport face the challenges coming from the financial crisis? What models for sport will be sustainable in the future? Are alternatives for the current sport policies necessary? To what extent are post-crisis developments in the context of sport specific when compared to the spheres of economics and politics? To what extent can be the evidence from sport transposed to other spheres of social and cultural life?

The RN Society and Sports invites papers exploring these and other questions from all areas of the sociology of sport. In particular, we are interested in papers that focus on one of the following areas:

- Sport, development and peace
- Sport and social inclusion
- Physical activity and neoliberal governance
- Sport and media
- Professional sports
- Alternative sports
- Social theory and sport (joint session with the RN 29 Social Theory)
- Sport and religion/spirituality (joint session with the RN 7 Sociology of Culture)

Papers focusing on different topics are also welcome.

The **deadline** for abstract submission is **25th February 2011**. Notification of acceptance will be given by 6th April 2011.

The deadline for sending full written papers to RN/RS and LOC is **15th July 2011**. Full papers which are not submitted until this date will not be considered for publication. Submission of full papers is not mandatory.

Abstracts should have no more than 300 words, can only be **submitted online** at:
<http://www.esa10thconference.com/submission.php>

They must include: 1) name (s) and affiliation (s) of the author(s); 2) contact details of presenting author (postal address, telephone, fax and email address); 3) title of proposed presentation. 4) If your abstract refers to one of the above-mentioned topics, please indicate which one.

Abstracts will be reviewed by peers according to the following criteria:

- Whether the paper will make an original, understandable, and meaningful contribution to sociology of sport debates.
- What research or evidence the paper is based on.
- Which existing theories and concepts the paper deals with.

Specific Session title I: Sport, development and peace

Specific Session title II: Sport and social inclusion

Specific Session title III: Physical activity and neoliberal governance

Specific Session title IV: Sport and media

Specific Session title V: Professional sports

Specific Session title VI: Alternative sports

Specific Session title VII: Social theory and sport (joint session with the RN 29 Social Theory)

Specific Session title VIII: Sport and religion/spirituality (joint session with the RN 7 Sociology of Culture)

Research Network 29 – Social Theory

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network:

Social theory resp. sociological theory in the European tradition is central to sociology. Against sociology's internal fragmentation, it aims at exploring the theoretical underpinnings of the big and significant questions of macrohistorical change, e.g. global transformations. And, more generally, social theory pervades the discipline by offering concepts and ontologies that provide soc. research with conceptual and methodological tools. The RN supports debates, communication & collaboration.

General call for paper:

Global transformations have an impact on their sociological and public interpretations. The conference theme Social Relations in Turbulent Times therefore invites social theorists to explore the theoretical underpinnings of the debate about the historical roots and the social impact of the dramatic current global turbulences. - Not foreseeing the worst economic crisis of the present globalized era, economists are often blamed for having lost sight of social reality. But have sociologists done better? Didn't major contemporary sociologists eclipse the economy in their analyses since the discipline moved from the social to the cultural paradigm?

Papers that address the general conference theme will be particularly welcome. Contemporary and classical theory, both will be relevant. The Social Theory Research Network further invites proposals that will contribute to our ongoing debates (streams, see below) or introduce new ideas to our network members and conference participants. Thematic sessions will be arranged based on the supply of papers and themes. However, we particularly encourage submissions addressing the following themes, including joint sessions with other RNs (see 11., 12.), that also continue the ongoing discussions of the RN:

Social Relations in Turbulent Times

1. The Global Economic Crisis and Social Theory
2. Time, Future and Politics

Sociology - Where to Go?

3. Social Theory After the Crisis - Back to the Roots or Forward to Where? Turbulent Times and their Sociology
4. Critique of Sociology – Sociology of Critique

Social and Critical Theory

5. Contemporary and Classical Social Theory
6. The Past and Future of Critical Theory

Philosophy of Social Science

7. 'Social Theory' or 'Sociological Theory'?
8. Philosophies of Social Science

Challenges

9. 'Geneva' session: Jean Piaget's Contribution to Sociology
10. Cultural Sociology and Cosmopolitanism

Joint Paper Sessions

11. Social Theory and Mass Communication (joint session with RN18 Sociology of Communications and Media Research)
12. Social Theory and Sport (joint session with RN28 Society and Sports)

ABSTRACTS should not exceed 200 words and should include full contact details of the author. The web submission system and the final submission deadline (25th Feb. 2011) is organized by the Local Conference Organizers but proposals will be evaluated and selected by the Research Network.

SESSION slots will be of 1.5 hours duration. There will be no more than 4 papers to be presented in each session (allocated time per presentation: 20 min. incl. discussion). Session chairs will be prepared for the real role of moderator, including the active promotion of debate. As always, if there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Further information: www.social-theory.eu

Specific Session title I: Social Relations in Turbulent Times (1/The Global Economic Crisis and Social Theory; 2/Time, Future and Politics)

Specific Session title II: Social Theory After the Crisis - Back to the Roots or Forward to Where? Turbulent Times and their Sociology (3)

Specific Session title III: Critique of Sociology – Sociology of Critique (4)

Specific Session title IV: Social and Critical Theory (5/Contemporary and Classical Social Theory; 6/The Past and Future of Critical Theory)

Specific Session title V: Philosophy of Social Science (7/'Social Theory' or 'Sociological Theory'?; 8/Philosophies of Social Science)

Specific Session title VI: Challenges (9/'Geneva' session: Jean Piaget's Contribution to Sociology; 10/Cultural Sociology and Cosmopolitanism)

Specific Session title VII: Social Theory and Mass Communication (joint session with RN18 Sociology of Communications and Media Research; 11)

Specific Session title VIII: Social Theory and Sport (joint session with RN28 Society and Sports; 12)

Research Network 30: Youth and Generation

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network:

The Youth and Generation network is one of the largest of the ESA research networks. It aims to provide a forum for the discussion and dissemination of youth research in Europe as well as a platform for the development of research on all aspects of young people's lives.

General Call for paper: social relations in turbulent times

As counties across Europe face the on-going impact of the current global recession it has been suggested that young people will continue to feel some of the most dramatic and damaging effects. Fresh talk of a 'lost generation' of young people has reignited older fears about the potential risks and vulnerabilities that young people face. At the same time there is a widespread view that young people can themselves also impose risks on wider societies, through their actions, behaviours and lifestyle choices. Even in more buoyant economic circumstances it is widely known that some young people face transitions to adulthood which are fraught with difficulty, inequality and risk. In these new and challenging economic times, these sorts of questions - as well as other newer questions - are ever more pressing. At a time when many young people - as well as older groups too - across many counties, are taking to the streets in noisy and sometimes violent protest at government spending cuts youth researchers face numerous pressing questions about the impact - or otherwise - on young people's lives.

We invite the submission of papers which address any aspects of young people's identities and experiences and the following are indicative suggestions -

- Global recession and its impact on young people
- Social divisions and social mobility
- Youth identities
- Youth subculture and 'post-subculture'
- Young people and political participation in Europe
- Education and learning
- Employment, unemployment and under-employment
- Culture, consumption and leisure
- Multiculturalism, ethnicity and migration
- Mobility and place, local and global contexts
- Health and well-being
- Drugs, alcohol and addiction
- Young people and criminality
- Gender and sexuality
- Young people, relationships and the family
- Young parenthood
- Young people and religion

Abstract submission

Abstracts of no more than 300 words are invited. Please submit your abstract on-line at the conference web site via the following web address www.esa10thconference.com. The final date for the submission of abstracts is **25th February 2011**. You will be notified as to whether your paper has been accepted or not on or soon after **6th April 2011**

30th April 2011 Closing of the Early-bird conference registration.

15th June 2011 Final date for registration by paper givers (otherwise paper will be withdrawn from the conference programme).

Research Network 31: Ethnic Relations, Racism and Antisemitism

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network:

The perspective of this network is to expand sociological research on racism by bridging the divide between ethnic relations, racism and anti-Semitism, in the sense of exploring their correspondences, contiguities and contrasts.

General call for paper: The 10th Conference of the European Sociological Association will be held in Geneva 7th-10th September 2011 on the topic "Social Relations in Turbulent Times" (<http://esa10thconference.com/>)

The ESA Network on Ethnic Relations, Racism and Antisemitism invites submissions of papers. Our sessions will, broadly speaking, attempt to contribute to the questions raised by this general theme. We will also hold sessions that focus on methods and methodology for researching the fields of racism and antisemitism.

Indeed, during the Lisbon ESA Conference and Belfast meeting we stressed the need to start a common reflection on methodologies and techniques to research in the field of racism, anti-Semitism and race relations. Even though theoretical reflection on these topics has reached a high level of common scientific understanding methodologies used for research are often still unclear, naive, or even nonexistent.

As suggested by Bulmer and Solomos, a roomy theoretical debate does not match an equally extensive discussion upon methodology. This situation is also surprising given the high politicization and deep controversies that have arisen in recent years on these topics (M. Bulmer and J. Solomos, *Researching Race and Racism*, Routledge, Milton Park, 2004). But perhaps it is precisely because of this widespread politicization of research on racism, antisemitism, and Islamophobia that methodological problems have been kept at a distance.

When we look for an explanation of the social realm, in particular for a sensitive topic such as racism, it is important to make clear our research design and why we have chosen those methodologies for gathering experiences and data. In fact, only by this reflexivity can we better understand both the logic of research construction and the interpretation of data.

It is not always easy to translate the theoretical categories in research tools, as is often surprisingly difficult to operationalize the concepts to collect empirical data to identify the how, where, when, and who of racism. These notes are intended to suggest some paths for reflection on these issues, while avoiding taking a stance of obsessive concern with method. It is not our intention to open a chapter on the neutrality of research, because this has never existed in absolute terms. We just mean that when we do research we should adopt criticism and self-reflection on both our work and on that of others. We must use a constructive scepticism, using the rule of doubt, even where consistency, links, and explanations are very clear.

The disciplines involved in who could take care to study racism, antisemitism, prejudice, xenophobia, discrimination, and race relations are manifold. Sociology and anthropology, which first engaged on these issues, have been added to over time by disciplines such as history, psychology, semiotics, political science, statistics, geography, and philosophy. Each of these disciplines uses its specific

tools of analysis and research, developed in the course of an internal and long series of adjustments, comparisons and reflections. They should guide us in doing research or still suggest a more careful attention of how the data were collected, analyzed, interpreted and presented. We are more concerned to identify the phenomenal field to be investigated and from which to take the information than a strict division of methods based on these disciplines.

This is essentially an initial conversation that aims to bring together and to solicit members of the RN to consider the problems arising from doing research. We invite all of you who are engaged in this kind of research and scholarship to submit papers to the Research Network to share ideas, experiences and findings.

Abstract submission will be open on Monday, 10th January 2011 on www.esa10thconference.com and will be closed on Sunday, **25th February 2011**. Please share this call with colleagues of yours who might be interested in contributing.

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Research Network 32: Political Sociology

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
Geneva, Switzerland
September 7-10, 2011**

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Description of the Research network:

The ESA Political Sociology research network is a site for debate on the ongoing transformation of political order and authority in Europe at all levels of governance.

General call for paper:

The general theme this year “social relations in turbulent times” requires us to reflect critically on the political dynamics that generate this perception and the type of political solutions that are offered by various political actors and in various policy sectors. We associate troubled times with inequality and tense social relations and thus with social insecurity, and therefore political sociology would predict that populism and nationalism may prosper but also various forms of political mobilization although anomie is also possible. Crises can degenerate into “moral panic” in which xenophobia and racism are on the rise, with calls for a closed access to citizenship especially for poor urban neighbourhoods and migrants. The role of the media in heightening fears or assuaging the public must be taken into account in studying political communication. Economic downturns do not affect all social groups in a similar way and the elite/mass opinion gap and the gender gap may widen in “turbulent times”. This requires us to study the evolution of public opinion, and the ways in which political parties respond in turbulent times, and new forms of political leadership emerge. While some political actors may feel that turbulence is an opportunity; others may feel that some policy issues will be put on the back burner as non-essential. This might especially include policy agendas associated with post-materialist values. In other words, to understand turbulent times, we must revisit some of the key concepts and research agendas of political sociology and do so with a comparative and historical perspective to step back from the distorting mirror of the present times as portrayed by the media and the political actors we study

One feature of the recent financial crisis is that it has directly threatened solidarity among EU member states and brought about discussion on the viability of the Euro and of the integration process as a

whole. Political sociologists should thus think of the recent period with a comparative perspective in mind but also study the ways in which there has been a European framing of the crisis or different debates in national public spheres and how EU institutional and civil society actors have positioned themselves. This does not mean neglecting other levels of political action, in particular local policies given that municipalities are often at the forefront when having to face urban segregation and increasing demands in social services during economic turbulences.

For the next ESA Conference, we thus welcome submissions of abstracts to the following streams (The organizer of each stream is the board member indicated next to the stream title):

- Political Representation (Carlo Ruzza - Network Co-Organizer)
- Active Citizenship, EU-level and International Civil Society (Carlo Ruzza)
- The state and the political impact of the recent economic crisis (Carlo Ruzza)
- Citizenship (Virginie Guiraudon - Network Co-Organizer)
- Emerging patterns of political leadership in Europe (Mauro Barisione)
- New vs. old forms of public opinion and political participation in Europe (Mauro Barisione)
- Populism, nationalism and the extreme right (Dietmar Loch)
- Citizenship and migrants (several board members will collaborate)
- Urban studies: urban segregation, local politics and urban governance (several board members will collaborate)
- Elite/citizens perceptions and relations (several board members will collaborate)
- Gender and politics stream (our contact Cristian Norocel)
- New media and political communication (Hans-Joerg Trenz)
- Democracy and political participation, citizenship and social movements in Europe (joint stream with the Social Movements section)

Nota bene: for the Gender and politics stream, our board member with liaison with the Gender Research group.

Research Network 33: Women's and Gender Studies

CALL FOR PAPERS

**The 10th European Sociological Association Conference
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Description of the Research network / Research stream / PhD Programme:

RN33 promotes international research into social inequalities and the regimes of power that shape gender relations as well as symbolic constructions and representations of masculinity and femininity

in the past and at present.

General call for paper:

RN 33 promotes international research into social inequalities and the regimes of power that shape gender relations as well as symbolic constructions and representations of masculinity and femininity in the past and at present. Research should address the ruptures and non- synchronic developments in social reality, especially among European societies and within Europe as a whole with its nested and gendered concept of citizenship. While gender equality is a general aim of European policies, women are still empirically disadvantaged on a large scale. Moreover, differences in representation and social inequalities among women in European societies are important issues of social research. The activities of RN 33 at the Geneva Conference will be organized in the following thematic sessions:

1.a .Changing Gender Relations in Transnational Families (Chair: Ursula Apitzsch in collaboration with RS 10)

1.b. Is there a Backlash of Women's Movements? (Chair: Mechthild Bereswill/ Costanza Tobio)

2. Gender In the EU Accession Process of Turkey: Obstacles and Opportunities (Chair: Nilay Çabuk/ Dilek Cindoglu)

3. Violence Against Women: Evaluating Policies and Services (Chair: Consuelo Corradi)

4. Gendering Social Citizenship: Work and Care Issues (Chair : Marie-Thérèse Letablier)

5. Challenging Hegemonic Masculinity in Changing Labour Market Structures (Chair: Michael Meuser)

6. Contemporary Girls, Embodiment and Social Change (Chair: Elina Oinas)

7. Challenges of Social Theory in Gender Studies (Chair: Harriet Silius)

8. Femicide: An Increasing Phenomenon? (Chair: Shalva Weil)

Specific Session title I: 1.a .Changing Gender Relations in Transnational Families
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Specific Session title V: 5. Challenging Hegemonic Masculinity in Changing Labour Market Structures (Chair: Michael Meuser)

Specific Session title VI: 6. Contemporary Girls, Embodiment and Social Change (Chair: Elina Oinas)

Specific Session title VII: 7. Challenges of Social Theory in Gender Studies (Chair: Harriet Silius)

Specific Session title VIII: 8. Femicide: An Increasing Phenomenon? (Chair: Shalva Weil)

Research Network 34: Sociology Of Religion

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Description of the Research network:

The RN 34 Sociology of Religion is a new RN within ESA which will hold its first session as a RN in Geneva. The RN aims at contributing to a truly European discussion on the state of religion in Europe, thereby also providing a forum to the various research endeavours on the European level. In doing so, it wants to allow for the diversity of voices particularly of European sociological approaches to the Sociology of Religion and to address the broad variety of the religious situation in Europe.

General call for paper: In relation to the general theme of the ESA conference, "Social Relations in Turbulent Times", the RN 34 Sociology of Religion want to invite **papers focusing on the changing role and status of religion in contemporary societies.**

The topic includes the transformation of contemporary religion, religion in the public sphere, religion and ethnicity, changes of religious organization, dynamics and transformation of beliefs, religion and emotion, religion and social theory, religion and migration. religion and culture (in cooperation with the Sociology of Culture Research Network) and the qualitative religious research.

We particularly encourage young researchers to participate.

We look forward to your abstracts. We look forward to meeting you in Geneva

Abstract submission will be open on Monday, 10th January 2011 and will be closed on Sunday, **25th February 2011.**

Abstracts will only be accepted through completion of the online submission form, and submission in any other form will be declined. (The Online Abstract Submission form and Instructions and Guidelines for Online Abstract Submissions will be on the conference website: <http://www.esa10thconference.com/submission.php>).

The submission form will limit the title of the abstract to 200 characters and the length of the abstract to a maximum of **350 words**. The form also requests authors to submit up to **5 key words** that are indicative of the content of the proposed presentation. Title, abstract and keywords will have to fit within these limitations. Tables, figures and references should not be included in abstracts.

Research Network 35 Sociology Of Migration

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Description of the Research network:

The newly founded Research Network 35 "Sociology of Migration" provides a platform for all scholars who are dealing with questions of immigration and emigration, integration and diversity within Europe. The RN wants to offer a platform to further the theoretical and methodological understanding of migration processes and their impacts on societies. Comparative European research, integration of different methodologies and inter-disciplinarity are three major pillars on which the RN is based.

General call for paper:

Europe is characterised in diverse ways through immigration and emigration and societal change due to global processes in "Turbulent Times". In order to promote a high quality of the discussions, all papers have to be submitted via email (elisabeth.scheibelhofer@univie.ac.at) until July 30th 2011 to be circulated to the session organisers. For a detailed description of the sessions please go to: http://www.europeansociology.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=253&Itemid=29

1. Global governance of migration and global social inequalities (chairs: Catherine de Wenden, Christoph Reinprecht)

How far is global governance of migration able to answer the managing of migration in a period of crisis? The papers aim at local, national or regional effects of gaps between economic, political and human rights policies and practices; analyses of multi-level approaches of decision making processes in Europe; the structure of global social inequalities.

2. European immigration between needs and fears (chair: Joaquín Arango)

Immigration and diversity are perceived as threats in many European countries. Xenophobic parties are on the rise while the needs stemming from ageing societies are obvious. Which are the determinants of this state of public discussion and perception? Are these trends contingent upon the turbulence of the times or are they likely to outlast the crisis?

3. Migration and shifting boundaries of belonging (chair: Ludger Pries)

Collective actors such as migrant organizations, public authorities and the media play a crucial role in ascribing socially relevant markers to oneself and to others and thus challenging established notions of belonging. The focus is on the mechanisms of boundary making; the relevant collective social actors involved; the 'organizational field' and environment and its impact.

4. Institutional sorting and immigrant integration (chair: Andreas Wimmer)

The focus of this session is on the consequences of different institutional arrangements: How are migrants selected by immigration policies, sorted by educational and labour market systems and how do these institutional effects produce different trajectories of immigrant incorporation across countries?

5. Diasporic Cosmopolitanism: Rethinking Migration, Cities, and Transnationality (chairs: Nina Glick Schiller and Encarnación Gutiérrez Rodríguez)

With this session we would like to incite a debate which challenges the dominant ethnic lens and conceptions of culturally homogenous and isolated communities within urban and policy contexts. We are interested in exploring the multiplicity of diasporic identities and social relationships that reflect differentiated experiences of e.g. gender, class, place of origin and generation.

6. Gendering migration in times of crisis (chair: Mirjana Morokvasic)

Considering that times of crisis (can) act as a magnifying glass of social realities exacerbating existing trends, we invite contributions which adopt a gender perspective to examine recent migration policies, migration patterns and experiences in Europe (with a specific focus on South and Central-East European migration spaces).

7. Inclusion and exclusion of young adult immigrants in Europe (chair: Katrine Fangen)

Researchers are invited to present papers discussing the situation of young adult immigrants focusing on the forms of inclusion/exclusion experienced in different arenas (labour market, school, family, peer group, neighborhood). Questions of mechanisms to change status and of strategies when confronted with exclusion will be addressed.

8. New Facets of Intra-European Migration (chair: Roland Verwiebe)

Papers are welcome which help to understand the reasons why migrants move within the European migration space taking also social networks and specific groups into account. Moreover, analyses are welcome which deal with impact factors like education, gender, age, household composition, nationality have for the course of migrations processes.

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