Economic sociology studies how economic decisions are socially embedded. Economic sociologists study social processes on all levels of analysis. Thanks to this line of research, we know more about transformations in social life at micro, meso or macro level. Economic sociology focuses on socially defined categories, social-political institutions, practices, relations and the ways economic actors use such socially defined tools for coping with reality so that they can be seen as a tool that enables and simultaneously restricts agency. For economic sociology, one of the most interesting forms of social action are exchanges because they embed and reproduce social relations and institutions, facilitate economic processes and outcomes.

The ESA Research Network 09 Economic Sociology Mid-Term Conference is going to be held in Warsaw, one of the largest cities of Eastern Europe, a region that recently went through large-scale transformation from a planned economy to a free-market one. The region became the laboratory for neo-liberal experiments which influenced the labor market, industrial relations, the social-institutional embeddedness of the economy and the way other areas of social and political life are organized.

We invite economic sociologists to the two-stage process of the conference submission. First, we invite the submissions of session proposals covering various aspects of economic sociology and neighboring social sciences. These should be sent no later than January 15th 2020 to the following e-mail address: molcon-kubicka@ifispan.waw.pl and should not exceed 150 words. We welcome proposals related to all the mentioned themes reaching from the way social-political institutions and relations work and trigger transformation processes, frame exchange relations to other current research interests and hot topics of economic sociologists (such as theorizing, economization, financialization).

A complete list of sessions will be announced at the beginning of 2020. The submission of paper proposals will be open until 2020-04-30. The abstracts of the papers should not be longer than 300 words. Thanks to the support of the European Sociological Association, we will be able to support a couple of early career researchers (PhD students and early-stage postdocs) with travel grants. The applications for travel grants ought to include an extended abstract (of not more than 1000 words).

Time-frame:

2020-01-15 – Deadline for submitting the Session Proposals
2020-01-31 – Announcement of the accepted sessions
2020-04-30 – Deadline for submitting the abstracts of presentations
2020-05-31 – Announcement about acceptance of presentations
2020-07-31 – Deadline for registration
2020-09-7-9 – Mid-Term Conference in Warsaw, Poland
Organizers:
European Sociological Association, RN09 Economic Sociology
Polish Sociological Association, Section of Economic Sociology
University of Warsaw, Faculty of Applied Social Sciences and Resocialisation
Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology

Venue:
University of Warsaw Library (BUW) [LINK]

Local Organization:
Marta Olcoń-Kubicka (molcon-kubicka@ifispan.waw.pl), Mikołaj Pawlak (mikolajpawlak@uw.edu.pl)