"Researching Risk and Uncertainty"
Intensive workshop for PhD students by Jens Zinn

2nd-3rd October, 2018

Kaunas University of Technology (KTU), Kaunas, Lithuania

A two-day workshop precedes the Mid-term conference of RN22 that gives PhD students the opportunity to discuss their research with experienced risk scholars such as Prof. Jens Zinn and Prof. Anna Olofsson.

The PhD workshop will provide participants with a wider understanding of the theoretical foundations and practice of social sciences risk research. Dr. Jens Zinn will give introductory lectures into conceptual frameworks and research strategies on risk while most of the time will be used to discuss the research of the participants. The workshop is intended for PhD students in the social sciences interested in a sociological approach to risk.

**Jens O. Zinn** is Associate Professor in Sociology in the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne (Australia). He founded two international risk networks within the International Sociological Association (ISA) in 2006 (TG04) and within the European Sociological Association (ESA) in 2005 (RN22) and was President of these networks for many years. Most well-known publications are Social theories of risk and uncertainty with Blackwell (2008), Heading into the unknown: Everyday strategies for managing risk and uncertainty (2008) in Health, Risk & Society. With P. Taylor-Gooby he published Risk in social science (2006) with Oxford University Press.

**Academic mentor:**
**Anna Olofsson:** Professor in Sociology, Director of Risk and Crisis center, Mid Sweden University. She is a Board Member of the interdisciplinary research network ‘Society for Risk Analysis Europe’, the thematic group 'Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty' which is part of the International Sociological Association and member of the Scientific Council of the Swedish interdisciplinary research network ‘Riskkollegiet’. She has published on topics across sociological risk research in for example Current Sociology, Health, Risk & Society, Critical Discourse Studies, Risk Analysis and Environment and Behavior.
**Application:**
Please send a 1000 word extended abstract (exclusive references) which outlines your research project (Research problem, Aim/Hypothesis, conceptual framework, methodology/methods, research design, expected outcomes, key references) plus full name, institution, and the author(s) contacts to riskworkshop2018@gmail.com **by 20th May, 2018.** You will be notified of acceptance **by 1st June, 2018.**

The number of participants is restricted to 16. All participants have to submit papers of 3000-5000 words by 31 August 2018. Language of the workshop is English.

**Fee**
The fee of €200 (for members of ESA, €250 for non-members) includes coffee, lunch (Tuesday, Wednesday) and dinner (Tuesday evening), and course readings (electronic). The fee also covers the participation in Mid-term conference of RN22 “Complexities of Risk and Uncertainty”, to be held 4-5th October. More information: [shmmf.ktu.edu/riskconference](shmmf.ktu.edu/riskconference)
After notification of acceptance, fee should be paid **by 20th July, 2018.**

**Venue**
The workshop takes place in Kaunas, the second largest city in Lithuania and European capital of culture 2022. Kaunas is easily accessible directly by plane to Kaunas Intl Airport, or by train/ bus from Vilnius.
The workshop is hosted by research group Civil Society and Sustainability in the Faculty of Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities at KTU (A. Mickevičiaus st. 37, Kaunas).

**Travel and accommodation**
Participants will need to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations. Conference organizers will provide information about accommodation.

**Financial aid**
Organisers will cover the **participation fee** for 2 PhD students from middle and low income countries (list is available [here](#)). No travel bursaries are available. Please indicate in the application, if you would like to be considered for financial aid.

Online call for papers: [shmmf.ktu.edu/riskworkshop](shmmf.ktu.edu/riskworkshop)

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