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## European Society or European Societies?

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### ESA RN29 Social Theory Conference

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### Programme

#### THURSDAY, 03 SEP

*paper session: single RN session*

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#### 1A European Society or European Societies? (i)

chair: Frank Welz

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| 09:00 | Gesa Lindemann     | Europe as a part of a world society  |
| 09:15 | Barbara Jablonska  | European Society or European Societies? Critical and discursive perspective                  |
| 09:30 | Marek Kucia        | Is there a European society? A sociological analysis of the theories of European integration |
| 09:45 | Ayça Demir Gürdal  | The Europe reflected from looking-glass self and the others                                  |
| 10:00 | Anne Sophie Krossa | One European Society OR Pluralism? A False Antagonism for Contemporary Sociology             |

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#### 1B European Society or European Societies? (ii)

chair: Csaba Szaló

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| 09:00 | Svetlana Kirdina                                       | European Society or European Societies: Methodology of Answer           |
| 09:15 | Sabine Frerichs  | The Societal Constitution of Europe: Matching Legal and Social Theories |
| 09:30 | Haldun Gulalp  | The Ottoman Contribution to the Rise of Capitalism and the Modern State |
| 09:45 | Maurice Roche  | Cosmopolitanism and the Sociology of Europe                             |
| 10:00 | Marta Soler Gallart/<br>Esther Oliver/<br>Ramon Flecha | A way out for Europe through the concept of societal community          |

*paper session: single RN session**Building AA AA.326***2A European Sociology: Beyond Methodological Nationalism?**

chair: Filipe Carreira da Silva

- 13:30 Csaba Szaló Methodological nationalism as a tool for interpretation and scientific performance
- 13:45 Elisabeth Simbuerger Selective interpretations of the social in social theory or 'I wished those theorists had looked beyond Britain'
- 14:00 Wiebke Keim Europe seen from outside: current challenges in general sociological theory

*paper session: single RN session**Building AA AA.329***2B European/International Sociology: ›Whose Cosmopolitanism?‹ – Solidarity – Legitimacy**

chair: Anne Sophie Krossa

- 13:30 Gilles Verpraet Cosmopolitanism and social theory: as a contribution to the european sociology
- 13:45 Lurdes Macedo A second modernity: the cosmopolitan vision of Beck
- 14:00 Henning Bech Whose Cosmopolitanism?
- 14:15 Kerstin Jacobsson/Eva Sandstedt Dimensions of a civic consciousness: Mechanisms of social solidarity in contemporary Sweden
- 14:30 Lena Lindgren What is Legitimacy? Does it Matter? What happens when the concept of legitimacy is applied to political realities such as the European Union and the Lisbon Treaty?

*paper session: single RN session**Building AA AA.326***3A Contemporary Social Theory: Sociology of Contemporary Society**

chair: Gilles Verpraet

- 15:30 Kevin McSorley Violence and Social Theory
- 15:45 Cagatay Topal From the disciplinary society to the society of control: Surveillance over immigrants from Turkey in Germany
- 16:00 Mary Vogel Theorizing Discretionary Informality in Law
- 16:15 Michael Beetz Formal organisation and public observation
- 16:30 Filipe Carreira da Silva Plural Modernity: Changing modern institutional forms: disciplines and nation-states

*paper session: single RN session**Building AA AA.329***3B Contemporary Social Theory: From Phenomenology to Systems Theory**

chair: Gallina Tasheva

- 15:30 Jochen Dreher Social Inequality Reconsidered in the Interface of Phenomenology and Sociology of Knowledge
- 15:45 Victor Vakhshayn Is there a frame-analysis after Erving Goffman?
- 16:00 Allan Sutherland Contemporary Social Theory: Aesthetics, Social Value and Social Improvisation
- 16:15 Bart Put Personal Relationships in Luhmann's Theory of Social Systems: A Critical Appraisal
- 16:30 Michael Urban Psyche as the supplement of Luhmann's social systems theory

**17:00 BUSINESS MEETING RN29 SOCIAL THEORY (17:00-18:00)***Building AA AA.329*

**FRIDAY, 04 SEP**

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**4A Contemporary Social Theory: Rational or Praxeological Choices?**

chair: Andreas Langenohl

- 09:00 Miguel Cabrita Actors and decisions: can theories help theorists make 'rational' choices?
- 09:15 Romana Xerez Development and Deployment of Social Network Analysis: a Sociological Overview
- 09:30 Michael Jonas The social site approach versus the approach of discourse/practices-formations?
- 09:45 Simon Susen Notes on Bourdieu's Conception of Social Science: Between Positivist and Hermeneutic Knowledge
- 10:00 Susana Cabaço/Patrícia Calca  
A muddle concept: making sense of social capital operationalizations

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**4B Classical Social Theory: The Classical Canon and Beyond**

chair: Henning Bech

- 09:00 Robert Fine Marx and the Radical Critique of Antisemitism
- 09:15 Tugrul Keskin Sociology of Islam and Muslim Societies in Neoliberal Globalization
- 09:30 Richard Simon Scientific Specialization as Utopian Practice
- 09:45 Stanislaw Burdziej Prospects for a Post-Secular Sociology: Bauman and Habermas in Perspective
- 10:00 Marcin Kilanowski: Toward strengthening democracies and civil society: Freedom as responsibility

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**5A Critical Theory: Its Past and its Future**

chair: Charles Turner

- 13:30 Craig Browne On Habermas's Critique of Castoriadis and its Counter-Critique
- 13:45 Anastasia Marinopoulou  
Individuality and the formation of Social Rationality: points of critique in Horkheimer and Habermas
- 14:00 Stefan Fornos Klein On dialectical materialism and critical theory: between social philosophy (Sozialphilosophie) and social research (Sozialforschung)
- 14:15 Mehin Ibragimova Ideological exploitation of critical theory
- 14:30 Susana Nascimento Sociological recoveries of critical theories on technology

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**5B The Sociology of Intellectuals and Intellectual Production**

chair: Barbara Misztal

- 13:30 Patrick Baert The Rise of French Existentialism: A Study in the Sociology of Intellectual Movements
- 13:45 Anil Al-Rebholz Civil Society Debate in Turkey: Discursive Struggles among the Intellectuals attempting at the Construction of Neo-liberal Truth Regime?
- 14:00 Jonathan Roberge How to Perform Theatre by Talking About It: Toward a Cultural Pragmatics of Drama Critics
- 14:15 Maarja Lõhmus The Role of the Intellectual and Creative Class in the Public Sphere

**SATURDAY, 05 SEP**

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**6A Social Theory and the Study of Culture**

chair: Patrick Baert

- 09:00 Barbara Misztal Sustaining tradition and making a difference: Jane Addams's writing on memory
- 09:15 Charles Turner A Seance with Philip Rieff
- 09:30 Werner Binder Social ontology and cultural sociology. A appraisal and critique of John Searle's social theory
- 09:45 B. Garrick Harden Nihilism and Cultural Cohesion: (Re)considerations of Jean Baudrillard
- 10:00 Nicki Lisa Cole Ethical Capitalism and Its Cultural Logic

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**6B Philosophy of Social Science (i): Must Sociology be grounded on Experiences - or Language?**

chair: Gesa Lindemann

- 09:00 Gallina Tasheva Existentialanalytic and Sociology
- 09:15 Julia Hertlein Experience Revisited: Searching for a critical notion of the concept of experience for the social sciences
- 09:30 Andreas Langenohl The 'Case' and the Sociological Imagination: Toward a Critical Reconstruction
- 09:45 Jens Christian Hermansen  
On the use and critique of Wittgenstein in the social sciences
- 10:00 Anna Borisenkova Reflection on the Textual Foundations of Social Science: Narrative as an Explanatory Scheme of a Sociological Knowledge

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**7A Philosophy of Social Science (ii): Are there Limits of Social Constructions?**

chair: Kevin McSorley

- 11:00 Antti Gronow Social Constructions - Arbitrary and Biased?
- 11:15 Diogo Cotta/Rita Raposo  
What Does it Mean to Be Socially Constructed? Ian Hacking's Take on a Mistreated Concept
- 11:30 Tamás Melegy/Heinz-Jürgen Niedenzu  
Are Norms Limited to Human Beings? A necessary debate between sociology and evolutionary biology
- 11:45 Frank Welz The Limits of Systems Theory

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**7B Philosophy of Social Science (iii): Unintended Consequences, Emergence and Evolution**

chair: Svetlana Kirdina

- 11:00 Tuukka Kaidesoja How to Theorize Social Emergence?
- 11:15 Diego Rios Emergence and reduction in the social sciences
- 11:30 Torben Hviid Nielsen Unintended Consequences, Old and New: A topology
- 11:45 Victor Franchuk Contemporary organismic sociology (COS): substantive provisions

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**JS7**     **The Impact of Mass Media and Network Communication on Contemporary Social Theory**  
 chair: Peter Ludes/Frank Welz

13:30	Roy Panagiotopoulou	Cohesion in the new economic and social conditions, new media, new public space
13:45	Samuel Mateus	Publicness' Public Sciences
14:00	Simone Brink	Detemporalization and Despatialization - The Radical Transformation of Time and Space by New Media in Globalization
14:15	Didem Turkoglu	Facing the Nation: Creation of Internet Citizenship in the "Glocal"
14:30	Peter Ludes	Key Invisibles in Visual Discourses: Beyond Castells' "basic thread of our social structure"

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**8A**     **Challenges: New Developments in Social Theory**  
 chair: Marek Kucia

15:30	Massimiliano Ruzzeddu	Complexity Theories in the XXI Century
15:45	David Toews	The End of Good Form: From Sociability to Creative Sociality, and the Consequences of this Transformation for Social Science
16:00	Philippe Boudes	Is there a limit to social theory effectiveness? Environment as a possible way of reshaping sociology
16:15	Maria Gornostaeva	Social action in the context of creativity

<b>timetable</b>	(cf. <a href="#">Second Announcement</a> of the ESA 2009 conference, p. 5)		
	Thursday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	Friday, 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Saturday, 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept.
09:00-10:30	1 <sup>st</sup> RN sessions (A+B)	4 <sup>th</sup> RN sessions (A+B)	6 <sup>th</sup> RN sessions (A+B)
11:00-12:30	_____	_____	7 <sup>th</sup> RN sessions (A+B)
13:30-15:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> RN sessions (A+B)	5 <sup>th</sup> RN sessions (A+B)	8 <sup>th</sup> RN session
15:30-17:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> RN sessions (A+B)	_____	9 <sup>th</sup> RN session