Programme

THURSDAY, 8 SEPT.

1a Social Relations in Turbulent Times

09:00-10:30

chair: Frank Welz

Dennis Smith
Theorizing the age of displacement

Pekka Sulkunen
Is mass society a threat to representative democracy in advanced liberalism?

Uwe Schimank
Nothing but coping: a post-heroic conception of action in turbulent times

Massimiliano Ruzzeddu
Defining identities in the XXI century

1b Social Relations in Turbulent Times

09:00-10:30

chair: Csaba Szaló

Dean Curran
The dialectic of social liquidity and economic fixity: a critique of Bauman’s ‘liquid modernity’

Shalva Weil
Belonging nowhere in a post-modern world

Gerda Bohmann
Recent challenges in the islamic world: toward a post-secular or rather a post-islamist era of societies?

Craig A. R. Browne
Parables of hope in the new capitalist theology
### 2a Turbulent Times and their Sociology 13:30-15:00

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### 2b Contemporary Society and its Sociology 13:30-15:00

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*Business Meeting RN29 Social Theory (Thursday, 8th September) 17.00-18.00*
FRIDAY, 9 SEPT.

4a  
Contemporary Social Theory: Reflexivity and Vulnerability  
09:00-10:30  
chair: Tiina Arppe

- Olga Nowaczyk, Agata Krasowska-Marut  
  Phenomenon of the reflexivity in the explanations of social change

- Allan J. Sutherland  
  Reflexivity and the function of empirical research and explanation within contemporary social theory

- Barbara Anna Misztal  
  Sociology of vulnerability and critical stance

- Tracey Skillington  
  Conceptualizing the rights of a vulnerable humanity in the age global climate change

4b  
Contemporary Social Theory: Culture, Practice, and Process  
09:00-10:30  
chair: Gallina Tasheva

- Antti Gronow  
  Sociology in action: not texts but their semiotic effects

- Marek Skovajsa  
  What, if anything, are cultural structures?

- Olli Pyyhtinen  
  Formative becomings: how to account for the birth of order?

- Cagatay Topal  
  Factishism of commodities: between Marx and Latour

5a  
Contemporary Social Theory: Bourdieu, Luhmann, Habermas  
13:30-15:00  
chair: George Pleios

- Simon Susen  
  Bourdieusian reflections on language: unavoidable conditions of the real speech situation

- Chad Alan Goldberg  
  Struggle and solidarity: republican elements in Pierre Bourdieu’s political sociology

- Tanya Jukkala  
  Suicide from the perspective of Luhmann

- Gorm Harste  
  The Battle over Systems Theory – The Roots of the Habermas/Luhmann-Debate

5b  
Classical Social Theory and Philosophy of Social Science  
13:30-15:00  
chair: Ricca Edmondson

- Daniel Vasconcelos Campos  
  The historical basis of Max Weber’s political view in the time of war

- Tiina Arppe  
  Religion and affectivity – two responses to the problem of order

- Leonidas Tsilipakos  
  The pursuit of ontology as a constant source of confusion

- Christoforos Bouzanis  
  Social scientific theorization as entrapped in various epistemic circularities: the vicious, the vulnerable and the virtuous

[ Congress Evening and Party: at Uni Mail 9th of September from 19.30 - 01.00 ]
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**6a Social Theory and Sport**

- Arnost Svoboda: Authenticity of the top-level sports field
- Elodie Paget: Actor-network theory as a new paradigm in sociology of sport?
- Dino Numerato: The consequences of reflexivity: the case of contemporary sport

**The Past and Future of Critical Theory**

- Stefan Klein: Critical theory as critical stance: the late writings and academic practice of Max Horkheimer
- Ricca Edmondson: Linking Fromm and Benhabib: interactive universalism and wisdom
- Emiliano Bevilacqua: Critical theory and power: from Marx to biopolitics
- Filc Dani, Uri Ram: Salvaging the political subject: social theory after marxism and post-modernism

**Sociology of Critique**

- Paul Blokker: Politics between justification and defiance
- Claudia Globisch: Sociology of critique - a sociology of knowledge
- Vando Borghi: Sociology and critique: opportunities and pitfalls in the context of the network capitalism
- Athansia Chalari: External and internal resistance: a mediatory conceptualisation of the inter-actional and intra-actional features of resistance

**Conceptual Challenges**

- Svetlana Kirdina: Civil society in turbulent times: Russian case
- Gabriel Barhaim: Public sphere as a meta-space of personal networks: cultural implications
- Mary Vogel: Markets, hierarchies and subversive legalities: thinking postcolonial liberty and citizenship in 19th century American politics and law
- Michael Jonas: Some remarks on the contribution of actual philosophical approaches for social theory
Joint Session with RN18 Sociology of Communications and Media Research

8a Social Theory and Mass Communication 13:30-15:00  
chair: Peter Golding (RN18) & Frank Welz (RN29)
Filipa Subtil, José Luís Garcia  Chicago School of Social Thought: A Lineage of Thinking about Communication
Marina Urbanikova  Media system as a system. Media systems theory from the viewpoint of Luhmann’s social system theory
Peter Ludes  TV World Views - Culture-Specific and Transcultural Narratives
George Pleios  Mediat(az)ing in Time of Crisis: The Comeback of the Political Logic?

8b Conceptual Challenges: Accident - Prestige - Tolerance - Violence 13:30-15:00  
chair: Svetlana Kirdina
Steve Matthewman  Waiting to happen: the accident in social theory
Vasiliki Kantzara  The relevance of prestige in organising social relations
Oleksandr V. Khyzhniak  Tolerance as social relationships in unstable times
Ramon Vargas Maseda  Social theory and violence. The case of nazism

9 Conceptual Change and Social Transformation 15:30-17:00  
chair: Jan Balon
Mikael Carleheden  The ambivalent significance of freedom in sociological theory
Thomas Goldup  Rethinking the legal subject: history, transformation and critique
Onofrio Romano  The paradigm delay in the crisis of techno-nihilist capitalism
Frank Welz  Sociology and the making of its classics

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CALL FOR PAPERS

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. We further invite proposals that will contribute to our ongoing debates (streams, s. 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. In addition to the “General Submission: RN29 - Social Theory” category that you will find online (online submission system) we encourage submissions addressing the following themes, that also continue our ongoing discussions:

Social Relations in Turbulent Times
1. The Global Economic Crisis and Social Theory
2. Time, Future and Politics

Abstract submission

Web submission of abstracts will be open on Monday, 10th Jan. 2011 and will be closed on Tuesday, 08th March (extended), 2011 (automatically available to the Conference organizers & the RN coordinators).

Abstracts will only be accepted through completion of the online submission form (available from http://www.esa10thconference.com) and submission in any other form will be declined. Abstracts should not exceed 200 words. 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.

Deadlines

08 March (ext.) web abstract submission (cf. on the left)
06 April 2011 Notification of acceptance of abstracts by RN coordinator
30 April 2011 Early-bird conference registration closes
15 June 2011 Final date for registration by paper givers (otherwise paper will be withdrawn from the conference programme)
15 July 2011 Deadline for sending full written papers to RN and Geneva conference organizers. Full papers which are not submitted until this date [submission is not mandatory] will not be considered for publication (there will be an abstract CD, but no book).

7-10 Sept 2011 10th ESA Conference in Geneva.

Further information & RN ESA updates

For all information please visit the Geneva ESA2011 conference website: http://www.esa10thconference.com

We are looking forward to see participants of previous meetings but welcome warmly new colleagues too. Regarding theory, the RN supports the cognitive identity of sociology; institutionally, the RN offers spaces for debate and communication as well as a platform for research collaboration. – If you would like to be on our RN mailing list, send a note to this effect to the RN29 coordinator. All further inquiries are welcomed too.

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