

Power & Knowledge

Power & Knowledge The 2nd International Conference, Tampere, September 6-8, 2010

Call for Session Proposals

Inspired by the great success of the first conference (**Power: Forms, Dynamics and Consequences**, September 22-24, 2008), we carry on probing questions of power. This time the conference concentrates on the links between power and knowledge. As is well known, Michel Foucault argued that power and knowledge are like two sides of the same coin. There are however many other approaches and research traditions that tackle the role of knowledge production in affecting and constituting power relations. What are the roles of science, research and research-based knowledge production in promoting policy models? Does scientific research or evidence-based consultancy save the world and lead us to a better future? What effects does the key role of knowledge production in contemporary societies have on power and politics? How are the established databases and statistical classifications of the public and private organizations constructed and reproduced? What is the role of everyday knowledge in society? What is the relationship between knowledge and resistance? By bringing together scholars who approach these questions from different angles this conference will advance our understanding about power relations in social reality.

Keynote speakers will include:

- ✓ Patrick Carroll
- ✓ Gili S. Drori
- ✓ Susan Haack
- ✓ Sakari Hänninen
- ✓ Michael Mann
- ✓ Yuval Millo
- ✓ Soile Veijola
- ✓ (to be announced)

To send a session proposal and to get more information about the conference, please email a session title and abstract (100-200 words describing the session) to power2010@uta.fi. The conference website is in <http://www.uta.fi/power2010/>. The latest day to submit the proposal is January 31st 2010. Call for papers will be launched after approved sessions are confirmed.

Welcome to Tampere!

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