



### CALL FOR PAPERS

European transformations necessarily have an impact on their sociological and public interpretations. Consequently, the conference theme “**European Society or European Societies?**” invites social theory to explore the theoretical underpinnings of the debate.

Our Research Network, focusing on the self-reflexive dimension of sociology, encourages submissions addressing the following themes that also continue the ongoing discussions of the RN:

#### *Contemporary Society - and its Sociology*

1. European Society or European Societies?
2. European Sociology or European Sociologies?

#### *Theory*

3. Contemporary Social Theory
4. Classical Social Theory

### Abstract submission

The deadline for **web submission of abstracts** is 26th February 2009 (automatically available to the Conference organizers and the specific RN coordinator).

Abstracts of max. **350 words** will only be accepted through completion of the online submission form (available from <http://www.esa9thconference.com>) and submission in any other form will be declined by the Lisbon conference organizers:

“Authors will be expected to submit their abstract under the most appropriate Research Network (or Stream). In order to facilitate an appropriate choice of network/stream, the online submission form will have a drop down box that will contain the titles of all the networks and streams that will run in Lisbon. First authors will only be able to submit a maximum of two different abstracts to the conference. Each abstract should be submitted to only one RN or RS.”

- Lessons learned: For promoting debate the allocated time per presentation will be increased (**22 min.** incl. discussion). We will further prepare session chairs for a real role of moderator.
- Although ESA encourages *thematic* sessions, abstract submitters will only mark their preferred Research Network (but not a specific session theme, and later on the coordinators have to organize the plan of sessions).

### Accommodation, registration, etc.

For **all information** please visit the Lisbon ESA2009 conference website: <http://www.esa9thconference.com/>

#### *Philosophy of Social Science*

5. The Past and Future of Critical Theory
6. New Philosophies of Social Science

#### *Challenges*

7. Beyond Methodological Nationalism?
8. New Developments in Social Theory

#### *Further Proposals*

9. Social Theory and the Study of Culture
10. The Sociology of Intellectuals and Intellectual Production
11. The Impact of Mass Media and Network Communication on Contemporary Social Theory  
(*joint session with RN18 Sociology of Communications and Media Research:*

As especially Manuel Castells highlighted in his theory of mobile network societies, information and communication technologies are major driving forces for re-configuring all kinds of social interactions, institutions and basic conceptions of space, time, or identity. Therefore, we suggest that the impact of mass media and network communication on Contemporary Social Theory deserves special attention.)

### Deadlines

- 8 March 2009** Web **abstract submission** (cf. on the left) (*extended by ESA*)
- 26 March 2009 Notification of acceptance of abstracts by RN coordinator
- 15 May 2009 Earlybird conference registration closes
- 15 June 2009 Final date for registration by paper givers (otherwise paper will be withdrawn from the conference programme)
- 15 July 2008 Deadline for sending full written papers to RN and Lisbon conference organizers. Full papers which are not submitted until this date [submission is not required] will not be considered for publication on the conference CD.
- 2-5 Sept 2009** **ESA Conference** in Lisbon.

### Further information & RN ESA updates

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[www.social-theory.eu](http://www.social-theory.eu)  
[www.europeansociology.org](http://www.europeansociology.org)

We are looking forward to see participants of **previous meetings** but welcome warmly **new colleagues** too. Regarding the theory dimension, the RN is promoting the cognitive identity of sociology; institutionally, it is offering 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 ([frank.welz@uibk.ac.at](mailto:frank.welz@uibk.ac.at)). All further inquiries are welcomed too!

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