
European Society or European Societies?

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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/
Esther Oliver/
Ramon Flecha | A way out for Europe through the concept of societal community |

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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
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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?
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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
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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)	<i>Building AA AA.329</i>

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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/Patricia 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*paper session: single RN session* Building AA AA.326**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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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

paper session: single RN session Building AA AA.326**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 Meleghy/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

paper session: single RN session Building AA AA.328**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

paper session: joint session with RN18 Building AA AA.329**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"

paper session: single RN session Building AA AA.326**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

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09:00-10:30	1 st RN sessions (A+B)	4 th RN sessions (A+B)	6 th RN sessions (A+B)
11:00-12:30	_____	_____	7 th RN sessions (A+B)
13:30-15:00	2 nd RN sessions (A+B)	5 th RN sessions (A+B)	8 th RN session
15:30-17:00	3 rd RN sessions (A+B)	_____	9 th RN session