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COCTA-News

Dear members and friends of COCTA,

during the last year the ISA Research Committee on Conceptual and Terminological Analysis has been actively planning an organizing conferences. But before turning to these, on behalf of our president I first of all wish to welcome all our new members cordially! Since the preceding ISA World Conference in Durban we have been growing steadily. We still do not belong to the larger ISA RCs, but we do have members from 18 countries. We hope this diversity will soon also be reflected in the composition of the board.

On to the conference news: Cocta successfully held one session entitled “Continental Drift: Is the Centre of Modernity Shifting to East Asia?” at the 38th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, 26-30 May 2008 in Budapest.

Most of our organization has been devoted to the ISA World Forum which will take place in Barcelona, September 5-8 2008. Besides being involved in the general programme, ISA RC35 will be holding seven sessions there altogether. The common theme is “Conceptual Change in a Global Era”. This newsletter includes a schedule of the sessions as well as a detailed programme of each. I wish to thank all session organizers and the paper givers for their initiative and input and encourage everyone to take part in the discussions which, I am certain, are going to be intensive and inspiring.

Our business meeting is going to take place on Saturday, September 6 at 18:00. Everyone interested in Cocta and its current and future activities is cordially invited to take part. Please do not hesitate to present your ideas in case you would like to propose or organize a Cocta conference or session, be it soon or at the next ISA World Congress in 2010!

On behalf of the board,

cordially yours,

David Strecker

Conceptual Change in a Global Era
COCTA (ISA RC35) Interim Conference
at the
First ISA World Forum of Sociology in Barcelona
September 5-8, 2008

Session 1:

World Society and Global Sociology
Friday Sept. 5, 15:30-17:30

Session 2:

Levels of Authenticity – Conceptual Clarifications
Saturday Sept. 6, 9:00-11:00

Session 3:

Conceptualizing Reflexivity: Reframing the Problem of Order for the Global Era
Saturday Sept. 6, 11:30-13:30

Session 4:

Orientalism, Forgotten Sociology and Concept Formation
Saturday, Sept. 6, 15:30-17:30

Session 5:

The sociological imagination after 1989: How fundamental are the conceptual shifts?
Sunday, Sept. 7, 9:00-11:00

Session 6:

Convergence and Divergence: A False Dichotomy?
Sunday, Sept. 7, 11:30-13:30

Session 7:

'World consciousness': Beyond Globalization and Cosmopolitanism?
Sunday, Sept. 7, 15:30-17:30

Business Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 6, 18:00

Venue:

Edifici Rambla de la Universitat Pompeu Fabra, La Rambla 32, 08002 Barcelona, Spain
see: http://www.isa-sociology.org/barcelona_2008/venue.htm

Rooms are still subject to change. Please consult the conference website.

PowerPoint Equipment is available at the venue.

General Programme:

Volker H. Schmidt was invited to give a paper on “Asia’s Rise, the New World Order, and Sociology” in Common Session 11 (“New spatial orders, configurations and practices in contemporary society”; Venue: Historic Building of the University of Barcelona).

Monday, September 8, 09:00-11:00

Session 1: Friday Sept. 5, 15:30-17:30

World Society and Global Sociology

Chair

Volker H. Schmidt, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Presenters:

Boris Holzer, University of Lucerne, Switzerland

World Society and Global Integration

Miodrag Petrovic, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Differentiation Theory and Global Society

Volker H. Schmidt, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Parochial Sociology in a Globally Connected World?

Session 2: Saturday Sept. 6, 9:00-11:00

Levels of Authenticity – Conceptual Clarifications

Chair:

Joern Lamla, Justus-Liebig-University of Giessen, Germany

Presenters:

Michael Corsten, University of Hildesheim, Germany

From Autonomy to Authenticity – Generational Discourses and Cultural Changes

Somogy Varga, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Ambivalences of Authenticity

Joern Lamla, Justus-Liebig-University of Giessen, Germany

Doing Authenticity: Cultural Capitalism and Pragmatism

Dicussant:

Hartmut Rosa, Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena, Germany

Session 3: Saturday Sept. 6, 11:30-13:30

**Conceptualizing Reflexivity:
Reframing the Problem of Order for the Global Era**

Chair:

David Strecker, Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena, Germany

Presenters:

John Holmwood, University of Birmingham, UK

Problem-Solving versus the Problem of Order: The Pragmatist Alternative to General Theory

Adriana Aubert, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain

Lidia Puigvert, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain

Dialogic Societies: A Force for Change in the Global Era

David Strecker, Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena, Germany

Reflexive Habitus: Making Sense of an Oxymoron

Alejandro Bialakowsky, Buenos Aires University, Argentina

The Problems of Meaning and Reflexivity in Anthony Giddens and Jürgen Habermas

Session 4: Saturday, Sept. 6, 15:30-17:30

Orientalism, Forgotten Sociology and Concept Formation

Chair:

Alberto Javier Ribes Leiva, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

Presenters:

Gurminder K. Bhambra, University of Warwick, UK

The Orient's Other: A Critique of Europe as an Organizing Idea in Social Theory

Juan Jesús Morales Martín, Complutensian University of Madrid, Spain

María del Carmen Rodríguez Rodríguez, Complutensian University of Madrid, Spain

Juan Francisco Marsal: A Sociologist forgotten inside the Sociological Spanish Tradition?

Alberto Javier Ribes Leiva, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

Modernity and World Crisis in Spanish Sociology: 1936-1950

Session 5: Sunday, Sept. 7, 9:00-11:00

The sociological imagination after 1989:
How fundamental are the conceptual shifts?

Chair:

Chris Armbruster, Research Network 1989 and Max Planck Society, Berlin, Germany

Presenters:

Craig Browne, University of Sydney, Australia

From the Sociological Imagination to Social Imaginaries: Multiple Modernities and the Paradoxes of Transformation

Ken Roberts, University of Liverpool, UK

*Understanding Youth Transitions in East-Central Europe and the former Soviet Union:
How much conceptual innovation has been generated and how much is required?*

Chris Armbruster, Research Network 1989 and Max Planck Society, Berlin, Germany

New Varieties of Socialism? In between Utopia and History after 1989

Session 6: Sunday, Sept. 7, 11:30-13:30

**Convergence and Divergence:
A False Dichotomy?**

Chair:

Volker H. Schmidt, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Presenters:

Raf Vanderstraeten, Ghent University and University of Bielefeld, Belgium and Germany
The Co-Evolution of Socio-Structural and Conceptual Transitions

Willfried Spohn, University of Konstanz, Germany

World Society, Globalisations and Multiple Modernities – Outline of a Historical-Sociological Approach

Oliver Kozlarek, Universidad Michoacana, Mexico

"Hybridity": A Conceptual Tool for a Global Modernity?

Volker H. Schmidt, National University of Singapore, Singapore

A Conceptual Note on the Social Theoretic Significance of "Difference"

Session 7: Sunday, Sept. 7, 15:30-17:30

**'World consciousness':
Beyond Globalization and Cosmopolitanism?**

Chair:

Oliver Kozlarek, Department of Philosophy Universidad Michoacana in Morelia, Mexico

Presenters:

Robert Fine, University of Warwick, UK

Daniel Chernilo, University Alberto Hurtado, Chile

Natural Law Theory and Cosmopolitanism: Unities and Differences

Oliver Kozlarek, Universidad Michoacana, Mexico

'World Consciousness' as a Conceptual Tool for the 'Age of Humanity'

Gina Zabudovsky, UNAM, Mexico

The Vision of the World according to the Classics

Rolando Vázquez, Utrecht University, Netherlands

Resistance, Coloniality and the Politics of Time

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