



**7th International Conference of the Albanian Institute of Sociology (AIS):
"Identity, image and social cohesion in our time of interdependence"**

**Vlora-Albania
26-27 November 2012**

Call for papers

Albanian Institute of Sociology (=Albanian Sociological Association), regular and collective member of International Sociological Association (ISA) and European Sociological Association (ESA) invites scholars of sociology and other social sciences to the 7th International Conference, which will take place from 26th to 27th November 2012 in the city of Vlora- Albania.

Conference themes:

I. Central Theme: **"Identity, image and social cohesion in our time of interdependence"**

II. Other themes by AIS Thematic Sections:

- TS 01: Communication, Culture and Arts
- TS 02: Sociology of Population & Migration
- TS 03: Sociology of Education
- TS 04: Political Sociology and Law Issues
- TS 05: Sociology of Religion, Collective Behavior & Social Movements
- TS 06: Sociology of Marriage & Family
- TS 07: Integration and Globalization
- TS 08: Childhood, Youth & Gender
- TS 09: Organizations, professions and Work
- TS 10: Theoretical, Comparative & Historical Studies
- TS 11: Deviance & Social Control
- TS 12: Ethnic Relations, Human Rights & Collective Goods
- TS 13: Economy & Development
- TS 14: Social Security & Public Health
- TS 15a – Bachelor Students
- TS 15b – Master Students
- TS 15c – PhD Students

Place and time: Vlora-Albania; 26-27 November 2012

Conference languages: English, Albanian or Italian

Publishing:

1. Proceedings (Programme and Abstracts Book, organizers, Plenary sessions, Thematic sessions, Index – Presenters etc.);
2. In a special issue of the journal "Social Studies" (scientific journal of AIS);

Deadlines:

- 30th of June 2012:** Deadline for abstract submission
- 10th of July 2012:** The confirmation of abstract receipt
- 30th of July 2012:** Deadline for the decisions of acceptance of the abstracts
- 5th of September 2012:** Deadline for early registrations
- 5th of October 2012:** Deadline for late registration
- 1st of November 2012:** Deadline for the Conference Programme

Abstracts:

Languages: English

Length of the abstract: 150-200 words

Key words: 4-6

Tables, figures and references should not be included in abstracts.

A short CV of the author/authors should be included in abstracts

How to present a paper:

Choose the Session (Thematic Sections: ST01 – ST15) to which you wish to participate;

Submit the abstract to the AIS Conference Secretary (both in addresses: aisconference@gmail.com and conference2012@institut-sociologjise.al);. Please don't submit more than two abstracts for the entire conference. In case when two abstracts are submitted those must not refer to a single Thematic Section;

Wait for the confirmation of abstract receipt. Those who do not receive confirmation within 10 days should contact the secretary of the conference;

Wait for the Acceptance Letter;

Change your abstract, if you need, and send its last version before 20th of September 2012;

Contact with Secretary of the conference for the registration procedures;

Take the confirmation of your registration.

Conference Fees

AIS with the financial support of its partners could cover only partially conference costs. So a fee of participation is necessary (to be decided by the categories of participants).

Accommodation and other details: to be announced before 1st of October 2012

Thematic issues

We refer to self-image as 'identity' and the image that others have for us, as 'imago': identity=self-definition; image/imago=imposed identity. The cultural and ethnic groups are very sensitive about their identity. And the positive perceptions of identity give rise to self-esteem and self-respect, but its negative perceptions give rise up to chauvinism: "we" are better than "they" are. There is a strong correlation between national identity and state stability. How are "the same" (from the Latin: identity = idem = the same) the people of the same nationality (nation, from nasci=to be born) within countries and in different countries? What about the other identities, such as cultural, professional, social, individual and so on? What about the social cohesion, meaning the social glue that holds societies together? How to measure the 'indefinable' (Durkheim) identity, image or social cohesion?

To debate about these 'critical themes' of our time of interdependence and universal responsibilities, 'when a new flu infects one human being all are at risk' - the Albanian Institute of Sociology and its partners invite scholars from all over the world in this interdisciplinary conference about Identity, Image and Social Cohesion.

Organizing Committee is headed by:

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We are looking forward to meeting you in Vlora-Albania next November, on the occasion of Hundred Anniversary of the Albanian Independence (Vlora, 1912-2012, 28th of November)