

## Call for Papers

RC55 Research Committee on Social Indicators  
International Sociological Association

2017 Mid-term Conference

### **The Future of Social Indicators: Regional Responses to Global Challenges**

Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Academia Sinica, Taiwan  
April 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

The RC55-Social Indicators of the International Sociological Association encourages submission and participation for the 2017 Mid-term Conference, co-hosted with the Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica, and Taiwanese Sociological Association (TSA), which will take place in Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences (RCHSS, main host) of Academia Sinica, Taiwan on April 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

#### **Theme**

The main theme for the RC55 2017 Mid-term Conference is ***The Future of Social Indicators: Regional Responses to Global Challenges***. The future can be open to various possibilities, and yet at some time points in specific domains it is closed at one end. This constitutes a challenge for social indicator researchers to capture the main elements, and represent its basic formats, and explain the underlying rationales of social change of various scales. Of course, the wide ranges of regional and local experiences along social transformations demands attention. For instance, increase of inequality in material possession is apparent in many wealthy societies, while expansion of individualization generates impacts even in less developed countries. Additionally, more of the ordinary public cannot afford decent housing across the globe, and the feeling of relative deprivation becomes rampant consequently. Against all these, level of happiness increases in human society over time. A fuller and deeper understanding of the social world through the lens of social indicators is our mission. Practically, our goal is to capture, describe and analyze these trends, routes, paths along the movement to the future. We encourage submissions that focus on yet are not limited to the following topics:

- ✧ The futures in social indicators: comparing regional and global phenomenon
- ✧ Inequality of happiness, capabilities, resources, and public goods
- ✧ Distribution of wellbeing at micro- and macro levels
- ✧ “Livability” and its outcomes across continents, countries or social groups
- ✧ Happiness in life course perspective
- ✧ New methodologies and measurement for a new generation of social indicators
- ✧ Critiques of current social reporting, and the examples of “good practices”

### **Important Dates and Deadlines**

Abstract submission deadline:	November 25, 2016
Acceptance notification:	December 20, 2016
Final paper due	April 10, 2017

### **Abstract Submission**

Please submit a two-page abstract (no more than 1,000 words) and the following information: Full Name, Email, Paper Title, Paper Author(s), Current Position, and Affiliation(s) to: Ginger Chiang ([gingertw@gate.sinica.edu.tw](mailto:gingertw@gate.sinica.edu.tw)) by Nov. 25, 2016. The abstract should outline the primary research issue, theoretical approach, methods, data sources and the results from empirical or theoretical analysis.

### **Accommodation**

For those participants of accepted papers, we will offer the accommodation at Campus Hotel, Academic Activities Center of Academia Sinica for up to 3 nights from April 20<sup>th</sup> to April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Breakfast is included. The accommodation reservation will be finalized according to your itinerary.

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