

Newsletter

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Editorial

Dear colleagues:

This issue of our newsletter continues the effort to circulate information on RC47 activities. It is divided into three sections: *conferences*, *notes on social movements* and *call for papers*. Among the conferences, we highlight, firstly, the meeting *From Social to Politics. New Forms of mobilization and democratization* that we are organizing in Bilbao (Spain) in association with RC48 in February 9-10, 2012; secondly, our RC47 plans to organize 14 sessions for the International Social Association Forum of Sociology that will take place in August 1-4, 2012 in Buenos Aires (Argentina); thirdly, we will share the main debates that took place past October in EHESS/Paris during the International Workshop 'Radical Youth, between ideology, expressivity and violence: comparisons around the Russian experience', under the support of our research committee. Beyond the events, this issue of our Newsletter also presents some notes and information on the creation of Social Movement Investigation Team in Poland by RC-47 Board Member Lukasz Jurczyszyn. Finally, we would like to spread the call for papers of RC47 Journal *New Cultural Frontiers* to the new issue on 'Challenges for Democracy and Universal Rights in the Global Market Era'. Deadline submission is *31st January 2012* and we strongly encourage you to contribute to the dissemination and consolidation of our journal.

We invite you to visit our website: <http://www.isarc47.org/> You will find more updated information about the work of our Research Committee and its members.

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CONFERENCES

INTERNATIONAL MEETING

FROM SOCIAL TO POLITICS. NEW FORMS OF MOBILIZATION AND DEMOCRATIZATION

ISA RC47 – Social Classes and Social Movements

ISA RC48 – Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change

University of Bilbao – Spain

9th - 10th February 2012

The objective of this conference is to foster theoretical reflections and to present empirical evidences regarding some of the recent mobilizations that took place in the Mediterranean area and that have two very clearly distinguished threads. On the one hand, there are the mobilizations that reveal the need to open space to democracy by asking for political reforms and democratization processes in countries such as Tunes, Egypt, Morocco, Libya and Syria, among other. On the other hand, numerous discontent displays regarding the political management of economical crisis and the shrinking of the Welfare State in South Europe triggered mobilizations such as 15-M in Spain, “Indignez-vous” in France, Italy and Greece and other protests organized by young people and students in England and Belgium.

Bringing together different networks and orientations around social movements, expressed by the two ISA Research Committees 47 and 48, this conference offers the opportunity to debate around the changes and the meanings of social movements of the twenty-first century. In special, we are interested in analyzing the antecedents, the influence of social and political conditions, the movement’s nature regarding organization, forms of protest, claims, causes, protagonists, role of social media and to spot the meaning of these relatively new forms of protest beyond the action repertoire.

ORGANIZATION

The general structure of the Conference has provided different ways for participation. One of them is the organization of academic sessions. Each thematic session will consist of the presentation of a guest lecturer for 20 minutes, four oral communications for 15 minutes each, and five communications presented in poster format.

The final constitution of these thematic sessions will be a posteriori, when all communications are received and the Scientific Committee has made the selection of oral communications and posters. All communications will have the same status for the issuance of participation certificates. A prerequisite for presenting a communication is to be properly enrolled in the Conference. Regarding a possible publication –still in consideration- of the full papers participants must adapt the texts to a model that will be sent later.

UPDATE AND MORE DETAILS

More information on the Conference will be available soon on RC47 website: <http://www.isarc47.org/bilbao>

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II ISA FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY



RC47 plans to organize 14 sessions for the International Social Association Forum of Sociology that will take place in August 1-4, 2012 in Buenos Aires (Argentina).

Main theme

Subjective affirmation, social movement changes and construction of democracy

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Deadlines

- Early registration deadline: **April 10, 2012** (presenters who have failed to register will be automatically deleted from the programme).

Proposed sessions

Session A – Latin American social movements and social justice in the Global South

Chairs

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The aim of this session is to discuss some central issues of contemporary Latin American social movements, with a focus on the relationship between social movement practices and the reconfiguration of regional scenario. The panel also seeks to explore transnational activism and social and cultural articulations that connect Latin America with process of transformation and social justice in the Global South.

Session B – Authors meets actors: Dialogues between academia and Latin American social movements

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The latest congresses of the International Sociological Association have included sessions with an interesting format: “Author meets their critics”. This panel proposes another kind of dialogue with the format “Authors meets actors”. The main reason for this dialogue lies in the importance of an epistemological discussion on how the production of knowledge on social movements and from social movements interacts. What are the tensions and feedbacks between the more academic debate on the movement and the internal process of generating knowledge? What are the differences and similarities between the research topics of interest in the academy and the main issues that encourage activists in their own research and self-reflection? How to interpret the process of both production and reproduction of knowledge about/with/from social movements in a context of increasing transnational activist spaces of formation and education? The panel seeks to explore this and other related questions through social movement researcher and activists from Argentina and potentially from elsewhere in the world, with a special focus on Latin America.

Session C – ¿Repolitización de las movilizaciones sociales en América Latina?

Chair

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En América Latina parece llegar a su fin la era post transiciones de despolitización y de movilizaciones de la sociedad civil del tipo “que se vayan todos” o solamente parciales. Las movilizaciones y movimientos sociales parecían expresarse en demandas sectoriales y en distanciamiento de la política oficial, En los diversos países en los últimos años se constituyen movimientos sociales que re-plantean la cuestión política de la transformación de la sociedad y desafían el sistema político tras las demandas sectoriales y ciudadanas. La mesa busca examinar los casos de nuevas movilizaciones sociales y desentrañar si hay un nuevo sentido transformacional de ellas o si solo expresan las distancias entre política y sociedad. Se examinarán casos nacionales y también una panorámica a nivel de la región.

Session D – When, where, and how do movements matter? Consequences of social movements

Chairs

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How do social movements matter? What sort of changes and consequences do movements produce, how do they produce these outcomes, and under what conditions are movement-induced changes most likely to occur? While still representing a disproportionately small fraction of social movement studies, research on the outcomes of movements has increased over the past decade. However, we have only just begun to unravel the social movement-social change equation. This session is open to research on social movement consequences (political, including social justice and democratization, economic, cultural, and life-course/biographical) in a variety of different world contexts. We welcome analyses on the collective means of bringing about social change and on different types of change, including magnitude, direction, duration, mediating conditions central to the social movement—social change relationship. We also encourage papers that address the conceptual and

methodological challenges one faces when analyzing dynamic social change process and the theoretical implications of the movement—change nexus.

Session E – Forms of social justice: Localism and globalism in Asian context

Chair

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Forms and practice that seek social justice vary. Global justice movement – anti/alter globalization movement triggered off by the neoliberal practice by the transnational institutions – is among the most popular categories of resistance in recent social movement history. However, alter/anti-globalization movement does not appear to be scattered evenly around the globe. National traits, socio-cultural characteristics, and tradition of resistance that dictate the form of resistance differ in from one country to another and from regions to regions. Popular demand for social justice takes diverse forms, depending on ever changing balance of localism and globalism on which resistance action takes place. Asia is no different. A global wave to call for anti/alter globalization movement has arrived in some Asian countries, but its actual enactment is done within the confinement of the local. For example, a mixed use of traditions and new innovative measures began to be employed in the pursuit of workers' rights and human rights. Resistance started to emerge where little turbulence existed before. Action takes on a newly intensified cultural battlefield. A broader aim of this section is to enrich a comparative perspective in social movement studies, offering insights from Asian practice alongside those from Latin American practice that will be explored in other sections in this RC47. In this section, we seek to capture a modern development of social justice movement in Asia, by highlighting a new orientation in the forms and claims of action as well as the sources of the social injustice.

Session F – Conflicts, social movements and democracy in the global era

Chairs

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This “Conflicts, social movements and democracy in the global era” panel is based on an ongoing collective research focusing on Latin-American social conflicts and their relations with democratization processes and globalization. Its main goal is to seize the opportunity opened by AIS' Buenos Aires Forum 2012 in order to compare and confront Latin-American experiences in this field with perspectives emerging from other regions of the world. During the last decade, and more specifically in the context of the crisis irrupting in 2008, new social mobilisations of great magnitude have been multiplying in Europe, North America and throughout the Arabic-Muslim world. These mobilizations may be characterized by their great difficulty to impose the new political culture they bear on political systems and institutional channels alike. In Latin America, social mobilizations present, in their articulations to democratization processes, a greatly diversified array of exits, semi-exits and failures...The phenomenon cannot be analysed in the sole perspective of national societies, without situating it in its relations to global flux (finances, migrations, underground economies and drug trafficking, new information and communication technologies, cultural and religious productions). The goal of this panel is to take a distance from a certain “methodological nationalism” as well as “regional” one, by placing fieldwork research and discussions in the course of a reflection about the capacity of being actors, the orientations and significations of current conflicts, as well as on the prospects for democracy in the globalization context.

Session G – Radical movements examine a political and social order

Chairs

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One of the main goals of the session on radical movements would be to interrogate on the sense of engagement and functioning of diverse radical movements in the contemporary world. We would welcome the authors of the papers on radical movements, understood in a very large sense – socio-political, cultural/artistic activity and expression, including the use of Internet – according to such kind of movements as: extreme right/left, anti-racist (or antifascist) and anarchist movements and recent Arab democratization protestations, etc. To enlarge our reflection on the racial contemporary movements the researchers from all parts of the world are encouraged to present their papers. In each case we would like to ask the authors to present the reaction and the position of the contemporary State and its society to the activity of the radical movement on its territory. In which way the radical movements represent the danger for the democratic society? And on the other side, in which way their examine its defects (such as the social injustices and inequalities) and also its transformation? One of the main theme of this session will be to debate on the role and place of violence (symbolic/physical violence, using of arms, etc.) in the ideology and practice of such social movements that could be defined as radical.

Session H – Anti-nuclear movements after Fukushima disaster

Chairs

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After the 1986 Chernobyl disaster, the anti-nuclear power movements have been successful. In the 2000`s, however, pro-nuclear power voices came back with the increasing energy crisis. Then, the 2011 Japanese nuclear accidents recharged anti-nuclear movements worldwide, opposing the nuclear power industry`s renaissance. This session is designed to collect presentations on anti-nuclear concerns about nuclear weapons as well as nuclear power. The following topics are to be included in this session: anti-nuclear power conflicts; anti-nuclear weapons movements; peace/anti-war movements; governmental policies on nuclear power; alternative energy movements.

Session I – Social movement 2.0

Chair

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Recent years have seen a clear shift in modes of organizing and acting in contemporary movements, with a focus on on-line blogging platforms, Facebook and Twitter. These do not involve a retreat into the 'virtual', but are closely associated with forms of sensual politics, from the occupation of spaces to other forms of embodied experience and dispositions. The paradigm of organization, member and identity appears to be giving way to a new mode of constituting collective experience, where digital technologies intersect with new practices of embodied presence. This panel explores the extent we are witnessing the emergence of new types of movements associated with new forms of public sphere, and will focus in particular on methodological issues linked to how to research such forms of action and movement.

Session J – Civil society against violence

Chairs

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This panel will focus on the struggles of social movements and civil-society actors more generally against the violence generated by authoritarian states, civil wars, and drug trafficking. How do social actors and civil society attempt to stop violence? In what contexts and to what extent have their efforts been successful? Some mobilizations against state violence have played a key role in the collapse of dictatorial regimes, notably in Argentina. In other cases, when violence does not leave much space for mass mobilizations, cultural, expressive

and artistic forms of resistance have nevertheless been emerging. The panel welcomes contributions drawing on case studies in Latin America and other regions.

Session K – Bridging sociologies. Globalisation, cosmopolitanism and the individual

Chair

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This panel explores a tripartite process of change, captured in the decline of the nation state, galloping internal and external globalisation, and the rise of individualism as seen through the quest for personal and human rights. Questions abound at the intersection of this triple movement: in French sociology the concept of the Subject and its relationship to socialization and collective action comes to the fore; in the Anglo-Germanic literature, the new cosmopolitanism suggests a break from guiding sociological precepts of the nation-state and idea of society itself. Globalization in its many hybrid forms recasts the realm of private autonomy and self-creation in the face of the forces of systemic socialization: hence a needed elaboration of the Subject and the Cosmopolite. Two eminent scholars will be invited to address each of the concepts, their similarities and dissimilarities. An eminent critical discussant will do an assessment of the contributions.

Session L – Business Meeting

Chair

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JOINT SESSIONS

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Urban Movements in the New Metropolitan Context

Chairs

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It seems that the diversity of urban movements has increased a great deal over the last thirty years. This could be explained among other things by the expansion and fragmentation of urban landscape in reference to the emergence of 'new metropolises'. To what extent are urban movements able to challenge and/or adjust their actions to these urban forms? For example, do their interventions are increasingly articulated to multi-scalar politics that are accompanying metropolitan governance? In that respect, to what extent one can say that their current mobilizations are moving beyond the localism that have often characterized their engagement in the past, as this was often criticized for limiting their political impact? Is it possible to relate urban mobilizations to issues of social justice and democratization? Do urban movements create innovative forms of internal organization? This panel will explore the new forms of social mobilization that urban movements are defining in different social, cultural, economic and political contexts. The particular conditions created by the global economic reorganization will be especially considered.

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Climate justice, "buen vivir" and voluntary simplicity: new lifestyles and political commitments

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Across the world, social actors are showing growing concern about global warming and environmental devastations. While international institutions seem unable to cope with these challenges, grass-roots actors and activists' networks are mobilizing support for a global agreement aiming at environmental protection and are developing alternative practices and visions of the world. The concept of « buen vivir » illustrates the notable contribution of Latin American indigenous communities to the debate. In Europe and North America, citizens have appropriated alternative lifestyles, consuming less natural resources. This panel will focus on citizens' initiatives and social movements envisioning to deal with environmental issues both by developing alternative lifestyles and promoting active participation in public debates.

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New trends and theoretical approach in the field of social mobilizations and social change

Joint session of RC47 Social Classes and Social Movements and RC48 Social Movements, Collective Action and Social Change [host committee]

Chairs

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The aim of this session is to reflect about specific case-studies that have been analysed through theoretical frameworks that try to go beyond current theories usually applied in the field of collective action and social movements. In special, we are looking for works that (a) combine different theoretical perspectives in an original way, (b) compare different researches and offer new interpretations of highly studied phenomena and (c) analyse new forms of mobilization that question the current frameworks. We are not looking for a bibliographical discussion of basic theories to spot their insufficiencies. Our objective is to look for new theoretical interpretations supported by a solid and structured analysis of empirical available –and specifically compiled– evidences.

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

RADICAL YOUTH, BETWEEN IDEOLOGY, EXPRESSIBILITY AND VIOLENCE: COMPARISONS AROUND THE RUSSIAN EXPERIENCE

20 – 21 October 2011, EHESS, Paris

Under the Research project “Understanding Violence in Russia: War, Institutions, Society” with the support of the City of Paris “Emergence(s) program”

Skin-heads, hooligans, extremists, are the labels usually used by the media to name radical youth not only in Russia, but also in European countries, where a radicalization of the youth, and especially the rise of extreme-right movements has been observed for several years. In Russia, the “Manezh square” demonstration of “football fans” and extreme right in front of the Kremlin in December 2011 has shed light on the capacities of mobilization, but also on the different dimensions of these movements. Together with violence against minorities and nationalist slogans, there is an increasing hostile behavior against State authorities. But among radical youth are also all movements that were born in reaction or protestation against the ultra-rights, and movements shaped by a specific sub culture and individual identity search.

Mainly based on field research undertaken on the Russian field, and interplaying the Russian experience with cases and researches from other several European countries such as France, United Kingdom, Italy, Belgium and Poland, the international workshop “Youth, between ideology, expressivity and violence” gathered leading and young specialists of the radical youth. The organizers wanted to draw some lines of comparison (between radical expressions all over Europe including Russia. In the Russian case, the rise of Russian contemporary ultra-nationalist movement will be analysed in its social and political context and in its expression such as the riots in Kondopoga in September 2006 and Manezh Square Demonstration. But we understand youth radicality and radical movements in a broader sense, which encompasses ideology, as well as cultural and artistic expressions and a violent behaviour.

We were particularly interested in the combination of a subjective dimension (the experience of a “radical” individual) with a global dimension (the experience of such movements in several countries, the resort to physical violence, the link between age and political and social attitudes). The participants presented researches on various types of youth radicality and radical movements, whether it refers to “right” or “left” ideologies (radical nationalists, anti-racists or anarchists). Indeed the choice of a broad spectrum of movements helped to draw the lines on how to describe “radicality” and “radical movements”.

In this context, the reflection on the role and place of violence (symbolic, physical, use of weapons, etc.) in their practices and ideology took a large place in our workshop. The participants also addressed the status of empirical research and in such a sensitive context. The workshop gave the opportunity to analyse the attitudes of youth radical movements to politics and to State authorities, as well as the State reactions to their activities. How

these movements do position themselves in relation to their society and how society perceives them? The discussion stimulated reflection and experiences common to Russia and Europe, by highlighting common features and characteristics of institutional, political and cultural trajectories.

The workshop was organized around three panels :

Panel I : Theories, ideologies and typology of youth radicality and radical movements

Panel II : The role and place of violence in the youth radical movements

Panel III : Studying empirically the youth radicality and radical movements. Fields and researcher's experience

Participants:

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Mischa Gabowitsch, research fellow at Einstein Forum, Potsdam, Allemagne

Lukasz Jurczyszyn, Pultusk Academy of Humanities, CADIS, ISA RC 47, Poland

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WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Thursday, 20 October

(salle 640, EHESS, 190-198 avenue de France)

13.00 Welcome - Anne Le Huérou, FMSH, CERCEC, Philippe Bataille, directeur du CADIS/EHESS, Lukasz Jurczyszyn Pultusk Academy of Humanities, CADIS

Introduction - Antimo Luigi Farro, University of Rome "La Sapienza", CADIS, ISA Research Committee 47, President

13.30-16.00 PANEL SESSION I : Theories, ideologies and typology of youth radicality and radical movements

Panelists:

Race and ethnicity, nationalism and extremism: some comparative historical observations, Mischa Gabowitsch (research fellow at Einstein Forum)

The place of the ultra-nationalists in the Russian society: up to and after the Manezh Square, Alexander Verhovsky (Centre for Information and Analysis "SOVA", Moscow)

Rethinking 'subcultural' lives: Journeys through skinhead, Hilary Pilkington (Warwick University) and Elena Omelchenko (director of the Centre for youth studies of the Higher School of Economics in St.Petersburg)

Discussant: Michel Wieviorka, FMSH Administrator, Professor, EHESS CADIS (to be confirmed)

16.00-16.30 **Coffee/Tea break**

16.30-18.00 PANEL SESSION II : The role and place of violence in the youth radical movements

Panelists :

The meaning of violence in the youth radical movements. Study cases in France, Russia and Poland, Lukasz Jurczyszyn (Pultusk Academy of Humanities, CADIS)

Violence under the circumstances: a biographical construction of Russian youth militantism, Alexander Bikbov (Moscow University, Centre Maurice Halbwachs – Paris)

Discussant: Mischa Gabowitsch (research fellow at Einstein Forum)

18.00-18.30 : **a summary of the first part of the Workshop in relation to the theories of social movements**, Geoffrey Pleyers (Louvain University, CADIS, RT 21 AFS)

Friday, 21 October

(Salle A, Ground floor, EHESS, 190-198 avenue de France)

09.00-10.30 PANEL SESSION III : Studying empirically the youth radicality and radical movements. Fields and researcher's experience

Panelists:

Les rapports police/jeunes au sein des quartiers populaires : analyse d'un processus de "radicalisation réciproque", Manuel Boucher (Laboratory for the Study and Social Research, Rouen)

L'escapisme en politique: le cas des militants du NBP et de l'ESM Vera Nikolski (Paris 1 / CESSP)

„Taking everything back“. A sociological reading of CasaPound, a far right movement in Italy, Emanuele Toscano, University of Rome and Daniele Di Nunzio, Institute for the Economic and Social Research (IRES)

Discussant: Anne le Huérou, CERCEC

10.30-11.00 **Coffee/Tea break**

11.00-12.30 *To film the Russian field*. Projection of two films on Russian radical youth in order to discuss with the authors some reflections about the methodological and ethical issues.

“Vorkuta: A research film”, Directed by Elena Omel'chenko, edited by Dmitrii Omel'chenko, Vorkuta 2007.

Elena Elena Omelchenko, director of the Centre for youth studies of the Higher School of Economics, St.Petersburg and Hilary Pilkington, Warwick University, Great-Britain.

“Ce que voit Minine”, directed by Lukasz Jurczyszyn and Marcin Grabowski, Nijni-Novgorod 2010. Lukasz Jurczyszyn, Pultusk Academy of Humanities, CADIS.

12.30-13.00 **General Conclusions**

Information on the creation of Social Movements Investigation Team in Poland by Lukasz Jurczyszyn ISA RC 47 board member

On May 2011 took place the first seminar of the Social Movements Investigation Team (ZARS). The opening meeting was honored by the presence of an eminent French sociologist and thinker Professor Alain Touraine. Three-hour seminar brought extremely interesting and refreshing insight into the problematic of social movements research.

The activity of ZARS was initiated by academics from various universities and research communities, with support from European Solidarity Center and Museum of Modern Art in Warsaw, and the *Centre d'Analyse et d'Intervention Sociologiques* from Paris. We intend to build an independent platform for dialogue and research on social movements. ZARS is not yet an institution and has no formal status. We want to integrate people around the theme of social movements and invite all those who are engaged in research work, who directly engaged in social movements in Poland, and who, like we are interested in this issue, open to discussion, polemic and ready to exchange their experiences.

Starting from autumn 2011 we have arranged next meetings in frames of our seminar, and would like to discuss its program together with all participants. We intend to focus our search on the idea and significance of social movements, its history and research methodology, as well as on polish and foreign achievements in this field. To begin, on November 24 we organize along with Collegium Civitas and the CAL a seminar entitled *Social movements: between pragmatism and ideology*. Whereas in subsequent months we plan a set of lectures: Dr L. Jurczyszyn, ISA RC 47 Board member will present some comments on *close research of actors in conflict – comparative research in France, Poland and Russia*, Dr P. Kuczynski will try to answer the question *is generation Y is a global social movement?*, And Dr M. Rakusa-Suszczewski will take on the theme of *social movements radicalism*.

We invite to participate in our seminar all interested in discussion on social movements, especially those who are engaged in research in this field, including the ISA RC 47 members from Poland as well as those who are directly connected with their activity. Our base is Museum of Modern Art in Warsaw (ul. Pańska 3). We believe that this kind of cognitive confrontation will be beneficial to all parties. The seminar will be the first step to create a website dealing with this issue.

We would be very happy if you agree to join our team and participate in our seminar. If you are interested in this initiative, please contact Lukasz Jurczyszyn.

Yours sincerely,

Lukasz Jurczyszyn

ISA RC47 Board Member

NEW CULTURAL FRONTIERS – CALL FOR PAPERS



New Cultural Frontiers

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CALL FOR PAPERS – Challenges for Democracy and Universal Rights in the Global Market Era

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In the past decades, deep economic and social transformations had a major impact on work, redefining its role at individual and collective level. There have been major changes that produced opportunities for workers but, at the same time, new challenges to the affirmation of their dignity and rights.

Work has no longer the same central dimension in the society as it used to have in the industrial era – not much because of its lesser importance in the construction of individuals' identities – but, as expression of subjectivity, is now articulated by individuals in every dimension of their existence. Even if it's no longer the primary vector of collective identities, work can certainly not be conceived as secondary for the life of the individual. Work maintains a well-defined role in the construction of individual biographies, both considering the positive aspects for self-determination and assertion of the existence of subjectivity then, on the other hand, considering the negative aspects on personality, such as corrosion of one's temper.

The innovation of technologies and processes, the development of the Internet, the increasing access to education, reflected not only on products but on the ways in which they are produced. The gradual growth of used knowledge in work has opened up the possibilities for emancipation of individuals foreshadowing new paradigms in which knowledge is seen as essential, enhancing the creativity and skills of individuals. Nevertheless, we are nowadays witnessing to the emergence of new modes of exploitation, due to the accentuation of specific forms of domination increasingly pervasive that, on one hand, refer to practices of domination and, on the other hand, go straight to the discipline resulted in the internalization of subordination.

These modes of exploitation are accompanied by a variation of the insecurity that goes beyond the single dimension of work, to be extended to the existential dimension. In general terms,

the logic of market and profit seems to impose itself on the chance to achieve individual and universal rights, leading to a crisis of democracy and representation that accompanies the economic one.

In opposition to these dynamics, different forms of reaction emerge. In some cases the individual isolation is transformed into an extreme individualism, aimed primarily at obtaining personal benefits. In other cases the need for protection involves the strengthening of professional corporatism, local and of other kinds. Both instrumental individualism and communitarianism hinder the definition of a collective strategy for the affirmation of fundamental and universal rights, enabling the affirmation of each individual, through their work opportunities (careers).

On the other hand, forms of processing, strength and pursuit of alternatives to local and international emerge, aiming at affirming the dignity of labor and universal rights. The third issue of *New Cultural Frontiers* aims to discuss these issues, accepting both theoretical and empirical, contributions encouraging a multidisciplinary approach to the debate.

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