

14th International Conference of Sociocybernetics

Sociocybernetics, innovation and social conflicts

Medellín, Colombia, June 20 - 24, 2017

Call for Proposals

A Conference of Sociocybernetics is a unique and ideal academic forum for discussing on innovation and social conflicts, one that goes beyond the boundaries of traditional disciplines.

The Conference has no parallel sessions, thus we encourage all participants to contribute to and profit from the full stream of discussions during the Conference, which, as a developing conversation, usually embraces all of the presentations, systemically and over-archingly.

The goal of the 2017 Conference is, therefore, bring researchers from different disciplines together to explore, within a sociocybernetics approach, the challenges and opportunities related to the complex relationships between innovation and social conflicts.

We invite the submission of proposals to discuss innovation and social conflicts from a sociocybernetics perspective. Topics may include:

- Conflict resolution
- Culture clash and systemic change
- Cybercult@ and knowledge communities
- Innovation systems
- Innovation vs. Tradition
- Media, protests and political action
- New forms of social organization
- News production, circulation and consumption
- Privacy, control and surveillance
- Simulation and computational social science
- Sustainable Development

Proposals with a strong sociocybernetics orientation addressing other topics (conceptual, methodological, practical) or reporting the empirical findings of research studies that apply sociocybernetics are also welcomed.

Proposal submission

Abstracts should be sent in English. Please submit an **Abstract** of 200-300 words together with an **Extended abstract** of 750-1000 words (including references) for review purposes. The former will be published in the RC51 Newsletter, included in the abstracts booklet made available to conference participants and published as part of the conference programme on the RC51 website.


The **Abstract** only should include information about the author(s): names, affiliations, email

addresses and three (3) keywords. Both abstracts should be sent to the Head of the Abstracts Committee **José A. AMOZURRUTIA** (j.antonio.amoz@gmail.com), with copy to the RC51 Secretary **Patricia E. ALMAGUER** (endevelop.research@gmail.com). Selected papers will be published in a special issue of the [Journal of Sociocybernetics](#).

Important dates

Date	Event
13 th March 2017	Abstract Submission deadline
31 st March 2017	Notification of acceptance, with possible request for revisions
15 th May 2017	Full paper Submission deadline
22 nd May 2017	Registration deadline
20-24 June 2017	14 th International Conference of Sociocybernetics

Venue

Host University	 <p>Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana Medellín, Colombia www.upb.edu.co</p> <p>The Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, also referred to as UPB, is a private university in Colombia with its main campus in Medellín, where it was founded in 1936. Currently, the university has campuses in other Colombian cities, such as Bogotá, Bucaramanga, Montería and Palmira. The university offers 77 undergraduate programs, 24 master programs and 7 doctorate programs nationwide. The university groups its educational programs under the schools of Architecture and Urbanism, Design, Engineering, Health Sciences, Law and Political Sciences, Management, Social Sciences, Education and Teaching, and Theology, Philosophy and Humanities. The university also operates elementary and high school programs under its educational umbrella.</p>
Host City	<p>Medellín, Colombia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medellin Travel • Medellín Convention & Visitors Bureau • International Cooperation Agency of Medellín <p>Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • José María Córdova / International Airport • Olaya Herrera / Regional Airport • Secretaría de Movilidad de Medellín • Metro de Medellín

Participation fees

Participant	Fee* (USD)
RC51 Member in good standing (ISA and RC51)	0
Student** (RC51 Non member)	50
RC51 Non member	100

* Participation fee includes: conference pack, coffee breaks, digital certificates of assistance and tourism information.

** Valid Student ID is needed to grant the discount.

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Accommodation

All the information on accommodation will be available at the “Accommodation” section of the Conference webpage. Some of the nearby hotels are:

- [Hotel Bolivariana Plaza](#)
- [Hotel Asturias Medellín](#)
- [Hotel Cabo de la Vela](#)
- [Hotel Laureles 70](#)
- [Hotel Mediterraneo](#)
- [Inttu Hotel](#)
- [Hotel Lincoln](#)
- [Hotel Suite Comfort](#)
- [Hotel Verony San Joaquin](#)
- [Hotel Vivre](#)
- [El Portón de San Joaquín](#)

Conference Language

The official language of the conference is English.

Registration

All the information on registration will be available at the “Registration” section of the Conference webpage.

About ISA RC51 on Sociocybernetics

Research Committee 51 (RC51) of the International Sociological Association (ISA) is one of the Research Committees which, along with a large number of national sociological associations, constitute the ISA. The aim of the RC51 is to promote the development of sociocybernetic theory and research within the social sciences. Sociocybernetics is broadly defined as applications within the social sciences of first- and second-order cybernetics, general systems theory and the various combinations and variations of these that can be subsumed under the term “the emerging science of complexity”. Members of the group study all aspects of social dynamics and social interaction with particular attention to the observer-dependence of knowledge and the reflective, self-referential and self-organizing capacities of social systems and social networks. See our website for more information: <https://sociocybernetics.wordpress.com/>

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For Conference information and updates please check the official website:

<https://sociocybernetics.wordpress.com/conferences/>

For specific questions you may directly contact the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee **Luciano GALLÓN** (luciano.gallon@upb.edu.co) or the RC51 President **Chaime MARCUELLO** (chaime@unizar.es).