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Call for abstract

Professionalism has been considered to be the main way of institutionalizing expertise in modern societies. There are several signs of change in professions and professionalism, however. Major challenges are arising from the global economic crisis, migration and technological development as well as the ways in which governments are restructuring their public sectors and the concept of citizenship. On the other hand, challenges also foster professionalism in new domains and organisational contexts nationally as well as globally and pave the way for further development. Studies of professionalism, professional groups, professional services, cultures, training and identities is a way to explore the changing dynamics and contexts of professions and professionalism as well as the future of professionalism. Examinations of change and the various limits and benefits of the professions call for new theoretical and methodological approaches. Analysis at the micro and macro level across professional groups and countries are especially helpful in this respect.

We invite papers which address professions and professionalism focusing on either a single professional group and country or based on a comparative perspective. The proposal should include a title, an abstract of no more than 250 words and your contact details. Please submit your proposal by email to the conference organizer Jens-Christian Smeby (Jens-Christian.Smeby@hioa.no) and cc to Helena Serra (helena.serra@fch.unl.pt). The deadline is 15 January 2017.