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Dear members and friends of COCTA,

first and foremost, it is my pleasure to welcome our new members! On behalf of the board I invite you and all our ‘old’ members to participate in our activities and make any proposals for conferences or other academic proceedings in the field of conceptual analysis you are interested in.

The focus of this issue of COCTA-News is on the upcoming **XVII ISA World Congress**, taking place in **Gothenburg, Sweden, 11-17 July 2010**. Within the frame of this congress entitled *Sociology on the Move* COCTA hosts its conference on *Sociological Concepts on the Move*. Our RC conference consists of nine academic sessions featuring 50 papers plus our regular business meeting. We are very excited about our programme and trust you will find it as stimulating as we do.

All paper givers and other participants are reminded that early **registration** ends on **4 May 2010**; this is the **deadline** for **abstract submission**, too. Note that abstracts are only accepted by the system from those who have already completed congress registration. All necessary information is to be found on the congress website (the next page of this newsletter provides more detailed direction): [http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/](http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/)

The following pages offer the programme of our Gothenburg meetings. Please **take into account** this note sent to me by the congress organization: “The preliminary session schedule will most likely be the final schedule. If any changes need to be made, we will contact those involved first. Please note that it is each person’s responsibility to make sure they are not double booked.”

Further, I would like to draw your attention to the **business meeting** which will take place on **Monday, 12 July 2010, 17:45-19:45**. You will find a preliminary agenda below. Please note that we will have our regular board elections and will also plan our future activities at this meeting. If you send me any proposals you would like to make, I will happily add them to the agenda which I will circulate in due course in preparing the meeting. Following the meeting we will have a communal dinner like we did in Barcelona in 2008 – a mighty fine evening, I recall.

In **2009** at the **IIS World Congress** in Yerevan, Armenia, COCTA hosted a brilliant session on “Mechanisms of Globalization: The Making of a World Society” organized by Boris Holzer and Tobias Werron, and you will find their report below.

In closing, as usual, I would like to ask you to spread the word on COCTA and let your colleagues know that everyone interested in our current and future activities is cordially invited to participate. Do not hesitate to present your ideas in case you would like to propose or organize a COCTA conference or session. We are looking forward to be meeting you (again) rather sooner than later!

On behalf of the board,

cordially yours,

David Strecker
Looking Forward

General Information

on the

XVII ISA World Congress in Gothenburg
11-17 July, 2010

The congress website with all information concerning the congress is:
http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/

The deadline for early registration is 4 May 2010. For on-line registration go here:
http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/congress_registration.htm

Abstracts submission has to be completed until 4 May 2010 after prior registration:
http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/abstracts_submission.htm

The general congress timetable is here:
http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/timetable.htm

The venue for all COCTA sessions in Gothenburg will presumably be: Handels, The School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg, Vasagatan 1, SE-405 30 Göteborg
see: http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/venues.htm#handels

Approx. 20 minutes walking distance from Svenska Mässan (Congress Centre). From the stop Korsvägen you take tram number 2 (see note) (direction Högsbotorp) and get off at the stop Handelshögskolan. The ride takes 13 minutes and the stop is 50-100 meters from the Handels and Samfak.

When travelling by tram you have to buy a card valid for trams and buses (not valid on the airport buses). Please note that you are not able to buy a ticket from the driver. Instead you need to buy your ticket from newsagents such as Pressbyrån or 7-Eleven. Not all buses and trams have card readers so always remember to bring your receipt.

For a list of all congress venues look here:

Full PowerPoint Equipment is available in all rooms. Presentations should be brought on a USB-stick. Internet access is not available.
Sociological Concepts on the Move

COCTA (ISA RC35) Conference
at the
XVII ISA World Congress in Gothenburg
11-17 July, 2010

Programme Overview

Session 1: Contingency and Directionality
Monday, 12.07.2010, 15:30-17:30

Session 2: Business Meeting
Monday, 12.07.2010, 17:45-19:45

Session 3: The Concept, Use and Theory of Networks
Tuesday, 13.07.2010, 10:45-12:45

Session 4: Lack of Resonance? The Concept of Alienation Revisited
Tuesday, 13.07.2010, 15:30-17:30

Session 5: Slavery: Institutional Continuity or Conceptual Confusion?
Wednesday, 14.07.2010, 10:45-12:45

Session 6: Global Sociology: Conditions of Possibility
Wednesday, 14.07.2010, 15:30-17:30

Session 7: Comparative Social Theory. The Diversity of Experiences with Modernity and Globalization
Thursday, 15.07.2010, 10:45-12:45

Session 8: Translation and the Problem of (Methodological) Difference
Thursday, 15.07.2010, 15:30-17:30

Session 9: Concept Formation and Theory Building: Drawing upon Indigenous Intellectual Traditions
Friday, 16.07.2010, 10:45-12:45

Session 10: Concept Formation in Asian Sociologies
Friday, 16.07.2010, 15:30-17:30

Venue (presumably):
Handels, The School of Business, Economics and Law, University of Gothenburg, Vasagatan 1, SE-405 30 Göteborg
see: http://www.isa-sociology.org/congress2010/venues.htm#handels
The venue is still subject to change and rooms have not yet been assigned. Please consult the conference website.
Full PowerPoint Equipment is available in all rooms. Presentations should be brought on a USB-stick. Internet access is not available.
Session 1: Monday, 12.07.2010, 15:30-17:30
Contingency and Directionality

Chair:
Volker H. Schmidt, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Presenters:
Thomas Gutmann, University of Münster, Germany
Contingency and Directionality in the Evolution of Law

Wolfgang Knöbl, University of Göttingen, Germany
Path Dependency and Contingency: Tracing Processes in Macro-Sociology

Ibrahimova Mahin Eldar gizi, Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, Azerbaijan
The Concepts of 'Contingency' and 'Directionality' in the Perspective of Relational Sociology

Kari Kantasalmi, University of Helsinki, Finland
Contingency and Directionality in Educational Change: Considering the Notions of Reflexion and Reflexivity
Session 2: Monday, 12.07.2010, 17:45-19:45
Business Meeting

Chair:
Volker H. Schmidt, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Preliminary Agenda:
1. Report and accounts by the ISA RC35 board for the period 2006-2010
2. Discussion of report and accounts
3. Discussion on future proceedings
4. Nominations for and discussion of ISA RC35 board for the period 2010-2014
5. Elections
6. Any other business

thereafter: Communal Dinner

To help prepare the meeting, please email any addenda, proposals for future proceedings, nominations etc. either to the acting RC president Volker H. Schmidt (socvhs@edu.nus.sg) or the acting RC secretary David Strecker (David.Strecker@uni-jena.de). The agenda will be circulated in due course.
Session 3: Tuesday, 13.07.2010, 10:45-12:45
The Concept, Use and Theory of Networks

Chairs:
Jan Fuhse, University of Bielefeld, Germany
Boris Holzer, University of Bielefeld, Germany

Presenters:
Sylvia Keim, University of Rostock, Germany
Fertility Relevant Social Networks: Studying Ego-Centered Social Networks in Family Research

Jan Mewes, University of Bremen, Germany
Combining Focus Theory and Exchange Theory to Understand Group-Specific Network Structures

Marc Lecoutre, Groupe ESC Clermont, France
Pascal Lièvre, Université d’Auvergne, France
Questioning the Distinction Between Strong Ties and Weak Ties: The Notion of Potentially Cooperative Weak Tie

Yally Avrahampour, London School of Economics, UK
Managerial Agency: A Relational Account

Patrik Aspers, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Germany
Lothar Krempel, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Germany
From Game to Entertainment: Markets from Networks in the Football Industry
Session 4: Tuesday, 13.07.2010, 15:30-17:30
Lack of Resonance? The Concept of Alienation Revisited

Chair:
Hartmut Rosa, University of Jena, Germany

Presenters:
Craig Browne, University of Sydney, Australia
The Critique of Objectification and the Re-Conceptualisation of Alienation

Alejandro Bialakowsky, Buenos Aires University, Argentina
Meaning and Alienation in the Theoretical Perspectives of Jürgen Habermas, Anthony Giddens and Niklas Luhmann

Herwig Reiter, University of Bremen, Germany
Towards a Concept of Biographical Alienation

Vincent Miller, University of Kent, Canterbury, UK
Beyond the Binaries: The Tenuous Construction of Belonging in City Life

Hartmut Rosa, University of Jena, Germany
The Concept of Resonance as Alienation's Other
Session 5: Wednesday, 14.07.2010, 10:45-12:45
Slavery: Institutional Continuity or Conceptual Confusion?

Chair:
David Strecker, University of Jena, Germany

Presenters:
Robbie Shilliam, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
Forget Freedom?

Kwame Nimako, National Institute for the Study of Dutch Slavery and its Legacy (NiNsee), Amsterdam, Netherlands
Artwell Cain, National Institute for the Study of Dutch Slavery and its Legacy (NiNsee), Amsterdam, Netherlands
Conceptual Clarity, Please! On the Uses and Abuses of the Concepts of ‘Slave’ and ‘Trade’ in the Study of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and Slavery

Aashika Damodar, Survivors Connect, USA
No ‘Pretty Woman’: The Politics of the ‘Trafficked’ Victim

Manuela Boatca, Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany
Second Slavery vs. Second Serfdom: Local Labor Regimes of the Global Periphery

David Strecker, University of Jena, Germany
Illegitimate, Illegal, Irrational – and Flourishing? The Institution of Slavery
Session 6: Wednesday, 14.07.2010, 15:30-17:30
Global Sociology: Conditions of Possibility

Chair:
Misha Petrovic, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Presenters:
Algis Valantiejus, Vilnius University, Lithuania
*Lessons For and From the History of Social Theory: Experiencing the Global-Local Interaction*

Tobias Werron, University of Bielefeld, Germany
*The Methodological Isms of Globalization Theory*

Gurminder K. Bhambra, University of Warwick, UK
*The Possibilities of Global Sociology: Postcolonial, Cosmopolitan, Subaltern?*

Misha Petrovic, National University of Singapore, Singapore
*Global Sociology: Institutional Pre-Conditions*
Session 7: Thursday, 15.07.2010, 10:45-12:45

Comparative Social Theory:
The Diversity of Experiences with Modernity and Globalization

Chair:
Oliver Kozlarek, Universidad Michoacana and Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Cuajimalpa, Mexico

Presenters:
Jorge Capetillo-Ponce, University of Massachusetts at Boston, USA
Globalization and its Impact on Traditional Culture in Saint Thomas

Raewyn Connell, University of Sydney, Australia
Theorizing (Modernity and Globalization) from the Far South

Sérgio Costa, Free University of Berlin, Germany
Interdependent Asymmetries: Analyzing Entangled Inequalities in Latin America

Oliver Kozlarek, Universidad Michoacana and Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Cuajimalpa, Mexico
Octavio Paz: A Postcolonial Experience of Modernity
Session 8: Thursday, 15.07.2010, 15:30-17:30  
Translation and the Problem of (Methodological) Difference

Chair:  
Gurminder K. Bhambra, University of Warwick, UK

Presenters:  
Ipek Demir, University of Leicester, UK  
Spatial and Temporal Untranslatability

Rolando Vazquez, University of Utrecht, Netherlands  
The Question of Translation, Erasure, and Plurality at the Borders of Modernity/Coloniality

Sarah Easterby-Smith, University of Warwick, UK  
Polite Plants: Translating Natural Knowledge in the Late Eighteenth Century

Robbie Shilliam, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand  
Keskidee Aroha: Translation on the Colonial Stage

Miriam Tag, University of Bielefeld, Germany  
Lost in Translation? Globalization, World Society, and (De)Constructivist Theories
Session 9: Friday, 16.07.2010, 10:45-12:45

Concept Formation and Theory Building: Drawing Upon Indigenous Intellectual Traditions

Chairs:
Syed Farid Alatas, National University of Singapore, Singapore
Ishwar Modi, India International Institute of Social Sciences, India

Presenters:
Jack Barbalet, University of Western Sydney, Australia

*Market Relations as Wu-Wei: Chinese Concepts in Analysis of Modern Capitalism*

Xiaoying Qi, University of Western Sydney, Australia

*Paradoxical Integration: Applications of Chinese Concepts in Sociological Theory*

Rosa Reicher, University of Heidelberg, Germany

*Theorizing Racism and Xenophobia in Asian Sociologies*

V. Sujatha, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

*The Knower in Sociological Inquiry: A Debate Between a Siddha Philosopher and Sociologist*
Session 10: Friday, 16.07.2010, 15:30-17:30
Concept Formation in Asian Sociologies

Chair:
Syed Farid Alatas, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Presenters:
Mau-Kuei Chang, Academia Sinica, Taiwan
Speaking to the Establishment and Indigenizing Sociology: Translating ‘Civil Society’ and its Relevance to Contentious Politics in Taiwan

Azhar Ibrahim, National University of Singapore, Singapore
The Effects of Orientalism in Malay Studies and the Malay Intelligentsias

Vineeta Sinha, National University of Singapore, Singapore
The Need to Insert History and Context into Contemporary Invocations of the Concept of ‘Secularism’

Syed Farid Alatas, National University of Singapore, Singapore
The Study of Muslim Revival: Towards a General Framework

Yoshimichi Sato, Tohoku University, Japan
Why Did Asian Sociologists Not Conceive ‘Social Capital’? Universalism versus Particularism
Looking Back

Mechanisms of Globalization: The Making of World Society

COCTA (ISA RC35) Session
at the
39th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology (IIS) in
Yerevan, Armenia
11-14 June, 2009

Chairs:
Boris Holzer, University of Lucerne, Switzerland
Tobias Werron, University of Bielefeld, Germany

Presenters:
Raf Vanderstraeten, Ghent University, Belgium
Technologies of Knowledge

Rita Sever, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel
Complexity and the Evaluation of 'Glocalized' Interventions

Stephan Stetter, Universität der Bundeswehr, Munich, Germany
Integrating World Society through Conflicts: A Conceptual Approach

Boris Holzer, University of Lucerne, Switzerland
Tobias Werron, University of Bielefeld, Germany
Theorizing Theorization: 'Otherhood' as a Mechanism of Globalization

On behalf of ISA RC35, Boris Holzer (then University of Lucerne) and Tobias Werron (University of Bielefeld) organized the above session at the 39th IIS World Congress in Yerevan, Armenia. The papers discussed diverse globalizing mechanisms, particularly diffusion, science and conflict. The combination of conceptual and empirical concerns attracted a small but lively audience.
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