Dear Colleagues,

as very well known, the Membership of the Research Committee 54 on “The Body in the Social Sciences” is comprised of sociologists and social scientists on the body, and its elected Board Officers represent both disciplines in addition to further afield in health, philosophy, education and anthropology. This interdisciplinary exchange of scholars and experiments lies at the core of the RC54 Embodiment Global Lab http://www.rc54isa-egl.org and moves its “making policies”.

Accordingly, aim of the Conference in object is to demonstrate that social cohesion should be seen as the capability of people and places to manage conflict and change.

At work! The most relevant changes we are currently called to manage are:

1. The Change of Date of the Conference from 5-6 December 2016 to 19-20 January 2017.

The Security Department of the Italian Parliament has suggested the date of 19-20 January, 2017 in place of the previous 5-6 December, 2016, consequently to the announcement by the Italian Government – on last September 26– of the definitive date of the Italian Constitutional Referendum: 4 December 2016.

By the present newsletter, we announce officially the change of date of the Conference in object, that has been already updated both by the Presidency of the Italian Parliament, and by the ISA Secretariat.

We suggest, therefore, to extend the delivery deadline from the previous 30 September to the next 31 October.
2. The Registration fee

We have received 50 abstracts from 20 different Countries. More than 60% of the Submitters are not Members of the ISA and RC54. Our Committee welcomes new Colleagues interested in the conference and invites them to become a member of the International Sociological Association and RC54, and thus benefit from free conference registration, conference booklet, participation in the Proceedings, 20% discount of accommodation cost, and access to the whole RC54 website.

For information on joining ISA and RC54 please see


2.1 Conference registration fee for non-members is $150 USD.

This due clarification focuses on the question of the day: in this world on the move, *how do we learn to get along?* By reversing traditional assessments of mobility and settlement, identity and strangeness, borders and neighborhoods, we should try, in full transparency, to provide, by our original trials on the body, the missing link between the cosmopolitism of yesterday and those who need for tomorrow.

Best regards,

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