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Conference Programme

Rethinking Social Change

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The emergence of new political movements and citizens' actions is transforming the contexts in which social theory was created and has been developed since. Alongside, we observe a questioning today of traditional bureaucracies and their production of inequalities, but also questioning of the social theories that had traditionally interpreted societies and proposed social changes. Habermas clarifies that within democratic revolutions, citizens decided to govern themselves and created social sciences in order to know themselves. In addition, different authors have argued that social theory and the interest to read it and study it has evolved (to more and less intensity) in relation to efforts to changing society.

Looking back, some sociological theories wanted to consolidate the capitalist order (i.e. Comte, Parsons); others wanted to make a revolution to achieve a different order (i.e. Marx, Mills, Marcuse). However, whatever orientation they took, the theories which achieved greater social influence and higher motivation from young students were the ones that linked social theory development to the social transformations of their times. Weber warned about a bureaucratisation process, which has not only affected capitalist enterprise and the modern state, but also the social sciences. Great parts of social sciences have actually lost their original meaning when detaching themselves from current social transformations.

In 2011 Catalunya Square, just some metres away from the Catalan Academy of Sciences where we will have our Social Theory venue, witnessed the "Spanish revolution" (seed of the occupy movement). Since then, everything is changing in the political arena, in the relations between citizens, administration and private sector, in the personal relations among individuals, and in the relations between social sciences and society. New social conceptualizations are slower than the actual social processes, and they are often more useful to explain the past than to comprehend future tendencies. However, the Research Network 29 on Social Theory of the European Sociological Association is eager to stand ahead and calls for this Mid-term Conference in Barcelona to inquiry and debate about new elaborations from social theory that can help to interpret the present and to collaborate, from our field, in the building of a better future for all citizens worldwide. We welcome papers reflecting on these topics as well as other current debates informed by social theory.

Monday August 29

8,00-9,30h: Reception Desk

9,30-10,00h: Welcome address (Room: Prat de la Riba)

Frank Welz. President of the European Sociological Association

Fidel Molina. President of the Catalan Association of Sociology

Marta Soler. Chair of the ESA RN29 Social Theory

10,00-11,00h. Opening Lecture (Room: Prat de la Riba)

Rethinking Social Theory for Rethinking Social Change

Frank Welz (Innsbruck University and ESA President)

11,00-11,30h. Coffee break

11,30-13,00h. Session 1A: Economy, Politics and Capitalism (Room: Nicolau d'Olwer)

Chair: Craig Browne

Bringing Class Back In: The Historical Role of the Working Class According to Dialectical Materialism

Haldun Güllalp (Yıldız Technical University, Turkey)

From liberalism towards the application of a social policy in Cote d'Ivoire (French version)

DRAME Abibata (Université Félix HOUPOUET-BOIGNY, Ivory Coast)

Problem of not acceptable social order. Sociological sense of the free rider`s effect and concept of lumpen-capitalism

Zbigniew Galor (Szczecin University, Poland)

How ideas are privatized? The place of Social Theory within today's knowledge regimes

Jan Balon (Centre for Science, Technology and Society Studies, Czech Republic)

11,30-13,00h. Session 1B: Modernization, communication and social inequality (Room: Pi i Sunyer)

Chair: Gallina Tasheva

Modernization or disintegration: On the indecisiveness of Axel Honneth's Zeitdiagnose

Mikael Carleheden (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)

Communicative Construction and the Communication Society

Hubert Knoblauch (Technische Universität Berlin, Germany)

The power of communicative acts in the analysis of social inequality

Marta Soler and Ana Vidu, (University of Barcelona, Spain)

Lifestyle practices, social acceleration and social inequality in coping with social change

Maie Kiisel (University of Tartu, Estonia)

13-14.30h: Lunch Break

14,30-16,30h. Session 2A: Social Theory and Social Movements (Room: Nicolau d'Olwer)

Chair: Teresa Sordé

Structural Change, Spatial Transformation and New forms of Agency in Contemporary Rural Mobilizations: Insights from the Anti-HEPP Resistance in Arhavi

Sinem Kavak (Bogazici University, Turkey)

Political and Community identities to the withdrawal of the welfare state and delegitimization of representative democracy. The Platform of affected by mortgage and the Candidacies of Popular Unit in Catalonia.

Ferran Giménez Azagra (Basque Country University, Spain)

Social movement Platform for People Affected by Mortgages as a cultural performance

Gemma Puig Latorre (FLACSO México)

Mobilization, Performance, Dedifferentiation and Social Change

José M. Pérez-Agote (Public University of Navarra, Spain)

14,30-16,30h. Session 2B: Social Change in Different Contexts (Room: Pi i Sunyer)

Chair: Hurbert Knoblauch

It Deepens Like a Coastal Shelf - Educational Mobility and Social Capital in Germany

Fabian Stephany (Cambridge University, UK)

Change and educational improvement from the school

Andrea Lagos (University of Barcelona, Spain)

Mapping Emancipatory Subjectivities After the Catastrophe in Greece: Social Theory in the Face of Its Present

Carlos Frade (University of Salford, UK)

16,30- 17,00h. Coffee break

17,00-19,00h. Session 3A: Rethinking different social change perspectives (Room: Nicolau d'Olwer)

Chair: Benno Herzog

From Change of the Social to Social as Change: Rethinking the Social through an Analysis of Foucault's "Three Periods"

Barış Mücen (Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey)

Criminal society Inc.

Josu Bingen Fernández Alcalde (University of Deusto, Spain)

Rethinking Foucault's Governmentality as Assemblage in Conceptualizing Politics of Social Change.

Sanem Güvenç-Salgırlı (Marmara University, Turkey)

The concept of order in Weber and Hayek and proposal of a theoretical synthesis.

Sagar Hernández (Bristol University, UK)

17,00-19,00h. Session 3B: Author meets the Critics (Room: Pi i Sunyer)

Crisis and Critique: On the Fragile Foundations of Social Life

Author: Rodrigo Cordero, Universidad Diego Portales. Chile

Critics: Robert Fine (Emeritus Professor of Sociology, Warwick University) and Simon Susen (City University London)

Tuesday August 30

9,00-11,00h. Session 4A: Agents, Critique and Social Transformations (Room: Nicolau d'Olwer)

Chair: Simon Susen

Changing humors: micro and macro approaches to a social theory of contemporary humour

Alejandro Romero Reche (University of Granada, Spain)

Democratic iterations, empowerment and socio political transformations

Gilles Verpraet (SOPhiapol / University Paris Ouest Nanterre, France)

Immanent critique for sociologists

Benno Herzog (University of Valencia, Spain)

Basic Principles of Interpretation of Meanings of Social Phenomena in the Russian Sociological Tradition

Natalia Maveeva (Russian State Social University, Moscow, Russia)

9,00-11,00h. Session B: Gender, Diversity and Social Change (Room: Pi i Sunyer)

Chair: Haldun Gülalp

Transformations of Russian Working-class Masculinities in the Context of Social Mobility

Alexandrina Vanke and Irina Tartakovskaya (Institute of Sociology Russian Academy of Science, Russia)

The mirage of upward mobility and the preventive socialization of gender violence.

Contributions for the analysis from the social theory.

Esther Oliver (University of Barcelona, Spain)

Rethinking to gender and migration conceptualizations: contributions from the case of Romanian Roma migrant women

Teresa Sordé, Olga Serradell and Mimar Ramis (Universitat Autònoma Barcelona, Spain)

Quality management of care work services within the cooperative sector in Catalonia: The Suara Cooperative Case

Olga Molina (University of Barcelona, Spain)

11,00-11,30h. Coffee break

11,30-13h. Plenary session: Equity and democracy grounds for societal change (Room: Prat de la Riba)

Chair: Csaba Szalo

Developmental Models and the Progression of History: Social Change We Can Believe In

Mark Gould (Haverford College, United States)

Antinomic Dynamics of Social Change

Gallina Tasheva (University of Muenster, Germany)

Dialogic Democracy in Rethinking Social Change

Ramon Flecha (University of Barcelona, Spain)

13-14.30h: Lunch Break

14,30-16,30h. Session 5A: Perspectives on hermeneutics and philosophy (Room: Nicolau d'Olwer)

Chair: Mikael Carleheden

Rethinking the social bond. An hermeneutical reading of social theory: Paul Ricoeur and Serge Paugam

Cristina Clorinda Vendra (Univ. Chieti; EHESS, France)

Historical Consciousness Today: Beyond Historicism and Phenomenology

Csaba Szalo (Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic)

Emergent Intersubjectivity: The Common Ground of Critical Realism and Hermeneutics

Martin Durdovic (Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic)

For Sociology of Philosophers. New insights on Randall Collin's The Sociology of Philosophies

Francisco Javier Salinas Lemus (University College London, UK)

14,30-16,30h. Session 5B: Social Innovation, organizations and change (Room: Pi i Sunyer)

Chair: Gilles Verpraet

Social innovation: Reach, possibilities and limitations in current Sociological Theory about Social Change

José Hernández, Pilar Tirado & José Antonio Ariza (Universidad Loyola Andalucía, Spain)

Introducing happiness within work and organizational theoretical frameworks

Pep Rodríguez, Josep Lluís Condom-Bosch, Alberto Martín, Anna Escobedo and Mireia Yter (University of Barcelona, Spain)

Paradoxes of Social Change: Virtualization of Society, Glam-Capitalism, and beyond

Dmitry Ivanov (St. Petersburg State University, Russia)

Glocalization as the cultural logic of ICT revolution

Victor Roudometof (University of Cyprus, Cyprus)

16,30- 17,00h. Coffee break

17,00-19,00h. Session 6A: Perspectives on Pierre Bourdieu and Erving Goffman. (Room: Nicolau d'Oliver)

Chair: Sanem Güvenç-Salgirdi

The Invention of Social Identities in Modern Societies: Habitus and Psychological Constructs

Francisco Soler (UNED University, Spain)

Pierre Bourdieu's 'sociological determinism'

Ágoston Faber (EHESS, Paris, France)

What is the social relevance of Goffman's dramaturgical interactionism today? A critique.

Mgr. Pavel Pospěch (Masaryk University, Czech Republic)

Reconstructing the Self: A Goffmanian Perspective

Simon Susen (City University London, UK)

17,00-19,00h. Session 6B: Social theory, science and society (Room: Pi i Sunyer)

Chair: Esther Oliver

Ethical Differentiation and the Sociological

Åke Nilsén (University of Halmstad, Sweden)

Modernist visions and contemporary modernities

Craig Browne (University of Sydney)

Social Changes in the XXI century: coping with uncertainty

Massimiliano Ruzzeddu (University Niccolò Cusano in Rome, Italy)

Social Theory taking the lead for science transformation

Mar Joampere, University of Barcelona (Spain)

Working space: Room Puig i Cadafalch

