

Transition.Crisis.Change.Hu

Annual Conference of the Hungarian Sociological Association

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University of Debrecen

SCOPE

The preparation of the annual conference of the Hungarian Sociological Association takes place in time of profound global social and economic crisis. If symptoms of crisis were similar to those of airplane catastrophes, it would be easy to predict the consequences: we would be shocked by the obvious mistakes and omissions that had been made, we would also commemorate the victims; nevertheless, business would go on.

It is widely assumed that it was a mistake not to be consequent enough in complying with the apparently successful recipes. In addition, it is more likely that the present crisis seems to be not an isolated, but a permanent phenomenon. The goal of sociological analysis cannot be reduced to diagnosis, it must include prognosis as well. We consider responsibility immanent part of sociology: we should be retrospective and find possible explanations of being so uncertain in our predictions and giving future views.

It was a demanding and hardly fulfilled promise of sociology to be able to provide an up-to-date and accurate diagnosis of ages. Even Karl Mannheim, who launched this program, scarcely managed to put it into practice. The reason of his inability to fulfill his own program was his belief that the crisis of his own time itself would facilitate the solution. He considered the crisis a huge observatory, which reveals the hidden structure of the world. It did not last long for him to realize how wrong he was.

Sociology cannot wait. We are far from being united in thought. Let us exchange our ideas and think together at this annual conference of the Association! The crisis is reluctant to present itself, but inspires us to explore its wilderness. Let us exploit this opportunity!

Dénes Némedi
president

PLENARY SESSION

Ferenc Erős, DSc (*Research Director, Institute for Psychology, HAS*):

Identity, Trauma, Memory

Imre Kovách, CSc (*Research Director, Institute for Political Science, HAS*):

Crises diagnostic

Erzsébet Szalai, DSc (*Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Political Science, HAS*):

Global Crisis and its Effects in Hungary – Twenty Years after the Political System Change

János Ladányi, DSc (*Professor, Corvinus University of Budapest*):

Changing spatial- and social structure in Hungary after the Political System Change

CALL

The conference will be organized covering the following main topics:

1. Crisis and renewal
2. Social memory, history and media
3. Economy and society in times of crisis
4. Exit, voice and loyalty in crisis
5. Determination and option
6. The crisis of education and the system change of education. Diagnosis and ideology
7. Ethnic cooperation, co-existence and confrontation in the last two decades in Hungary
8. Interethnic relations. Romas in the XXI. century
9. Identities in Central-Europe
10. Sustainable urban areas
11. Critical social science after the transition to political pluralism and market economy
12. Revolution in social sciences
13. Brave new world? Prediction and predictability in complex systems. Future views, social movements
14. New results and methodological dilemmas in interview research
15. European comparative research (ESS - European Social Survey)
16. Education of sociology after Bologna
17. Other topics

Abstracts and posters are invited on the topics outlined within the scope of the meeting. The language of the conference is Hungarian and English.

Application

Requirements for giving a presentation at the conference:

- Submitting an abstract.
- Submitting the Registration Form.
- Transferring the registration fee.

Scientific Committee

The submitted abstracts will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee. During the evaluation the anonymity of the authors will be guaranteed by the Organizing Committee. The members of the Scientific Committee will be also kept confidential until 15 October, the evaluation of the abstracts. See evaluation criteria below.

Abstracts

- Native Hungarian speakers are asked to prepare their abstracts in Hungarian and English languages.
- Other lecturers are asked to prepare their abstracts in English language.
- One lecturer is allowed to submit maximum two abstracts in different sessions.
- Minimum 1500, maximum 2500 character.
- Document in .doc.; Times New Roman letters; size 12; Margins: 2.5 cm. No other formatting!
- Indicate the followings after the author(s) and title:
 - scientific degree (Ph.D. student, Ph.D., C.Sc., D.Sc.),
 - position,
 - institute / workplace (full name, address),

If the author is PhD student and employee at the same time, please indicate both! E.g.:

Flower Petit

PhD student, University of Palermo, Italy

Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Sociology of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

- In case of co-author(s), underline the name of the presenter.
- Please indicate the followings in the abstract:
 - the language of the presentation
 - if it is not presentation but poster

Evaluation criteria:

- Relevance of the topic (topicality, hypotheses)
- Methodology
- Perspectives drawn from the results or potential results
- General quality of the abstract (structure, use of technical terminology, etc.)

The Scientific Committee is entitled to assign the presentations to another session than indicated by the applicant. Even if your research does not fit in any of the sessions, we recommend you to submit an abstract; the Scientific Committee will evaluate your proposal and suggest which session would suit your abstract or eventually create a new session for the proposals.

The notification for abstracts receipt will be sent to applicants by e-mail until 4 October at latest. The notification of acceptance / refusal will be sent applicants by e-mail on 15 October. The abstracts will be published on the website of the Association and in case of the conference is awarded a grant, they will be published on CD.

Posters

Please indicate in the abstract that your presentation is a poster. For further details please contact the Organizing Committee: [mszt\(at\)socio.mta.hu](mailto:mszt(at)socio.mta.hu)

Registration Form

Each presenter should register for the conference. Please find the Registration Form:

- attached to this e-mail, or
- on the website of the Association: www.szociologia.hu:
http://www.szociologia.hu/transitioncrisischangehu__2nd_call/

Registration fees for lecturers

- In case of acceptance of abstract(s) a registration fee should be paid.
- Registration fee for each lecturer: 1500 HUF
(Registration fee for audience will be: for adult 3000 HUF, for student and pensioner 1500 HUF)
Please transfer the fee to:
Name: Hungarian Sociological Association
Bank: ERSTE Bank 11991102-02102940-00000000
Remark: your family name + 2009 conference
- If you cannot transfer HUF, you can pay by cash (HUF) on the spot (this option is only available to presenters from abroad).

The registration fee includes:

- Opportunity of presenting based on the evaluated abstract(s)
- Use of technical background and service
- Publication(s) of full papers
- Admission to all sessions
- Abstract booklet
- Buffet lunch and refreshments at the venue during the conference days
- Admission to reception on the first conference evening
- Admission to the opening and closing ceremonies

Deadlines

- **Abstracts and registration forms** should be sent by e-mail to [mszt\(at\)socio.mta](mailto:mszt(at)socio.mta) **at the same time**. Deadline: **30 September, 2009**.
- Deadline for **transfer payment** of registration fee: **31 October, 2009**.

! We may remind you the followings:

- Incomplete, inaccurate abstracts will not be accepted.
- Abstracts sent after deadline or without registration form will not be accepted.
- In case of failing transfer payment the presentation will be cancelled.

Full papers

The Association provides the opportunity for publishing full papers.

- The full papers will also be evaluated by the Scientific Committee.
- Guidelines for full papers:
<http://www.szociologia.hu/submission/>
- Deadline for sending full papers: 10 December, 2009.
- The studies will be published on the website of the Association, as the part of the conference. The Association applied for a grant in order to publish CD and printed versions as well. If the conference is awarded a grant, (of which the Association will inform the lecturers as soon as possible):
 - 1) a Conference CD will be produced with abstracts and full papers and
 - 2) selected studies will be accepted into the special issue of the Review of Sociology, the periodical of the Association.

Presentations

- The length of presentations depends on the total number of lectures in one session. Each session will last between 2 hours and 2 hours and half, therefore each lecture should be 20-25 minutes long. This is a temporary estimation of the time given for lectures. It may change!
- Laptop and projector will be available in each session room. Further details will be sent by e-mail to presenters after 15 October.

Program

The draft program of the conference will be published in the middle of October, the final program on 9 November.

Registration for audience

All attending conference participants must pay the registration fee. Registration fees for audience:

- Adult: 3000 HUF
 - Student and pensioner: 1500 HUF
- The fee should be paid on the spot.

If you would like to attend the **reception** on the first evening of the conference please **notify your presence** no later than **5 November**. (e-mail to mszt@socio.mta.hu)

The registration fee includes:

- Admission to all sessions
- Abstract handbook
- Buffet lunch and refreshments at the venue during the conference days
- Admission to reception on the first conference day
- Admission to the Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Travel, accommodation

Participants are solely responsible for their own travel to Debrecen and for their own hotel accommodation. We inform you that the “Zeneművészeti Főiskola Weiner Leó Kollégium” (Students’s hostel in Debrecen) Address: H-4032 Debrecen, Egyetem tér 2., tel. and fax: +36 52 419366; fax: +36 52 411226) provides 2-8 bed rooms for participants during the conference altogether for 25 persons. Participants are responsible for their reservation.

- Reservation:
 - Name: PÉRCZY Antalné (administrator, University of Debrecen)
 - Tel/Fax: +36 52 512-900 / 22118 extension
 - Fax: (52) 454-241

Further information about accommodation:

- Please find attached the list of hotels, private apartments.
- Tourinform Bureau
 - Address: H-4024 Debrecen, Piac utca 20.;
 - Tel: +36 52 412250; Fax: +36 52 535323;
 - E-mail: [tourinform\(at\)ph.debrecen.hu](mailto:tourinform(at)ph.debrecen.hu); debrecen@tourinform.hu

Organizing Committee

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Important dates

Tasks	Deadline, date	Responsible	Notes
Call for papers	Middle of July	Organizing Committee	E-mail
Submitting abstracts:	30 Sept	Lecturers	E-mail to: mszt@socio.mta.hu
Sending registration forms: (Including the indication of participation in the reception on Friday evening):	Until 30 Sept	Lecturers	E-mail to: mszt@socio.mta.hu
Sending the evaluation criteria of full papers	Sept.	Organizing Committee	E-mail
Accommodation possibilities	From 1 Oct	Organizing Committee	www.szociologia.hu
Notification of receiving abstracts:	Until 4 Oct	Organizing Committee	E-mail
Evaluation of abstracts:	1-13 Oct	Scientific Committee	Anonymity, evaluation criteria
Notification of accepted / refused abstracts:	Until 15 Oct	Organizing Committee	E-mail
Draft program:	Middle of Oct	Organizing Committee	E-mail
Draft program on the website:	Middle of Oct	Organizing Committee	www.szociologia.hu
Transfer payment of registration fee:	31 Oct	Lecturers	Bank transfer
Indication of participation in the reception on Friday evening:	5 Nov	Audience	E-mail to: mszt@socio.mta.hu
Final program:	9 Nov	Organizing Committee	E-mail
Final program on the website:	9 Nov	Organizing Committee	www.szociologia.hu
Conference:	13-14 Nov	Organizing Committee	
Payment of registration fee:	13-14 Nov	Audience	On the venue
Abstracts on the website:	After 14 Nov	Organizing Committee	www.szociologia.hu
Submitting full papers:	Until 10 Dec	Lecturers	E-mail to: mszt@socio.mta.hu
Evaluation of full papers:	Feb 2010	Scientific Committee	Evaluation criteria
Full papers on the website:	Apr 2010	Organizing Committee	www.szociologia.hu
Conference CD with abstracts and full papers:	May 2010	Organizing Committee	In case of the conference is awarded a grant.
Selected studies in the special issue of the Review of Sociology:	Year of 2010	Scientific Committee	In case of the conference is awarded a grant.

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