

## CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline: November 15, 2005

### Understanding diversity: Mapping and measuring

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This is the first announcement and call for papers for the international Conference on “Understanding Diversity: Mapping and measuring”, to be held at Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM), Milano on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th January, 2006.

The Conference is organised under the auspices of the Marie Curie Series of Conferences entitled “EURODIV: Cultural Diversity in Europe: a Series of Conferences” (MSCF-CT-2004-516670).

EURODIV Conferences intend to bring together younger researchers and leading scientists to exchange knowledge in a spirit of mutual learning.

This call is targeted to *Early-stage* and *Mid-career researchers*. A restricted number of grants is reserved to *European Researchers active outside the Union* (see below for details). Leading scientists will be selected by direct invitation to introduce each session with broad key-note speeches on the topic at stake.

The design of the Conference, balancing key-note speeches, paper presentations and discussions and informal talking, is explicitly aimed at maximising interactions and learning opportunities for younger researchers.

Each paper will be offered the possibility of being published in the Working Paper Series of the Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM) subject to a standard review procedure.

#### **The topics:**

Diversity is increasingly at the core of political and academic debate. This Conference focuses on empirical research and on the challenge of mapping, measuring and comparing diversity within and across countries, regions, cities or institutions and organisations. It intends to bring together and confront the ways disciplines define and conduct empirical research on diversity. In particular, contributions will cover the following topics:

**Theory and practice.** Diversity is a complex and multifaceted issue. Its complexity, however, is rarely reflected in empirical quantitative research. The Conference intends to confront the ways in which different disciplines approach and operationalise diversity in the attempt of closing the gap between theory and practice. We welcome theoretical work as well as empirical applications in the broader field of social science research. Issues such as the measurement of multidimensional diversity; the relationships between

diversity, inequality and power hierarchies; the analysis of the socio-institutional context, etc are of relevance here.

**New databases and methodologies.** Available data are often inadequate to carry out meaningful empirical research. For example, most national censuses in Europe only record the nationality of residents. Besides, the details and groupings wherein information is collected and published vary widely across countries and hamper the reliability of statistical analyses. Initiatives are often taken by individual teams and researchers to fill these gaps. The Conference intends to provide them with a multidisciplinary forum for mutual learning and understanding. We welcome contributions concerning developments of new databases (with potential EU-wide relevance), analyses of potentialities and limitations of existing databases, new methodologies for collecting and recording data and information, comparisons between the state-of-play in Europe vis-à-vis other major world players, etc.

**Synthetic indicators.** Statistical analysis as well as the design, implementation and monitoring of policies require the use of adequate indicators able to synthesise in one number a complex set of information. As such, indicators have a long tradition in the social and environmental sustainability literatures and are increasingly used in our field. Very often these indicators are qualitative and have no numerical value. The challenge is to find ways of using them comparatively. The Conference intends to bring together those recent efforts in order to confront the ways in which different disciplines develop and use diversity indicators. We welcome theoretical contributions concerning the development of new indicators or the setting up of coherent systems of indicators for monitoring diversity and diversity policies in complex systems, as well as empirical work with innovative applications of existing indicators (drawn, for example, from biological, or socio-economic literature) for the analysis of diversity and diversity policies in specific fields.

#### **Submission of a paper:**

If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send an e-mail to [valeria.papponetti@feem.it](mailto:valeria.papponetti@feem.it) by **15<sup>th</sup> November 2005** (subject: EURODIV Conference - paper), specifying name, affiliation and e-mail address of author(s) with clear indication of the corresponding author, paper title, max 5 keywords, and a single attachment with the abstract of the paper (length: 300-500 words) in PDF or Word format.

The final decision will be taken by **30<sup>th</sup> November 2005**, when the programme of the Conference will also be released.

The papers that are not selected for the main Sessions will be offered the possibility to be presented in parallel Poster Sessions.

#### **Applying for the grants:**

There are several grants available for the Conference. Grants cover living expenses (up to a max of EUR 150.00 per day) and travel expenses (up to a maximum amount established on the basis of travel distance).

The submission of a paper is automatically considered as an application for the grant.

Grants are not only available for presenters. Other researchers that intend to participate to the conference (but do not have a paper to submit) need to apply expressly for the grant. Application consists in an e-mail addressed to [valeria.papponetti@feem.it](mailto:valeria.papponetti@feem.it) (subject: EURODIV Conference – grant), with a motivation letter and a CV.

All participants might be asked to *discuss* one of the papers presented at the conference.

**Researchers eligible for funding:**

*Group 1 - Early-stage researchers* (max 37 grants). Researchers attending the event for training purposes, who have, at the time of their attendance no more than 4 years (full-time equivalent) research experience since obtaining the diploma which gives them direct access to doctoral studies in the country in which the diploma was obtained and who do not have a doctoral degree.

*Group 2 – Mid-career researchers* (max 37 grants). Researchers attending the event for training purposes, who have, at the time of their attendance, a doctoral degree or 4-10 years of (full-time equivalent) research experience since obtaining the diploma which gives them direct access to doctoral studies in the country in which the diploma was obtained.

*Group 3 – European Researchers active outside the Union* (max 5 grants). Researchers attending the event for training purposes, who have, at the time of their attendance, more than 10 years of (full-time equivalent) research experience since obtaining the diploma which gives them direct access to doctoral studies in the country in which the diploma was obtained, who are nationals of Member States or Associated Member States and who are active in research outside the Member States and Associated Member States at the time of the event.

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