

CALL FOR PAPERS

Diversity in Cities: New Models of Governance

Deadline: April 7th, 2008

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“EURODIV – Cultural Diversity in Europe”

Rome, Italy, September 16-17, 2008

This is the first announcement and call for papers for the international conference on “Diversity in Cities: New Models of Governance” to be organized by the Psychoanalytic Institute for Social Research in Rome, Italy on Tuesday September 16th and Wednesday September 17th, 2008.

Diversity is becoming a key feature of European societies. European integration, global migrants, the aging of the population, and changing gender roles have brought diversity onto the agenda. Both the state and private organizations need to find appropriate and effective ways to understand and deal with diversity and researchers are increasingly called upon to make sense of this diversity and provide research to support public and private action that contributes to sustainable diversity. This conference looks at one of these aspects, focusing on the governance of diversity by public bodies and local government with particular emphasis on the potential for city governance to contribute to the *sustainability of diversity*. In this way, the conference begins a discussion of how diversity cannot only be measured and understood, but actively managed in order to foster the development of diverse and dynamic cities.

The conference is organized by Raffaele Bracalenti, President of the Psychoanalytic Institute for Social Research, and Vanja Stenius, also of the Psychoanalytic Institute for Social Research. It is the fourth of five conferences on diversity falling under the auspices of the Marie Curie Series of Conferences entitled “EURODIV: Cultural Diversity in Europe: A Series of Conferences” (MSCF-CT-2004-516670). For more information on this conference, the past conferences and upcoming events please visit the EURODIV website at www.susdiv.org.

EURODIV Conferences intend to bring together young researchers and leading scientists to exchange knowledge in a spirit of mutual learning. The call is therefore mainly addressed to *early-stage* and *mid-career researchers*, who conduct research on diversity (see below for details). More experienced researchers are welcome to submit an abstract. However, precedence will be given to submissions of high quality by junior researchers.

Key note speeches will be given by leading diversity scholars to introduce each of the sessions during the conference. The conference is structured allow young researchers to present their research and engage in formal and informal discussions with other researchers to maximize interaction and learning.

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.

EURODIV participants may also be invited to present their research at a General Assembly meeting of the SUS.DIV Network of Excellence and/or work with SUS.DIV partners on research endeavours. Such participation is pursuant to the review of EURODIV papers by members of the SUS.DIV Network.

The conference is organized around four main topics:

- 1. Maps and indicators of diversity: Tools for good governance.** Good governance is dependent upon valid and relevant information. This session welcomes papers that address indicators or means of measuring and conceptualizing diversity in a manner that is useful for public bodies and local policymakers for the sake of identifying and localizing residents' needs (e.g., social services, language support, childcare for working mothers) and appropriate responses. Keep in mind that diversity does not just refer to immigrants or different ethnic groups, but also demographics such as age and gender and the roles that these different groups take on within the community.
- 2. Theory and models of governance.** This session welcomes papers that address the application and relevance of current theories and models of governance to problems/challenges posed by diversity. Are these models and theories adequate? What changes or modifications are called for? What are their implications for sustainable diversity?
- 3. Fostering sustainability from the top down: Governance in practice.** The scope of governance extends beyond understanding the population mix to seeking out means to address community needs and problems; thereby fostering community stability and sustainability. This session welcomes papers that address the impact of governmental policies and practices—at the city level—on the sustainability of diversity or present innovative policies formulated to address the needs and challenges posed by an increasingly diverse population while taking advantage of the opportunities and strengths that such a population provides.

4. **Sustainability from the bottom up: Civic participation in governance.** Governance in democratic societies requires the direct and indirect participation of diverse groups of citizens. This session focuses on the inclusion of diverse groups in governance (e.g., right to vote in local elections, employment by government bodies) and general level of civic participation. Particular focus should be placed on the level of inclusion/marginalisation of migrants, women and other disadvantage groups and the impact on the sustainability of diversity.

Grants

There are several grants available for the conference. Grants cover living expenses (up to a max of €148.95 per day) and travel expenses (up to the maximum established on the basis of travel distances). A small number of grants are destined to researchers that do not have a paper to submit. There are no conference fees.

Researchers eligible for funding

Group 1: Early-stage researchers. Researchers attending the event for training purposes who have, at the time of their attendance, no more than 4 years of (full-time equivalent) research experience since obtaining the diploma that gives you 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. 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 that gives them direct access to doctoral studies in the country in which the diploma was obtained.

Group 3: European researchers active outside the Union. 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 that that 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.

Submissions and applications for a grant

If you are interested in submitting a paper, then please send an e-mail to Vanja Stenius (iprs@iprs.it) by **April 7th, 2008** including:

1. A 600-word abstract. Please indicate the name, affiliation and e-mail address of author(s), the contact author, the paper title, and max 5 keywords;
2. The application form (attached) duly filled in. The application form can also be faxed to +39 06 32652433;

3. Full CV of the applicant(s);
4. A copy of the applicant(s) ID. The copy of the ID can also be faxed to +39 06 32652433.

Grants for multiple authors will be considered, depending on the availability of funds.

If you wish to apply for a grant and do not have a paper to submit, then please send an e-mail to Vanja Stenius (iprs@iprs.it) by **April 7th, 2008** including:

5. A motivation letter (max 600 words) that explains the reason why you would like to participate in the conference. Please indicate your full name, affiliation and e-mail address;
6. The application form (attached) duly filled in. The application form can also be faxed to +39 06 32652433;
7. Full CV of the applicant(s);
8. A copy of the applicant(s) ID. The copy of the ID can also be faxed to +39 06 32652433.

Incomplete submissions or submissions sent after the deadline will not be taken into consideration. The final decision will be made by **May 1st, 2008**. Researchers selected for participation should submit their full papers by **August 1st, 2008** (max 8000 words).

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