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CONFERENCES/CALLS FOR PAPERS

CALL FOR PAPERS

CONFERENCE ON

“THE STATUS OF ANTHROPOLOGY IN AFRICA”

Bamenda, Cameroon

15 – 17 October, 2010

Historical Background

As a discipline anthropology which seeks to understand human culture, the causes and Consequences of social behaviour of human groups, has been the object of research and teaching for more than 100 years, The colonisation of Africa by different Europeans nations beginning from 1884 following the Berlin conference provided a human laboratory for foreign anthropologists to collect, analyse and publish monographs, books and articles of various sizes on Africa

For example, the *Deutsches Kolonialblatt*, a German colonial chronicle, is filled with accounts written by travellers, missionaries, colonial administrators about the peoples and cultures of Africa. The pioneer work was later continued by the British and French scholars and administrators who used what became known as “government anthropologists” to produce a variety of monographs in a more systematic way. While the French scholars and administrators established for example “*Etudes Camerounaises*” in which information about the different peoples and cultures of Cameroon was consigned, the British began a systematic documentation of local cultures which led to the publication of monographs such *African Survey* (Harvey), *African Political Systems* (Evans-Pritchard), *African Systems of thoughts*, etc)

With the establishment of Universities throughout the continent, Anthropologists were certainly among the first to be engaged in teaching social sciences. From 1960s to early 1980s anthropology was taught in the name of Sociology. Though Anthropologists did not Associate themselves with the discipline by hiding under *Sociology*, they taught anthropological subjects. Busia who later became the President of Ghana, was hired to teach anthropology in the Department of Sociology at the University of Ghana, Legon.. The first Cameroon anthropologists to teach at the Federal University of Cameroon, did so under the cover of Sociology. It is interesting to note that most of what they taught was anthropology. The first Conference of African scholars held in Algiers in 1973 had made matters worse by declaring anthropology a racist discipline and a smokescreen for neo colonialism.

A typical example may be used here to illustrate the point. It was until 1976 that Prof. Paul Nchoji Nkwi was hired to teach expressly anthropology at the department of Sociology in the Faculty of Arts at the University of Yaoundé (formerly the Federal University of Cameroon). From 1976 to 1989, Nkwi made every efforts to bring anthropology from underground (*maquissard* status), to full recognition as a discipline in its own right. In 1989 Nkwi was able to organise the first Pan African Conference of African anthropologists whose participants came from 32 African universities. This led to the establishment of the Pan African Anthropological Association (PAAA) which has made a mark on the landscape of African social sciences over the last 21 years. Several conference of the Association have been held in Cameroon, Kenya, Cote de l’Ivoire, South Africa, Botswana, and greater aware has been created with respect to the usefulness of the discipline in addressing some of the critical development problems that face Africa.. No systematic assessment of the impact of PAAA has ever been made country by country. It is the ambition of this country to do just that.

In Cameroon, for example, the turning point comes in 1993/94 when anthropology

ceased to be a simple service discipline to become a “*degree awarding discipline*”. Previously anthropology was taught as an introductory course to students of sociology, philosophy, linguistics, etc. In 1993/94 academic year Nkwi, being a senior official in the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, worked very hard to develop a full anthropology teaching program. Indeed, of the 16 lecturers teaching in the Department of Sociology at Yaoundé, at least 9 were anthropologists). It was indeed, easy to start a full degree program and thanks to government policy orientation, students were able to be awarded first degrees in anthropology and subsequent years saw the establishment of masters and PhD programs. These reforms permitted the department of sociology to be renamed “*Department of Sociology and Anthropology*”. Although one department continued to function while delivering two sets of degrees, the separation would not be consummated until 2006 when the ministry of Higher Education created a full department of anthropology at the University of Yaoundé I and even went further to create a similar department at the University of Douala. When Prof. Nkwi retired in 2006 from the University of Yaoundé, he could rightly be called the “*father of Cameroon anthropology*”, Those who are now teaching Anthropology in any institution in Cameroon, are largely his former students.

A new department of anthropology at the Catholic University of Cameroon whose fundamental option is “applied” will open its doors to pioneer students in October 2010. This conference seeks to celebrate this new birth, bringing the number of such departments in Cameroon to four (Yaoundé, Buea, Douala and Bamenda)

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference is being organised to review the state of anthropology in Africa both at the research and teaching levels. How is the discipline being taught at both State and private universities throughout the continent? What are the fundamental options for those charged with preparing students in a highly competitive world? What is the future of the discipline? What are the challenges facing the discipline

The conference will attempt to examine the role anthropology and anthropologists have played in shaping policy and action on the continent. . As a regional or continental conference, it will discuss the changes that have occurred, It will examine the following critical issues: Social Cohesion; the underpinning of failed African Leadership; 50 years of self-rule, not independent (1960- 2010), Indigenous Knowledge Systems and the struggle for a truly independent Africa.

MAIN THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference will explore two main themes: research (pure and applied) and the teaching of the discipline in African universities. The ethnographic research conducted in Africa during the pre-independent years was impressive and has served a solid basis for the construction of social sciences in Africa. The post-independent years (almost 50 years), do not seem to show much. Will the debate over the Ivory tower and schizoid approaches continue? Where do Africans and Africanists stand situate themselves in this debate. The organisers of this conference will like scholars to reflect on what has happened during these two periods in the history of Anthropology in Africa. The second theme focuses on the teaching of the discipline and the evolution of the discipline within the academic establishment throughout the continent.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference expects to generate a lot of discussions on the use and misuse of Anthropology (use of it by racist apartheid regime in South Africa, or the assimilation Policies of France and Portugal). Participants from different parts of the continent will be able to demonstrate how this use and misuse has been or not been in their respect countries. The conference will also reflect on governance issues and address the participation of African governance structure in the shaping of the modern states in Africa. Where do our traditional rulers stand in the modern emerging states? In a continent faced

with various forms of conflicts, can anthropology provide an appropriate basis for resolving conflicts where the West has failed?

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE

This is a two day conference structured into plenary sessions

Thursday January 13: ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

DAY ONE; Friday, 14 January, 2011

9h00: Official Opening of the Conference
Registration
; Inaugural Address by President of PAAA
Objectives of the Conference
19H00; Welcome Dinner

DAY TWO: Saturday, 15 January 2011

Morning

8h00 – 10h00

Keynote Address (1)
Supporting Papers
Discussions

11h00 – 13h00

Keynote Address(2): Discussions
Supporting papers
Discussions

Afternoon

Lunch 13h00 -14h00

14h00- 16h00
Keynote Paper (3)
Supporting Papers
Discussions

17h00-19h00

Keynote Paper(4)
Supporting Papers
Discussions

19.30-21h00: Dinner and gala night

DAY THREE: Sunday, 16 January, 2010

Morning

07H00 – 09h00

Reading of the Final Report
Presentation of the Way Forward
Official Closing of the Conference
11h30 -12 Departure of Participants

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

International Conference on Human Capital and Employment in the European and Mediterranean Area

University of Bologna,
Bologna, Italy

10-11 March, 2011

Save the date and make suggestions

The AlmaLaurea Consortium and the University of Bologna will convene the *XIII Conference on graduates' employment conditions* in Bologna on **Thursday March 10 and Friday March 11, 2011**.

The general theme for this Conference will be ***Human capital and employment in the European and Mediterranean Area***. We look forward to bring together papers that will address this topic from a wide range of perspectives, from both country-specific and comparative perspectives. Thematic and open sessions will be devoted to applied and methodological issues, such as the following:

Employers' strategies and demand for graduates before and after the global crisis
Youth choices and graduate supply before and after the global crisis
Graduate labour markets after the crisis: Intermediation, mismatch, over-education
International graduate mobility and university cooperation among different regions
Gender issues and inequality in higher education outcomes
Public and private higher education achievements
Surveys methods and statistical indicators in tracer studies
Requirements for representative samples in tracer studies

Furthermore, the organizers are open to suggestions from prospective participants for contributions on these and further topics. Actually, in order to support the research effort carried out by the researchers in the European and Mediterranean Area, AlmaLaurea invites them to present new proposals. Proposals should make use of the ever-increasing data-bases available in the area, including the AlmaLaurea data-base, which is ready to be used upon substantiated request. This **call for ideas** will remain open until **Wednesday September 15, 2010** and proposals should be sent by e-mail to the following address: andrea.cammeili@almalaurea.it

The **call for papers** taking into account the results of the call for ideas will be issued on Monday September 25, 2010.

All submitted papers will be reviewed by a prominent International Scientific Committee representing different countries of the European and Mediterranean Area. The best papers will be selected for the Conference. The authors of the selected papers will enjoy the opportunity to present their work in front of an international and interdisciplinary audience of academics, employers and policy-makers. The presented papers will also be published and circulated among academic and expert networks throughout the European and Mediterranean Area. Economic support will be provided to the authors of the best selected papers.

Key dates:

- Deadline for the call for ideas: September 15, 2010
- Issue of the call for papers: September 25, 2010

For further information:

Check our website: <http://www.almalaurea.it/en/>

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Conference

The Sociology of Risk - Theoretical Perspectives

Department of Sociology,
Welfare Research Group
University Copenhagen
Denmark

January 27 – 28, 2011

Conference theme: Risk is a key concept in contemporary sociology. The growing body of sociological risk research is a challenge to the more traditional techno-scientific and psychometric approaches to risk, grounded in conventional models of rationality. Sociologists stress the importance of socio-cultural and historic settings for risk assessment, risk behaviour and risk management. In this perspective, people are seen as responding to risks, not as atomized individuals but as members of social groups, relating their risk conceptions and behaviour to broader cultural frameworks.

The aim of the conference is to gather different theoretical approaches within the sociology of risk and to discuss and examine their analytical use in empirical research. The following themes will be highlighted: the importance of socio-cultural frameworks in risk assessment and behaviour; risk control as practice of the self; risk decisions and intersubjectivity; risk and trust; risk management in the welfare state; risk and the assignment of responsibility and blame; voluntary and involuntary exposures to risk; edgework, identity and control.

Conference form: A mix of plenary lectures and thematically organised sessions with paper presentations. The conference will start Thursday, January 27 at 10 AM and end Friday, January 28, at 1 PM.

Keynote speakers:

Jens O. Zinn, University of Melbourne: "Risk and Uncertainty – Theoretical Approaches"
Peter Taylor-Gooby, University of Kent: "Risk and Context in Social Science"
Liz Austen, Sheffield Hallam University: "The Social Construction of Risk"

Deadlines:

Registration and abstracts: October 15, 2010. (Abstract approval: November 1, 2011)
Papers: January 5, 2011.
The conference is free of charge.

To register for the conference, please fill in and return the attached form.

Organizers: Margaretha Järvinen, Lars Fynbo, Morten Frederiksen, Myra Lewinter, Jørgen Elm Larsen & Tea Torbenfeldt Bengtsson.

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Deadline for registration and abstracts: October 15th 2010.

Deadline for papers: January 5th 2011.

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

WORKSHOP ON UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES – THE 75TH JUBILEE OF A SOCIOLOGICAL IDEA

**Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Journalism,
University of Gdańsk –
9-10 May 2011**

Dear Colleagues,

University of Gdańsk in cooperation with Division of Sociology of Law and Gdańsk Branch of Polish Sociological Association invite scholars to join in a discussion about 'unintended consequences'.

Many comments and theoretical developments that followed Robert K. Merton's work on unanticipated consequences of purposive social actions have focused on ramifying the initial conceptual apparatus. This involved debating semantical nuances of such terms as: unexpected, unrecognized, unaware, unforeseen, perverse, in addition to, or instead of, the ones of unintended and unanticipated. The workshop aims to summarize and revitalize this debate.

On the other hand, the purpose of the conference is to bridge the gap between the discussions on unintended consequences and many discourses that emerged in theoretical circumstances different from, or even opposed to, mertonian functionalism. Similar themes were undertaken by scholars active in fields as different as systems' theory, post-foucauldian governance studies or neoinstitutionalism. Since terms used in such studies range from risk through contingency to regulatory failures, it is worthwhile to see whether linguistic differences signify speaking of different phenomena.

Thus, the organizers of the workshop welcome all contributions relevant for 'sociology as an analysis of the unintended' – 75 years after the original term was coined. The event will take place at Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Journalism, University of Gdańsk on 9-10 May, 2011. Papers will be invited for publication in a themed volume. For further details about the conference please visit: www.wuc.ifsid.ug.edu.pl.

Best regards,

Workshop Committee:

Klaus Bachmann – University of Wrocław
Piotr Gliński – Polish Academy of Sciences, University of Białystok, Polish Sociological Association
Jacek Kurczewski – University of Warsaw
Jan Poleszczuk – University of Białystok
Brunon Synak – University of Gdańsk
Marek Ziółkowski – Adam Mickiewicz University

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Jan Winczorek
Maciej Brosz

**International Labour Process Conference
5-7 April 2011**

Following a very successful conference hosted by Rutgers in March 2010, the next International Labour Process Conference is announced to take place between the 5th and 7th of April 2011. This will be hosted by the [Centre for Employment Relations Innovation & Change \(CERIC\)](#) at the University of Leeds.

Please visit the website <http://www.ilpc.org.uk/> to read the call for papers.

The deadline for abstract submission is **31st October** and decisions on acceptance will be made in early December 2010.

**International Conference
I GIOVANI E LE SFIDE DEL FUTURO
Sapienza Università di Roma
Aula Magna
3-4 Novembre 2010**

Le profonde trasformazioni prodottesi nella moderna società hanno coinvolto sempre più i giovani che, da sempre, sono l'osservatorio privilegiato per lo studio del mutamento culturale e, al tempo stesso, sono ancor più interessanti se si leggono nello spazio politico, culturale ed economico di un'Europa che, mentre si amplia ad Est, conserva una molteplicità di scambi e interazioni con i paesi che si affacciano sull'altra sponda del Mediterraneo.

L'eterogeneità di questi spazi, quello costituito dagli stati membri, ma anche quello "marginale delle sue periferie, produce spesso tensioni che portano soprattutto i giovani a confrontarsi con nuove realtà e problematiche. Fra queste, spicca la crisi dei tradizionali meccanismi di integrazione e il profilarsi di disuguaglianze che attraversano l'area euro-mediterranea, spingendo i giovani alla ricerca di nuovi percorsi verso l'autonomia o l'indipendenza nella misura in cui sperimentano difficoltà di accesso alla formazione, al lavoro, all'abitazione, alla genitorialità e alla più ampia sfera della partecipazione sociale e politica.

Ancora, sono soprattutto le nuove generazioni a segnare una certa distanza nei confronti delle rappresentazioni costruite dagli adulti, spesso inclini a raffigurare una visione problematica della giovinezza o poco disposti ad assumere le critiche che i giovani stessi esprimono nei confronti dei ruoli adulti. In altre parole, essi non solo riflettono i cambiamenti che si verificano all'interno di una società, ma sono allo stesso tempo attori protagonisti di tali cambiamenti.

Le identità, i saperi, le modalità di comunicazione, gli atteggiamenti e i consumi, il rapporto con il lavoro e la famiglia che i giovani manifestano sono in grado di interferire con le istituzioni con le quali una società organizza le forme della propria riproduzione. In tal senso è necessario chiedersi, in una prospettiva di medio-lungo termine, come si rapportano i giovani con una società contemporanea attraversata da inediti processi di mutamento quali le difficoltà del mercato del lavoro e l'incerto processo di inclusione sociale.

Uno degli ambiti che riceverà particolare attenzione sarà quello della adesione a forme partecipative che progressivamente si sono realizzate attraverso il ricorso ad azioni non tradizionali, ma che, in realtà, profilano nuove modalità di *empowerment*, nella costruzione del futuro della cittadinanza e della società. Su questi temi si confronteranno, nei vari workshops, istituzioni, studiosi, esperti e testimoni privilegiati.

PROGRAMMA PROVVISORIO

3 novembre

9.00 – 13.00

Saluti delle istituzioni

Prof. Luigi Frati

Rettore Sapienza Università di Roma

On. Margot Wallström

VicePresidente Commissione Europea

On. Maroš Šefčovič

Commissario europeo per l'istruzione, la formazione, la cultura e la gioventù

On. Giorgia Meloni

Ministro per le Politiche Giovanili

Apertura dei lavori

Prof.ssa Marisa Ferrari Occhionero

Delegata del Rettore Sapienza per le Pari Opportunità

Workshop 1: Il disagio giovanile nello scenario europeo

Introduce e modera: Gianfranco Bettin Lattes, sociologo, Università di Firenze

Oliver Galland

Loredana Sciolla

Marco Bontempi

Felix Ortega, *Gioventù: una categoria priva di senso?*

Gennaro Iorio

Nicola De Luigi, *Giovani, lavoro e crisi economica: difficoltà, sfide e aspirazioni*

Workshop 2: Giovani, lavoro e welfare

Introduce e modera: Giovanni Battista Sgritta, Sapienza Università di Roma

Alessandro Rosina, *Il futuro delle nuove generazioni. Il "degiovanimento" dell'Italia*

Tracy Shildrick, *On-going, longitudinal research with economically marginalized young people in*

Teesside, North East England

Luca Bianchi

Linda Laura Sabbadini

15.00 – 18.00

Workshop 3: Giovani e formazione

Introduce e modera: Giovanni Battista Sgritta, Sapienza Università di Roma

Stefano Puglisi Allegra, *L'inserimento professionale nella ricerca e nella formazione: prospettive europee*

Marcella Corsi, *Giovani, lavoro e welfare in ottica di genere*

Andrea Cammelli, *Performances e condizione occupazionale dei giovani laureati*

Paolo Zurla, *Giovani, lavoro e welfare in Italia: hard times?*

Workshop 4: Partecipazione socio-politica e comunicazione

Introduce e modera: Mario Morcellini, sociologo, Sapienza Università di Roma

Veronika Kaunas, *Stepping towards creativity and participation online: Internet usage practices of European youth*

Alessandro Martelli, *Giovani e competenze di cittadinanza in prospettiva intergenerazionale e comparata*

Simonetta Bisi, *I giovani e Internet*

20.00

Cena sociale

4 novembre

9.00 – 13.00

Workshop 5: Consumi, stili di vita e modelli culturali

Introduce e modera: Domenico Secondufio, sociologo, Università degli Studi di Verona

Ladislav Macháček, *Value orientation of students of Slovakia*

Vincenzo Cicchelli, *Lo spirito cosmopolita dei giovani europei*

Mauro Ceccanti, *Alcol e giovani*

Workshop 5: Cultura, differenze, seconde generazioni

Introduce e modera: Maria Immacolata Macioti

Ginevra De Maio, *I figli degli immigrati in Italia: stranieri per generazioni? Dati e problematiche*

Tavola Rotonda: Quale futuro per i giovani?

Introduce e modera: Alberto Angela, giornalista, divulgatore scientifico

Altri relatori:

Gianpaolo Cesaretti, Fondazione Simone Cesaretti

Kurt Levinsen, Progetto Europeo sui Giovani

Sebastiano Maffettone, LUISS – Guido Carli

Eva Pfoestl, Istituto San Pio V

OPPORTUNITIES

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Nominations for Holberg International Memorial Prize

Norway
15 September 2010

NOMINATION HOLBERG PRIZE

The Board of the Ludvig Holberg Memorial Fund invites you to nominate the Holberg International Memorial Prize for outstanding work in the academic fields of the arts and humanities, social science, law and theology. The prize for 2011 is **NOK 4,5 million (approximately EUR 530,000/USD 785,000*)**, and was established by the Norwegian Government in 2003.

Letters of nomination must be sent to us by 15 September 2010.

Holberg Prize Laureates:

2010: Natalie Zemon Davis

2009: Ian Hacking

2008: Fredric R. Jameson

2007: Ronald Dworkin

2006: Shmuel N. Eisenstadt

2005: Jürgen Habermas

2004: Julia Kristeva

How to nominate?

Scholars holding a senior position at universities and other research institutions within the above mentioned academic fields are entitled to nominate candidates for the Holberg Prize. The Holberg Prize's Academic Committee will base its assessment on the letters of nomination which must state the reasons for the nomination (2 to 3 pages). Letters should also contain a brief CV for the candidate and suggest referees who know the scholar and his/her work. Joint nominations do not strengthen a candidacy. Nominations are strictly confidential.

For more information:

<http://holbergprisen.no/en/nomination.html>

The award ceremony takes place in Bergen in June 2011.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Trine Kleven, Project Manager in Holberg Prize: trine.kleven@holbergprisen.no

Job Vacancies

Senior Research Officers

Consumption Work and Societal Divisions of Labour (Ref. RE157)

**Department of Sociology,
University of Essex,
Essex, UK**

Applications are invited for two European Research Council funded Senior Research Officer Posts in the Department of Sociology, to undertake research on the new field of consumption work. The positions have become available as part of Professor Miriam Glucksmann's 3 year ERC Advanced Investigator Grant to undertake a programme of research on 'Consumption Work and Societal Divisions of Labour'.

The main duties of the post-holder will be to undertake comparative research in one or more of the following empirical fields: domestic broadband installation; food preparation work; household recycling of waste; the household as a site for consumption work. The principal aim will be to explore the varying interface and interaction between the work of consumption and systems of provision in these different empirical domains and five comparator countries (UK, Sweden, France, Taiwan and Korea). The persons appointed will be expected to work independently, within the framework and objectives of the overall programme of research.

Successful candidates will have a PhD in Sociology or a related discipline. They will have conducted relevant post-graduate or post-doctoral research, preferably with experience of comparative and qualitative or quantitative research. Proven ability to author work of publishable standard will be important as those appointed will be expected to contribute significantly to publications arising from the project. It will be an advantage to have language skills in a continental European language. The positions will involve some travel. These posts are fixed-term for 24 months.

Please indicate in your application the research field(s) to which you would aim to contribute.

Salary: £29,853-£35,646 per annum

Closing date: 19 September 2010

Apply online.

If you have a disability and would like information in a different format telephone (01206) 873521/874588.

Further particular and jobpack available at:

http://gs12.globalsuccessor.com/fe/tpl_essex01.asp?newms=jj&id=52539

CHOICE OF SITE FOR 2012 ISA FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY

The Executive Committee of the International Sociological Association invites bids for the site of ISA Forum of Sociology in 2012.

THE ISA FORUM

The first ISA Forum was held in Barcelona, 2008. It is designed first and foremost as a meeting of Research Committees, Working Groups, and Thematic Groups. The Forum shall develop a socially relevant theme involving public actors and to which different areas of sociology can contribute, e.g. environmental issues, human rights, welfare, social justice, inequality, democratic participation, and crises.

DEADLINE FOR BIDS

The bids should be received by the ISA Secretariat (see the above address/e-mail) no later than **November 15, 2010**. A decision will be made by January 15, 2011 by the ISA Executive Committee.

VENUE

1. Requirements for local organisational support

- a) Commitment to assist in the organisation of the following aspects of the event:
 - Social programme (opening reception and closing reception)
 - Rent of the conference venue(s)
 - Organisation of lunches and coffee breaks
 - Hotel accommodation for participants
- b) Local transport arrangements, if needed

2. Date of the conference

Availability of the site for 4 days, preferably during the months of July-August 2012.

3. Requirements for a conference venue

- Facilities for 2,000 or more persons in attendance, for free or at a minimal cost
- 1 plenary hall
at least 2000 persons
- 3 rooms
300 persons (simultaneous sessions)
- 55 session rooms
60-100 persons (simultaneous sessions)
- Office facilities for an ISA Secretariat of at least 5 persons (see also technical equipment requirements)
- Book exhibit space
20 book sellers (at the meeting site, or in close proximity)
- Luncheon facilities on the conference site or in restaurants within walking distance that could serve 2000 persons within two hours;
- Banking facilities, postal facilities, travel agency facilities, medical service, and public copy facilities at the conference site, or in very close proximity.

4. Technical equipment requirements

- Standard audio-visual equipment in all session rooms: computer or laptop with Power Point and data projector.
- Availability of other equipment: internet connection, video player, slide projector, overhead projector, projection screen, white/blackboard or flipcharts, microphone system (if needed).
- Office facilities for an ISA Secretariat of at least 5 persons with computer, printer, international telephone/fax/e-mail facilities, internet connection, and coping machine, etc.
- Cybercafé/ WiFi at the conference site, or in very close proximity.

5. Requirements for hotel facilities

- Efficient and reliable hotel-booking system

- Hotels of different categories:
 - 40% two star hotels
 - 50% three star hotels
 - 10% four star hotels
 - Total room capacity in the city of more than 4000 rooms
- Distance between conference venue and hotels to be no more than 10 minutes by public transport or 20 minutes on foot.
- Availability of inexpensive accommodation, for example student dormitories.

6. Requirements for international transport

- An international airport close to the city
- Regular and direct connections with all main airports across the globe.

7. Visas

It is important that the LOC be in a position to address problems of access to visas for participants coming from many different countries and, more generally, to expedite the visa process.

COSTS

1. The costs of conference participation shall be shown to be reasonable:

- A list of approximate air fares from representative sites across the globe shall be submitted with the bid, including what reduction might be secured from the national or other airlines;
- Costs of hotel accommodations and their proximity to the conference site (including mode of transport from hotels to conference site); availability for at least 2,000 persons of medium and low-cost accommodations (including student dormitories);
- Possibilities of low-cost luncheon programs at the conference site;
- Possibilities of reasonably priced tourism programs, prior to or following the Conference.

2. The bidder shall demonstrate its ability to assume advance costs (from its own funds or from subsidies it shall obtain locally) for the conference on the following basis:

- ISA works normally with its own PCO which handles all pre-registrations as well as on-the-spot registrations during the conference week. Registration fees shall be set by the ISA.
- ISA Vice-President for Research assumes responsibility for preparing the scientific program, together with the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) composed of representatives of the local sociological association.

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