

**CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS
FIRST EUROPEAN CONFERENCE
of
THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THIRD-SECTOR RESEARCH (ISTR)
and
THE EMES EUROPEAN RESEARCH NETWORK
APRIL 27-28-29, 2005
CONSERVATOIRE NATIONAL DES ARTS ET METIERS (CNAM, Paris, France)**

***CONCEPTS OF THE THIRD-SECTOR - THE EUROPEAN DEBATE
CIVIL SOCIETY, VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS, SOCIAL ECONOMY***

We invite you to participate in the first European conference to be jointly hosted by ISTR and EMES.

The EMES network owes its name to its first research program, on "The Emergence of Social Enterprises in Europe". More generally, this network of researchers studies socio-economic and socio-political aspects of organizations in the civil society that are debated under such terms as: the third sector, the social economy, the civil and solidarity-based economy, voluntary organizations and social enterprises. University research centers working in this field have combined their efforts so as to gradually build up a European corpus of theoretical and empirical knowledge. This entails as well an ongoing dialogue with researchers working in similar areas in other regions across the world as well as with European Union representatives.

ISTR is the major international membership association and recognized leader promoting research and education in the fields of civil society, philanthropy, voluntarism and the non-profit sector. It publishes an interdisciplinary journal, *Voluntas*, the International Journal of Voluntary and Non-Profit Organizations, with articles that introduce new topics and reviews for discussion, present theoretical and empirical work, and provides critical commentary on research and policy. The on-line Membership Directory provides member contact information and includes research interests and activities, and recent publications. In addition, a quarterly newsletter, *Inside ISTR*, and occasional issues of *ISTR Report*, provide information about research and events as well as highlighting thematic and regional Third Sector topic of interest.

What will be the future role for civil society in a European social model and an enlarged Europe? The title of this conference shows that there are different ways of answering this question. They vary according to national legacies, the languages and the conceptual frameworks used. To structure a dialogue between the various approaches and concepts is more urgent today than ever; this is underlined by recent developments and changes in existing organizations and the emergence of many new initiatives in the last decades.

The aim of the conference is to bring together researchers all over Europe and beyond, whose research and scholarship relates to civil society, the third sector as well as the social and solidarity-based economy. It also includes non-governmental organizations, cooperative and mutual associations.

The promoting institutions wish to provide an international space for an open debate between the different trends of research in different disciplines and national contexts, taking in account the contemporary evolutions of economy and society. Civil society and the third sector reveal themselves as tension fields and as areas, that cope with intermediating sometimes contradictory

impulses from public policies, market economies and cultural developments in everyday life of citizens and families. Welfare issues are not about state policies only and economic development is about more than markets – they have to be understood as parts of a welfare pluralism and a plural economy. The research and Scholarship presented in the conference will hopefully contribute to establishing a synthesis of the many efforts to catch this complexity.

- One of the main objectives is to help researchers to submit their findings, to share thinking and to develop dynamic network for cooperation.
- Another main objective is to facilitate a discussion with actors and representatives of civil society.

Thereby, the conference provides a forum for scholars and practitioners to exchange ideas about the present and future of civic engagement and citizenship, the social and solidarity-based economy and other sides of the third sector in Europe. It will offer a European-wide arena to exchange theoretical and empirical insights, to identify vital question for new enquiry and establish contacts with those having similar concerns.

The conference will take place in the very center of Paris. The venue will be the Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (CNAM) - a well known university, once created in the course of the French Revolution in order to democratize the access to knowledge. Two plenary sessions will be combined with a set of **parallel streams** and paper-sessions in working groups, which will run throughout two days, allowing participants to focus on particular themes.

The call for papers is open to papers fitting in with the above general presentation, to be delivered in the parallel streams. Without being exhaustive, the following themes seem to be of particular interest for these parallel streams:

- Different welfare regimes and different traditions of third sector developments in Europe
- Third sector organizations in traditional and new forms of governance and regulation, networks and partnerships
- Civil society and democracy: social capital and social movements
- Social enterprises, social economy, civil and solidarity-based economy
- Management, organizational and entrepreneurial perspectives
- Third sector organizations in social welfare and social services
- NGOs in the process of building Europe
- Third sector organizations in social action and community building

All researchers dealing with these and similar topics in an enlarged Europe are invited to participate. The organizing institutions are keen to encourage contributions from all countries and disciplines, as well as contributions from practitioners carrying out research in and with the sector. Comparative papers covering more than one country will be particularly welcome. Abstracts must be 500-1000 words in English or French. The abstract should give a working title and summarize the argument of the paper and the issue(s) which it addresses; locate that issue within a wider literature; indicate its relevance to an international audience; and refer to its empirical and theoretical base. It should be suitable for blind refereeing. Brief biographical details should be given on the attached form. Original papers presented at the conference will be considered for the Conference Working Paper Series to be published shortly after the conference. The organizing institutions are keen to encourage contributions from all countries and disciplines, as well as contributions from practitioners carrying out research in and with the sector. Comparative papers covering more than one country will be particularly welcome.

Abstracts are also requested for **research workshops** that will take place during the conference, meant for the presenting inter-national research projects that network colleagues from various countries. These abstracts should be based on current research, should be no more than 300 words long and include a brief description of the research topic, methodology, progress and emerging outcomes. Successful abstracts will be grouped under common themes and presented as mini-papers (5 pages in length) in parallel workshops, providing presenters with an opportunity to share current work and find out what else is going on in that field.

Should be submitted before the **30th of November 2004** at:



Authors will be informed at the beginning of January 2005 on behalf of the acceptance of their abstract. Authors are requested to confirm their participation in the conference by February 28, 2005. At least one author by submission must register for the conference by February 28, 2005 to have their presentation scheduled in the conference program. The completed paper should be submitted to the chair/discussants by March 31, 2005 to allow adequate time to read the paper. You will be notified with the name of your session chair/discussant and where to send your paper.

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Panels will also take place on the following six topics: The European Union and the third sector (coordinated by Jeremy Kendall - London School of Economics, UK); Third sector and employment (coordinated by Ruth Simsa - Vienna University of Economics, Austria); Social enterprises in work integration (coordinated by Marthe Nyssens - Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium, EMES); changing family structures and childcare services (coordinated by Bernard Eme and Laurent Fraisse, Paris, EMES); dilemmas and paradoxes in non-profit management (coordinated by Jill Mordaunt - The Open University, UK); citizenship, participation and governance (coordinated by Adalbert Evers - Justus-Liebig Universität, Germany). Panel coordinators are responsible for selecting a set of papers (3 or 4 in number) to be presented to the Conference Academic Committee:

- Carlo Borzaga, University of Trento, Italy
- Jacques Defourny, University of Liège, Belgium
- Freda Donoghue, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
- Lev Jakobson, Moscow State University, Russia
- Jean-Louis Laville, CNAM, LISE (CNAM-CNRS), France
- Victor Pestoff, Södertörns högskola, Sweden
- Marilyn Taylor, University of the West of England
- Isabel Vidal, University of Barcelona, Spain

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Proposed Title:

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Type of Presentation (*check one*):

- Paper for parallel streams
- Panel
- Mini-paper for research workshops

Primary contact (*please type or print clearly*):

First name and Surname:.....

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Co-authors (please list each person; type or print clearly Name, Address, Phone, Fax and E-mail;
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Submission Deadline: February 28, 2005

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