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8th Analytical Sociology Conference – June 12 and 13, 2015 in Cambridge, MA.

Theme: “Causal Inference and Mechanism-Based Explanation: Friends or Foes?”

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Deadline: February 1st, 2015

Analytical sociology is a general approach to explaining the social world. It is concerned with phenomena such as social network structures, patterns of segregation, collectively shared and diffused cultural ideas, and common ways of (inter-)acting in a society. The mode of explanation is to specify in clear and precise ways the mechanisms through which social phenomena are brought about. Parts of analytical sociology focus on action and interaction as the cogs and wheels of social processes, while others consider the dynamic social processes that these actions and interactions bring about.

We are delighted to announce that [Peter Bearman](#) of Columbia University will give the keynote address at the 2015 conference.

We welcome presentations using any qualitative or quantitative methods that allow for the study of social mechanisms and the complex social dynamics they give rise to. In addition, we welcome purely theoretical papers dealing with central aspects of the explanatory approach of analytical sociology. Depending on the submissions we will organize one or more sessions around the conference theme, in addition to a concluding session that will feature a panel discussion on the topic.

Abstracts (and *only* abstracts) of 500-1000 words should be sent to inas2015@fas.harvard.edu no later than the **1st of February 2015** and should contain the following elements:

- 1) title of the paper,
- 2) author(s) and their affiliation and e-mail address, and
- 3) brief summary of the paper.

Acceptance notes will be sent out on the 1st of March 2015. Participants are encouraged to submit the final versions of the paper no later than the 15th of May 2015.

For more information on practical details such as location, hotel, etc. please visit <http://hwpi.harvard.edu/inas2015>. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to send an email to inas2015@fas.harvard.edu.