

КОНФЕРЕНЦИИ**CALL FOR PAPERS****International Conference in Moscow****«Embeddedness and Beyond: Do Sociological Theories Meet Economic Realities?»**

October 25–28, 2012

Conference Theme Statement

Over the last quarter century new economic sociology emerged and evolved, by and large, within the broad theoretical framework of social embeddedness of economic action. While being initially rooted in the structural social networks perspective, the framework gradually expanded to integrate institutional and cultural arguments and to overcome the analytical separation between economic and social. More recently, it was complemented by the performativity approaches, which challenge traditional inquiries into the socially constructed nature of markets by focusing instead on their role in constructing (performing) societies. These developments show that the concept of social embeddedness has inspired a large number of insightful sociological theories and empirical studies of economic phenomena which, taken together, constitute a mature field of inquiry with its distinctive questions, arguments, and contributions. Yet, today's rapidly evolving and highly uncertain economic realities put these theories to a challenging test. Are they up to the task of thorough understanding market transitions in postcommunist and third-world countries, the continuing global financial crisis, or the new modern forms of calculability, governance, and social control? Given a rather static view of social embeddedness, how much can we say about the emergence, reproduction, and dissolution of networks, markets, and institutions, in other words, the dynamic nature of socio-economic reality? Or, on the contrary, about the stubborn resistance to change of old patterns of inequality and forms of governance? Does the proliferation of online purchases and Internet social networking sites radically alter the very notion of embeddedness? Overall, do our theories have enough «give» and can be slightly adjusted to answer such questions, or do we need a completely new toolkit to tackle them? The conference brings together the leading experts in the field who will concretize and explore these questions with regard to their own areas of research and theoretical approaches.

Status of the Conference

Joint Interim conference of ISA RC02 «Economy and Society» and ESA Economic Sociology Research Network with the support of ASA Economic Sociology section.

Conference Venue

National Research University «Higher School of Economics» (Moscow, Russia).

Program Committee

Jens Beckert, Max Planck (ESA, ESRN)

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Valery Yakubovich, ESSEC Business School (ASA, ES section)

Plenary Sessions and Featured Speakers

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| – Institutional change and social policy: | Frank Dobbin, Wolfgang Streeck |
| – Power of networks: | Roberto Fernandez, Brian Uzzi |
| – Culture and Valuation: | Marion Fourcade, Laurent Thévenot |
| – Knowledge, Technology, and Markets: | Karin Knorr-Cettina, David Stark |

Mini-conferences and Their Coordinators

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| – New theoretical perspectives in economic sociology | Patrik Aspers, Jens Beckert |
| – Money, finance and society | Nigel Dodd, Alya Guseva, Olga Kouzina |
| – Organizations and institutions in emerging markets | Neil Fligstein, Vadim Radaev |
| – Emergence and Innovation in Markets and Organizations | David Stark, Valery Yakubovich |
| – Gender and work transformation | Sarah Ashwin, Roberto Fernandez |
| – Market society and moral order | Marion Fourcade, Kieran Healy, Philippe Steiner |
| – Performing Economy in a Material World | Trevor Pinch, Gregory Yudin |
| – Capitalist Globalization and its Alternatives | William Carroll, Georgina Murray |

Submission Guidelines

Apart from plenary sessions, all sessions are organized through mini-conferences. Descriptions of mini-conferences as well as contact information for their coordinators are available on the Conference website. The coordinators welcome submission of individual papers to these mini-conferences.

Submissions should be in English as Conference working language.

Paper submissions should be made through the online submission system. A link to this system may be found on the Conference website. You will be asked to create an account in order to make your submission.

Extended abstracts should be 800–1,000 words in length. With your login and password you can then come back to the site to edit your submission until the deadline for submissions.

Full papers should be 8,000–12,000 words in length. Papers will be available to the Conference participants on DVDs.

Important Deadlines

– Deadline for submitting proposals	February 15, 2012
– Registration is open	March 15, 2012
– Acceptance notifications	April 1, 2012
– Early registration	May 15, 2012
– Late registration	September 15, 2012
– Deadline for submitting full papers	September 15, 2012

Selection of Participants

Selection of the Conference participants is made by mini-conference coordinators on the basis of submitted abstracts. Proposals can be accepted for oral presentation or as distributed papers.

Oral Presentations

Each presenter of an oral presentation will have 15 minutes at disposal. A period for debate/discussion/questions will be allowed in the end of each session. The mini-conferences coordinators will organize the order of the oral presentations within each session as well as the sequence of the sessions.

All presentations must be made in English. Presenters of Oral Papers are welcome to bring hand-outs of power-point presentation or hard copies of paper presented to distribute among participants of that session.

Distributed Papers

The presenter of a Distributed Paper should bring copies of the paper (Nr = 20) to be distributed to the participants of that session. The Distributed Papers will not be presented orally.

Registration and Conference Fees

The Conference offers special reduced rates to students for conference fees.

	Regular Fees	Student Fees
Early registration by May 15, 2012	\$120	\$80
Late registration by September 15, 2012	\$160	\$110
On-site payment	\$200	\$140

All program participants must register by September 15, 2012, to retain their listings in the Final Program.

Registration fees cover Conference materials, welcoming party, gala dinner and coffee breaks. Registration fees are not refundable.

Payments

Unfortunately, LOC is not able to accept payments by credit cards. Payment should be made via bank transfers (for bank details, see Conference website). Scanned invoices could be submitted through individual account at the Conference website.

Funding

Unfortunately, no funding can be provided for traveling and hotel accommodation from the LOC Committee with the exception of featured speakers. All attendees, including other invited presenters, discussants, and coordinators, must pay registration fees.

Visa Support

You may request a visa invitation letter from our LOC as part of the on-line registration system — just click on the box and answer the questions that appear. Visa invitation letters cannot be provided until you have registered for the Conference.

Stipends for Graduate Students

To recognize the work of graduate students from outside of Russia, including those pursuing MA or PhD in sociology and related fields and encourage their attendance at the meeting, up to five stipends of \$500 will be offered as an award for outstanding papers. In addition to the stipends, the winners will not pay registration fees.

To be considered for an award, papers must meet the following criteria:

1. Address issues relevant for economic sociology;
2. Display originality in at least one of the following ways:
 - a. State new ideas/facts/concepts/interpretations;
 - b. Examine critically existing ideas/facts/concepts/interpretations;
 - c. Develop or adapt the ideas of others;
3. Demonstrate understanding of relevant literature in economic sociology and related fields;
4. Be well-written and clearly presented: they should include an abstract, introduction, conclusion, and appropriate sub-sections and employ a recognized system for notes, references, and citations;
5. Be no longer than 8,000 words (word count should appear on the first page of the paper).

Papers should be written in English. Submission of an excerpt of an MA or PhD thesis is permitted.

You must go through the standard process for submitting a proposal, but in order to be considered for the graduate student stipend, you must also upload your paper.

To apply for this stipend, you should submit your paper by February 15, 2012.

Conference Draft Schedule

<i>Thursday, 25 October</i>	<i>Friday, 26 October</i>
Registration 15.30–18.00: welcome + plenary 1 18.00: welcoming cocktail	9.30–11.30: mini-conferences 1–4 12.00–14.00: mini-conferences 1–4 15.30–18.00: plenary 2 18.00–19.00: business meetings 19.00: cultural program
<i>Saturday, 27 October</i>	<i>Sunday, 28 October</i>
9.30– 11.30: mini-conferences 1–4 12.00–14.00: mini-conferences 5–8 15.30–17.30: plenary 3 19.00: gala dinner	9.30–11.30: mini-conferences 5–8 12.00–14.00: mini-conferences 5–8 15.30–17.30: plenary 4 + closure

Contact Information

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