Call for Papers

Interims Meeting of the ISA
(International Sociological Association)
Research Committee 33 (RC33) on
„Logic and Methodology in Sociology”

Naples, Italy
September 1 - 5, 2008

Logic and Methodology in Sociology

In addition to great pizza, pasta, and wine, we are happy to announce that we will have approximately 100 sessions covering all topics in quantitative and qualitative methods of empirical social research, including applied statistics. RC33 is interdisciplinary; as it holds for the last conferences in Cologne 2000 and in Amsterdam 2004, participants are expected to come from all areas of the social sciences, from economics, statistics, medicine, and natural sciences – and from all over the world. Keynote speakers in Naples will be Ludovic Lebart (Paris) and Willem Saris (Amsterdam), at the first and the last day of the conference we will have six half-day tutorials that are free of charge for conference participants. Here are the rules for paper givers; they are the same as for the previous RC33 meetings:

1. Every paper must contain a methodological problem (any area is fine, qualitative and/or quantitative); applications are very welcome, however, they are not sufficient.
2. Speakers can only have one talk per session. This is also true for joint papers: it will not be possible for A and B to present one paper while B and A present another one during the same session. This would just extend the time allocated to a paper.
3. It is also not possible to present the same or a similar paper in two sessions. The organization committee will cross-check the sessions and inform the session organizers in doubtful cases.
4. We will have sessions of 80 minutes with four papers, and sessions of 120 minutes with six papers. It is up to the session organizer to allocate the time for discussion.
5. Please send your abstract either directly to the session organizer (see the list on the web site) or to Simona Balbi (Simona.Balbi@unina.it) who has the chair. Please do not send your abstract twice, for example, to two of the session organizers or to one of the session organizers and to Simona Balbi.
6. If you send your abstract to Simona Balbi and if the abstract sounds good, the organizing committee will offer the paper to one of the session organizers. The same holds for abstracts you send to the session organizers whose sessions are already full or where your paper does not fit in well. In these cases the session organizers will forward your abstract to the organization committee and we will forward it to a session we consider suitable for your topic.

7. Although the session organizers are responsible for their sessions, the final acceptance of a paper will take place after registration for the conference.

8. It will not be possible to present more than two papers; however, one paper is strictly preferred. If you are the co-author of a second or third paper, please take care that your co-author(s) register for the conference.

9. Please send your abstract as soon as possible to have a good chance that your preferred session has room available.

10. The abstract should not be longer than 250 words and it should indicate your name, your email address, your institutional affiliation and up to three keywords.

**Deadline for abstracts:** February 17, 2008

The session organizers or the organisation committee will inform you about the acceptance by the end of March at the latest.

**Location:** Università “Federico II” di Napoli, one of the most ancient universities in Europe (in 1224, the Holy Roman Emperor and King of Sicily Frederick II had founded the first publicly funded University in Naples), although the conference will take place in the modern campus known as Monte Sant’Angelo.

**Date:** September 1-5, 2008.

Monday afternoon and Friday morning will be devoted to tutorials.

**Further information and updates:**

[http://www.rc332008.unina.it/](http://www.rc332008.unina.it/)

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