



## WCSA - WORLD COMPLEXITY SCIENCE ACADEMY

Dear Friends & Fellows,

we are delighted to announce that WCSA, World Complexity Science Academy will hold three panels at the XIX ISA World Congress of Sociology, which will take place in Toronto, Canada, on July 15-21, 2018.

As you can see in the calls below reported the panels are a great occasion for Systemics and Complexity scholars, who aim at spreading their scientific researches and activities through prestigious worldwide networks.

### **SYSTEMIC SCIENCE AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY: NEW TOOLS FOR FACING COMPLEX PROBLEMS - RC51 Sociocybernetics**

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*One of the main theoretical contributions from Systemics to social science is the consideration that each scientific domain only offers a partial point of view on an object, whose most reliable representations need to take into consideration the findings from a plurality of scientific fields.*

*While in its early phase, this debate had a merely epistemic relevance -it was just a matter of reliable information among scientific communities-, in the most recent years it has been assuming an important operational meaning. In fact, most of the issues that are affecting the globalized world entail a policy-modeling activity, which need information from many diverse domains; from natural sciences of course (fighting climate change, for example, entails the need for information on geophysics, biology, engineering etc.), but also from social sciences (introducing a green technology into a given territory requires a deep knowledge on that territory's social and cultural structure, the local élites, the legal existing norms etc.).*

*This session bases upon the assessment that contemporary sociology holds a double function: on one hand, providing reliable information on the social aspects of global issues; on the other, developing models of systemic management of decision making, coordinating diverse scientific communities and stating communication patterns between science and society.*

*Theoretical and empirical papers that focus on this double function are welcome.*

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## **TOWARDS A GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP - RC12: Sociology of Law**

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*According to Beck, cosmopolitanism is a “Global sense, a sense of boundarylessness. An everyday, historically alert, reflexive awareness of ambivalences in a milieu of blurring differentiations and cultural contradictions. It reveals not just the ‘anguish’ but also the possibility of shaping one’s life and social relations under conditions of cultural mixture. It is simultaneously a skeptical, disillusioned, self-critical outlook” (Beck U., Cronin C., 2006, *Cosmopolitan Vision*, Cambridge, Polity Press). In other words, a cosmopolitan way of life is the necessary consequence of a globalized world, where the Lebenswelt more and more depends on immaterial and disembedded (Giddens, *The consequences of modernity*, 1991) processes. In such a context, more and more individuals are developing self-representations and life-styles characterizing by weak local ties and high rates of mobility, both geographical and professional. Also due of the growing flows of migrants and refugees, the need is strong for supranational norms (such as the case of European Union) that grant the opportunity for individual to move across different areas of the world, beyond national legislations. This entails deep changes in the notion of citizenship, whose traditions link with nation-states sounds more and more anachronistic.*

*This panel welcomes theoretical reflections, case studies or scenario analyses on law-making processes related to the evolution of the norms on citizenship into a cosmopolitan and global direction*

## **TECHNOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE: FOR A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO INNOVATION POLICIES - RC07 Futures Research**

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*In the current world, the competition among global players principally bases upon technological innovation, which is the main tool to tackle the big challenges that are affecting societies across the world: climate change, overpopulation, access to water and food, education etc.*

*This implies a strong interaction among scientific groups and communities with diverse languages, methodologies and representations of the world.*

*Furthermore, technological innovation per se is not sufficient, for the diffusion of new technological devices is not simply an effective scientific research matter, but mainly of policy making; so that it also entails political, juridical, social and economic information, related to the territory target of the innovation. As a matter of fact, any innovation, no matter how effective it is, might face resistances, in a given territory, because of cultural prejudices, or juridical hurdles.*

*As a consequence strong management skills are necessary to coordinate these large flows of communication, as well as the interaction among different scientific communities and between science and society. This session bases upon the assumption that systemic sociology holds the know-how to develop multidisciplinary management skills and welcomes papers, both theoretical and empirical, that focus on innovation policies.*

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You are more than welcome to take part to our sessions, and, please, notice that the deadline is **September 30<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

To submit your abstracts to our sessions, please follow the instructions at the following URL:

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<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2018/webprogrampreliminary/Session10136.html>

TOWARDS A GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP - RC12: Sociology of Law

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2018/webprogrampreliminary/Session10145.html>

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<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/wc2018/webprogrampreliminary/Session10098.html>

See you in Toronto!