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**The Bauman Institute: 'Re-thinking Global Society' conference**

**Re-thinking Global Society**

We are delighted to announce that the School of Sociology and Social Policy at the University of Leeds will formally launch the Bauman Institute in September 2010, established in honour of Leeds's Emeritus Professor of Sociology Zygmunt Bauman.

In recognition of the launch, an International Conference will be hold at the University of Leeds on 6 and 7 September 2010The Conference aims to bring together international expertise amongst scholars, researchers, practitioners, and postgraduate students, working in a variety of fields across the arts, humanities and social sciences. Confirmed plenary speakers include:

- \* Zygmunt Bauman - Emeritus Professor of Sociology, University of Leeds
- \* George Ritzer - Distinguished University Professor at the University of Maryland
- \* Daniel Libeskind – Architect
- \* Neal Lawson - Chair of Compass, and writer for The Guardian and New Statesman
- \* Saskia Sassen - Robert S. Lynd Professor of Sociology, Columbia University, and Centennial Visiting Professor, London School of Economics

### **Final Call for Papers**

Following the overwhelming response to our first call for papers, we have accepted over fifty abstracts from scholars around the world. Following numerous requests to extend the deadline, we will welcome papers on our stated key conference themes.

- \* Consumerism and sustainability
- \* Globalization, risk and uncertainty
- \* Renewing politics and civil society
- \* The social thought of Zygmunt Bauman

Abstracts not longer than 150 words, tied to any of the above themes, can be submitted not later than 30 April 2010.

They will be subject to peer-review and should be sent to the Director of the Bauman Institute, Dr Mark Davis, at [m.e.davis@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:m.e.davis@leeds.ac.uk)

### **NECE conference Trieste 2010: Call for projects**

The NECE initiative promoted by the Federal Agency for Civic Education is calling for projects to be presented at this year's NECE conference "Chances for Cultural and Citizenship Education in the Context of the Development of Cities and Urban Spaces", which will be held in Trieste (Italy) from the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2010 until 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2010.

At the conference dialogue between academics and practitioners will focus on current challenges for urban space and on cultural and citizenship education. The conference's workshops aim to exchange knowledge on innovative models, projects and concepts, related to the city/ the urban space and their challenges and to opportunities/chances for cultural and citizenship education in the urban context.

All information about the background, aims, admission requirements and selection criteria can be found on the NECE website [www.nece.eu](http://www.nece.eu), as well as in the conference programme.

The organisers invite representatives of outstanding projects related to cultural or citizenship education to present their projects at one of the topical workshops of the conference. Travel and accommodation costs will be reimbursed for one person per project/organisation.

The closing date of the call is 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

## Workshop: Local and transnational citizenship in Catalonia

Social Polis is happy to participate in the workshop on the project “Ciutadania local i transnacional a Catalunya: la participació i incorporació política dels migrants a Barcelona, Girona, Lleida i Tarragona”, which takes place in Barcelona on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June.

This project aims to make a comparative analysis of social inclusion practices of migrants across the provincial capital cities of Catalonia. The researchers are collecting and analysing policies, perceptions and practices from a target group of migrant communities and individuals, as well as local government representatives, with the aim of understanding differences and similarities in the construction of urban citizenship and in the territorial governance in Catalonia. For more information on the project click on: <http://pagines.uab.cat/translocalcat/>

The workshop aims to generate feedback from all the participants to the research project's survey, and to discuss the results and the policy recommendations which are emerging from the research. Representatives from migrants associations and NGOs, as well as politicians and administrators are invited to the workshop.

The purpose of the seminar is also to create room for debate between the participants, especially promoting discussions on the specific issues relevant to each city. Furthermore, the seminar wants to be a meeting point between groups of migrants and local governments.

## Upcoming events

Date	Title
25 Jun 10 - 25 Jun 10	<a href="#">Conference and call for papers - Communicative Cities: Integrating Technology and Place</a> – Columbus, Ohio, USA
24 Jun 10 - 26 Jun 10	<a href="#">QeC-ERAN: Twenty Years of Urban Experience - Brussels</a>
23 Jun 10 - 25 Jun 10	<a href="#">Conference - Experience the Creative Economy, University of Toronto</a>

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