



CALL FOR PAPERS

A - Goals

- To bring together scholars focusing on the New Europe, on its dynamics both within and beyond the EU borders and on its complex social, economic and political framework and on the field of policy making;
- To promote in-depth discussion of original research papers dealing with the topics of the panel sessions on the XV International summer school on the Problem of the New Europe;
- To offer participants the publication and dissemination of the research papers in an edited volume in English published by ISIG.

B - Structure

The XV edition of the International Summer School foresees the compulsory presentation of an abstract. Abstracts must:

1. indicate the author's contact details (Name/Surname/Email);
2. indicate 3 keywords;
3. not exceed 350 words;
4. be in English;
5. indicate references (a short bibliography/web-directory, max 1 page);
6. be in *.doc or *.pdf format.
7. be uploaded through the online registration procedure (www.summerschool.isig.it) when filling in the online registration form.

Students will be divided into three macro working groups according to the themes addressed in their abstract. The three working groups are:

WG 1 - Innovation and Creativity: regional and local development strategies, cross-border cooperation and the Future of European enlargement;

WG 2 - Innovation and Creativity: the Future of European Integration

WG 3 - Innovation and Creativity: Risk prevention, Climate change and the Environment

WG 1 - Innovation and Creativity: regional and local development strategies, cross-border cooperation and the Future of European enlargement.

The new EU territorial policy encourages regional and local approaches to the integrated socio-economic cohesion and development of MS. The regional/local dimension has increasingly acquire a cross-border and inter-state nature both within and beyond European borders.

The focus of WG1 is on the social, economic and political dynamics interplaying in the definition of the cross-border approach to local development. Issues of cross-border relations, Euroregions and local community empowerment represent the core topics of WP1. The new EU tool and methods promoting these dynamics (Objective 3, EGCT, decentralisation of local authorities powers and participatory democracy) are interpreted as new technologies strengthening the implementation of a vast array of European policies (Territorial policy, EU enlargement, Economic development, Regionalisation, etc). Abstracts considered for this working group should address one or more of the following issues:

- The originality of the regional approach to socio-economic development;
- The European regionalisation process;
- The role of cross-border cooperation in the development of peripheral areas;
- The role of cross-border cooperation in the EU foreign policy;
- Beyond cross-border cooperation: examples and best practices of innovative forms of CBC.

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WG 2 - Innovation and Creativity: the Future of European Integration

It seems particularly convenient that the European Commission has launched, in January 2009, the year of Innovation and Creativity, as the process of European integration itself can be regarded as the most striking process of innovation for European societies occurred after the end of the Second World War. As we know, since the beginning of the process, with the European Community of Carbon and Steel, the ambition of Robert Schuman, Jean Monnet, and the other so-called Founding Fathers has been indeed to innovate what a State can be, and what international relations may become: almost every key concept of political science, from sovereignty to citizenship, has been reshaped by the construction of the European Union, and after almost 60 years we can now say that they did it in a very creative way.

Within such framework, the focus of the WG2 is on the future perspectives of the European Union made of 27 Member States. The theme is clearly even too broad, and so we will devote the analysis and discussion to a limited number of main topics:

- Innovative perspectives of future enlargement of the EU
- Creative trends towards a deepening of the integration amongst the States already members
- Innovation and creativity at social level: what young European citizens can do to foster the process; how to promote a European identity;
- Best practises of innovation and creativity in the process of European integration

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WG 3 - Innovation and Creativity: Risk prevention, Climate change and the Environment

The EU Treaty requires the integration of sustainable development considerations into all European policies, so that they mutually reinforce each other and contribute towards the EU's economic, environmental and social objectives. In the late 1980s the Brundtland Commission report defined the “*development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs*” as sustainable. Ever since, a lot of progress has been made toward the adoption of sustainable development strategies at EU level, but despite important achievements, unsustainable trends persist, among which climate change, the loss of biodiversity, increased pressure on natural resources, ... The focus of WG3 will be on sustainability and climate change. The latter is considered by EU environmental policy-makers as one of the greatest challenges, threatening millions of people. Higher temperatures, rapidly rising sea levels, more frequent storms, floods, droughts and heat waves are already visible today. In the longer term, climate change will put millions of coastal dwellers at risk and result in water and food shortages. Preparedness and adaptation at an individual, institutional and community level are considered as the main ways to face this environmental threat.

Abstracts considered for this working group should address one or more of the following issues:

- European sustainability policy as an innovation tool
- Sustainable development: theory and practice
- Sustainable development: promises and concerns
- The role of sustainability in the EU environmental policy
- Sustainability and local institutions
- Sustainable consumption
- Environmental governance: a way to promote innovation
- Climate change and adaptation
- Innovation in climate change policy

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The working groups sessions are organised so to allow participants to develop jointly (max. 4 students per group) an original group paper starting from their abstracts. Each group will present their work-in-progress during the last two days of the summer school. Each group will then have one more month to hand-in to their WG tutors the final version of the paper which will be published on an edited volume in English by ISIG.

Papers of 25-35 pages in 1.5 spacing, Times New Roman 12pt, including references, tables and figures should be received by the 17/10/2009;
The Edited volume will be published by December 2009.

PLEASE NOTE: The Abstract sent to the Evaluation Committee is a necessary document for the evaluation of your application. The abstract sent in should be the result of your prior original work but does not necessary implies that you have already a paper ready. Moreover, successful applicants will not be asked to write an individual paper developing their abstract. During the International Summer School participants will develop their original abstract in a paper jointly written with other participants.