

Annual RC21 Conference 2011

The struggle to belong. Dealing with diversity in 21st century urban settings

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CALL FOR SESSION ORGANIZERS

Deadline for submissions: October 15, 2010

Submission address: sessions@rc21.org

The organisers of the 2011 RC21 Annual Conference are inviting expressions of interest from colleagues willing to act as session organizers. We invite you to send in session proposals before October 15th, 2010.

CONFERENCE THEME

The RC21 2011 Conference will analyze how globalization and individualization have given rise to new forms of diversity – ethnic, religious, gender, sexual, class and otherwise – and new deliberations and conflicts over citizenship and belonging in urban settings in both the Global South and North. We want to know how people with diverse backgrounds locate themselves and others in new social hierarchies, how they struggle to create meaningful places, in what ways they develop strategies to belong, and with what consequences. Moreover, we aim to understand better what types of (new) policy responses and governance forms have developed to manage diversity in urban settings. (More detail is provided on the conference theme on the RC21 website).

RESPONSIBILITIES OF SESSION ORGANIZERS

- a) Session organizers are responsible for one or more sessions (the total number of sessions will depend on the total number of abstracts submitted and selected).
- b) Session organizers participate in the selection process of abstracts submitted for presentation within their session. Session organizers will rank all abstracts submitted for the respective session (the review will have to be done in the second half of December/early January 2011). Final decisions on the number of sessions and the acceptance of papers will be made by local organisers.
- c) Session organizers together with local organisers supervise the deadlines for full paper submission.

- d) Session organizers chair their respective session(s).
- e) Session organizers are responsible for the further organization of the session, such as finding one or more discussants (obligatory!).

POSSIBLE SESSION THEMES

Sessions can be organised within any sub-area of the field of RC21, but preferably with a link to the general theme of the conference. In order to secure an even coverage of the field, we attempt to cover as many themes as possible. Session proposals should be outlined in a way which allows submissions from different disciplinary backgrounds.

In addition to the normal sessions where papers will be presented and discussed, there is room for a limited number of other activities such as Author-meets-Critics sessions. Proposal for such sessions should be submitted by October 15 as well.

IMPORTANT

- a) All sessions have to be organised as open sessions. No session shall be limited to members of an existing project network.
- b) Session organizers themselves shall not submit abstracts to their own sessions.
- c) Only one abstract submission per participant is allowed. Exceptions might be made for co-authored papers.

WHAT A SESSION PROPOSAL SHOULD LOOK LIKE

A session proposal must include:

1. A session title;
2. A short description of the topic, including a description of the types of papers that you expect to receive (max 300 words). The themes should link to the conference topic or to the overall objectives of RC21;
3. Full contact details of the session organizer/s (with a maximum of two organizers per session): Name/s, affiliation, postal address, phone number, e-mail.

Please send submissions to the following e-mail address: sessions@rc21.org

The local organising team will send out information about the acceptance of proposals no later than **October 30th, 2011**. The call for papers will be launched on **October 31th**.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

September 20th > call for session organizers online
October 15th > deadline for session organizers proposals
October 31st > call for abstracts online
December 20th > deadline for abstracts proposals
January 15th > first draft program to be published online
July, 7-9th > conference