



CALL FOR PAPERS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Qualitative Transitions: Issues of Methodology in Central and South-East European Sociologies

Organized by: Croatian Sociological Association (HSD)
Endorsed by: International Sociological Association (ISA)
Local Organizer: Faculty of Philosophy, University of Rijeka
Location and Dates: **Rijeka (Croatia), November 19-21, 2010**
Deadline for submitting proposals: **July 1, 2010**

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This conference deals with a timely but as yet unexplored topic of the gradual emergence and the current increased presence of qualitative methodology in the former socialist countries of Central and South-East Europe. The turn to qualitative methodology that has been generally felt in the social sciences from the 1990s onwards has a special meaning in this context, partly because the pre-1989 disciplinary profile in many countries of the region has almost exclusively relied on quantitative methodology.

The task of the conference is to explore the reasons of the former methodological exclusivism but also the dangers of the current "qualitative turn" in Central and East European sociologies. Namely, while the expansion of the new approaches promises new insights, it can also contribute to a lowering of a general quality of sociological research in the region, due to a lack of tradition in the field and exaggerated expectations.

In addition to discussing the issues of methodology in the strict sense of the word, the conference also aims to address the influence of social, political, cultural and economic conditions in Central and South Eastern Europe on the current application and increasing popularity of qualitative methods in the region. Special attention will be devoted to the role of the Western universities and research agencies in this process, which can be perceived both as a tool of liberation and of potential subjugation.

PhD students are encouraged to apply. A special section of the conference will be devoted to the presentations of doctoral students.

Selected revised conference papers will be published in CSA's journal *Revija za sociologiju*.

Proposals for papers, panels and posters should reach the organizers by **July 1, 2010**

Please submit 100-250 word individual abstracts or panel proposals, comprised of 100-250 word abstract for the entire panel and one 100-250 abstract for each paper. Please include your name and paper title, email and mailing addresses, institutional affiliation, and technology requests.

Proposals should be sent in the electronic format to: **Branko Ančić** branko@idi.hr