
Social Sciences and Humanities: Emerging Trends and Future Prospects. Europe in Global Context

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Conference objectives

The conference is a joint event of the EU FP6 Special Support Action GlobalSSH: “Research Collaboration in the Social and Human Sciences between Europe, Russia, other CIS countries” and METRIS: “Monitoring European Trends in Social Sciences and Humanities” Expert Group. The conference is aimed at debating emerging trends in research in the social sciences and humanities (SSH) in Europe. Special interest will be given to Europe’s international research agenda, to EU-third countries international research cooperation in SSH and to elaborating policy recommendations for strengthened cooperation in this particular research area.

About METRIS

METRIS is aimed to support the European Research Area (ERA) in the Social Sciences and the Humanities (SSH). This first report from a METRIS expert group was produced in 2008 and identifies important new and emerging trends in social sciences and humanities in the 5 themes of the framework programme: Growth, employment and competitiveness in a knowledge-based society; Combining economic, social and environmental objectives; Major trends in society and their implications; Europe and the world; and the Citizen in Europe. In addition the report highlighted some themes that cut across these areas (such as migration for example) as well as some examples of cutting edge research that lie outside the thematic coverage of the Framework Programme, such as new conceptualizations of space, the rise of visual and affective themes in social sciences and themes that arise from the breaking down of the boundaries between the sciences.

About GlobalSSH

The event is the final conference of the GlobalSSH Action. GlobalSSH promotes international collaboration between Europe, Russia, other CIS countries and China. The project also identifies prerequisites for transnational research networks as well as common agendas for research in the future structuring of the enlarged ERA. Responding to current processes of socio-political transition and internationalisation, the project addresses the transformations of SSH research and its new role in the three regions. The project provides an opportunity to reflect on – and possibly re-think – key concepts in European research policy in the light of the internationalisation of the social and human sciences. The GlobalSSH Consortium includes 19 research institutions from 17 countries. GlobalSSH is supported by the EC FP6; Action contract Nr. is 028997. Additional support to the Action was provided by INTAS, contract 05-100006-8446.

The conference is co-organised by SCAS and the Swedish Research Council. Support to the organisation of the conference is provided by the Swedish Research Council and European Commission Directorate-General for Research, Science, Economy and Society Directorate.

Programme

24 April 2009

09.30–10.00 Registration and coffee

10.00–10.30 **Opening addresses**

Dr. NIKOLAOS KASTRINOS, Senior Policy Officer, Unit: Horizontal Aspects and Coordination; Directorate – Science, Economy and Society, European Commission

Ms. VIRGINIA VITORINO, Senior Policy Officer, Unit D. 2. Analysis and Monitoring of Research Policies around the World, the European Commission Directorate-General for Research, International Cooperation Directorate (TBC)

10.30–12.00 **Presentation of the METRIS expert group report “Emerging Trends in Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities in Europe”**

Professor POUL HOLM, Chairperson of the METRIS Group, Academic Director, Trinity Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin

Professor GABRIELE GRIFFIN, Centre for Women’s Studies, University of York

Professor PIOTR SZTOMPKA, Jagiellonian University of Kraków, Former President of the International Sociological Association

12.00–13.30 Lunch

13.30–15.15 **Europe in a Global Context: METRIS from a GlobalSSH perspective**

Dr. ANDREW SORS, Rector, Collegium Budapest (**Chair**)

Professor BJÖRN WITTRÖCK, Principal of SCAS

Professor HUANG PING, Director General, Institute of American Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Dr. LIUDMILA PIPIYA, Deputy Director, Institute for the Study of Science of Russian Academy of Sciences

Dr. GULNARA ROLL, Senior Researcher in International Relations, Institute of Government and Politics, University of Tartu

Professor PETER WEINGART, Institute for Science and Technology Studies, University of Bielefeld

15.15–16.00 Coffee break

16.00–17.45 **Policy Implications: Structures and Reorientations (Panel)**

Professor PIOTR SZTOMPKA, Jagiellonian University of Kraków, Former President of the International Sociological Association (**Moderator**)

Dr. PETER HONETH, Secretary of State, Ministry of Education and Science, Sweden (TBC)

Professor DAN BRÄNDSTRÖM, Vice-President, Royal Swedish Academy of Letters, History, and Antiquities

Professor ARNE JARRICK, Secretary General, Humanities and Social Sciences, Swedish Research Council

Dr. ELISE DEMEULENAERE, Editorial Board of the World Social Science Report, International Social Science Council (ISSC), Paris

Dr. MIKA TIRRONEN, Academy of Finland

18.00 Conference reception

25 April

09.15–10.45 **Rethinking the History of Social Sciences and Humanities**

Professor BARBRO KLEIN, Deputy Principal of SCAS (**Chair**)

Professor PETER WAGNER, Sociology Department, University of Trento

Professor PETER WEINGART, Institute for Science and Technology Studies, University of Bielefeld

Professor H. OTTO SIBUM, Director for History of Science at the Department of History of Science and Ideas, Uppsala University,

10.45–11.15 Coffee break

11.15–12.30 **Rethinking Contemporary Policies for the Social Sciences and Humanities**

Professor GABRIELE GRIFFIN, Centre for Women's Studies, University of York (**Chair**)

Dr. RÜDIGER KLEIN, Director, ALLEA (All European Academies): European Federation of National Academies of Sciences and the Humanities, Amsterdam

Professor NICO STEHR, Karl-Mannheim-Professor for Cultural Studies, Zeppelin University, Friedrichshafen

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Professor ANDREY YURASOV, Director, Russian Foundation for the Humanities

Dr. NIKOLAOS KASTRINOS, Senior Policy Officer, Unit: Horizontal Aspects
and Coordination; Directorate – Science, Economy and Society,
European Commission

12.30–13.30 Lunch

13.30–15.00 **Final discussion**