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CALL FOR PAPERS

15th Annual Meeting on Socio-Economics
LEST (Laboratoire d'Economie et de Sociologie du Travail)
Aix-en-Provence, France
June 26 - 28, 2003

“Knowledge, Education, and Future Societies”

The 15th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics will be held at LEST in Aix-en-Provence, France from June 26 – 28, 2003. LEST is an Economics and Sociology research laboratory that has links with the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), the Université de Provence, and the Université de la Méditerranée. LEST has acquired a reputation for interdisciplinary research and for the comparative studies it has carried out at the international level on the links between Education and Productive Systems. The theme of the meeting is “Knowledge, Education, and Future Societies,” but proposals are welcome on any aspect of socio-economics.

Aix-en-Provence (<http://www.aixenprovencetourism.com>) is a town with a rich historical background, which has attracted many painters, writers, and musicians. Visitors can enjoy its many interesting museums and the picturesque and historic buildings. In July, following the SASE meeting, a world-famous international music festival will take place (www.festival-aix.com). Aix is also close to other attractive locations, including Marseilles and Avignon.

The international airport at Marseille-Marignane is about a 25 minute bus ride from the center of Aix-en-Provence. There are good connecting flights with the United States and a very good high speed train link from Paris and Lyon, which now stops at a terminal outside Aix – about a 15 minute shuttle bus ride from the center of the city.

LEST web site: www.univ-aix.fr/lest

Program Committee

The program co-chairs for the meeting will be Carola Frege (London School of Economics, UK and Rutgers University, USA) and Lucio Baccaro (International Institute for Labor Studies, Switzerland). The Program Committee consists of the co-chairs and the organizers of SASE’s research networks.

How to Submit Proposals

Sessions will be organized primarily through the Network Organizers. Network Organizers will solicit suggestions for panels and for individual papers. In addition to formal paper sessions, the 2003 meeting will include author meets critic panels and focused debates on important issues. Contact information for the Network Organizers is on pages 5 and 6 and a description of each network on pages 7 and 8 of this **Call for Papers**.

If you are interested in organizing a panel or presenting a paper, contact the appropriate Network Organizer directly. The person listed first in those networks with two coordinators is the primary coordinator, and the one with whom you should communicate. If you are unsure of the network in which your proposal or paper belongs you may send it to one of the Program Co-chairs.

French language proposals should be sent to Dianne-Gabrielle Tremblay and Spanish language proposals to Manuel Angel Rodriguez (See contact information below.)

Note: Proposals may be submitted through the SASE web site: www.sase.org. Proposals submitted to the web site go first to the SASE office. The SASE office will forward them to the designated Network Organizer. If no network or network organizer is listed, the SASE office will forward the proposal to one of the Program Co-chairs, who will send it to one of the network organizers. The SASE will let you know to which network organizer your proposal has been sent.

Paper proposals require a paper title and an abstract of up to 200 words, and complete contact information. Session proposals require a session title, an abstract of up to 200 words for the session, paper titles, and complete contact information for each of your proposed presenters. (See enclosed forms.)

- **Want to organize a session? Multiple sessions? Present a paper? Send your proposal to the appropriate Network Organizer. A session can be organized in several ways – suggested formats are: with 3-4 presenters, the session moderator and a discussant (who can also be the moderator); with several panelists, whose papers are summarized by a rapporteur (who can also be the moderator); or as a roundtable or author meets critics session.**
- **Not sure which Network is appropriate? No current Network fits your proposal? Send your proposal to one of the Program Co-chairs.**

NOTE: SASE policy permits only two participations per individual at the annual meeting. A participation consists of delivering a paper at an official panel, or participating in a roundtable or similar discussion-oriented panel.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU INCLUDE ALL OF THE CONTACT INFORMATION – PARTICULARLY A CURRENT E-MAIL ADDRESS AND A POSTAL ADDRESS FOR ALL POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING CO-AUTHORS. THIS WILL ASSURE THAT LETTERS OF ACCEPTANCE ARE SENT TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS.

The deadline for submitting proposals is January 15, 2003

The SASE office will notify you formally of the acceptance of your proposal. If you do not receive a letter of acceptance from the SASE office by April 1, 2003, contact the SASE office by e-mail to find out the status of your proposal.

Grants to scholars from Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union

To encourage the participation of scholars from Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union, SASE will provide up to 5 travel and lodging grants of \$500 to qualified participants. These grants will be funded in part from voluntary contributions of SASE members. If you wish to make a voluntary contribution to this fund, please indicate this on your registration form.

Those who wish to apply for this grant need to send a complete paper – preferably electronically -to the appropriate network organizer and the SASE office by February 15, 2003. Awards will be announced by April 1, 2003.

Meeting Costs

To participate in the SASE meeting you must be a member of SASE. You can join as part of your registration fee. Membership in SASE includes a one-year subscription to Socio-Economic Review, SASE's new journal. The Registration fee includes lunch on Friday and Saturday.

Non-Student Rates

Early Registration (Through April 15, 2003)

SASE Member: \$160
Non-Member: \$225 (Includes \$65 dues)

Late Registration (After April 15, 2003)

SASE Member: \$200
Non-Member: \$265 (Includes \$65 dues)

Student Rates

Early Registration: (Through April 15, 2003)

SASE Member: \$90
Non-Member \$130(Includes \$40 dues)

Late Registration (After April 15, 2003)

SASE Member: \$110
Non-Member: \$150 (Includes \$40 dues)

GRADUATE STUDENT STIPENDS

To recognize the good work of graduate students and to encourage them to attend the meeting, SASE will provide up to 5 stipends to the author(s) of the best graduate student papers submitted.. Each of the students selected will receive an award of \$500 to help defray travel and lodging expenses. Faculty and other members of SASE are encouraged to submit the papers of their graduate students. Students may also submit their papers directly. In case of multiple authors, the stipend will be shared among the authors who attend the meeting.

To be considered for a stipend, papers must meet the following criteria:

1. Have a maximum word length of 5,000 (word length to be added at the end of papers);
2. Address socio-economic issues;
3. Display originality in at least one of the following ways:
 - a. Discovery of new ideas/facts/concepts/interpretations
 - b. Critical examination of existing ideas/facts/concepts/interpretations
 - c. Development/adaptation of ideas of others

d. Demonstrate understanding of relevant socio-economic and other literature; and

4. Be well-written and clearly presented; include an abstract, introduction, conclusion, and appropriate sub-sections throughout; and employ a recognized system for Notes and References. The paper may be written in English or in the student's native language but presentations at the annual meeting must be in English, French, or Spanish.

It is permissible for the paper to have been submitted as part of an MA or Ph.D. thesis.

If you wish to apply for this award, send an electronic copy of your paper to the SASE office by February 15, 2003. An abstract of the paper should also be sent to one of the Network Organizers through the normal proposal process. The SASE office will notify the winning candidates by April 15, 2003. To be eligible for the award, selected graduate students must participate in the meeting.

Accommodations and Travel (see Lest web site)

Hotel reservations may be made from now to May 1, 2003 by sending the registration form available from the Lest internet site (given below) to:

The Tourism Office – Booking and Information Department in Aix-en-Provence
2 place du Général de Gaulle - BP 16013100 Aix-en-Provence
Tél.: +33 04.42.161.184 / 185 Fax: +33 04.42.161.179
Email: hotelcongres@aixenprovencetourism.com

LEST web site for accommodations

[www.univ-aix.fr/lest/rencontrescientifiques/SASE/Accommodations/registration form](http://www.univ-aix.fr/lest/rencontrescientifiques/SASE/Accommodations/registration%20form)

Caution! Aix-en-Provence is a very popular summer venue and we urge you to register for your room as soon as possible and in any case before May 1, 2003!

There may also be less expensive rooms available for graduate students (Please let the SASE office know if you are interested in these accommodations when you register for the meeting). The SASE web site will also contain information on any airline discounts that may be available to meeting participants.

If you have questions about proposing sessions or papers, or any other details concerning the meeting, contact the SASE office at:

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Up-to-date information on the Aix-en-Provence meeting will be posted on the SASE and the LEST web sites. Check them often!!

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Description of Research Networks

(A) Communitarian Ideals and Civil Society

This network studies the moral dimensions of human thought and action. It examines communal bases for social order and a viable civil society. The network's core is social and scientific, because, while it relies on social science theory and empirical research, philosophers and ethicists are considered essential partners in examining communities as social and cultural phenomena. Communities are not looked at solely as the aggregate products of atomized economic individuals acting in calculated self-interest.

(B)/(D) Globalization and Socio-Economic Development

The aim of this network is twofold: (1) To test the ambiguous effects of globalization on local socio-economic development. In particular, issues of traditional and new flexible forms of local economies, the role of local institutions and local governance models will be examined; and (2) To compare dominant and alternative models of country development and to assess the strengths and weaknesses of development policies for developed, developing, and transition countries.

(C) Gender, Work, and Family

This network focuses on exploring the current state, and the changes in institutions concerned with gender and family roles and workplace organization. A particular interest of the network is theory and research on social policies that produce greater compatibility between institutions geared toward production for the market and reproduction in the family. The network also focuses on cultural and social barriers that prevent positive integration of family and work, examines gender inequalities in work and family, and looks at the inter-relationship of gender roles across these institutions.

(E) Industrial Relations and the Political Economy

The focus of this network is on a conceptually and empirically rigorous qualitative and quantitative study of comparative political economy, including but not restricted to "varieties of capitalism." The network aims to help integrate research on labor markets and industrial relations with the study of welfare states. It hopes to foster an inter- and multi-disciplinary dialogue that includes labor economists. Among more specific topics of interest are: social concertation, its conditions, mechanics and results; state and societal actors' responses to increasingly international competition and regional integration; and emerging new forms of interest aggregation, governance, and identity formation.

(F) Knowledge, Economy, and Society

This network's goal is to promote theory and research on the economic and social role of knowledge and its implications. Contributing to an interdisciplinary, critical perspective on world development, the network focuses on inter-relationships among knowledge formation, use, and diffusion in organizations and institutions locally, nationally, and internationally. Among topics of particular interest are: national systems of innovation; firms as knowledge systems; formal and tacit knowledge in organizations; knowledge sharing and organizational learning; knowledge workers; and knowledge, science, and society.

(G) Labor Markets, Education, and Human Resources

Social institutions and social structures exert a huge influence on the workings of labor markets, the links between jobs and vocational education and training, and the way firms manage their human resources. The network welcomes contributions on the general issues of labor market segmentation, unemployment, and the link between training, skills and jobs, as well as on the implications of the new human resource management practices of firms for the future of skills and employment, and on the new incentive and reward structures that support these. It also welcomes theoretical work on the interaction between 'competitive' and 'institutional' forces in labor markets.

(H) Markets and Institutions

This network focuses on institutional analysis of the economy (political economy, economic sociology, neo-institutionalism) and on ways of integrating this theory with that of economics. Theoretical models are needed to better relate market processes and their embeddedness in diverse institutional settings at the regional, national and international levels. While the focus of the group is theoretical, it is important to remember that the best theory relates to empirical studies of specific settings. Recent topics have included but are not limited to analysis of diverse varieties of capitalism, regional integration, and processes of institutional change.

I/J Organizations, Occupations and Professions

This network focuses on theory and research from various social sciences as they apply to the changing nature of organizations, occupations and professions. Topics of interest include issues regarding new emergent forms; innovation and change; internationalization/globalization; regulation; competition; and intersections of organizations, occupational and professional groups along gender, race or class dimensions.

(K) Race and Ethnicity

This network addresses all issues regarding the significance, patterns, and changes in race and ethnic relations in socio-economic systems, including race and ethnic conflict; race and ethnic inequality; patterns of inclusion and exclusion; the social consequences of race and ethnic identity; the relationship of race and ethnicity with other forms of categorization such as gender and class; and the changing role of race and ethnic identity in socio-economic structure and processes.

(L) Rethinking the Welfare State

This network focuses on the contours, causes, and consequences of state policies aimed at insuring, supplementing, redistributing, or assuring growth in income by a diverse means including income or in-kind transfers, services, jobs policies, economic stabilization, and competitive policies. The network also examines reciprocal effects of policies and politics, including diverse political strategies and political and social movements from all parts of the political and institutional spectrum that bear on the fate of a broadly conceived definition of the welfare state.

(M) Socio-Economic Theory

The goal of this network is to be an arena for a constructive dialogue between those who employ primarily a rational-actor model of explanation and those who put greater emphasis on the importance of socio-cultural institutions. It seeks to promote, across the various social sciences, open-minded explorations of the merits and limits of each explanatory strategy and the possibilities of combining them and/or resolving some of the theoretic issues dividing them.