

*“Social Justice in a World of Change:  
Interdisciplinary Approaches”*

*11th International Social Justice Conference  
August 2–5, 2006*

The International Society for Justice Research will hold its 11th Conference on Social Justice Research at Humboldt University of Berlin on August 2–5, 2006. The theme of this year’s conference is “Social Justice in a World of Change: Interdisciplinary Approaches”. Conference proceedings will be hosted by the Institute of Social Sciences and Humboldt University. All conference activities will take place at Humboldt campus.

Research and knowledge on topics of social justice is rapidly growing within various fields in the social and behavioral sciences including psychology, sociology, philosophy, political science, anthropology, economics, law, education, geography, and cultural studies. The biannual ISJR meetings allow for these various disciplines to meet and exchange ideas and research findings with regards to the topic of social justice. The conferences act as a major conduit in creating a network between eminent scholars from around the world.

The upcoming conference is focussing on global social and political change and the approaches different scientific disciplines take in studying justice vis-à-vis these changes. The globalization of the economic order, the changing role of the welfare state, and the ongoing transformation of previously communist states are powerful developments that have justice implications and consequences. In studying these changes the conference aspires to release justice research from the narrow boundaries of specific scientific disciplines and stimulate interdisciplinary research. In view of this goal, the conference in Berlin has chosen “multidisciplinarity” as its motto.

The conference will include plenary sessions, panels, symposia and poster sessions. Paper submission deadline is May 1, 2006. Complete information about the conference including venue, program, registration, and information on how to submit papers, can be found on the conference website ([www.isjr2006.org](http://www.isjr2006.org)). Should you have questions, please contact the conference or-

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*“Organizing Paths – Paths of Organizing”*

*EIASM Workshop  
Free University of Berlin, 3./4. November 2006*

With this workshop we aim to bring together researchers who apply the concept of “path” in studying social processes and phenomena in a broad range of disciplines, settings and topics.

Starting out as a rather specialist challenge to orthodox neoclassical economics, the concept of path dependence has become by now one of the most inspiring and versatile explanations for the self-reinforcing continuation of social, technological and economic phenomena that resist change even when outcomes are considered suboptimal. Meanwhile, the concept of path dependence has been challenged. The new concept of path creation captures the idea that actors can also seek to influence paths through mindful deviation and the generation of momentum. Overall, path constitution could be rather emergent or mindfully produced in the different phases of path generation, continuation and termination.

We invite the submission of extended abstracts for conceptual and/or empirical papers without any restriction as to the theories or methodologies applied.

Abstracts should be 1,000 words long, specifying their theoretical foundations, original contributions and concrete areas of application. Full papers will be required in time for the workshop. This EIASM Workshop is organized in collaboration with the Doctoral Program “Research on Organizational Paths” at the Free University of Berlin ([www.pfadkolleg.de](http://www.pfadkolleg.de)).

Deadlines: July 15, 2006 for the submission of abstracts; July 31, 2006 for the notification of authors; September 30, 2006 for uploading full papers.

For more information please visit the workshop homepage [http://www.eiasm.org/frontoffice/event\\_announcement.asp?event\\_id=449](http://www.eiasm.org/frontoffice/event_announcement.asp?event_id=449)