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**Monday 6 May 2013**  
(all sessions include 10 minutes break)

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**08:00-08:30 Registration**

**08:30-09:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- Dr. George Poulos, Vice-President of Research, ATINER & Emeritus Professor, University of South Africa, South Africa.
- Dr. Gregory A. Katsas, Head, Sociology Research Unit, ATINER & Associate Professor, The American College of Greece-Deree College, Greece.
- Dr. Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER.

**09:00-10:30 Session I: Education I**

**Chair:** Dr. George Poulos, Vice-President of Research, ATINER & Emeritus Professor, University of South Africa, South Africa.

1. Shinichi Aizawa, Associate Professor, Chukyo University, Japan. Educational Achievements and the Role of Private High Schools in the Era of Educational Expansion: Taking Japan and Taiwan as Examples of Late-Industrialized Societies.
2. Dimokritos Kavadias, Assistant Professor, Free University of Brussels, Belgium & Anton Derks, Professor, Free University of Brussels, Belgium. The Impact of Academic Segregation in Secondary Schools on Citizenship Attitudes of Adolescents in Europe. Early Tracking for Meritocratic Aristocracies?
3. Cath Holmstrom, Senior Lecturer, University of Sussex, UK. When Competence is not enough: Re-examining the Role of Moral Character and Virtue in Debates about Suitability for Social Work Education.
4. Susanne Schuhrer, Ph.D. Student, European University Institute, Italy. The Influence of Noncognitive Skills of Educational Outcomes with Regard to Parental Background.
5. Saba Kiani, Ph.D. Student, the University of Auckland, New Zealand. Ethnographic Research in Iran: Contradictory Nature of Policy and Practice in Higher Education.

**09:00-10:30 Session II: Economy and Work I**

**Chair:** Dr. Gregory A. Katsas, Head, Sociology Research Unit, ATINER & Associate Professor, The American College of Greece-Deree College, Greece.

1. Martin Stevens, Research Fellow, Social Care Workforce Research Unit, King's College London, UK & Jess Harris, Research Associate, Social Care Workforce Research Unit, King's College London, UK. Exploring Organisational Approaches to Develop Personalised Employment Support for People with Intellectual Disabilities.
2. Feng Zhao, Post-Doctoral Researcher, Wageningen University, the Netherlands. The Differences of Working Rhythms: Class, Gender and Urbanization in the Netherlands.
3. Ayca Yilmaz, MA Graduate, Galatasaray University, Turkey. Articulation of Resistance Strategies and Processes of Consent among White Collar Workers in Turkey.

**10:30-12:30 Session III: Family****Chair:** Cath Holmstrom, Senior Lecturer, University of Sussex, UK.

1. Yonmin Sun, Professor, the Ohio State University, USA. Family Structural Instability and Changes in Children's Body Mass Indexes over Time.
2. Lisa Hickman, Associate Professor, Grand Valley State University, USA. How do we Learn to Parent? A Use of Broad and Narrow Socialization in the Interpretation of Parent Socialization in Four Countries.
3. Yue Wang, Assistant Professor, Capital Normal University, China & Yanning Fan, Professor, Capital Normal University, China. Foster Children in Long-Term Foster Care in China: Their Genealogical Bewilderment and Resilience.
4. Eli Buchbinder, Lecturer, University of Haifa, Israel. Fatherhood Experiences of Noncustodial Fathers in Visitation Centers.

**10:30-12:30 Session IV: Local Issues, Global Effects I****Chair:** Martin Stevens, Research Fellow, Social Care Workforce Research Unit, King's College London, UK

1. Gillian Green, Professor, University of Essex, UK, Charlie Davison, Dr, University of Essex, UK, Hannah Bradby, Dr, University of Uppsala, Sweden, & Kristine Krause, Dr, Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen, Germany. Diversity and Health Care Access: Illness Stories in Four Different European Settings.
2. David Achanfuo Yeboah, Professor, Abu Dhabi University, UAE. Over the Counter Sale of Prescription Medication in Abu Dhabi.
3. Heying Zhan, Associate Professor, Georgia State University, USA. Facing the Challenges of Population Aging—Long Term Care Policies in China, Japan, and the U.S.
4. Raluca Bejan, Ph.D. Student, University of Toronto, Canada. Smoke and Mirrors: How an Allegedly Inclusionary Program Perpetuates an Exclusionary Discourse.

**12:30-13:30 Lunch (details during registration)****13:30-15:00 Session V: Identities I****Chair:** Naomi Weiner-Levy, Ph.D. Senior Lecturer Head of Adult Education Department, David Yellin College and Mofet Institute, Israel

1. Jualynne Dodson, Full Professor, Michigan State University, USA. Toward Theoretical Considerations of the African Diaspora.
2. Fazila Bhimji, Senior Lecturer, University of Central Lancashire, UK. Expressions and Performances of Citizenship Identities in Anaheim City.
3. Osten Wahlbeck, Lecturer, University of Helsinki, Finland. Minorities, Majorities and Truly Finnish Finns.
4. Boroka Bo, Ph.D. Student, University of California, USA. Policy, Power and Prejudice: The National Roma Integration Strategies of the European Union as Contributors to the Marginalization of the Roma.
5. Julija Stare, Ph.D. Student, University of Latvia, Latvia. Formation of Hybrid Identities in Ethnically and Religiously Diverse Society.

**13:30-15:00 Session VI: Reconsidering Realities****Chair:** Gillian Green, Professor, University of Essex, UK

1. Cristina Bain, Ph.D. Student, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA. Against the Grain: A Bourdieuan Ethnography of a Development Non-Profit.
2. Aleksandra Koltun, Ph.D. Student, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland. A Microparadigm and a Scientific Microcommunity – Kuhn Revisited.
3. Ekaterina Studentsova, Ph.D. Student, National Research University-Higher School of Economics, Russia. The Reverse Side of the Coin: Negative Effects of Research Grants.
4. John Wallace, Reader, Oxford University, Charles Byrne, Ireland, Bosah Nwosu, Ireland & Mike Clarke, Oxford University, UK. Antidepressants, Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy and Combination Treatment for Depressed Patients: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.

**15:00-16:30 Session VII: Identities II****Chair:** Jualynne Dodson, Full Professor, Michigan State University, USA.

1. Andreas Pickel, Professor, Trent University, Canada. National Cultures in the Global Age: Towards a New Approach.
2. Megan Wilhelm, U.S. Fulbright Student, Cyprus Fulbright Commission, University of Cyprus, USA and Cyprus. Effects of Contact on Greek Cypriot & Turkish Cypriot Attitudes Toward Outgroup Peers.
3. Sivapalan Selvadurai, Head of Development Science Program, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia, N. Lyndon, Professor, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia, Er Ah Choy, Professor, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia, Zaimah Mohd Ramli, Professor, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia, Marlyna Maros, Professor, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia, Suhana Saad, Professor, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia, Azima Abd Manaf, Professor, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia and Sarmila Mohd Sum, Professor, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia. Contested Development Discourse of Penan Natives.
4. Mersina Tonys-Soulos, Ph.D. Student, Macquarie University, Australia. Towards a Multi-Layered Construct of Identity by the Greek Diaspora, an Examination of the Films of Nia Vardalos, Including My Big Fat Greek Wedding (2002) and My Life in Ruins (2009). Part 2

**15:00-16:30 Session VIII: Social Changes I****Chair:** Ah Choy Er, Head of Quality Assurance, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia

1. Diamantino Machado, Teaching Professor, Drexel University, USA. On the New Capitalist Regime of Truth and Its Apocalyptic Undertaking.
2. Dong-No Kim, Professor, Yonsei University, Korea. Heterogeneity of Civil Society in East Asia.
3. Jiaming Sun, Professor, Fudan University, China. Expanding Civil Global Connectivity and its Impact on Chinese Society: A Research Note of Micro Perspective of Globalization.
4. Naomi Weiner-Levy, Ph.D. Senior Lecturer Head of Adult Education Department, David Yellin College and Mofet Institute, Israel. Patriarchs or Feminists? Fathers and Trailblazing Daughters in the Druze Society.
5. Novel Lyndon, Lecturer, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia, S. Sivapalan, Head of Development Science Program, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia, Er Ah Choy, Professor, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia, Zaimah Mohd Ramli, Professor, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia, Sarmila Mohd Sum, Professor, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia, Suhana Saad, Professor, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia, Azima Abd Manaf, Professor, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia & Marlyna Maros, Professor, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia. The World View of Penan on Participation and Empowerment in Bakun Dam Resettlement Scheme.

**16:30-18:00 Session IX: Education II**

**Chair:** Mersina Tonys-Soulos, Ph.D. Student, Macquarie University, Australia.

1. Maria Isabel Ayala, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University, USA & Dana Chalupa, PhD Student, Michigan State University, USA. Assessing the Role of Latino Racial/Ethnic Identity on Students' Post Secondary Attainment.
2. Johanna Dammrich, Ph.D. Student, European University Institute, Italy, Daniela Vono, Ph.D. Student, European University Institute, Italy & Elisabeth Reichart, Researcher, German Institute for Adult Education, Germany. Adult Education in European Countries - To Which Extent Do Welfare States Influence Enrolment Later in Life?
3. Yuliya Kosyakova, Ph.D. Student, European University Institute, Italy, Johanna Dammrich, Ph.D. Student, European University Institute, Italy & Hans-Peter Blossfeld, Professor, European University Institute, Italy. Formal Adult Education and Patterns of Inequality on the Labor Market: Evidence from post-Soviet Russia.
4. Olga Borodkina, Professor, St. Petersburg State University, Russia. Development of Accessible Professional Education for Disabled People in Russia.
5. Marlyna Maros, Director, The National University, Malaysia. The Ideal and Real Employability Attributes of Graduates: A Postgraduates Perspective.

**18:00-19:30 Session X: Local Issues, Global Effects II**

**Chair:** Gregory Gross, Professor, the College of Saint Rose, USA.

1. Lea Kivipold, Head of Social department of Rakvere Municipality and Ph.D. Student of Tartu University, Estonia. Attitude of Estonian People to Economical Inequity.
2. Paulo Lourenco Domingues Junior, Professor, University Federal Rural of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Poverty in Latin America and Some Proposals to Confront it.
3. Fabio Bracci, Ph.D. Student, University of Urbino, Italy & Andrea Valzania, Ph.D. Student, University of Florence, Italy. Hidden Selectivity: Irregular Migrants and Access to Socio-Health Services in a Heated Local Context.
4. Ah Choy Er, Head of Quality Assurance, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia & Nurul Bariah, Professor, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia & Mat Lazim, Professor, University Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia. Ecotourism Knowledge Among the Local Community of Lata Jarum, Pahang.

**21:00–23:00 Greek Night (Details during registration)**

## Tuesday 7 May 2013

(all sessions include 10 minutes break)

### 08:00-10:00 Session XI: Identities III

**Chair:** Richard Christy, Associate Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada.

1. Kwamena Kwansah-Aidoo, Associate Dean, Swinburne University of Technology, Australia & Virginia Mapedzahama, Researcher, University of New England, Australia. Racism is there 90 Percent of the Time! Counter-Narratives of Racism from the African Diaspora in Australia.
2. Gregory Gross, Professor, the College of Saint Rose, USA. Deconstructing the Fetishization of Diversity: Toward a Post-Multicultural Ethos.
3. Anna Tsalapatanis, Ph.D. Student, Australian National University, Australia. Multiple Nationality and the (Ab) Use of Citizenship: Identity, Opportunity and Risk.

### 08:00-10:00 Session XII: Economy and Work II

**Chair:** Ruth McDonald, Professor of Healthcare Innovation & Learning, University of Nottingham, UK.

1. Fausto Miguelez, Professor, University Autonoma Barcelona, Spain. An Alternative Employment Policy for UE.
2. Ungsinun Intarakamhang, Associate Professor, Behavioral Science Research Institute, Thailand, Wiladlak Chuawanlee, Professor, Behavioral Science Research Institute, Thailand, Wirin Kittipichai, Professor, Behavioral Science Research Institute, Thailand, Numchai Supparerkchaisakul, Professor, Behavioral Science Research Institute, Thailand & Cutima Hanpachern, Professor, Behavioral Science Research Institute, Thailand. Establishing a System of Standards for the Training Process of New Thai Government Officials during the Work Trial Period.
3. Pau Serra del Pozo, Lecturer, International University of Catalonia, Spain. Do Ethnic Businesses Revitalize Historic Centers in Catalan Cities and Villages? (Morning)
4. Naomi Lightman, Ph.D. Student, University of Toronto, Canada & Luann Good Gingrich, Professor, York University, Canada. Dynamics of Race, Ethnicity, and Nationality in Canada's Labour market: Application of an Economic Exclusion Index.
5. Shuo Zhang, Ph.D. Student, Cornell University, USA. Interfirm Relation Network in Emerging Markets: the Case of China.

### 10:00-11:30 Session XIII: Education III

**Chair:** Mary Polychronis, Independent Researcher, Canada.

1. Paul Anisef, Professor Emeritus, York University, Canada & Robert S Brown, Researcher, Toronto District School Board, Canada. Post-secondary Pathways of Native and Foreign-Born Adult Learners in the Toronto District School Board: Assessing the Role of Continuing Education Courses.
2. Richard Christy, Associate Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada. Cultural and Social Changes in Education: A Canadian Case Study .
3. Suthiwan Pirasaksopon, Director, Srinakharinwirot University, Thailand & Patcharee Piyapan, Professor, Srinakharinwirot University, Thailand. The Effect of Learning Provision Model for Enhancing Mathematical Problem-Solving Ability on the Analytical Thinking Ability.
4. Antonina Levatino, Ph.D. Student, University Pompeu Fabra, Spain. Is Transnational Higher Education a Good Way to Reduce the Brain Drain? Evidences from Australia.

### 10:00-11:30 Session XIV: Local Issues, Global Effects III

**Chair:** Pau Serra del Pozo, Lecturer, International University of Catalonia, Spain.

1. Lee-Yun Pan, Associate Professor, Feng Chia University, Taiwan, Shih-Chi Chang, Professor, National Chungshau University of Education, Taiwan & Wei Cheng Chuang, Instructor, Data Systems Consulting Co., Ltd., Taiwan. The Impacts of Green Seal Information and Brand Image on Purchase Intention: A Case of Green Mobile Phone.
2. Shamsher Singh, Researcher, Indian Statistical Institute, India. Exclusion in Access to Basic Household Amenities - Evidence from Selected Villages in India.
3. Kooros Mahmoudi, Professor, Northern Arizona University, USA & Richard Skeen, Professor, Northern Arizona University, USA. Rapid Fertility Decline in South Korea: Causes and Consequences.

**11:30-13:00 Session XV: Media****Chair:** Richard Skeen, Professor, Northern Arizona University, USA

1. Shih-Chi Chang, Professor, National Changhua University of Education, Taiwan & Jyh-Hwa Yang, Graduate Student, National Changhua University of Education, Taiwan. A Study on Determinants of Users' Intentions for Live Broadcasting Websites.
2. Ruth McDonald, Professor of Healthcare Innovation & Learning, University of Nottingham, UK. Tales of Professional Work and the British Broadcasting Corporation: Continuities, Disruptions and 'Desert Island Doctors'.
3. Thomas Bjorner, Associate Professor, Aalborg University, Denmark, Lene Tolstrup Sorensen, Professor, Aalborg University, Denmark & Hanne Westh Nicolajsen, Professor, Aalborg University, Denmark. That's Pretty Smart, but also a Bit Frightening: A Qualitative Study about Location-Based Services.
4. Bengi Bezirgan, PhD Student, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK. The Interplay between Nationalism and Media Coverage: The Case of Armenians in Turkey.
5. Marco Carradore, Research Fellow, Ca' Foscari University Foundation Venice, Italy. Patterns of Environmental Culture in Europe.

**11:30-13:00 Session XVI: Politics and Government****Chair:** Prashant Tripathi, Associate Professor, CSJM University, India

1. Alwyn Lau, Manager, Teaching & Learning Center (KDU University College), Malaysia. Bersih's Feminine Jouissance, Putrajaya's Superego: Discerning and Undermining a Politics of Inherent Transgression in Malaysian Socio-Political Discourse.
2. Emeka Dumbili, Ph.D. Student, Brunel University, UK. The Politics of Alcohol Policies in Nigeria: Do Brewers Employ Strategic Ambiguity?

**13:00-14:00 Lunch (Details during registration)****14:00-15:30 Session XVII: Sex and Gender I****Chair:** Shih-Chi Chang, Professor, National Changhua University of Education, Taiwan

1. Richard Skeen, Professor, Northern Arizona University, USA & Jacob Jerzy, Ph.D. Student, Northern Arizona University, USA. Research on Sexual Relevance.
2. Virginia Mapedzahama, Researcher, University of New England, Australia & Tinashe Dune, Researcher, University of New England, Australia. What Kind of Woman are You?: Zimbabwean Migrant Women in Australia Negotiating the Politics of Dress.
3. Angie Ng, Ph.D. Student, University of Durham, UK. Social Attitudes towards Trafficking in Women in Hong Kong: An Attitudinal Scale.

**14:00-15:30 Session XVIII: Social Changes II****Chair:** Laura Moore, Associate Professor, Hood College, USA

1. Prashant Tripathi, Associate Professor, CSJM University, India & Sanjay Chandani, Researcher CSJM University, India. Comparative Study of the Impact of Social Net Working Sites in two Recent Mass Movements in Egypt and India.
2. Anika Noack, Researcher, Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning, Germany. Social Innovations, Spatial Development and Communications: Spatial Pioneers in Berlin and their Ideas in Group Communications.
3. Shing-Chung Jonathan Yam, Ph.D. Student, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong. Incremental Knowledge: Legitimation of Cooperative Knowledge Generation.

**15:30-17:00 Session XIV: Sex and Gender and Other Issues on Sociology**

**Chair:** Anika Noack, Researcher, Leibniz Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning, Germany.

1. Laura Moore, Associate Professor, Hood College, USA & Seth Ovdia, Assistant Director, Syracuse University, United States. Such a Crusade: The Changing Contextual Effects of Evangelical Protestantism on Americans' Attitudes toward Homosexuality, 1973-2002.
2. Ann Marie Joyce, PhD Candidate, University of Limerick, Ireland. Questioning the Politics of Gender and Sexuality in Ireland through a Case-Study of Two Civil-Society Campaigns: 'Turn off the Red Light' And 'Justice for Magdalenes'.
3. Diana Didilica, Ph.D. Student, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Romania. The Right to Love and Care in Early Childhood.
4. Anna Strelnikova, Associate Professor, Russian State University for the Humanities, Russia. Collective Memory in the City Space.

**17:30-20:30 Urban Walk (Details during registration)**

**21:00-22:00 Dinner (Details during registration)**

**Wednesday 8 May 2013**

Cruise: (Details during registration)

**Thursday 9 May 2013**

Delphi Visit: (Details during registration)