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Athens Institute for Education and Research  
Sociology Research Unit

**Conference Venue:** [St George Lycabettus Boutique Hotel](#), 2 Kleomenous Street, Lycabettus, Athens, Greece.

**Monday 11 May 2009**

(all sessions include 10 minutes break)

**08:30-09:30 Registration**

**09:30-09:40 Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- Dr. Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER.
- Dr. Gregory A. Katsas, Head, Sociology Research Unit, ATINER & Associate Professor, The American College of Greece-Deree College, Greece.

**09:40-10:30 SESSION I: Defining Realities**

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

1. Mookherjee, H., Professor, Tennessee Tech University, USA. Changes of Values in the Context of Globalization: A Cross-Cultural Study of the University Students of West Bengal (India), Cairo (Egypt), and Tennessee (USA).
2. Rainhard, D., Ph.D. Student, University of Western Ontario, Canada. Concerning the Bakhtin/Habermas Juxtaposition.

**10:30-12:00 SESSION II: Family / Gender**

**Chair:** Kefalaki, M., Instructor, Department of Tourism of the Technological Institute of Piraeus & Department of Commerce and Advertising of the Technological Institute of Lamia & Researcher, ATINER

1. Christy, R., Associate Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada. Changing Social Roles in Post-Modernity: Do Men Father?
2. Eriksson, K., Researcher, Mid Sweden University, Sweden, Nordenmark, M., Researcher, Mid Sweden University, Sweden & Nyman, C., Ph.D., Umea University, Sweden. The Gap between Gender Equality in Principle and in Practice.
3. Evertsson, L., Ph.D., Umea University, Sweden & Nyman, C., Ph.D., Umea University, Sweden. A Fair Affair? Financial Organization in Same-Sex Couples.
4. Ridaura Lopez, M.M., Ph.D. Student, University of Cordoba, Spain & Nunez-Cortes Contreras, P., Ph.D. Student, University of Cordoba, Spain. The Principle of Gender Balance in the Spanish Law of Equality.
5. Liodakis, N., Assistant Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada. The Social Class and Gender Differences within Aboriginal Groups in Canada, 1995-2000.

**12:00-13:00: Lunch****13:00-14:30 SESSION III: Education**

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

1. Clews, R., Professor, St. Thomas University, Canada, Furlong, D., Professor, University of New Brunswick, Canada & Randall, W., Associate Professor, St. Thomas University, Canada. Developing Curriculum for Helping in Rural Communities: A Narrative Approach.
2. Lassnigg, L., Head of Research Group EQUI, Institute for Advanced Studies, Austria. Access to Higher Education: Social Impact of Admission Systems in Comparative Perspective.
3. Haerizadeh, S.A., Lecturer, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran, Asgharpour, A., Ph.D. Student, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran & Noghani, M., Assistant Professor, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran. Student-Faculty Interactions and its Consequences for Educational Achievement.

**14:30-16:00 SESSION IV: Variety of Social Constituencies**

**Chair:** Lassnigg, L., Head of Research Group EQUI, Institute for Advanced Studies, Austria.

1. Caringella, S., Professor, Western Michigan University, USA. Reforming Rape Reform: Lessons and New Directions.
2. Carpentier, N., Researcher, Institut Universitaire de Geriatrie, Canada. New Models of Geriatric Care: The Sociological Contribution.
3. Hiebert, V., Ph.D. Student, University of Manitoa, Canada. Media Violence: A Cross-National Comparison of Canadian and Swedish Youth.
4. Liu, M., Assistant Professor, Ashland U. USA. Marketing Mao: The Globalization and Commercialization of China's Contemporary Art

**20:30-22:30 Greek Night Entertainment**

## Tuesday 12 May 2009

(all sessions include 10 minutes break)

### 09:00-10:30 SESSION V: Work

**Chair:** Bolton, S., Professor, University of Strathclyde, U.K.

1. Conde, I., Professor, Centro de Investigação e Estudos de Sociologia (CIES-ISCTE), Portugal. Artists as Vulnerable Workers.
2. Melero Bolanos, R., Professor, University of Cordoba, Spain & Nunez-Cortes Contreras, P., Professor, University of Cordoba, Spain. Equal Opportunity as a Quality Index for Human Resources Management in Spain Following: The March 22, 2007 Law on Equality.
3. Hauge, B., Post. Doc., University of Copenhagen, Denmark. When the Meaning of Work Frames the Meaning of Life.
4. Santonyo Rio, E., Ph.D. Student, University of East Anglia, UK. Trust Between and Within Firms? How Does it Affect Working Conditions and the Vulnerability of Workers? An Ethnographic Study of Two Mexican Companies.

### 10:30-12:00 SESSION VI: The Changing Society

**Chair:** Liodakis, N., Assistant Professor, Wilfrid Laurier University, Canada.

1. Demirdjian, A., Professor, California State University, USA. Perceptions of Solar Energy.
2. Gabriel, J., Professor, London Metropolitan University, U.K. & Harding, J., Reader, London Metropolitan University, U.K. Identity and Education and Empowerment in Refugee Communities.
3. Qureshi, A., Assistant Professor, University of Virginia at Wise, USA. Social Software and its Impact on our Society.
4. Martini, E., Lecturer, University of Del Sannio, Italy & Vespasiano, F., Associate Professor, University of Del Sannio, Italy. The Paradigm of the Social Construction of Knowledge: The Triple Helix Model.
5. Miringoff, M., Professor, Vassar College, USA. Social Recession and Social Health.
6. Vukovic, A., Assistant Professor, University of Belgrade, Serbia. Serbian and Greek Women in Positions of Power: A Historical – Comparative Analysis.

### 12:00-13:00 Lunch

### 13:00-14:30 SESSION VII: Young People in the South Caucasus

**Chair:** Roberts, K., University of Liverpool, UK.

1. Haghine Manasyan, Caucasus Research Resource Centre, Yerevan, Armenia & Hovhannes Harutyunyan, Caucasus Research Resource Centre, Yerevan, Armenia, Youth employment in Armenia: Analysis and Trends.
2. Jochen Tholen, University of Bremen, Germany, Dilara Huseynzade, Caucasus Research Resource Centre, Baku, Azerbaijan, Anar Ibrahimov, Caucasus Research Centre, Baku, Azerbaijan, Gary Pollock, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK, & Ken Roberts, University of Liverpool, UK, Graduate careers during the post-communist transition in the South Caucasus.
3. Jochen Tholen, University of Bremen, Germany, Gohar Khachatryan, Caucasus Research Resource Centre, Yerevan, Armenia, Rusdan Velidze, BCG, Tbilisi, Georgia, Gary Pollock, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK, & Ken Roberts, University of Liverpool, UK. Transitions to Adulthood in rural villages during the transition from communism in the South Caucasus.
4. Ken Roberts, University of Liverpool, UK & Gary Pollock, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK. New Class Divisions in the new Market Economies: Evidence from the Careers of young Adults in post-Soviet Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.

### 20:00-21:00 Dinner

**Wednesday 13 May 2009**

**Tour:**

Departure 07:50

Return 13:00

**Thursday 14 May 2009**

**One Day Cruise to the Aegean Islands (includes Lunch):**

07:15 Bus Departure

20:30 Return