

International Sociological Debates Seminar at the University of Barcelona (ISDUB)

El seminari “International Sociological Debates Seminar at the University of Barcelona (ISDUB)” es planteja com una activitat d’alta qualitat per a afavorir el debat científic internacional entre científics socials, des de la perspectiva de la sociologia com a disciplina fonamental per a comprendre els problemes i contribuir a la resolució dels conflictes de la nostra societat.

El seminari es realitzarà en llengua anglesa, i s’establirà un procediment d’avaluació basat en treball de recensió i comentari de les conferències que es lliurarà i serà avaluat per campus virtual. Es recomana com a crèdits de lliure elecció en particular per als estudiants que estiguin participant en programes de mobilitat (Erasmus, o altres). A tal fi es facilitarà una versió anglesa d’aquest programa.

L’ ISDUB està pensat com un espai de reflexió i debat a partir dels treballs de recerca que presentaran sis destacats ponents i investigadors de prestigi internacional, en el context de projectes i línies de recerca en les que cooperen amb els sis grups de recerca de la UB que organitzen aquesta iniciativa. Els investigadors responsables d’aquestes línies internacionals de recerca dels GR consolidats, faran la presentació i contextualització de les ponències internacionals. Així el seminari consisteix en sis sessions de tres hores que es desenvoluparan, en dimecres tarda, entre octubre de 2012 i maig de 2013, amb ponències internacionals, prèviament presentades i contextualitzades pels investigadors de referència amb qui col·laboren (veure programa a continuació).

Es tracta d’una iniciativa de grups de recerca consolidats en sociologia (Convocatòria SGR/2009-2013 de la Generalitat de Catalunya) adscrits a la Facultat d’Economia i Empresa de la Universitat de Barcelona:

1. GR Benestar, Comunitat i Control Social (COPOLIS)
2. GR Centre d'Estudis sobre Cultura, Política i Societat (CECUPS)
3. GR Grup d'Estudis sobre Poder i Privilegi (GEPP)
4. GR Gènere, Identitat i Societat (GIS)
5. GR Creativitat, Innovació i Transformació Urbana (CRIT)
6. GR Territori, Població i Ciutadania

L'ISDUB es planteja com una activitat de reflexió conjunta transversal entre els Grups de Recerca consolidats en sociologia de la UB, de la que es planteja obtenir un ventall de resultats (seminari presencial amb diferents modalitats de participació, format virtual amb possibilitat de seguiment "lifestream" o accés diferit a gravació de conferències, publicació monogràfica posterior en el marc d'edicions UB...).

El format de referència és de sis dimecres tarda (16-19h) a l'Aula Magna i amb Coffe-Break, repartits en diferents mesos al llarg del curs acadèmic, i amb una bona difusió prèvia i posterior. Es compta addicionalment amb la col•laboració de l'Associació Catalana de Sociologia (ACS) i el Col•legi de Llicenciats en Ciències Polítiques i Sociologia de Catalunya (COLCPIS) que contribuiran a ampliar la difusió, participació i impacte de l'activitat.

La programació de l'ISDUB prevista pel curs 2012/13 és la següent:

Sessió 1. Dimarts 16 d'octubre de 2012: Prof. Flavia Martinelli 'The restructuring of social services in Europe and its impact on social and territorial cohesion and governance' amb la presentació de la Dra. Marisol García Cabeza (sessió coordinada pel Grup de Recerca Creativitat, Innovació i Transformació Urbana, confirmada)

Sessió 2. Dimecres 28 de novembre de 2012: Prof. Pierre-Michel Menger 'Talent and creative work. Ability distribution and reward inequalities', Centre National de la

Recherche Scientifique / Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (París), amb la presentació del Dr. Arturo Rodríguez Morató (sessió coordinada pel Grup de Recerca Consolidat CECUPS, confirmada)

Sessió 3. Dimecres 19 de desembre de 2012: Prof. Loïc Wacquant amb la presentació de la Dra. Elisabet Almeda Samaranch (sessió coordinada pel Grup de Recerca Consolidat COPOLIS, confirmada)

Sessió 4. Dimecres 20 de febrer de 2013: Prof. Erik Olin Wright 'Real Utopias. Institutional designs for social transformation', president de l'American Sociological Association (ASA), Department of Sociology - University of Wisconsin-Madison amb la presentació de la Dra. Marta Soler Gallart (sessió coordinada pel Grup d'Investigació en Gènere, Identitat i Societat GIS, confirmada)

Sessió 5. Dimecres 17 d'abril de 2013: Dra. Sonia Arbaci, Lecturer in Spatial Planning a la Bartlett School of Planning de la University College London (UCL), '(Ethnic) Residential Segregation in European Cities: Are Welfare Regimes Making a Difference?', amb la presentació de la Dra. Cristina López Villanueva (sessió coordinada pel Grup de Recerca Territori, Població i Ciutadania, confirmada)

Sessió 6. Dimecres 15 Maig de 2013: Prof. John Mohr, University of California (Santa Barbara), 'Systems of meaning and systems of action' amb la presentació del Dr. Josep A. Rodríguez Díaz (sessió coordinada pel Grup d'Estudios Poder i Privilegi GEPP, confirmada)

A continuació es facilita una breu presentació dels ponents internacionals proposats i en procés de confirmació, donat que la llengua del seminari serà l'anglès, es faciliten ja en aquesta llengua:

Flavia Martinelli graduated at the School of Architecture of the University of Florence and obtained a Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning at the University of California, Berkeley in 1986. She is currently Full Professor of Analysis of Territorial Systems at the School of Architecture of the University of Reggio Calabria. Her work focuses on the territorial dimension of socioeconomic development processes and on regional disparities – at the local, regional, international scale – as well as on public policies geared to support the development of depressed areas and govern territorial transformations. Within this general framework, her main analytical fields are: industrial processes and models (large firms, de-industrialisation and outsourcing, industrial districts); the service sector and its articulation (services for production and for reproduction); tourism; development policies; territorial planning tools (integrated, negotiated, strategic programmes). The approach to territorial analysis is multi-disciplinary: spatial systems and their differences are considered as the territorially embedded historical outcome of complex interactions between accumulation and institutions (economy, society, politics and culture), within specific regions and areas, as well as between these and the broader national and international context.

Pierre-Michel Menger is currently senior researcher at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (Paris) and professor (directeur d'études) at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales where he teaches sociology of labor and sociology of art and culture. He also holds a position of Permanent Visiting Professor at the University of Quebec (Canada). He is the author or coauthor of fourteen books, and has published numerous articles in such journals as *Revue française de Sociologie*, *Sociologie du travail*, *L'Année Sociologique*, *Revue Européenne des Sciences Sociales*, *Annales*, *Annual Review of Sociology*, *Poetics*. He is currently chief editor of the *Revue française de Sociologie* and member of the editorial board of the *Revue Economique*, *Poetics*, and *Twentieth-Century Music*. Publications in English include i.a. « Profiles of the Unfinished : Rodin's Work and the Varieties of Incompleteness » (in *Art from Start to Finish*, edited by H.S. Becker, R. Faulkner, B Kirschenblatt-Gimblett, Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 2006); « Artistic labor markets : Contingent Work, Excess Supply and Occupational Risk Management », a chapter of the *Handbook of the Economics of Art and Culture*, edited by V. Ginsburgh and D. Throsby (Amsterdam, Elsevier, 2006); *The Economics of creativity*, Harvard University Press, forthcoming. Books in French include i.a. *Portrait de l'artiste en travailleur* (Paris, Seuil,

2003); *Le travail créateur. S'accomplir dans l'incertain* (Paris, Gallimard / Le Seuil, 2009); *Les intermittents du spectacle. Sociologie du travail flexible* (Paris, Editions de l'EHESS, 2011). Research interests include Sociology of art and culture; Sociology of labor markets; Sociology of occupations; economic sociology of careers and competition in higher education.

Loïc Wacquant is professor of Sociology and Research Associate at the Institute for Legal Research, Boalt Law School, University of California at Berkeley, where he is affiliated with the Program in Medical Anthropology, the Global Metropolitan Studies Program, the Center for the Study of Race and Gender, the Designated Emphasis in Critical Theory, and the Center for Urban Ethnography. He is also a researcher at the Centre de sociologie européenne in Paris. Loïc Wacquant is author of over one hundred scholarly articles published and translated in half-a-dozen languages. His books include *An Invitation to Reflexive Sociology* (with Pierre Bourdieu), *Les Prisons de la misère* (translated in ten languages), *Corps et âme. Carnets ethnographiques d'un apprenti boxeur* (Agone, Comeau et Nadeau), *Punir Os Pobres* (Rio de Janeiro, Freitas Bastos Editora), *Los condenados de la ciudad* (Buenos Aires, Manantial), and the forthcoming *In the Zone: Life in the Dark Ghetto at Century's End*. He is also completing an anthology of the works of Marcel Mauss, to be published by the University of Chicago Press under the title, *Marcel Mauss on Ritual, Exchange, and Social Transformation*. He is a regular contributor to *Le Monde diplomatique* and a founding member of the group of French academic activists "Raisons d'agir."

Erik Olin Wright has PhD in Sociology, UCLA-Berkeley. He is professor of the Department of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He has been awarded multiple times as C.Wright Mills Distinguished Professor (1990), John D. MacArthur Professor (1998), University of Wisconsin Distinguished Teaching Award (1998), American Sociological Association Distinguished Publications Award for Class Counts (1999).

He has been invited lecturer and professor in important universities from all over the world, such as Harvard University, University of Chicago, University of Michigan, Yale University, University of Essex, University of Oslo, University of Massachusetts,

Columbia University, Duke University, Washington, Moscow, Beijing, Shanghai, Seoul, Vienna, Durban, Johannesburg, Tokyo, Madrid, Lisbon, London, Sydney, Utrecht, Barcelona, among others. He has supervised more than fifty dissertations, on citizenship, social movements, governance, industrial relations, marxism, labor migrants, welfare state, among others.

He is the current president of the American Sociological Association (2012), and he is co-founder and director of the Havens Center, a research center for the study of social structure and social change of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, born in 1985.

Among his published books there is *Class, Crisis and the State* (1978), *Classes* (1985), *Interrogating Inequality* (1994), *Class Counts: Comparative Studies in Class Analysis* (1997), *Deepening Democracy: Institutional Innovations in Empowered Participatory Governance* (2003), *Envisioning Real Utopias* (2010), *American Society: How it Really Works* (2011). He is editor of the book series “Real Utopias Project”. He has nearly 100 articles published, more of them in JCR journals such as *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *New Left Review*, *Journal of Higher Education*, *Politics & Society*, *Acta Sociologica*, *Sociological Theory*, *International Journal of Health Services*, *Theory & Society*, among others.

He is expert in Marx and Marxism, and author of a classical work in which developed and updated the Marxist class analysis, reformulating some of its issues, and testing a new class classification with empirical field work from several countries, performing a comparative perspective. More recently boosted the Real Utopias Project, whose aim is making practical improvements in existing institutions in order to build a more egalitarian, free and just society. Joining dreams and practice. The project explores a wide range of proposals and models for radical social change. The basic idea is to combine serious normative discussions of the underlying principles and rationales for different emancipatory visions with the analysis of pragmatic problems of institutional design.

Dr Sonia Arbaci is Lecturer in Spatial Planning (Bartlett School of Planning – University College London). European comparative studies and interdisciplinary studies have been her research interest, with a particular attention to (Southern) European cities. Her research focuses on ethnic residential segregation and immigration sit between a

broader understanding of the different European housing systems and welfare regimes, and the impact of urban policies and regeneration programmes in relation to mechanisms of differentiation, and inequality. From October 2012 undertake a two year research project on ‘‘DiverCities: Neighbourhood interventions, and social and ethnic mix: the tackling of urban inequalities’’ funded by the Marie Curie Programme (FP7 – PEOPLE Intra-European fellowship). The international scope of her research has resulted in several invitations as a guest speaker throughout Europe, collaborations in international networks and conferences (IMISCOE International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion research network; International Metropolis, ENHR, ISA-RC21), seminar series and master courses (ASRO, KU Leuven, Belgium; Complutense University of Madrid and ETSAM, Spain; Sapienza 3 University, Rome, and Faculty of Architecture, Milan, Italy; Newcastle University and GURU, UK) and round table discussions on ethnic segregation, land policies, housing policies and affordability (Spanish Ministry of Housing; Municipality of Madrid – Housing Observatory).

John Mohr received his PhD from Yale University in 1992. His primary interest is in the empirical study of meaning systems. His focus has been on developing applications of formal methods of relational (network) analysis to the study of discourse in institutional systems.

He was originally trained as an organizational sociologist and his early work was concerned with the rise of bureaucratic forms of rationalization in the American social welfare sector (focusing in particular on Progressive Era New York City). More recently he has been active in developing programs for broadening participation in graduate education and his research has shifted to looking at how universities manage the need to pursue racial, ethnic and gender diversity in a post-affirmative action policy climate. He has also been looking at how faculty come to be engaged as change agents on their own campus. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Rome as well as at the Maison des Sciences de L'Homme in Paris. He has served as chair of the ASA section on the sociology of culture and currently serves on the editorial boards of *Theory and Society* and *Poetics*.