

CALL FOR PAPERS

ECSR, QMSS2 AND TRANSEUROPE JOINT CONFERENCE
**‘Analysing Education, Family, Work and Welfare in Modern Societies:
 Methodological Approaches and Empirical Evidence’**

**Welcome Conference Hotel, Bamberg, Germany,
 30 September– 2 October 2010**

The European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) and the European Science Foundation (ESF) Social Science Programmes ‘Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS) 2’ and ‘TransEurope’ will be joining forces in 2010 to host a **three-day conference** to be held in the UNESCO World Heritage City of Bamberg, Germany.

CONFERENCE THEME

The last three decades have been characterized by processes of increasing transnationalization and globalization, and modern societies have undergone profound changes in their social structures and employment systems:

- In this process, **education** has become increasingly important for individuals’ life chances. However, modern societies vary in how successfully they enable their citizens to acquire adequate qualifications and competencies, and in how far they offer equal opportunities to children from different social backgrounds and especially to the children of immigrants.
- Under increasing adaptation and flexibility pressures from globalized labour markets, the nature of **work** has diversified, and previously dominant standard employment forms have become supplemented by new ‘atypical’ forms of employment.
- Similarly, profound changes have been observed in **family** life: fertility has decreased, family forms have diversified, previously dominant social institutions such as marriage are becoming increasingly unstable, common-law unions are on the rise and the traditional division of paid and unpaid work between partners has been called more and more into question.
- As a consequence, modern **welfare states** are facing rising pressures to introduce reforms that will accommodate these socio-economic changes. Most recently, these pressures have been further intensified by predicted demographic changes that will provide new challenges to the sustainability of adequate social security systems.
- To respond adequately to the fundamental changes currently facing our societies, social scientists will need to develop new comparative **methodological tools** and generate new nation-specific and cross-national **data sources**.

With this background in mind, the joint ECSR, TransEurope and QMSS2 conference aims to bring together researchers working in the area of (internationally comparative) research on socio-economic change from all across Europe and beyond, and invite them to present and discuss their most recent methodological approaches and empirical findings.

The conference will be organized into four different topical streams, each dealing with one specific field:

- Stream 1 Concepts and Methods of Cross-National Comparative Research**
(headed by Prof. Hans-Peter Blossfeld)
- Stream 2 Modelling Trends, Determinants and Consequences of Educational Inequality in Modern Societies**
(headed by Prof. Thorsten Schneider)
- Stream 3 Changes in Employment, Unpaid Work and Family in Contemporary Societies**
(headed by Dr. Sandra Buchholz and Valerie Martin, PhD)
- Stream 4 Demographic Changes and the Welfare State**
(headed by Dr. Dirk Hofäcker and Dr. Svetlana Tvorogova)

SPEAKERS

For each of the above streams, internationally renowned scientific experts will provide focused keynote lectures addressing up-to-date research issues in the specific field. The following key note speakers are invited:

- **Prof. Gösta Esping-Andersen, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain (stream 4)**
- **Prof. Richard Breen, Yale University, United States (stream 2)**
- **Prof. Céline Le Bourdais, McGill University, Canada (stream 3)**
- **Prof. Jeroen Vermunt, Tilburg University, The Netherlands (stream 1)**

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

The conference welcomes abstracts for presentations by Senior and Junior Researchers as well as PhD Students from all across Europe and beyond.

Abstracts should not exceed a length of 200 words and should cover main hypotheses, data, methodology and expected conclusions. They must be sent to the respective Local Stream Organizer no later than **31 March 2010** using the electronic abstract submission form on the conference webpage, accessible at <http://www.ecsr2010.eu/>

Authors of accepted papers will be notified no later than **30 April 2010**.

CONFERENCE FEES

Regular Conference Fee (ECSR Members): 220 Euros*

Regular Conference Fee (Non-ECSR Members): 250 Euros*

Students and PhD Students: 170 Euros*

* The above fees include coffee breaks and lunches throughout the three-day conference.

There will be a limited number of grants available for a select number of junior scientists as well as scientists from Eastern European countries.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission: 31 March 2010

Notification of acceptance: 30 April 2010

CONFERENCE WEBSITE

For more information, please visit the conference website at: <http://www.ecsr2010.eu/>