

European Sociological Association 11th Conference

TORINO, 28-31 August 2013

Call for Papers

Instructions

Authors are invited to submit their abstract either to the general session (open) or any specific session. Please submit each abstract only to **one** session. After abstract evaluation, coordinators will have the chance to transfer papers between sessions where applicable.

Abstracts should not exceed 1750 characters (including spaces, approximately 250 words). Each paper session will have the duration of 1.5 hours. Normally sessions will include 4 papers.

Abstracts **can only be submitted online** no later than **1st of February 2013** to the submission platform at: www.esa11thconference.eu. Abstracts sent by email cannot be accepted.

The information requested during abstract submission include: 1) name(s), affiliation(s) and email of all the author(s); 2) contact details of presenting author (postal address, and telephone in addition to email); 3) title of proposed presentation; 4) up to 4 keywords (optional).

Submitting authors will receive an email of acknowledgement of successful submission receipt. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed and selected for presentation by the relevant Research Network or Research Stream; the letter of notification will be sent by the conference software system in early April 2013. Each author cannot submit more than two abstracts (as first author).

Abstract submission deadline: **1st February 2013**

Abstract submission platform: <http://www.esa11thconference.eu>

If you have further questions on the conference, please visit the conference website.

For information on the Research Networks, visit: www.europeansociology.org

RN21 - Quantitative Methods

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The Quantitative Methods Research Network (RN21) of the European Sociological Association (ESA) brings together social scientists with a research interest in quantitative methodology and empirical research, including survey research, mixed methods, experimental methods, causal inference, simulation, statistical techniques, comparative methods, and others.

The theme of the 11th conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA) is "Crisis, Critique and Change." In accordance with this thematic RN21 especially invites papers on quantitative approaches on the contemporary economic crisis and on crisis and change in quantitative methodology. We welcome submissions on all quantitative issues, but especially encourage paper presentations on one of the following topics:

- 01RN21. **Measurement Quality and Measurement Equivalence**
- 02RN21. **Standardizing Variables for Cross-National Survey Research**
- 03RN21. **Experimental Methods and Simulation in Sociological Research**
- 04RN21. **Methods and Applications of Social Network Analysis**
- 05RN21. **Mixing Methods: Moving Beyond the Quantitative-Qualitative Divide**
- 06RN21. **Teaching Quantitative Methods**
- 07RN21. **Quantitative Methods** (open)

We are open for additional topics as long as they can be accommodated in the conference schedule. Colleagues from outside of Europe are of course welcome to submit abstracts and participate in the sessions.

20JS21JS28. **RN21 Joint session with RN20 Qualitative Methods and with RN28 Society and Sports**

Doing social research on sports. Methodological and empirical challenges

(Chairs: Alessandro Porrovecchio, Ajit Singh & Henning Best)

Within the sociology of sports there is relatively little problematisation of the different methodologies, which are currently available. It seems therefore important to analyze what has been achieved so far and what the future holds: this session is designed to mark out future directions for researchers interested in contesting/reformulating our understandings of knowledge production in the sociology of sport and physical culture. In order to contribute to these streams of research and to open new horizons for further investigation, we invite potential contributors to submit abstracts that elaborate experiences of empirical approaches to research on bodies, sports, and physical cultures, based on qualitative and/or quantitative strategies, as well as mixed methods. We are particularly interested in essays that expose the challenges, the emerging issues and the solutions in

combining methodologically innovative approaches and evaluation programs in order to analyze the representations and meanings of practices, identities, bodies, movements, and anatomies.

