

Call for Papers

International Conference ♦ NEGOTIATING THE HUMANITIES ♦ Aarhus University – Denmark

November 14-15, 2013

The humanities are constantly negotiated and re-negotiated in the public sphere and in the scientific community. Societal developments such as the financial crisis and global climate change remind us that behind the intricate and complex system of techno-economic advancement is a critical human factor. Studies of human identity, values, communications, institutions, language and history are part of the intellectual fabric of modern societies. Yet, the traditional roles of the humanities are being challenged, as new scientific knowledge, methods and approaches are emerging. New trends in the humanities can be understood applying a range of different methodologies – from computation of scientometric data, web-based surveys, historical case studies and ethnographic and genealogical investigations. Adopting a plurality of approaches makes it possible to map new trends in the humanities, leading to a better understanding of the changing research landscape.

This conference explores the development and conditions of the humanities. It offers a unique platform for studies of transformations and new trends in the humanities. Importantly, the conference invites papers that explore new methodologies to map and survey the humanities, including studies of the import and export of knowledge, models, and concepts between humanities and society. How have research practices in the humanities influenced knowledge production in other domains, and how might they do so in the future? How do concepts, methods, and analyses migrate from the human sciences across disciplines and into society? And how might these trends contribute to new determinations of what it means to be human. Humanities today are increasingly integrating psychological, neurobiological, social, economic and cultural studies. Different approaches have been suggested that understand humans as expressive, self-reflexive and creative, but also as beings that take refuge to instrumental and technical appliances that feed back into their modalities and the way they relate to themselves. This situation necessitates a reflection on the perspectives, theories and methods that shape today's image of human cultures and societies.

Negotiating Humanities is jointly organised by the two research programmes HUMANOMICS and THE HUMAN TURN funded by the Velux Foundation. The conference is the second conference in a series of three international conferences on “The Humanities Towards a New Agenda”. The objective of ***Negotiating Humanities*** is to bring advanced researchers together that studies the genealogy, sociology, philosophy and organisation of the human sciences. The conference is open to papers addressing the scientific practice of the humanities, the societal role of the humanities, modes of knowledge production, the history of the humanities, and current research policies and their impact on the humanities.

We invite papers on these topics:

- Mapping the humanities (qualitative as well as quantitative mapping)
- Field analysis and studies of academic capital in the human sciences
- Societal roles ascribed to the humanities, including workforce, mobility education etc.
- Dissemination of knowledge from the humanities to society
- The role of the humanities in the current cross-disciplinary determination of the human

SUBMISSIONS

Abstracts should be no more than 1,000 words and specify the objective of the paper, its approach and main results. Full-length papers (approx. 5,000 words) are to be submitted two weeks prior to the conference. Further details regarding the submission procedure will be provided to the presenters upon notification of acceptance. Abstracts should be submitted to Ditte Vilstrup Holm at dvh.lpf@cbs.dk no later than August 15, 2013.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline for abstracts: August 15, 2013.
- Notification of acceptance: September 1, 2013.
- Provisional draft program: October 1, 2013.
- Deadline for full papers: November 1, 2013.

REGISTRATION AND VENUE

The venue of the conference will be Aarhus University. Given generous support from the Velux Foundation there is no registration fee. Delegates are responsible for their own travel and accommodation. PhD students and early-career scholars can receive assistance in finding affordable accommodation. Selected papers will be published in a book or special journal issue.

For further information about the organizing research programmes, see

HUMANOMICS: www.mapping-humanities.dk

THE HUMAN TURN: www.human-turn.cbs.dk

