

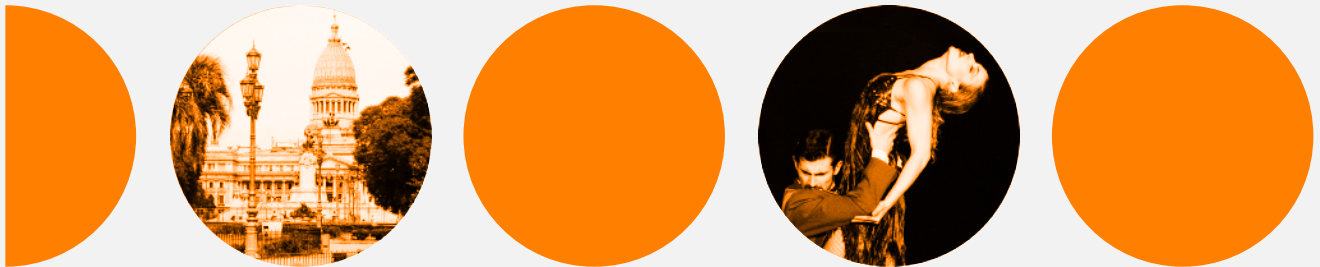
# LAEMOS

3rd Latin American and European Meeting on Organization Studies  
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## Constructing and Disrupting Social Realities:

Tales of Development and Crisis in Markets,  
Institutions and Organizations

[CALL FOR PAPERS]



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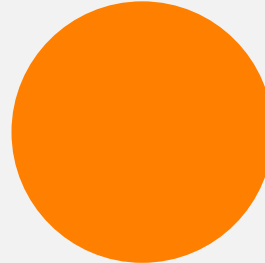
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Markets, institutions and organizations are important factors in sustaining economic exchange, providing political stability and fostering material production and innovation. At the same time, they are the means by which social identities are anchored and collective meanings are constituted and reproduced. In doing so they play a critical role in the construction of social realities.

In today's unstable and risky world, Latin American and European markets, institutions and organizations have increasingly come under pressure, although in different forms and to varying degrees. Because of that, their instrumental and symbolic roles are called into question; their sensemaking function is jeopardized; and they have a hard time in fulfilling their purposes.

In times of crisis, markets may turn from being levers for development into causes or conditions for economic and political decline, and an endogenous source of social disruption. But as markets become more vulnerable to crisis and disruption, institutions become more salient as the basic infrastructure for stability and development. Under these circumstances, contemporary organizations face the challenge of making sense of emerging configurations of markets-institutions. Caught in the interplay of market and institutional forces, they need to maintain legitimacy, adapt to new competitive rules, and rethink their role as economic and social agents.

The purpose of this 3rd LAEMOS Colloquium is to enhance empirical and theoretical studies on the dynamics of development and crisis with specific reference to Latin American and European societies. Under the general theme of the meeting the purpose is to connect and mix a broad variety of studies, narratives and discourses on the present times of crisis and on future perspectives of development and innovation.

We seek contributions of high quality academic work within the field of organizational studies and related areas of research from and within European and Latin American countries. This is a Call for Papers for the following prospective sub-themes (but not limited to them):

- Civic society, cooperation and development in Latin America and Europe
- Entrepreneurship and innovation in times of uncertainty
- Managing the unexpected? Serendipity, improvisation and sensemaking in times of low predictability
- Markets, corporations and the public good
- Media, information and organization
- Movements, political organizations and governance
- Perspectives on development and crisis in Latin America and Europe
- Power, organizations and institutional change
- Processes and paths of firm internationalization in Latin America and Europe

Papers taking an interdisciplinary perspective on market, institutions and organizations are particularly encouraged. They may include studies that link micro level case analysis to macro level institutional and global forces, that investigate processes as well as structures, and that take a historical and contextual approach.

#### **Deadlines**

- Abstract submission (1,000 words)  
**15 November, 2009**
- Notification of acceptance  
**15 December, 2009**
- Submission of full paper (max 6,000 words)  
**15 March, 2010**