

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Sub-theme: Civic society, cooperation and development in Latin America and Europe

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The sharp fall of the New York Stock Exchange on 29 September 2008 can be interpreted as a sign of the exhaustion of a market-based model of development. This event exhibits a multidimensional crisis of modern society manifested in the following orders:

- In the energy order with drastic variations in the prices of fossil fuels;
- In the food order with the use of cereals for the production of bio fuels;
- In the industrial order with overproduction, underconsumption, "technical suspensions of work", plant closings and the bankruptcy of enterprises;
- In the social order with mass unemployment, drastic reduction of wages, elimination of social security, increase of migratory flows and aggravation of extreme poverty;
- In the ecological order with climate change, environmental pollution, deforestation, desertification and water crisis that is leading rapidly to an ecological world catastrophe;
- In the international political order with the incessant militarization of the planet as a method for resolution of disputes and the protection of the geostrategic interests of the major powers through invasion and the annihilation of the enemy;

The management of the current crisis by major powers is generating a global "social warming". More than a revision of the policies emanated from those major economic

and military powers, this situation demands an in-depth examination of development models based on the “free market” or state regulation to imagine other possible futures based on alternative forms of social and economic organization. Can we imagine a new order based on strong social regulation that would balance and lead both the state action and the free markets in those sectors where each one have proven to be an appropriate mechanism of organization? In the current historical conjuncture, we confront a double challenge, to reconsider the current conceptions of development and the means we have at hand to achieve it, and to think in new forms of life through increasing participation and empowerment of civic society.

The purpose of this sub-theme is to analyze the ways to overcome the meta-structural crisis that involves “globalization”, and to propose alternative models of development based on new forms of cooperation, that emphasize on the active role of civic society as a counterweight to state intervention and the free operation of the markets.

When considering the challenge of confronting actively our social future, the papers that we want to collect in this sub-theme should contribute in any of the following major areas:

- a) The elaboration of novel organizational and social theoretical approaches that recognize and adequately represent the different dimensions of the current meta-crisis of modern society.
- b) The examination of local social, organizational and communitarian experiences that express forms of resistance and alternative projects to the European Union or the neoliberal paradigm in Latin America.
- c) The analysis of initiatives that push for viable alternatives for managing and organizing communities, institutions and nations, restoring the central role of civic society as the needed counterbalance between the power of the state and the freedom of the market, which implies the discussion of the meaning of citizenship in the post-neoliberal era.

Submission of abstracts

Abstracts (not exceeding 1,000 words, A4 paper, single-spaced, 12-point font) must be submitted online by November 15th, 2009 to the following address:

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