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REGULAR SESSION INFORMATION

Title of Session: Gender, generations and identity: the challenges of intersectionality

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Session Abstract (up to 250 words): Over the last decade, the concept of intersectionality has been widely debated in social theory in order to overcome one-dimensional views of social inequality, such as those based on gender, class, age, ethnicity or sexual orientation, which may have led to the reification and decontextualisation of identities. Rather than binary categorization, intersectionality privileges the mutually constitutive relations of social identities, examining the ways in which various socially and culturally constructed categories interact on multiple levels to manifest themselves as inequality. Drawing on gender as a key-principle of inequality, in this session we aim to discuss the making of gender identities by focusing on the ways through which gender differentiation intersects with generational change in contemporary societies. How have men and women changed across time? And, if they did, how have they changed differently? We particularly encourage papers that challenge binary divisions, such as those opposing men and women, and contribute to the questioning of category boundaries by focusing on the multiple pathways of gender change across generations. Our purpose is to shed some light on the complexity of identities in globalised contemporary societies, both through theoretical approaches and empirical research. A wide range of topics are welcome to this discussion: from practices to values, from masculinities to femininities, from body and sexuality to family and work lives, from life transitions to aging

processes. Abstracts should have no more than 300 words and should also include the title of the paper, the name(s) of the author(s), institution, department and email address.

General information

During each afternoon of the congress, there will be room for a large number of parallel regular sessions. Each session is 90 minutes long and consists of an oral presentation of 4 to 6 papers. Session conveners are expected to administer and chair their session at the 2009 IIS World Congress.

Starting in mid-December, calls for papers to participate in approved sessions will be posted on the website. Interested participants will contact the session convener (you) directly with an abstract no later than February 28, 2009. The session convener should take in all submissions and select the best 4 to 6 papers to be presented and forward this information, including e-mail addresses of accepted authors, to the IIS Secretariat no later than March 15, 2009.