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REGULAR SESSION INFORMATION

Title of Session: Creating and Dealing with Otherness: Ethnopolitical Conflict and Trauma in the Process of Storytelling and Visual Imagination

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Session Abstract (up to 250 words):

In this session we intend to present and discuss papers concerning the biographical and collective experiences, the transmission and present presentation of being different in the context of migration, collective discrimination, ethnopolitical conflict and ethnic violence. Furthermore, key elements of the visual creation of otherness in public discourse are examined in order to provide the opportunity for a discussion on the interrelation between storytelling of self-experienced or transmitted experiences of exclusion, persecution or discrimination, and collective processes of creating otherness by visualizing ethnic conflict and/or difference.

We invite papers addressing social conflicts which are contextualized as ethnic or racial, and related to biographical experiences and public discourses. They could be a basis for a comparative discussion of common aspects as well as significant differences in the social processes of creating, experiencing and dealing with otherness in different local, regional, national or global contexts.

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.