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REGULAR SESSION INFORMATION

Title of Session: Education in the 21st Century -- Alienation or Empowerment

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Session Abstract (up to 250 words):

After WTO agreement (GAT) the transformation of member states' educational systems are enhanced and can be seen as a rapid instrumental standardization of the content, the form and quantity in subject matters in the contemporary development. The changes makes it necessary to reerect, reconsider and reflect some basic sociological questions, about the mission and function of education, about schools as ideological state apparatus and the role sociology and sociologists play in the ongoing transformation. Notions as for instance lifelong education on one hand and the individual need to collect and build up detailed portfolios on the other are symptoms of a continuing disciplining of citizens a new form of senior socialization or rehabilitation. It seems as if educational actors and agencies reconstruct the systems without much concern about the classical ideal. The session will enlighten theoretical and methodological aspects of resistance, empowerment and ways to restore education as a critical and democratic formation in moderne society.

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.