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REGULAR SESSION INFORMATION

Title of Session: The Body of the Nation: Sociology, Metaphor and the National Subject

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Abstract (up to 250 words):

Globalization has often been seen as attenuating the role of the Nation State and eroding national identities in favor of various kinds of hybridity, cosmopolitanism, or mass culture/consumerism based forms of selfhood. But recent events such as national conflicts, and the extent to which a global economic crisis have led to assertions of nation based identities and fostered demands for cooperation between national governments impacted nations and national identities. Attention has recently been turned toward the physical body as symbolic of national identity (Porro, Prosono) and the template upon which national identities are inscribed. At the same time much discussion has focused upon the nation as either in decay, in transformation or as robust. This session takes up a variety of perspectives on the intersection of global and or national events, physical metaphors, symbolic representations and the analysis of the fate of nations.

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 end-November, calls for papers to participate in approved sessions will be posted on the website. Interested participants will contact the session convener 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.