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## REGULAR SESSION INFORMATION

**Title of Session:** Youth transitions and the South Caucasus and other new market economies/democracies

**Name of Session Convener(s):** Heghine Manasyan

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**Comments:** The session will include papers from the research project on youth transitions in the South Caucasus conducted by a consortium of investigators from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Germany and the UK, as well as papers based on Caucasus Research Resource Centers Data Initiative project implemented in South Caucasian countries.

**Session Abstract (up to 250 words):**

As the countries of the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe approach their third decade as post-communist market economies and democracies, an assessment of progress is needed. Exactly how have young people's lives and opportunities been transformed? What are the challenges and drivers for the third decade of transition? Papers are invited addressing any aspects of young people's lives in the South Caucasus or any other new market economies/democracies of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. Papers may focus on young people's education and employment, family relationships and housing, leisure and peer relationships, engagement in politics and civil society, tolerance and intolerance by and towards young people, youth and crime, drugs, migration, gender and ethnic divisions, or any other youth issues. Papers may report original research, synthesise research findings, or appraise old or offer new theoretical perspectives.

## **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.