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Title of Session: New trends in globalization

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Session Abstract (up to 250 words): 21st century globalization brings endings and beginnings. Arguably and with simplification, the endings include the end of neoconservatism—stranded in the quagmires of the Middle East; and the end of neoliberalism—the crisis of 2008 is widely attributed to unregulated capitalism gone too far. These two have been pillars of American hegemony during 1980-2000, so their waning also indicates waning American hegemony. Beginnings include the 'rise of the rest', the rise of the global south, in trade, industrialization, investments, and finance. Writings on the wall include the Asian crisis of 1997/98, which led developing countries to safeguard their financial autonomy, the 2003 WTO ministerial meeting in Cancún when developing countries collectively walked out, early repayments of debts to the IMF, and the role of sovereign wealth funds in the crisis of 2008. In addition, a new history of contemporary globalization can be written 'before and after the crisis'. For instance, the scenario of 'decoupling' from the American economy has been disproven. This session focuses on new trends in globalization

in global political economy, development studies and cultural transformations, and on the role of emerging societies, also in Eastern Europe.

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.