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## REGULAR SESSION INFORMATION

**Title of Session:** The Anthropology of Everyday Life

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**Session Abstract (up to 250 words):** Traditional anthropological studies have emphasized lives in primary and exotic communities. In its methodological sense, ethnography has always devoted attention to the form and practice of everyday life. But in the choice of the subject matter, it has often failed to grasp its essence. The purpose of the session is to report theoretical and applied research work and case investigations related to everyday lives in our modern societies. It is sought to explicate the ways sociocognitive representations and modes of behavior are used by individuals and groups, describing the means employed by individuals and civil societies for sense making and reclaiming their autonomy from pervasive economic, political, and cultural forces during their regular interactions. Problems of gender, technology, and education will be of special interest. The processes of identity formation and regeneration of notions of self will also be a focal topic. Alongside functionalist or structuralist methodologies, constructionist, phenomenological, interactivist, and other non objectivist approaches are welcomed. The mutual impact of virtual and real spaces, indigenous and exogenous processes, local and global knowledge, actors and institutions, dominant norms and minority subcultures, etc, as well as processes of learning, creating things, and attaching significance to various day to day phenomena will constitute some of the main topics to be analyzed in this session.

## **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.