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Title of Session: Social Exclusion and Inclusive Understanding

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Session Abstract (up to 250 words): Social exclusion is not only a product, but a continuous process. Certain patterns would become the part of the mainstream over a period of time. In this process, certain other sections would get marginalized and hence get excluded. Different societies have different forms of exclusion. They have their own history and contextual construct. From the historical perspective, one can try to understand the process of exclusion which indeed talks about the already excluded sections. Studies conducted so far in the name of marginalized groups, ethnic, minorities, subaltern studies, etc., have by and large only documented the suffering of these excluded sections. The presently excluded sections are the resultant of the accumulated and compounded exclusion of the past. Firstly, it's important to understand the history of exclusion in terms of construction and process. Secondly, exploring the new probabilities of such exclusions in the future, both to the already excluded and the new probable's because of new professions and global forces. The need of the hour is not only to understand exclusion, but to find out mechanisms to and ways to include them into the mainstream. This session aims at the conceptualization, identifying factors, the construction, exploring methodologies, and exploring mechanisms of inclusion. Inclusion would not mean mere accommodating the excluded but by equipping them so that no section gets excluded at any stage. The understanding of inclusion is an attempt both on theoretical and practical lines that nobody should be the victim either of different processes or even a deliberate attempt.

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.