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Title of Session: Society and ecology: problems and priorities in transforming world

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Session Abstract (up to 250 words): The present session is supposed to investigate how social-ecological problems influence to specifics of development and functioning of social communities, structures and institutions. It is going to be examined how they leads to socio-ecological tension and socio-ecological conflicts.

The main purpose is to present the sociological issues and special features of this reflectance of ecological consequences of human activity in the society, to show that as a result, the decision of each specific social-ecological problem has eco-social character. These problems are starting in the biosphere, developing in the social sphere. That is why the development of concrete socio-ecological problems is defined not only the biosphere's mechanisms, but the reality of contemporary societies, theirs final decisions, as usually, are impossible without return to environment with aiming to manage the anthropogenic ecological factors.

- The main real and possible in the future ecological reasons of beginnings of socio-ecological problems are: anthropogenic ecological catastrophes; critical rise of socio-technogenic load to the nature; uncontrolled negative consequences of bio-technological and genetic engineering elaborations; the deterioration of quality of life and health of people; the rise of ozone holes; the radiation; global warmth; the destruction of bio-systems under the influence of anthropogenic ecological factors; the reduction of territories of recreation zones and reserves.

Results of empirical sociological research show the main spheres of demonstration of modern socio-ecological problems and scientifically found the presence of objective influences between anthropogenic ecological situation and health of population; its labor activity; leisure time; migrations; political stability and finally, national security.

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.