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## REGULAR SESSION INFORMATION

**Title of Session:** Globalization

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**Comments:**

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

Globalization has been one of the dominating topics in the social sciences and humanities over the past fifteen or twenty years. World Systems Analysis and the varying denominations of globalization theory have debated central issues such as tensions between homogenizing and heterogenizing trends in the global arena, relations between localities and their global externalities, the long and short term histories of globalization as well as related questions of structural, quantitative or qualitative changes in global interconnectedness.

However, between the end of the Eastern Block, 9/11 and the financial crash of 2008 the face of the world has changed. How have these and other events in the global arena informed and altered academic understandings and conceptualizations of globalizations past and present?

Furthermore, considering the average durability of academic research trends, we seem to be approaching the time to take account of the achievements of research into globalization and to ask: Will globalization as a multifaceted concept continue to play a major role as an analytical tool for assessment of present and past social, cultural and political phenomena? How does globalization relate to new thematic fields that rise on the academic agenda?

We call for presentations of 20 minutes duration from all domains of the social sciences and the humanities that will address these issues.

Abstracts for proposals of 250 words maximum should be addressed to Dr. Ulrich Ufer at [ulrich.ufer@zeppelin-university.de](mailto:ulrich.ufer@zeppelin-university.de)

## **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.