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## REGULAR SESSION INFORMATION

**Title of Session:** European values meeting the new economic, political, and social challenges: trivialities and paradoxes in the mirror of sociology

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**Comments:** This session will be based on value studies and my previously organized IIS sessions related to the value changes in modern Europe

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

Social scholars trace the value changes in order to understand what is going on in a society. It is especially important in a historical period of significant transformations, like post-communist transition, or current global financial crisis.

Any particular sphere of values provides the scholars a lot of information that shed light on social development. Sociological data showed that the traditional patterns of value changes elaborated decades ago did not fit the current development in the European regions in transition. In some cases the surveys revealed traditional patterns of values, while in some other cases the unexpected and even paradoxical findings were released. It is important to compare the situation in each country and region within Europe and see the common features in value changes reflected the formation of the so called “european values” and the “lines of division” that not always coincide with the political blocks and/or religious denominations and/or ethnicities. It is also important to trace the historical memory of traumas and reconciliations in collective values of nations.

The goal of the session is to examine the current state of values in European regions; find the trivialities and paradoxes, compare the tendencies of value changes in these regions with the

global tendencies, explore the influence of the historical past, especially in particular spheres of religious, political, or economic values.

Researchers involved in the European and World Value Studies as well as all the sociologists working on the national level but keeping in mind the global perspective are welcome to present their results.

### **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.