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REGULAR SESSION INFORMATION

Title of Session: Civilising and Decivilising Processes: Key Trends of the Twenty-First Century

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Session Abstract (up to 250 words): This session will be open to, but not restricted to, current research in the following areas:

a) "Civilising and Decivilising Processes beyond Europe": comparative studies of civilisation around the globe, in relation to the wide diversity of forms of state formation and cultural development, in regions such as the Caucasus, South America, Asia and Africa, as well as the social scientific analysis of globalisation and the expansion of a 'world society'.

b) the question of processes of civilisation in stateless societies, and such an analysis might enrich contemporary social anthropology;

c) the analysis of the current dynamics of processes of civilisation, and the extent to which it should be understood as improving control over human relations, in areas such as the sociology of emotions, the sociology of sport, media and communications, education, etc.;

d) the study of the 'barbarism of civilisation', decivilisation or 'dyscivilisation', the analysis of totalitarian states, genocide, colonialism and post-colonialism.

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.