

Call for Papers:

The European SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF SYMBOLIC INTERACTION: “Conflict, Cooperation and Transformation in Everyday Life”

Erasmus University Rotterdam
The Netherlands
July 4-6, 2012

The 2012 EU SSSI conference is being held in Rotterdam, The Netherlands. The first conference was held in Pisa (2009) and the second took place in Kassel (2010). This year's conference is organized around three interrelated themes: “Conflict, Cooperation and Transformation in Everyday Life”. These themes are generic qualities of the social worlds which are studied by qualitative researchers. But we tend to focus on conflict and social problems and by this we oversee and neglect cooperation and transformation. The conference will be a dialogue of scholars who are inspired by a qualitative interactionist approach of everyday life. We call for papers which voice a strong interest in thick description and exploring the perspective - definition of the situation – of those we study. We invite scholars at all career stages to present their paper on their qualitative studies, experiences with qualitative methods, and reflections on new directions in qualitative research, including those that consider the question of how qualitative research can contribute to positive social and environmental transformation. We hope that you reflect in your presentation on the backstage practice of doing qualitative research. We welcome papers from a variety of disciplines, such as anthropology, management-studies, sociology, urban studies, sustainability, feminist studies, and criminology. We wish to create an intimate and vibrant academic meeting in which we can learn from each other and enjoy each other's observations of social life. The program will also include social activities such as dinner, drinks and ethnographic excursions in Rotterdam, including a visit to historic Delfshaven (the location from which the Pelgrims left for the USA). Featured speakers include:

- Jeff Ferrell, Professor of Sociology at Texas Christian University, USA, Visiting Professor of Criminology at the University of Kent, UK. He is the founding and current editor of the New York University Press book series *Alternative Criminology*, and one of the founding editors of the journal *Crime, Media, Culture: An International Journal* (SAGE, London).
- John M. Johnson, Professor Emeritus, [Justice and Social Inquiry](#), [School of Social Transformation](#), [College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#), Arizona State University. He is a life-long community and political activist and has served as a leader of Arizona's campaign against the death penalty. In 2002 he was awarded the George Herbert Mead Award by the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction.
- Lodewijk Brunt, Professor Emeritus, Urban Sociology, University of Amsterdam. He has published numerous studies on urban life, such as *de Rafelrand van*

Amsterdam (1977), Stad (1996) and Een maniakele stad; het leven van Bombay (2002)

- Gail Whiteman, Professor and Ecorys NEI Chair in Sustainability and Climate Change at Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University. She is the Director of the Centre for Corporate Eco-Transformation and an Associate Member of the Resilience Alliance.

Our aim is to use this conference as the basis for an edited volume of papers or special anthology, and we are investigating a variety of publishing opportunities.

We invite you to submit an abstract for a 25-minute paper. To submit an abstract please send it to Thaddeus Müller at muller@law.eur.nl. Please include with your abstract two to five keywords. Soon information will also be available on: esl.eur.nl/interaction

The conference fee is 200 euro, phd-students pay 100 euro and master and bachelor students 25 euro. We are still looking for funding. If we are successful the fee will be less. Additional cost for banquet dinner: 30 euro

Abstract Submission Deadline: April 1, 2012