

Research Committee RC26 Sociotechnics - Sociological Practice  
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The Research Committee RC26 Sociotechnics - Sociological Practice (RC26) of the International Sociological Association, the University of the Aegean (The Sociology of Labour Laboratory) in collaboration with the office of the member of the European Parliament Green Greek Party, Nikos Chrysogelos and the Kyklades Chamber of Commerce, organise a Summer School on:

## **Sustainable Working Communities:**

## **Resilience and Sustainability for Communities in Crisis**

to be held in **SYROS ISLAND, CYCLADES, GREECE**  
**Sep. 16-20, 2013**

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## **Summer School on Sustainable Working Communities**

The Research Committee RC26 Sociotechnics - Sociological Practice (RC26) of the International Sociological Association is organising a summer school for postgraduate students and graduates. It will offer high quality research training in the field of sociology and social sciences, competent and rigorous comments for the on-going research and possibilities for creating networks.

Participants will be selected following a peer-review process and on the basis of scientific excellence of their proposal, but a fair balance between different regions of Europe and areas of sociology will also be considered.

There will be 6 hours of intensive seminar work per day for 5 days. The International Conference organised by ISA RC26 as well promises a high valued event provided at a minimal cost used to finance the program. Thanks to volunteer work and support from our sponsors, the office of Mr. N. Chrysogelos, the President of the chamber of Commerce who kindly provided the premises of this magnificent building in this picturesque island city of Greece the birthplace of writers Roidis and Vikelas, the innovator who is responsible for the re-birth of modern Olympics. Syros has been the prime industrial insular port of national and international repute of Greece during the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Later on it gave its torch to ignite the industry in Piraeus, now Greece's prime port town. The city of Hermoupolis, City of Hermes (God of Commerce) is a very appropriate place to study sustainability issues and engage ourselves into a unique experience to test also the affects of the current situation enveloping Europe itself.

### **The Theme**

Various aspects of communal crises and the role of participative action will be presented here. Methods of social economy communal action which promote resilience and cohesion in local community employment as applied in various environmental settings will be invited for presentation. We will bring out the role of social economy, of micro-enterprises and the non-profit sector in general as it safeguards community resilience and shapes local partnership schemes.

Policies for eradicating child poverty, long-term unemployment, establishing cooperation and local partnerships will be further explored. Structural impediments to such policy developments within states or regions will be elaborated. The role of social innovation and the challenges it poses to political power will be the key issue to be explored here.

The process of interaction of diverse levels of social structure in the context of globalization will be of interest here. The European social theatre with its North and South dimensions is our focus area in this summer school.

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**Guidelines for application**

To apply for the International Summer School, a candidate needs to submit by the 20th of August 2013:

- Motivation letter
- CV

***Application submission deadline: 25th August 2013***

**Venue:** Chamber of Commerce, City of Syros, Cyclades

**Dates:** 16-20 September 2013

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**The Programme**

Indicative Seminars:

- *European Identity, National Stereotypes*, Prof. Arianna Montanari
- *Italian Identity Stereotypes*, Prof. Arianna Montanari
- *From Hierarchy to Participation: Citizens empowerment and decision-making at the Local Level*, Prof. Flaminia Sacca
- *Anti-politics and populism*, Prof. Flaminia Sacca
- *Changing parties and changing democracies*, Prof. Flaminia Sacca

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- *Digesting the current systemic crisis in Europe and Greece*, Prof. George Tsobanoglou
- *On Social Problems and the Politics of Clientelism*, Prof. George Tsobanoglou
- *Why resilience is associated with social economy community forms everywhere and why Greece is behind*, Prof. George Tsobanoglou
- *Social Crisis in China and the rise of martial arts*, Prof. Akira Kurashima
- *The Fukushima Disaster and its impact on Society and Emergency Structure*, Prof. Akira Kurashima
- *Considerations on European Regional Policy and the current political momentum*, Prof. Gloria Pirzio

### Registration

Please fill in the Registration Form and submit it by email at:

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(Subject: ISA Summer School Application)

The Summer School Registration is €100.00 and includes:

a Welcome dinner on 16 September 2013, a Farewell dinner on 19 September 2013, a summer school bag with relevant material, the summer school programme and a tour of the city of Upper Syros during the Programme.

*The participants of the summer school are eligible for reduced fees for the ISA Conference on Mutuality and Community Resilience Issues (€35.00).*

***ISA - Research Committee on Sociotechnics –  
Sociological Practice #26  
SUMMER SCHOOL***

*16-20 September 2013, Syros, Greece*

**Registration Form**

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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Title:  Mr  Mrs  Ms  
Family name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Area code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

Please indicate the preferred method of payment:

Bank Transfer:

Account Holder Name: Georgios O. Tsompanoglou  
Account number: 221/761449-74  
IBAN number: GR6801102210000022176144974  
SWIFT code (BIC): ETHNGRAA  
Bank details: National Bank of Greece  
Branch: 221, Thessaloniki, Greece

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**Confirmation**

A letter of confirmation will be sent by e-mail to each participant as soon as the registration form and payment are received by the conference secretariat.

Receipts will be issued during the conference or upon payment if it is requested.

**In case of bank transfer, a confirmation letter will be sent only after the bank receipt is received by the conference secretariat.**

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**Cancellation of registration and refunds**

By 25 August 2013                      Full refund minus €50.00 as a handling fee

After 25 August 2013                No refund

The conference secretariat must be notified in writing of cancellation of registration.  
The appropriate refunds will be made available after the conference.

**Alterations**

Alterations to your registration will not be accepted over the telephone. Please e-mail any changes to the conference secretariat.

*Having signed below I confirm that I have read and I am fully aware of the cancellation policy stated above.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Accommodation - Transportation**

**How to get to Syros**

*By Air*

Syros is easily reached by plane or ferry. There are several flights from Athens. The airline company is the Olympic Airlines [www.olympicairlines.com](http://www.olympicairlines.com). Check out their websites for special prices especially if you book early.

*By Sea*

During summer there is a frequent daily schedule of ferries leaving from Piraeus and the trip takes between 3-4 hours depending on the ferry. Several companies go to Syros, the most known are Blue Star Ferries και Hellenic Seaways. For more travel information about ferries: [www.openseas.gr](http://www.openseas.gr), [www.bluestarferries.gr](http://www.bluestarferries.gr), [www.gaferries.gr](http://www.gaferries.gr), [www.hellenicseaways.gr](http://www.hellenicseaways.gr), [www.lanesealines.gr](http://www.lanesealines.gr) and [www.nel.gr](http://www.nel.gr).

**Accommodation**

There are plenty hotels and rooms-to-let in Hermoupolis, with variable prices.

Suggested Hotels:

**Hotel Nisaki**

1, E. Papadam street  
84100 Hermoupolis, Syros  
Tel. +30 22810 88200  
e-mail: [info@hotelnisaki.gr](mailto:info@hotelnisaki.gr)  
<http://www.hotelnisaki.gr/>

Special discounted prices:

single room/double bed (with breakfast) €30.00

double bed/two singles (with breakfast) €50.00

triple bed/three singles (with breakfast) €60.00

**Hotel Omiros**

43, Omirou street  
84100 Hermoupolis, Syros  
Tel. +30 22810 84910  
e-mail: [omirosho@otenet.gr](mailto:omirosho@otenet.gr)  
<http://www.hotel-omiros.gr/>

Special discounted prices, including breakfast:

single room €30.00

double room €45.00

*In order to book a room in the suggested hotels and be charged with the discounted prices, in your reservations you should mention the name of the Summer School.*

**Public Transportation**

Local Public transportation within Hermoupolis is free. Transportation outside of Hermoupolis (KTEL) costs up to € 2.00 and you can find the timetables on <http://www.syrostoday.gr/KTEL>.

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### **Syros**

This is the island where Greek tradition and western influence come to a harmonious marriage. Hermoupolis (meaning "the city of Hermes") is the island's capital town and has been the first important trade and industrial centre of the country in the 19th century. Evidence of this glorious past can be seen on public buildings (the City Hall, the Customs Office, "Apollo" theatre), on the neoclassical houses and at the beautiful squares. Due to its economic activity, Hermoupolis has been called "Manchester of Greece" and the history of its years of blossom is exhibited in the Industrial Museum.

The Orthodox community has contributed some outstanding religious monuments to the architecture of Hermoupolis such as the churches of Metamorphosis tou Sotiros (Transfiguration of Jesus Christ), St Nicolas the Rich (Ayios Nikolaos Ploussios), Dormition of the Mother of God (Koimissis tis Theotokou).

The medieval quarter of the Roman Catholic community and the fortress-like St George's cathedral are on St George hill, also named Ano Syros (meaning Upper Syros). Go up the stairs to the top of the hill and through the narrow streets, by the traditional whitewashed houses, the archways and the open spaces with a breathtaking view of the island.

The great number of beautiful beaches will delight the sea and sand lovers: Vari, Foinikas, Yalissas and Kini, as well as Possidonia or Dellagrazia, the beach of a village with many neoclassical mansions with colourful orchards.

Syros is well-known for its gastronomic peculiarities. Halva pie (a pie made of thyme honey and roasted almonds), loukoumi (a delight made of water, starch and sugar), "loosa" ham, fennel sausages and the San Mihalis spicy cheese (Protected Designation of Origin) will undoubtedly satisfy even the most demanding taste buds.

Internationally acclaimed festivals are held on Syros, offering a wide range of choices and covering any taste, e.g. The International Cyclades Music Festival, the Classical Music Festival, the Ermoupolia and the Musical May.

### **Weather in Syros**

The climate in Syros is a typical Mediterranean climate with mild winters during which the temperatures rarely drop below 0°C. It is characterised by with rainfalls and dry summers with high temperatures, cooled by the "meltemia", the north wind blowing from the end of July until the middle of August. You can access a seven day weather forecast through [www.meteo.gr](http://www.meteo.gr).



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The port of Hermoupolis



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