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12th Biennial European Conference

Human Rights
and Social Development
- a Pathway to Sustainability

SEPTEMBRE 22-25, 2010
LAESOE, DENMARK

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With the increasing social changes within the modern society we are confronted with the problem of finding strategies which respect fundamental moral and social values. Among these values, the question of human rights has become a pertinent one. The question is if human rights can provide us with new pathways to the understanding of the societal transformation process and to the steering of the development into a sustainable direction. Join us at the meeting of the European Branch of ICSD at Laesoe, a small island in the Kattegat in Denmark, where challenges, issues and strategies will be discussed in the light of fundamental values considered as a way to sustainability.

Aims and Objectives:

- To explore the ways that social and moral values can provide new standards to social development and inequality

- To discuss the role of the social workers in order to promote a better understanding of moral and social values in view of elaborating new strategies for the future

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HUMAN RIGHT AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
- A PATHWAY TO SUSTAINABILITY

SUB-THEMES
Since the "Conference on Environment and Development" took place in Rio in 1992, the concept of sustainability is the framework of any action geared towards social development. The concept describes a development that meets the needs of present generations without compromising the ability of future generations or other regions of the world to meet their own. It implies that societies organize their social relations, their way of living and their ecological and economic systems in such a way that they do not live at other people's or regions' expense.

Workshop 1: Regional disparity, inequality and migration
About 40 million humans in the world are on the run, most of them within the less developed world regions. They try to escape from poverty or political, ethnical or religious conflicts and persecution, or they are displaced due to the economical interests of greedy corporations. Within developed countries, the outcomes of economic crisis and demographic change generate new poverty and regional disparities. Keywords to be described are:
- Models of an effective policy of peace
- Vulnerability and sustainable development
- Sustainable regional development and reduction of poverty
- Social movements for human rights of migrant population
- Approaches to migrant integration based on civil society

Workshop 2: New approaches in education for sustainable development
Following the recommendation of the Earth Summit for Sustainable Development, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the period from 2005 to 2014 the global "Decade of Education for Sustainable Development". Strengthening civil societies in order to ensure that individuals in local and regional units are provided with independent organizational and coping abilities, is the central theme. The crucial factors are:
- Study- and research programs for sustainable development
- Approaches to foster social cohesion and the ability of self organization
- Local resource management
- Innovative learning programs in community education
- Social Development and Transformative Learning

Workshop 3: Eco-social economy and local development
Social economy comprises a broad field of organizations and movements that employ economic means in their quest for sustainable, independent, civil-society based solutions. Complementary and alternative forms of economic organisations are where, to a large extent, the potential for sustainable development lies. They are based on fundamental human and social needs and the necessities of nature. Central issues are:
- Informal economy, rural and urban subsistence and sustainability
- Community based cooperatives, foundations, public-private partnerships and community services
- Ethnical economy
- Alternative currency, local banking and savings
- Fair trade, fair consumption, ethical investment
PROGRAM

Wednesday, September 22, 2010
18:00-19:00  Check-in
19:00-21:30  Opening Plenary
            19:00-19:30  Welcome
            19:30-20:30  The Harald Swedner Award
            20:30-21:30  Keynote-Speech. Dr. philos. Hans Kolstad (Laesoe): "Sustainability in Light of Human Rights". Discussion
21:30  Informal dinner

Thursday, September 23, 2010
09:00-10:30  Plenary 1: Keynote-Speech. Prof. Dr. Silvia Staub-Bernasconi (Zürich/Berlin): "International social justice - the contribution of social education and social work to the implementation of social and development". Discussion
10:30-11:00  Coffee Break
11:00-12:30  Workshops: Paper presentations
12:30-14:00  Lunch
14:00-16:30  Workshops: Paper presentations
16:30-17:00  Coffee Break
17:00-18:00  Regional ICSD Branch Meeting
19:30  Optional Evening Events

Friday, September 24, 2010
10:30-11:00  Coffee Break
11:00-12:30  Workshops: Paper presentations
12:30-14:00  Lunch
14:00-16:00  Workshops: Paper presentations
16:00-16:30  Coffee Break
16:30-17:30  Closing Plenary
19:30  Banquet

Moderators:
Workshop 1:  Prof. Roar Sundby, Sør-Trøndelag University College,
             President of the European Branch of ICSD
Workshop 2:  Prof. Mag. Dr, Arno Heimgartner, University of Graz
Workshop 3:  Prof. Dr. Susanne Elsen, Dean, Faculty of Social Science, University of Applied Sciences, Munich / Romain Biever, Director OPE, Luxemburg

Saturday, September 25, 2010
Post-Conference Tour:  Nature and Society at Laesoe - A Historical Tour
The tour will be followed by a Blue Hour: An informal get-together with the participants of the conference and inhabitants of Laesoe
REGISTRATION

Deadlines
Abstract Submission: April 1, 2010
Notification of Abstract Acceptance: May 1, 2010
Submission of Full-Length Paper: August 1, 2010
Normal Registration: until September 22, 2010

Submission of Abstract and Paper Please send your abstract (in English 100-150 words) and your paper directly to arno.heimgartner@uni-graz.at and to kolstad@incoph.dk

Registration Fees

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Registration Fee for the Post Conference Tour:
Nature and Society at Læsø: A Historical Tour
The fee will be 30 Euro for all the participants, which includes transport and lunch

Online Registration
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Hotel Registration
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Cancellation/Refund Policy
Participants withdrawing before August 1, 2010 will be entitled to a full refund of the registration fee after deducting a 15 Euro administration fee. No refund will be made for any withdraw on or after August 1, 2010.
ABOUT LAESOE
(Laesø)

Laesoe is the largest island in the North Sea bay of Kattegat, and is located 19 kilometers (12 miles) off the northeast coast of the Jutland Peninsula, the Danish mainland. Laesoe is also the name of the municipality on that island. The municipality covers an area of 118 km², and has a total population of 1,976 (2009).

The island is well-known from the Danish and Norwegian history, and has settlements from the early viking ages. In the Middle Ages the Island was famous for its salt industry. Today Laesoe is a "green" island with no industry or pollution. Economic life is dominated by traditional rural activities, such as fishing and agriculture, and in the later years of tourism.

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It is also known for its cultural heritage and life. A part of its architectural heritage is the medieval stone churches, which are remarkable specimens of church constructions, representing a very rare style. Another part of its architectural heritage is houses dating many hundred years back with seaweed roofs. These houses have been appointed as one of Denmarks 7 wonders.

But first and last, Laesoe is the Land of Light with a fantastic natural scenery; beaches with fine sand, a unique natural landscape, a countless other small islands, islets and stone reefs (there are more than 10 000 shipwrecks from all ages spread around the Island) which offer plenty of possibilities for marine activities, horseriding, biking, wildlife experience and adventures of all kind.

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For more information about the conference, the location and how to reach Laesoe, consult the official website of the conference: [www.sozialeforschung.at/ICSD](http://www.sozialeforschung.at/ICSD)
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