

EMERGING REALITIES IN THE EUROPEAN SPACE

Seminar 1:

Friday 18 June

Multiple times and spaces: complexity, mobility, territory

With the complexity of today's society new views are needed which are capable of incorporating all kinds of irregularities, exceptions and disagreement and to understand an endless number of events and unpredictable coincidences. How can the irreducible dynamics, flows and changes inherent in society, be included with a view on active citizenship as an open and fluid form of the social, where individuals are part of society and at the same time, society is present in each individual?

The social complexity in which we live requires us to imagine scenarios for action capable of articulating a common sense of belonging. How do we solve the dilemma of static descriptions and fixed identities with the ever-changing nature of today's society?

How can complexity theory be useful? Complexity theory allows us to work with an extreme quantity of interactions and interferences between a very large number of individuals, and to unite antagonistic notions to examine the processes, without isolating or reducing.

Europe, for several authors, is a possibility of coexistence as yet untested (Magris) or a variable geometry (De Lucas) or a pioneering experience, a plausible configuration of what could tomorrow be a reconciled humanity (Maalouf).

We need to recognize that Europe is indeed diversity; a multiplicity of identities with their own memories and desires of belonging. What could be 'the missing link' that can facilitate the union and also include this myriad of constants and variables, of continuities and breakings?

PROGRAMME

- 9.15 Opening session
Jordi Vaquer Director Cidob
Yolanda Onghena Intercultural Dynamics Cidob
- 9.45 *On mobilities and complexities.*
John Urry, keynote speaker
‘An analysis of the unintended system effects of intersecting processes, using notions such as path dependence, emergence, phase transitions and non-linearity. Such notions are applied to thinking through transitions in mobility systems’.
- 10.10 Debate
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 10.45 Roundtable discussion:
Convenor: **Yolanda Onghena**
Rik Pinxten (Universiteit Gent)
Cosmopolitanism and cosmopolitics combined; global and local intertwined.
Ferenc Miszlivetz (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)
Reinterpreting 1989 and the emerging European Civil Society - new challenges for social sciences.
Martin Savransky (young researcher)
Whose Identity? Whose Nation? Confrontative Citizenship and the Politics of Framing.
- 11.15 Debate
- 12.00 Roundtable discussion:
Convenor: **Ine pisters**
Kevin Robins (City University London)
Cosmopolitanism as mobility in thought.
Eric Corijn (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
Changing scales and spaces: the change form national to urban society and the need for mental mobility.
Enrique Diaz Álvarez (young researcher)
The erotics of complexity: towards an ethical-political reconsideration of the urban conflict.
- 12.30 Debate
- 14.00 Lunch
- 15.30 Projection of short film: *La visita Medica* (2005) **Felix V Muralt** (France-Sweden) 14’

- 16.00 Roundtable discussion:**
Convenor: Eric Corijn
Arturo Rodriguez Morato (Universidad de Barcelona)
Cosmopolitanism and complexity in the institutions of memory and in the dynamics of creation.
Cristina Farinha, (University Porto-Labforculture- On-The-Move)
How mobility is nurturing new forms of creation and production?
Mahir Namur (European Cultural Association Istanbul, Citizensofculture)
How to activate the individuals and the networks to produce together?
Ana Cristina Aguirre (young researcher)
'The collective' as complex tensions between mobile relations.
- 16.45 Debate**
- 17.30 Roundtable discussion:**
Convenor: Ferenc Mszlivetz
Fernando R. Contreras (Universidad de Sevilla)
The de-location of the new human experiences in the complexity of the digital communications.
Amparo Gea (El Ojo Cojo, Madrid)
Communication, inclusion and European otherness.
Fernando Navarro Colorado (young researcher)
Notes on complexity and mass-media in the European space..
- 18.00 General debate with all the participants**
- 19.00 Projection of short films**
Es mi turno (2007) Ismet Ergün (Germany) 11'
Mofetas (2007) Ines Enciso (Spain)10'
El oro rojo (2007) Cesare Fragnelli (Italy) 12'22"
Hijab (2005) Xavi Sala (Spain) 8'
<http://www.elojocojo.org>
- 21.00 Dinner**

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