

Values, crisis and democracy

Open Call for Papers

Authors' Conference organized by GESIS Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences

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The crisis that has affected the global economy during the last years is experienced in diverse ways in different countries. The economic decline has affected people's involvement in political and social life, the relationships between citizens and public institution and the general public attitudes towards states and their role in redistributing resources within society. The effects are moderated by macro level frameworks like public and social policies, but patterns of social values play a role, too. Generally speaking, social values shape and are shaped by historical, political, cultural and socio-economic features of each society. Different scholars studying social values have drawn maps to delineate geographical regions with particular value patterns, depending on the main values orientation shared by the population (like Schwartz, Inglehart, Welzel or Hofstede). Is there any connection between the map of social values and the effects of economic crisis? Does the crisis reshape social values producing change in the main pattern of values orientation at country level?

GESIS - Leibniz Institute for Social Science organizes an Authors' Conference addressing the questions raised above. We invite scholars working on the topic to contribute with papers. We particularly encourage comparative cross-sectional and longitudinal approaches which help understanding how social values shapes and are shaped by effect of the current crisis. Contributors are encouraged to use comparative data bases like European Value Study, World Values Survey, European Social Survey, International Social Survey Project, or EuroBarometer that allow wider cross-sectional and longitudinal comparisons.

Please send us an extended outline of 800 words to eurolab@gesis.org, which should include information about theoretical framework, data, methods and expected results. The deadline for abstract submission is 30th of January 2013. An international panel of experts will evaluate the proposals by 15th of March 2013 and will invite the selected authors to submit a full paper by July 15th 2013. The full papers will be presented and discussed at the Authors' Conference, held in Cologne between September 26th and 27th 2013. The selected papers will be published. You may also consider using EUROLAB facilities for preparing your contribution (www.gesis.org/eurolab).

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