

ISINI 12th international conference

August 24 -26, 2016

Call for papers

The twelfth international conference of the International Society for the Intercommunication of New Ideas (ISINI) will take place at the University of Groningen, the Netherlands from 24 until 26 August 2016. You are invited to submit full papers or summaries that are within the scope of ISINI.

The purpose of the Society is: to foster the discovery and dissemination of new ideas, in particular in economics and other social sciences, to test these ideas and to study the application to problems of the real world. The Society aspires to realize its purpose by creating and upholding an environment where economists meet, consult and cooperate with scholars from other disciplines.

The major instrument of ISINI has until now been its conference. So next to the usual economists, we hope to welcome scholars in Groningen who are working in other social sciences (including law, legal science, history and political science), who are cooperating with economists in common research projects or who are doing research in areas where both sides could benefit from an exchange of ideas. To strengthen the conference's function as a platform for contacts, consultation and cooperation between scholars from different disciplines, the twelfth ISINI conference will focus on a specific theme and approach. The thematic focal point is *Markets, Money and Democracy*. By using this approach, we hope to stimulate research that focuses on a cluster of pressing actual social economic problems. The world economy and its constituent political entities see themselves confronted with a host of problems, of which climate change is perhaps the most extensively discussed. But if we want to preserve or build up a decent and well-functioning society, other areas deserve serious discussion as well. We invite scholars to contribute to an exchange of ideas on relevant subjects, such as: "Democracy and the rule of law", "The open society", "Alternative monetary systems", "Ethics and economics", and "The future of employment".

The second focal point is *Transdisciplinarity*. Ongoing specialization and fragmentation in research thwart scientific cooperation within economic science and even more so within economics and other disciplines. Transdisciplinarity refers to research that bridges the conventional dividing lines. We are looking forward to receiving research papers of this type. Contributions on how to structure and organize academic education in multi- or interdisciplinary studies or settings, are also welcome. Discussions on the challenges and bottlenecks, successes and failures in such domains as management science, environmental

sciences, regional science, sciences of the state (*Staatswissenschaften*) may open new vistas. Papers and proposals that meet one of the above mentioned criteria or even better two will get priority in the selection among submitted contributions. However, the selection committee will also accept high-quality papers that do not fully meet one of the two specific criteria. Participants will present their accepted papers and have them discussed in group sessions or (perhaps) plenary sessions.

Proposals for full sessions with presentation of papers or well prepared panel discussions are also of interest to us. In specific, the Amsterdam based Center for Energy and Value Issues (CEVI, <http://www.centerforenergyandvalue.org/>) will organize a special session on “New Ideas on Energy and Value”. Selected papers from the session may be published in the CEVI book series with Springer Verlag, or the Energy and Value Letter (EVL). More information on this session can be acquired via Wim Westerman (w.westerman@rug.nl).

Submission deadline

Please submit your paper, abstract or proposal before April 1, 2016

to: ISINI2016@outlook.com

Please state: name, affiliation, e-mail and postal address. Notification of acceptance and payment will be sent no later than 15 May 2016.

Venue

The conference will take place in the old city of Groningen. Groningen can easily be reached by car or train. There is a direct fast train that will take you from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport to Groningen in about 2.10 hours. The train runs frequently.

In due time, more information will be available on: www.isini.info.

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