

## Preliminary Program

### Political communication – observed with Niklas Luhmann’s System theory

Place: International University Centre (IUC), Dubrovnik, Croatia

Address: Don Frana Bulića 4 HR – 20000 Dubrovnik, Croatia

Dates: May 29th –31th, 2019

#### Practical information

The conference fee is 100 euro, which is paid cash upon arrival

The IUC is located very close to the famous medieval city of Dubrovnik, about 300 meters northwest.

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You can find accommodation in one of the many hotels in Dubrovnik (Hotel Imperial is the closest to the centre, but expensive, Hotel Lero is cheaper, and about 1½ kilometer (1 mile) from the Centre. Another popular and very recommendable form is one of the many private accommodations (Room or “Sobe”) which are relatively cheap and can be found everywhere. Booking.com is usually a good platform for finding this type of accommodation. Make sure to book well in advantage to get the best price. The IUC also provides cheap but limited accommodation in the building itself.

All meals are taken at restaurants and cafés in town, the conference do not provide any meals. Prices are in the range of 100 – 300 kuna when drinks are included.

The Dubrovnik airport is situated about 20 kilometres South of Dubrovnik and shuttle busses run regularly. The weather in May is normally sunny and 20-25 C, though rain is not impossible.

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## Preparations for your presentation

Full papers can be circulated prior to the conference. However, please make sure that you allow the other participants enough time to read your paper.

Papers should not be read out at the conference. Instead, please prepare your presentation before hand, for example in the form of a power-point show outlining the main points and arguments of your paper that you wish to discuss.

Each presenter has a slot of 45 minutes allocated. The organisers strongly encourage that the actual presentation do *not* exceed 25 minutes leaving sufficient time for comments and discussing the presentation.

## Tuesday 28.5

19.30

Preconference dinner – Restaurant Sesam

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## **Wednesday 29.5**

Chair Klaus Brønd Laursen

9.00 – 9.30

**Welcome, Presentation and Introduction**

9.45 – 10.30

Jan-Inge Jönhill

**The theory of power in Luhmann's systems theory and its implications**

10.45 – 11.30

Franz Kasper Krönig

**Towards a systems-theoretical critique of ethereal power concepts**

11.45 – 12.30

Gorm Harste

**Democracy and Complexity – The Habermas/Luhmann debate in its initial phase until 1973**

Lunch

Chair Jesper Tække

15.30 – 16.15

Susanne Lohmann

**Revolutionary Bandwagons, Information Cascades, and the Power in Numbers**

16.30 – 17.15

Pernille Almlund

**What calculations and numbers do to political work and decisions**

Dinner

## Thursday 30.5

Chair Steffen Roth

9.00 – 9.45

Jesper Tække

**Big Data in the School – a systems and media theoretical discussion**

10.00 – 10.45

Ane Qvortrup & Jesper Knudsen

**Written assignments as claims of stability in a globalised, rapidly changing world**

11.00 – 11.45

Sanna Lassen

**Danish primary school teachers with an add-on responsibility: from professional to organisational**

12.00 – 12.45

Vibeke Klitgaard

**Psychiatric patients: Stigma and discrimination**

Lunch

Chair Gorm Harste

15.30 – 16.15

Lars Clausen

**The book of God and the books of man**

16.30 – 17.15

Klaus Brønd Laursen

**The paradox of a non-legal legal order: Third-party certification in the Danish agro food sector**

Dinner

## **Friday 31.5**

Chair Klaus Brønd Laursen

9.00 – 9.45

Steffen Roth

**government.com? Multifunctional cabinet portfolio analysis of 201 national governments**

10.00 – 10.45

Alexander Imig

**Language and Power – Second Order Observations**

11.00 – 11.45

Andreas Mix

**The secret of transparency**

12.00 – 12.30

Markus Heidingsfelder (via Skype)

**Observing Trump**

12.45 – 13.00

Gorm Harste

**Discussion prelude: new directions in the light of the Luhmann/Habermas debate**

13.15 – 14.00

**Discussion and theme for the next conference**

**Round up**

**Afternoon**

Fieldtrip to Lokrum

Dinner

**For those who stay on for the Spencer-Brown workshop or first leave Saturday**