Preliminary Program

Political communication – observed with Niklas Luhmann’s System theory

Place: International University Centre (IUC), Dubrovnik, Croatia
Address: Don Frana Bulicá 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.
Google map link: https://www.google.dk/maps/place/Inter-University+Center/@42.6425676,18.1005801,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x134c0b2c9320ec69:0x5b53eb3d50356a40f8m2!3d42.6425676!4d18.1027688

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 beforehand, 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
Google maps: https://www.google.dk/maps?q=restaurant+sesame+dubrovnik&um=1&ie=UTF-8&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjCs-3wuIHhAhWAhAhWQZ1AKHWr7DZcQ_AUIDigB
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