

Save the date: Humanities and Social Sciences for Sustainability

Dear Colleagues, dear presidents of the CIPSH member organizations,

As holder of the UNESCO Chair on Global Understanding for Sustainability I am pleased to invite you to the online conference „Humanities and Social Sciences for Sustainability“. On October 21 & 22 a group of leading international experts will present and discuss strategies to strengthen the humanities and social sciences in sustainability research and policies. Hereby we want to explore new ways to integrate the cultural, social and regional dimensions in sustainable development policies. As CIPSH is an official partner of the conference, and one of the core topics is the need for a stronger engagement of the humanities in sustainability research and policies, this event may be of specific interest to you.

The natural sciences have driven the world's attention to the ecologically harmful consequences of modern lifestyles. These insights were and remain highly important. But what has become more and more obvious over the last decades is that they are not sufficient for motivating and implementing a sustained and self-responsible change of the ways of living. For this we need a broad humanistic approach. For the benefit of all, the inclusion of the insights of the humanities and the social sciences is required. In the long run, deep and peaceful societal transformations without the social sciences' and the humanities' insights are hardly feasible.

Getting people engaged and involved on a broad front for deep societal transformations is asking first of all a respectful appreciation of cultural and social diversity and particularities across different regions of the world. Consequently, we need to find regionally and culturally differentiated paths to reach that goal. This is the background for the thematic alignment of the conference.

The other partners of the conference include the Canadian and German Commissions for UNESCO, the World Academy of Art & Science, the Academia Europaea, The Club of Rome, as well as the International Geographical Union.

Further information on the presentations and a detailed schedule can be found in the attached conference program. The access to the conference is free. For participation please use the following link:

www.salve.tv/HuS

Please feel free to forward this message on to your colleagues who may be interested in participating.

Looking forward to meeting you virtually at the conference!

With very best wishes

Yours

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