



CALL FOR CHAIRS

Dear Colleague,

We have the pleasure of informing you about the forthcoming 12th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI). It will be held in cooperation with Çankaya University, Ankara, Turkey, August 2 – 6, 2010. The theme of the conference is:

Thought in Science and Fiction

Scientific knowledge is so vitally important for the welfare of mankind that it no longer needs any justification. Nevertheless, the negative consequences of science and technology require continual vigilance. This vigilance need not necessarily lead to the radical reductionism that posits science as just another ‘fiction’. As suggested by the theme of the 11th ISSEI conference in Helsinki, 2008, Language and the Scientific Imagination, we must foster the dialogue between science and literature in order to show their crucial interdependence. The pivotal role of language in ‘the two cultures’ is based on our conception of thought and is commonly believed to originate in sense perception. What we call fiction is thus the free rearrangement of our perceptual thought in language.

Historically, the great works of western literature preceded philosophical speculation on knowledge and science. Homer, Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides came before Plato and Aristotle, just as Dante, Cervantes, and Shakespeare came before Galileo, Descartes and Newton, and Flaubert, Tolstoy and Dostoevsky before Einstein.

The organizers of the 12th conference of ISSEI, to be held at Çankaya University, Ankara, Turkey invite scholars from various disciplines such as History, Politics, Literature, Art, Philosophy, Science, and Religion, to re-examine, redefine and reassess the scope of interdisciplinary dialogue in the past and present.

The conference is divided into five sections:

- 1. History, Geography, Science**
- 2. Politics, Economics, Law**
- 3. Education, Sociology, Women’s Studies**
- 4. Literature, Art, Music, Theatre, Culture**
- 5. Religion, Philosophy, Anthropology, Psychology, Language**

Colleagues interested in organizing a workshop on a topic from their discipline related to the general conference topic are invited to submit a one-page proposal to:

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The deadline for submitting a proposal is July 31, 2009.



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This will be the 12th Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI) that was founded in 1984 by the editors of **The European Legacy** (called at that time History of European Ideas) at the conference center in Bellagio, Italy.

The previous ISSEI conferences were held in 1988 – Amsterdam; 1990 – Leuven; 1992 – Aalborg; 1994 – Graz; 1996 – Utrecht; 1998 – Haifa; 2000 – Bergen; 2002 – Aberystwyth; 2004 – Pamplona; 2006 – University of Malta; 2008 – University of Helsinki.

In 1996 the Library Journal, New York, chose **The European Legacy** as one of the ten best journals in the USA.

Guidelines for Chairs:

1. The Promotion of the workshop is done by the Chair in collaboration with the ISSEI central office.
2. A workshop session with 8 to 10 participants is 4 hours long (with a half hour coffee break). Workshops with more than 8 - 10 participants are allowed two sessions.
3. Papers are to be presented rather than read. The length of time for presentation of papers is 15 minutes maximum.
4. Papers should not exceed 3000 words, or ten double-spaced pages, including Notes. (Notes need not be included in the presented papers, but should be presented for the final selection of papers for the Proceedings).
5. The chair should send copies of abstracts to all the participants of the workshop, so they have an idea of the kind of papers that will be presented and can prepare themselves for their discussion.
6. Chairs are responsible for selecting and editing the papers recommended for publication in the Proceedings.
7. Workshop chairs may present a paper in their own and/or in other workshops.

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