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## **"Connecting sociological research with social problems and public policies: implications for Southern European societies"**



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### **Background**

Europe is facing new and radical challenges that demand extraordinary resilience from EU members, especially southern European societies, because of their outlying position and specific social problems in comparison with their EU neighbours. The difficulties of building a united Europe in the wake of the economic, financial and political crisis have exposed divergences in EU governance. In this context, sociology is an important tool to inform public policies and to provide the general public with an understanding of current challenges. The uses of sociology have social, political and practical implications

in fields that are especially significant for southern European societies, such as welfare, work and employment, education, migration, social cohesion and political participation.

However, the usual tensions in the organization of scientific research are now particularly intense in terms of how the sociological knowledge utility is understood and communicated. The trend toward internationalization in current research systems forces research communities to compete in a global market of scientific production, where English is the dominant language, and to publish results for an academic audience. Simultaneously there is a pressing need to make sociological knowledge relevant and applicable to regional and local problems.

## Aims and scope of the Special Session

This special Session of the Issue October 2018 will discuss the challenges and dilemmas of different sociological orientations in order to complement internationalization and academic research with the uses of sociology aimed at solving social public problems in specific territorial contexts. Participants are invited to send papers on the relevance of sociological knowledge in recent years as a means to understanding southern European societies, at a local, regional and international level. We especially invite papers on the following topics:

- Empirical and conceptual approaches on social problems in Southern European societies, specially related to knowledge transfer and their use in public policies.
- Impact of the economic crisis on the social reality of Southern Europe. Transformations in institutions, social movements and forms of coexistence.
- Analysis and evaluation of European policies and their impact on different European realities.
- Knowledge transfer in sociology: conceptual approaches, organizational modes and research.
- The role of sociology as an academic and scientific discipline to detect social problems and contribute to the design of public policies in Europe.

## Languages

SOCIOLOGIA ITALIANA accepts papers in English and Italian.

## Authors' guidelines

People interested in contributing to this Special Session are invited to consult the publication guidelines of the SOCIOLOGIA ITALIANA, available at: <http://sociologiaitaliana.egeaonline.it/>

## Peer Review

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## Timing

- Extended Abstracts (between 1000-1500 words) and key words: **until 15<sup>th</sup> of November** to be sent to the guest editors (email)
- Confirmation of acceptance to authors: 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2017
- Submission of full text: 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2018
- Double-blind review: March – April 2018
- Decision on manuscript after review: 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2018
- Revision and resubmission: 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2018
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Authors may decide freely the journal they would like to submit their proposals (a proposal should be sent to one of the special issues only). The Guest Editors will coordinate the evaluation processes of the articles submitted.

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