



4th Latin American and European
Meeting on Organization Studies
Axixic, Mexico, March 27-30, 2012

Interweaving Organizations and Institutions: Challenges of Participation, Cooperation and Governance

The 4th LAEMOS meeting invites you to submit proposals to discuss different topics on organization studies related to the general theme of 'Interweaving Organizations and Institutions' and other topics of the long-term EGOS and LAEMOS research agendas.

Organizations are central actors in the design, application and defense of social rule systems in terms of their internal arrangements and also in terms of the interactions with the environment, taking stances that can promote or hinder necessary institutional change. At the same time organizations are institutions as rule systems that are adapted continuously to the changes in their environment. In that sense, we talk about 'Interweaving Organizations and Institutions'.

Nowadays many organizations encounter a growing need to relate themselves simultaneously to different environments that are changing rapidly. Multiple

efforts to connect and integrate different organizational spaces distributed in diverse institutional environments emerge from new forms of participation, cooperation and governance. These dynamics evolve along existing and changing institutional frameworks and arrangements that guide the individual and collective actors with sets of internal and external rules often only partially compatible.

Depending on the specific institutional textures, the process of organizational integration is usually complex in terms of definition, membership and coordination. New patterns of engagement, activism and mobilization are leading to new forms of participation and governance in organizations and new forms of relationship with their environment. Although in many cases we can also observe how power asymmetries and the lack of clear conditions for participation lead to the growth of fragile varieties of organization that contribute to the persistence of rigid, dysfunctional and hostile institutional settings.

The analysis of these processes can be put forward taking into account many different lines and streams of research, as expressed in the following list of sub-themes with its corresponding convenors:

- National institutions and cross-border organisations (Ludger Pries, Alejandro Mercado, Martina Maletzky, Martin Seeliger)
- The politicised multinational company: the role of actors and institutions (Mike Geppert, Karen Williams, Cathrine Filstad, Otavio Rezende)
- Reinventing the university: challenges beyond the neoliberal reforms (Eduardo Ibarra-Colado, Luis Porter, Angélica Buendía)

- International organizations within the framework of organization studies (David Arellano, Laura Zamudio)
- Communities and entrepreneurship: local processes of innovation and contest (Ignasi Martí, Saulo Dubard Barbosa, Bernard Leca)
- Regulation and public sector reform. Organizational implications. (Jorge Culebro, Per Lagraeid)
- Institutional arrangements for collective public action (Claudia Santizo, Lourdes Amaya)
- Knowledge management in public research organizations (José Luis Sampedro, Claudia Días, Marco Jaso, Federico Stezano)
- Social Appropriation of knowledge and technology transfer (Adriana Martínez)
- Humanism in institutions and organizations (Oliver Kozlarek)
- Institution(s) and organization(s). A complicated coexistence. (Gerardo Romo, Rigoberto Soria)
- Institutionalizing participation: stakeholders and beyond
- Informality in organizations, markets and society
- The impact of violence on governance and organizational development

The general purpose of this Meeting is to strengthen the LAEMOS philosophy of open discussion of diverse problems of organization with a specific reference to the interconnectedness of Latin American and European societies. The general theme of the Meeting pretends to focus on some aspects of this general objective through a wide variety of theoretical and empirical contributions to the analysis of the shared problems of local, regional, national, international, global and transnational developments.

We invite you to submit your abstract for LAEMOS 2012 electronically to www.laemos2012.org until October 31st. Each submission should specify one of the outlined sub-themes. We will also accept abstracts without a specification of sub-themes that will be selected and regrouped in additional sub-themes.

Deadlines

Abstract submission (max 1,000 words): October 31st, 2011

Notification of acceptance: November 30th, 2011

Submission of full paper (max 6,000 words): February 28th, 2012

Registration: from December 1st, 2011

Fees

General registration fee

Students	60 euros / 1080 pesos
Professors Researchers	120 euros / 2160 pesos
Public	180 euros / 3240 pesos

General registration fee (early registration before february 1st)

Students	50 euros / 900 pesos
Professors Researchers	100 euros / 1800 pesos
Public	150 euros / 2700 pesos

Registration fees include:

- Participation in all work sessions
- Program sheets
- Summary Book and CD-ROM with all the papers presented
- Participation and paper presentation certificates, when applicable

Additional fees:

Conference dinner

Axixic means “The place where water splashes” in the Aztec language Nahuatl. It is a picturesque small town located in a beautiful landscape just outside the metropolitan area of Guadalajara on the Lake of Chapala, which is with an extension of almost 100 km one of the biggest lakes in Mexico. Axixic combines rural tranquility with the proximity of Guadalajara as one of the vibrating urban centers of contemporary Mexico, and its prehispanic history with the presence of a large community of immigrants with diverse backgrounds that have participated actively to create new forms of social organization. Besides its natural and cultural treasures, it is the sense of coexistence of local and global worlds that makes Axixic a very special place for LAEMOS 2012.

For additional information on LAEMOS 2012, also on pre-conference initiatives like the EGOS workshop for PhD students and early career scholars, please check the web page (www.laemos2012.org) or contact the organizers at info@laemos2012.org.

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