MOVE 2011 Conference: New Spaces of Scientific Knowledge

Programme Preview

The MOVE 2011 conference explores different themes related to the emergence of new spaces of scientific knowledge. Each session will involve academics and practitioners who were invited to provide an overview of empirical and theoretical developments of the respective fields from their different perspectives.

Date: 30 June – 1 July 2011, University of Lausanne, Switzerland (free attendance)

Session 1: Higher education landscapes: Institutional initiatives and the production of new scientific spaces

This session explores the transnational reorganization of higher education institutions (HEIs). It will discuss new forms of research and teaching collaboration and the development of foreign branch campuses, as well as the ways in which these initiatives influence the physical/spatial reconfigurations of university campuses. The session will examine both the political-economic and institutional motives contributing to these developments, as well as the ways in which the new scientific spaces are spatially planned and ordered.

Confirmed speakers: Brigitte Dumortier (Paris-Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi), Bas Van Heur (Maastricht University)

Session 2: Diaspora knowledge networks: Practices from below and from above

The global competition for talent acquires new dimensions in a knowledge-based society. Highly skilled migration is today one of the main trends in international migration. This session explores diaspora knowledge networks as valuable pools of skills, technologies and know-how, and asks the question of the intersection between top-down policies and bottom-up practices.

Confirmed speakers: Gabriela Tejada (EPFL), Fernando Rivera (Caldas Network), Mihaela Nedelcu (University of Bern)

Session 3: The science-policy nexus as a constructed space for transferring knowledge

How the social sciences are both produced by and influence the practical world were questions on the minds of the founders of the social science disciplines from the start. This session seeks to understand the process by which policy-makers draw upon and solicit academic research to inform and justify certain policies.

Confirmed speakers: Christina Boswell (University of Edinburgh), Erhard Stölting (University of Potsdam), Simone Prodollet (Federal Commission on Migration, Switzerland)

Session 4: Scaling up the state-science nexus and its effects on public health

Traces the effects on public health of the scalar transformations in international health policy, including the shift away from “international health” toward “global health,” as well as the WHO’s transformed position in the landscape of health policy and practice. The decentralization of authority from the WHO has given way to the formation of new partnerships which will be explored.

Confirmed speakers: Matthew Connelly (Columbia University), Amar Jesani (Center for Enquiry into Health and Allied Themes; Center for Studies in Ethics and Rights, India)

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