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JEUNES & SOCIÉTÉS
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3rd Conference **Young People & Societies**
in Europe and around the **Mediterranean**

Call for Papers:

Young People, Generations : Continuities/Discontinuities/Ruptures?

Often revealing developing changes in societies, sometimes in the vanguard of historic unrest and societal issues, young people point to what is coming or what is emerging within the uncertainty of historical movements.

The current situation seems to accentuate the rhythm of change in the Euro-Mediterranean region. At the prospect of these three days, we take the risk of considering the discontinuities more than the continuities, and make the hypothesis of partial or cumulative breaks that suggest, among other things, the following questions concerning the relations between generations :

- Do the inter-generational transitions in which young people develop give rise to true ruptures today ?
- How are these ruptures negotiated or dealt with by young people, according to their social or personal characteristics and national contexts ?
- How do these ruptures impact their personal biographies and the way individuals face them ?
- How do young people use training programmes offered them and how do they manage their vocational integration ?
- How are the rights and resources of individuals or the groups they belong to adjusted ?
- How do institutions, often striving for efficiency and legitimacy, try to respond to the challenges brought on by different categories of young people ?

These questions are asked in all national contexts in the Mediterranean region and notably may bring us to compare the different societies.

Thus we propose to analytically confront the role of young people in these processes of continuities/discontinuities/ruptures. We are particularly interested in the effects that these processes may have on their personal biographies as being young people. What are the effects on the transmission between generations, the renewal of behaviours, practices, and values through which the different categories of young people become aware of on-going changes and how they position themselves towards these ? What are the effects on institutions and finally on the national societies in which they live ?

We will particularly appreciate all contributions that, besides the analysis of a particular case, try to develop the different social relations at work, whether regarding relations between groups occupying different positions in the social sphere, or between gender, and of course between generations.

The expected contributions may be organised on the following themes that may, according to proposals received, constitute the following workshops :

- ways of family socialization ;
- prolonging of schooling and uses of training programmes ;
- value of school certifications and ways of entering working life ;
- forms of employment for young people and public policies ;
- labour market structure and casualisation risks ;
- forms of access to adulthood ;
- youth cultures and homogeneity/heterogeneity of different categories of young people ;
- referential systems and affiliation processes ;
- ways of life and particularly matrimonial patterns ;
- public action and relations between generations (wages, pension systems, etc.) ?
- comparisons in the Euro-Mediterranean area ;
- etc.

These topics aim at highlighting the on-going changes in the societies of the Mediterranean area in order to understand the continuities or ruptures in the fields of education, family, employment, political or association commitments, culture, and modes of consumption, etc.

This call is addressed to all the people who, in the Euro-Mediterranean area and **in the fields of the humanities and social sciences**, are directly interested by issues regarding young people. It is addressed to those who, through their approaches, are able to explaining young people's different behaviours. These include economists, jurists, historians, demographers, anthropologists, psychologists, educational consultants, geographers, sociologists, etc. or trainers, teachers and professors, or those in charge of the implementation of public policies. It is also addressed all those in the Mediterranean area who are interested in these issues in view of international comparisons.

The 3rd Conference will take place in :

- **Marseilles**, at the Institut de formation des maîtres (IUFM)
- **October 2007, 24th, 25th and 26th.**

To submit a paper :

- go on the Rjs website :
<http://jeunes-et-societes.cereq.fr/index.htm> ;
- go on "**Actualités**" and click on "**Soumission d'une proposition de communication**" ;
- fill the application form and click on "envoyer/send" ;
- deadline for submission : **30th November 2006.**

Reception of your proposition will be confirmed by e-mail.