



Annual Workshop
for
The European Network for the Study of Globalisation

28 & 29 March 2008

Zentrum für Interkulturelle Studien Fürstenfeld

Schillerplatz 1/1

Austria

Introduction

The "European Network for the Study of Globalisation" is dedicated to interdisciplinary studies of globalisation. This phenomenon affects us all, whether we live in one of the mega cities of the planet, or in smaller cities.

But in spite of its omnipresence, globalisation is only partly understood and the absence of proper management of the phenomenon results among others from the lack of understanding and the lack of adequate theories.

The member of the network are aware of this lack and they have decided to assess existing theories and work on new concepts in order to help transform in globalisation from a phenomenon that "just happens", to one that is actively managed and which has a human face. The "European Network for the Study of Globalisation" has been established in 2007 and it is hosted by the Zentrum für Interkulturelle Studien (ZIS-FF) in Fürstenfeld.

The Network

Foundation

On 31 May 2007 an international and interdisciplinary Research Group entitled The European Network for the Study of Globalisation (ENG) was established in association with the Centre for Intercultural Studies (ZIS-FF) in Fürstenfeld, Austria.

Concept

Theory formation

The research will be based upon empirical studies and be primarily oriented toward the development of theories. These theories will aid in the exploration and refinement of the understanding of the multifaceted phenomenon called globalisation that has come to define the contemporary world system.

Innovation

The group will analyse and criticise existent theories of Globalisation, build upon their strengths and transgress their weaknesses. Due to this project's interdisciplinary, the work will be qualitatively distinct from the continuation or extension of this field within mono-disciplinary contexts.

Interdisciplinary

The group has an interdisciplinary composition. The founding members have extensive experience in trans-disciplinary research. The group pursues theoretical research exclusively from interdisciplinary points of departure.

Programme

The working mode during the event has an open character. Statements from the network members are followed by longer in-depth discussion.

Therefore, only a crude framework has been set up by the organizers:

Friday, March 28:

Registration by 15.00

15:30: Welcome by Melitta Becker (ZIS-FF)

16:00 - 19:30: impulse statements and in-depth discussion

20:00: dinner

Saturday, March 29:

9:00 - 12:00: impulse statements and in-depth discussion

12:00-13.15 lunch

13:30-16:00 impulse statements and in-depth discussion

departure