

Call for papers
by the Institute for Education in Philosophy and Social Sciences
for the annual conference and book

Science in Perspective

on the added value of human and social sciences for society
and the methodology those sciences follow to achieve that added value

Research domains

Law, sociology, political science, philosophy, economy, history, linguistics, literary sciences, psychology, criminology, theology and other human and social sciences and interdisciplinary research.

Research questions of the conference and book

We welcome five types of contributions. The first type should answer at least some of the questions attached to it. The questions attached below the second, third and fourth ones are purely illustrative and neither mandatory nor exhaustive.

1. The methodology of your own science
 - How do different methodological schools and subdisciplines attribute to your science?
 - What claims can be made if the methodology of that school or subdiscipline is followed?
 - How does your science or specific methodology create an added value for society?
 - How does your science take into account the insights of other disciplines?
2. The added value of science according to your science
 - According to your science, how does the institution of science create its added value?
 - How did your science contribute to the history of this institution or added value?
 - Is it possible/preferable to increase the added value of your science?
3. The limits of science
 - What kind of claims is *your* science (not) able to make?
 - What limits or problems does your science see *as to* what science can add to society?
4. Topics about science
 - What is the history of (your) science?
 - Is your science practiced differently in different countries?
 - What are the limits to the freedom of science?
 - How is research and education financed/organized in different countries?

5. Other

All other approaches and reflections regarding aspects of intra- and interdisciplinarity, history/evolution of science, scientific terminology, science and education, methodology, truth and perception, epistemology, deontology and the relationship between science, rhetoric and truth are also welcomed.

Ifese will consider introductory articles (explaining the structure of a scientific framework/interdisciplinary approach, theoretical problems), case studies (presenting new research and fieldwork and focused on a more specific subject) and interdisciplinary approaches to certain human and social sciences and scientific problems.

Science in Perspective

The human and social sciences all try to create added value for society in their own way. The conference and book want to make accessible 1° how each discipline believes to create added value – in the sense that it improves the quality of life – and how they try to achieve that empirically and methodologically, 2° how it is supposed that *science in general* creates added value, 3° what science is *not able* to achieve and 4° some additional specific topics. In other words, the conference looks to the added value of science from the perspective of different disciplines of human and social sciences, as well as the problems various scientific disciplines face.

Research program of Ifese

The conference and book are part of the intra- and interdisciplinary research program of the Belgian Institute for Education in Philosophy and Social Sciences (*Instituut voor Filosofie en Sociaal-wetenschappelijke Educatie*, Ifese) into the added value that is created by values and institutions in our society. Ifese invites researchers of all different human and social sciences to share the insights of their disciplines on the added value that certain institutions might create for society, where those values and institutions came from and how we can further develop them. This year the institution under review is science itself.

Content

Abstract

Abstracts count between 500 and 1000 words, bibliography and references excluded. They explain the subject and goal of the contribution, the scientific disciplines involved and which methodology/deontology will be used. Abstracts are anonymous. The body of the e-mail mentions the author's name, affiliation and function, as well as a short bio.

Papers

The final version of the article will have to start with a basic introduction and State of the Art, so as to create accessible and easy-to-read text for scientists from other disciplines.

Conference

In the spring of 2020, Ifese will also organize a conference where the various contributors can present their research and receive feedback.

Deadlines

Abstract

15/12/2019 Deadline for abstracts
15/01/2019 Notification of acceptance

Paper

15/04/2020 Deadline first version of the article
05/06/2020 Feedback first version of the article
10/07/2020 Deadline final version of the article

Submitting

Authors send their abstracts to vince.liegeois@ifese.be. Ifese especially welcomes articles from young/starting researchers. Professors, postdoc-researchers and assistants may also involve master students as their co-authors. Articles should be written in Dutch or English.

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