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"Europe since 1989: Interpreting Social Change"

Confirmed keynote speakers to include:

Johann Arnason, Klaus Eder, Heidrun Friese, William Outhwaite, Krishan  
Kumar, Liana Giorgi, Alana Lentin, Yasemin Soysal, Larry Ray, Chris  
Rumford, Goran Therborn, Laurent Thévenot

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Call for Papers. The implications of 1989 have not frequently been taken as  
an explicit point of departure for the rethinking of social theory. General  
notions of social thinking, such as 'globalization', 'late modernity',  
'identity', or 'diversity', have remained rather untouched by the event. In  
this, social change in post-1989 Europe has mostly been understood as a  
moment of accelerated convergence towards a (post-) modern form of society,  
rather than implying diversification. There has also been an over-emphasis  
on Europeanization. This lack of attention for the deeper implications of  
1989 seems unfortunate, as 1989 in its various significations has had a  
decisive impact not only on the possibility of any critical kind of social  
theory, and on imaginations of the social as such, but also on the shape of  
the future of Europe as well as on how we interpret the European historical  
legacy.

The conference will address these considerations around four themes:

- critical theory,
- post-western and multi-ethnic Europe,
- the idea of the social,
- interpreting the European political heritage.

We invite individual paper proposals (300-word abstracts) on any of the  
four themes. Submissions can be sent to: ejst@sussex.ac.uk. The deadline  
for abstracts is 30 March, 2008. Registration details and information on  
travel/accommodation will be soon available on the website. Please note  
that accommodation and travel costs will not be covered by the organizers.  
There will be a reduced fee for early registration.