

Event calling notices

This section includes calling notices of events primarily hosted or cohosted by Emergence and Complexity in Human Organizations, inc. (ECHO) and the Institute for the Study of Coherence and Emergence (ISCE). Brief details of other relevant events are also given.

Upcoming conferences organized by ECHO and ISCE

More details available at:
<http://echo-conferences.com/>

2nd International Workshop on *Complexity and Philosophy* 18-19 November 2004, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Co-hosted by:

*Instituto de Economia da UFRJ
(Federal University of Rio de Janeiro)*

*Institute for the Study of Coherence and
Emergence, Boston*

*Cathedra for the Study of Complexity
(Instituto de Filosofia de La Habana)*

This workshop complements the 2nd Biennial International Seminar on the Philosophical, Epistemological and Methodological Implications of Complexity Theory that was held in Havana, Cuba, January 2004. The larger international seminar provides a forum to discuss complexity and philosophy-related issues in general, whereas the aim of the smaller workshop event is to explore specific issues at a greater length with more time made available for discussion rather than presentation.

The location for the workshop event is expected to change location each time it is held. In 2002 the event was held in Norwood (just outside Boston) in the US. This time we are pleased to announce that the next event will be held in Rio de Janeiro, with the very generous assistance of the Federal university of Rio de Janeiro.

Topics of discussion:

- What is and what is not 'complexity'?
- Epistemological Imperialism versus Epistemological Anarchism and everything in between
- Can we 'know' complexity?
- Complexity, Emergence, and Creativity
- Complexity and Ethics
- Complexity and Subjectivity

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ECHO's first seminar: *Ethics & Complexity in an Age of Corporate Scandals* 2-4 December 2004, Naples, Florida

Corporate scandals are among the most significant national stories this year. Almost weekly, television and newspapers have pictured yet another former high-flying executive on his way to court for alleged financial wrongdoing. Failure in business ethics is a real threat to the future of every corporation. Business ethics are among the most complex of subjects yet the media and many executives treat ethics as if it were simple. It is not.

Ethics is about how we make choices. Your choices. Your company's choices. How can you be amongst the "good guys"? What will "good ethics" demand?

Can corporations use business ethics to restore confidence and protect themselves against tomorrow's headlines? What will be the new "Gold Standard" for business ethics and corporate governance?

Topics of discussion:

- Is there an ethics in the face of uncertainty?
- Situationalism versus ethics
- Ethics of networks
- Obligation networks
- Boundaries and ethics
- Ethics revised due to complexity and limits of perception
- The ethics of limits

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Workshop on Complexity and Policy Analysis

22-24 June 2005, Cork, Ireland

Co-hosted by:
*Department of Government University College Cork
ETHOS Project*

*Institute for the Study of Coherence and
Emergence, Boston
School of Public Affairs, Penn State, Harrisburg*

We are pleased to announce the upcoming three-day Complexity and Policy Analysis workshop scheduled in June (2005) in Cork, Ireland and hosted by The University College Cork Department of Government ETHOS Project (<http://www.ucc.ie/acad/govt/ethos>), the Institute for the Study of Coherence and Emergence (<http://www.isce.edu>), and Penn State - Harrisburg with the assistance of ECHO conferences (<http://echo-conferences.com>) The aim of this meeting is to explore the benefits to policy analysts that might be realized through the fledgling 'science' of complex systems.

Although the effects of policy actions on the future of society are difficult to assess in today's globalized and complex political environment, policymakers still need to consider the long-term future when deciding how to allocate private and public resources among different policies. This predicament is an instance of decision-making in the presence of complexity and deep uncertainty. Policies framed under such conditions are highly vulnerable to failure or surprise and often made without an awareness of the emerging nature of policy arenas and their environments. One of the principle aims of this event is to discuss emerging analytic methods to help decision-makers manage the complexity and uncertainty inherent in many (if not all) policy challenges as well as to consider how larger social goals are accommodated in long-range planning.

Complexity thinking is often associated with agent-based modeling (ABM) approaches to policy analysis and decision-making. If not ABM specifically, the central role of computer simulation is often how complexity ideas are realized in policy analysis. The complexity (meta-) paradigm, however, is rather broader than the computational perspective and the conference will explore 'soft' applications of complexity, the relationship between 'hard' and 'soft' approaches, and how hybrid approaches maybe synthesized in policy formulation and research design. We are, of course, keen to have submissions from simulators, but

it is important to note that the event is not purely an exploration of computing in policy analysis, but also seeks to ground computation in a broader conceptual and methodological base in hopes of teasing more from the new paradigm.

Topics of discussion:

- Complexity-based tools for Managing Complexity and Uncertainty
- Multi-methodologies – e.g. triangulation, critical pluralism
- Complex limits of analysis
- Role of analysis in policy decisions
- Complexity-based analytical frameworks
- The philosophy of policy analysis
- Case studies in complexity based policy decisions
- Role of models in analysis
- Sustainable policy development
- Robust policy analysis

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Managing the Complex V(a) Conference on Complex Systems and the Management of Organizations

August 2005, Orlando, Florida

Topics of discussion:

- Understanding complexity and complex adaptive systems, such as the economy, business, and the marketplace.
- Developing techniques for organizations to examine their models, metaphors, and beliefs, and to adapt new ones as conditions change.
- Creating strategies for businesses to interact with the unexpected, accidental, and ambiguous in their environments.
- Resolving the needs for both stability and creativity, and the institutional tensions between "authorized" and "innovative."
- Applications of psychology, philosophy, semiotics, or cognitive science to the management of organizations.
- Complex systems implications for business process and strategy.
- The relationship between linear and nonlinear management practices.
- The development of new organizational forms.

- The development of new patterns of work.
- Managerial cognition.
- Knowledge management.
- Organizational learning

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**Managing the Complex V(b),
ANZSYS 2005, ORSNZ 2005
Conference on
*Complex Systems and the
Management of Organizations***
Late 2005, Christchurch, New Zealand

Details yet to be determined.

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Other events

If you are keen to keep up-to-date and the many relevant events occurring around the world, you might find it worth signing up to Papers Invited (<http://www.papersinvited.com/>) which claims to be the largest listing of calls for papers, both conferences and special journal issues, in the world.

**GNOSIS Launch
*Learning Capability for Innovation and Competitiveness***
Wednesday October 13th 2004
Foresight Centre University of Liverpool

The main objective of GNOSIS is to act as a platform bringing together business practitioners, policy makers and academics to share knowledge and to learn from each other. By acting as a space connecting the multiple business voices and perspectives GNOSIS intends to create new ways of thinking about managing and organizing to support innovation and competitiveness within UK businesses.

GNOSIS intends to celebrate growth by supporting learning and innovation. This marks a clear departure from the economic logic driving competitiveness. Instead, the focus is on promoting positive professional practices that stand to make an impact on the wider community in which such practices are formed.

If you want to know about...

- New ways of managing efficiently and effectively
- Organizing for a complex world
- Innovating with speed
- Competing through knowledge

...then join forces with us to make a difference.

For more details visit:

<http://www.e-eventmanager.com/gnosis/>

**15th International Conference on
*Management of Technology
East Meets West: Challenges and
Opportunities in the Era of Glo-
balization***

Official Conference of the International Association for Management of Technology
May 22 - 26, 2006
School of Economics and Management at
Tsinghua University, Beijing, P.R. China

The 2006 Conference will focus on managerial, economic, social and cultural aspects in technology management and their influence on innovation and the creation of economic growth and prosperity. Special attention will be given to the comparison of the West and the East countries, regions and companies for successfully managing R&D, innovation, and technology. Papers, presentations and learnings will focus on best practices of each side in technology creation, development and utilization.

For more details visit:

<http://arago.cprost.sfu.ca/~iamot/IAMOT2006/index.html>

**4th WSEAS / IASME International Conference on
*System science and simulation in
engineering***

December 16-18, 2005, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain

<http://www.worldses.org/conferences/2005/tenerife/icosse/>

Fifth International Conference on *Knowledge, Culture and Change in Organizations*

University of the Aegean, Rhodes, Greece
Event July 19-22, 2005

The primary interest of the conference is knowledge-based social and economic change. Driven by globalization and advances in information and communications technologies, this change has been characterized in terms of emerging information/knowledge societies and a global knowledge-based economy. The conference will offer a comprehensive overview of current thinking in the area broadly described as knowledge management. Its perspectives will range from big picture analyses in keynote addresses by internationally recognized experts in the field of management, to detailed case studies of management practice. It will traverse a broad terrain, from theory and analysis to practical strategies for action.

For more details visit:

<http://mo5.cgpublisher.com/>

4th WSEAS International Conference on *E-Activities (E-Learning, E-Com- munities, E-Commerce, E-Man- agement, E-Marketing, E-Gover- nance, E-Health, Tele-Working)*

Miami, Florida, USA, November 17-19, 2005

For more details visit:

<http://www.worldses.org/conferences/2005/florida/e-activities/index.html>

4th International Meeting of the Iberoamerican Academy of Management *Management, Knowledge and Flexibility*

December 8-11, 2005, Lisbon, Portugal

Hosted by the School of Economics and Business, Universidade Nova de Lisboa.

Academics from around the world will be present in different tracks that will involve paper ses-

sions, interactive paper sections and symposia, and will provide an international forum with the following objectives:

- The exchange of academic information
- The demonstration of recent achievements
- The discussion of common problems and their solutions
- The strengthening of international relationships through individual contacts among delegates representing many countries

For more details visit:

http://portal.fe.unl.pt/portal/page?_page-id=34,42264&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

Business Strategy and the Environment Conference 2005 *Incorporating the Corporate Social Responsibility & Environmental Management* 5-6 September, 2005 in Leeds, Yorkshire, UK

Organized by Leeds Institute for Environmental Science & Management (LiE) School of Earth & Environment, University of Leeds, UK in association with ERP Environment, Hong Kong, China

Leeds Institute for Environmental Science & Management (LiE), School of Earth & Environment, University of Leeds in association with ERP Environment are pleased to announce the 2005 conference. For the first time in 2005, the organizers of the Business Strategy and the Environment Conference are seeking papers and workshops for four dedicated streams:

1. Management - business strategy and the environment

This stream is in association with the Business Strategy and the Environment journal (John Wiley & Sons/ERP Environment). Topics include:

- Understanding of business responses to improving environmental performance.
- Integration of environmental management issues into the main business and management disciplines e.g. green marketing, ecological accounting, environmental law, the contribution of human resource management and strategic planning.

2. Practice - corporate social responsibility

This stream is in association with the Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management journal (John Wiley & Sons/ERP Environment). Topics include:

- Analysis of the effectiveness and use of corporate social responsibility practice, case studies, tools and standards.
- New developments in the CSR field.

3. Conceptual - sustainable business research

This stream is in association with the new Journal of Sustainable Business Research (to be launched in 2005). Topics include:

- Critical analysis and innovative solutions as business moves towards sustainable development.
- Challenge existing approaches, norms, standards, institutions, frameworks and systems related to sustainable business.

4. PhD workshop

- Doctoral papers on any related topic to the conference theme are invited.
- A keynote speech will start the PhD Workshop on evening of 4 September.
- All papers will be provided with feedback from a panel of experienced PhD student supervisors in the field.

For more details visit:

<http://www.env.leeds.ac.uk/research/life/business/bse/>

XXII Pan-Pacific Conference on *The e-Global Age, New Economy, and China: A Close Up*

Shanghai, China, May 25-27, 2005

The conference will serve as an important forum for the exchange of ideas and information to promote understanding and cooperation among Pacific countries, especially in the host country, China. The following are the Conference Objectives:

- To provide scholars, executives, and government officials from the Pacific countries an opportunity to discuss industrial and trade policies of their respective countries
- To help business scholars and practitioners assess the adaptability of various new management approaches to their own business environments. Emphasis will be placed on productivity

improvement, global project management, EBusiness, modern technology-based management systems, and world-class knowledge management

- To help business practitioners and scholars gain an understanding of the sociocultural background of the economies and businesses in various Pacific countries
- To facilitate the development of research and the exchange of ideas for promoting international economic activities in the Pacific region
- To assist in the establishment of distance education programs through cooperative arrangements with educational and economic research institutions, and bilateral and multilateral trade associations
- To provide a forum for scholars, executives, and government officials from the Pacific countries in analyzing transitional business involving global outsourcing, alliances, and financing.

For more details visit:

<http://www.cba.unl.edu/outreach/ppba/>

23rd International Conference of the System Dynamics Society Seaport Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 17-21, 2005

The conference will bring together diverse perspectives on the application of system dynamics to important issues in the theory of complex dynamic systems and the practical use of these tools to address critical real-world challenges.” Presentations will consist of applications of system dynamics to the main theme, as well as a number of other themes addressed in social and natural science.

For more details visit:

<http://www.systemdynamics.org/conf2005/Web-Cfp/callforpapers2005.html>

8th International Conference of the Decision Sciences Institute Barcelona, Spain, July 3-6, 2005 Organized by IESE Business School, Uni- versity of Navarra

Many countries in Europe have experienced stagnant growth in recent years and as a result have come to realize that some of the basic achievements gained dur-

ing the decades following World War II, such as social security and health insurance, will have to be modified in the near future. Various countries in Latin America that have been in the emerging category for a long time also have experienced significant economic problems. At the same time, regions like China and India are experiencing unprecedented growth periods.

This major conference will explore how the decision sciences can provide management with better tools and skills to encourage economic growth and help build a better world.

For more details visit:

<http://www.iese.edu/en/events/Projects/dsi2005/Home/Home.asp>

6th International Conference on Organizational Learning and Knowledge

Trento, Italy, 9- 11 June, 2005

For the last two decades an increasing number of scholars and practitioners have joined in the debate around the many faceted relationship between learning, knowing, development and the organizing process. What had started as a small conversation has burgeoned into a colossal pandemonium of voices interests business, communities, debates and events. In spite of all expectation, this wave of interest is far from fading away. Just when its exhaustion seems imminent it regains force and intensity. What is fuelling this relentless interest? We argue that what fuels the debate on knowing and learning has the same origin as what drives people and their organizations to seek out knowledge: love and desire of knowledge for its own sake. While the prevailing functional and economic explanations of the interest for knowledge and learning point to its instrumental value, we contend that knowing and learning are fuelled by passion: they stir passions and they make people passionate. Hence, knowledge as an end in itself motivates people and trigger organizational processes. This applies both to organizational members and to those, like academics and practitioner, who take organizations and the organizing processes as the object of their knowing. By focusing on the relation between passion, learning and knowledge/knowing, we aim to expand the current debate and to explore a less intentional, less instrumental, more reflexive aspect of learning and knowing in organizations.

The 6th International Conference on Organizational Learning and Knowledge, the latest in a series which has been held at Lancaster, George Washington

University, and the Ivey School, University of Western Ontario, aims to explore the different aspects of the relationship between learning, knowing and the organizing process from the perspective of the passion for knowledge.

This is intended as a working conference, which will be restricted to those presenting papers (and limited to about 100 participants). There will be two types of paper: full papers which are substantial, theoretical and/or empirical contributions of publishable quality (8,000 words max), and working papers which may be more speculative or reporting work-in-progress (4,000 words max). There will be a range of activities including plenaries, formal presentations, and small group discussions to advise on the development of papers.

For more details visit:

http://www4.soc.unitn.it:8080/OLK6/content/index_ger.html

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