



Risks and Pathologies Observed with Social Systems Theory

(Post-final program, 16.09.2021)

Place: International University Centre (IUC), Dubrovnik, Croatia

Address: Don Frana Bulića 4 HR – 20000 Dubrovnik, Croatia

Dates: September 14th - 17th, 2021

Practical information

The conference **fee is 100 Euro**, which is paid cash upon arrival. Participation and payment are documented by a signed diploma. Meeting happens in Room 2, on the 1st floor.

#Accommodation

The venue is located very close to the famous medieval city of Dubrovnik, about 300 meters northwest. You can find accommodation in one of the many hotels in Dubrovnik ([Hotel Imperial](#) is the closest to the centre, but expensive, [Hotel Lero](#) is cheaper, and about 1½ kilometer (1 mile) from the Centre.

Another popular option is to choose among one of the many private accommodations (Room or “Sobe”) which are relatively cheap and can be found everywhere on AirBNB and similar booking sites. Make sure to book well in advance to get the best price.



The IUC also provides cheap, air conditioned but limited accommodation in the building itself through its website [Dormitory.hr](https://www.dormitory.hr).

#Meals and drinks

Meals are not included in the conference fee, as they are taken at restaurants and cafés in town. There is a nice café at the center which provides nice breakfast, lunch and cappuccino.

#Transportation

The Dubrovnik airport is situated about 20 kilometers South of Dubrovnik, and shuttle busses run regularly. Travel by car and ferryboat to Dubrovnik is somewhat more complicated, though beautiful.

Before you cross the border to Croatia, you will need to register your trip to Dubrovnik in advance in a Tourist Locator Form: <https://entercroatia.mup.hr>

#Weather

The weather in September is normally sunny and 20-30 C, though rain is not completely impossible. There are plenty of opportunities for enjoying a swim in the Adriatic Ocean.

#Covid19

Entry into Croatia is possible with an EU Digital Certificate or negative RAT or PCR-test.

We advise you to follow the guidelines relating to Covid-19 mitigation efforts as they are published on the official website of the Croatian Government on <https://www.koronavirus.hr/en> and laid out by the organizers at the IUC.

Test facilities for Rapid Antigen Tests (RAT) and PCR-tests are available in Dubrovnik. The expense for a RAT test is 150 HRK (approx. 20€.)

Neither the IUC nor the organizers of the conference are liable for covid-related costs, including tests.

#Further Information

Any questions can be directed to the convenors on

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Preparations for your presentation

Full papers can be circulated prior to the conference by sending it to the organizer Kresimir, who will circulate it to all participants. However, please make sure that you allow the other participants enough time to read your paper.

Papers should not be read out at the conference. Instead, please prepare your presentation beforehand, for example in the form of a power-point show outlining the main points and arguments of your paper that you wish to discuss.

Each presenter has a slot of 45 minutes allocated. The organisers strongly encourage that the actual presentation do *not* exceed 25 minutes leaving sufficient time for comments and discussing the presentation.

Conference schedule

Monday, September 13th

19.00

Pre-conference dinner – Restaurant Sesam, Dante Alighieri 2, 20000 Dubrovnik

Location available on Google maps: <https://g.page/sesamedubrovnik?share>



Tuesday, September 14th: communication & computers

Chair: Lars Clausen

09:00 - 09:30

Klaus Laursen (org.)

Welcome, Presentation and Introduction

9:45 - 10:30

Dániel Havrančík

Detours of certainty. Risk communication and complexity management in times of pandemic

10:45 - 11:30

Krešimir Žažar

From The Epistemic Cacophony Towards The New Epistemic Consensus

11:45 - 12:30

Jesper Tække ((STREAMING))

Differentiation of society – the coming of the algorithmic differentiation of society

Lunch in town

Afternoon chair: Egon Noe

14:30 - 15:15

KEYNOTE **[\(\(CLICK FOR ZOOM-LINK\)\)](#)**

Sören Möller (online from Odense, Denmark)

Risks and Pathologies of/in/with Statistical Evidence

15:30 - 16:15

Luisa Teresa Hedler Ferreira

Continuities and disruptions in the incorporation of algorithms in case management – a case study of the Brazilian Superior Court of Justice

Dinner in town



Wednesday, September 15th: COVID-19 – pathologies of a crisis

Chair: Stine P.P. Nielsen

09:00 - 09:30

Morten Knudsen

Maintaining Ignorance: Dynamics in the Communication of Knowledge and Non-knowledge

9:45 - 10:30

Egon Noe & Klaus Laursen

Pathologies of Risk-management concerning the private housing market in Denmark - observed from a rural perspective of the periphery

10:45 - 11:30

Stine Piilgaard-Porner Nielsen

~~Framework law's destabilisation of normative expectations: Is framework law to be considered as a legal pathology?~~

11:45 - 12:30

Jacob Højgaard Christensen ((STREAMING))

Parents as proxy educators during school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic - observed with systems theory

Welcome Reception in the Atrium. // desert in town.

Afternoon chair: Klaus Brønd Laursen

14:30 - 15:15

Lars Clausen

To rule is to ride. Centaurian legacies in systems theory

15:30 - 16:15

Stijepo Stjepović

Literature and systems theory in periods of crisis

16:30 - 17:15

Gorm Harste

Crisis transformation in the World Risk Society

Dinner in town



Thursday, September 16th: Evolution of theory and methods

Chair: Gorm Harste

09:00 - 09:45

Michal Kaczmarczyk

Functional differentiation of professions

10:00 - 10:45

Eva Šerá

Fuzzy logic modeling of organization in Luhmann's theory. Example of how Czech restaurants faced lockdown.

11:00 - 11:45

Emmano Tortia

Cooperative membership as social system

12:00 - 12:45

Jörg Rävel ((STREAMING))

Technology as a medium

Lunch at Sesame

Approx. 14:00 – 21:30

Fieldtrip: guided tour to the rural southern tip of Croatia: Culture, History, Landscape and regional cuisine.
Participation is optional, at your own expense and subject to availability and weather conditions.
Signup: Tuesday afternoon with Krešimir Žažar.





Friday, September 17th: risk and empirical pathologies (ONLINE)

Chair: Markus Heidingsfelder (online)

LINK FOR ALL-DAY ONLINE PARTICIPATION: [CLICK FOR ZOOM LINK](#)

09:00 - 09:45

Nicholas Weaver (ONLINE, from Cardiff, UK)

Crisis in recovery from addiction problems: the impact of COVID-19 at the sociological and individual level

10:00 - 10:45

Stine Piilgaard Porner Nielsen

Framework law's destabilisation of normative expectations: Is framework law to be considered as a legal pathology?

11:00 - 11:45

Kosuke Sakai (ONLINE from Tokyo, Japan)

On the structural coupling of politics and academia: Risk attribution in the face of COVID-19 in Japan

12:00 - 12:45

Richard Pretorius, (ONLINE from Eindhoven, Netherlands)

Illuhmannating Technological Innovation Systems

Lunch in town

Afternoon chair: Lars Clausen

14:00 – 14:45

Bombaerts Gunter , (ONLINE from Eindhoven, Netherlands)

First thoughts for a research on a normative social systems theory

15:00 – 15:45

David Biddle (ONLINE from Vancouver, Canada)

The Cyber-Gnostic Subject: The Emergence of Neo-Gnosticism in Cybernetic Social Systems

16:00 – 16:45

Kristof Van Assche, (ONLINE from Alberta, Canada)

Systemic risk in Newfoundland: how difficult is a 'reset'?

17:00 - 17:30



Gorm Harste (ONLINE from Dubrovnik, Croatia)

Round up & future activities

"Reality is what one does not perceive when one perceives it."

Niklas Luhmann (2002: 145)

"Humans cannot communicate; not even their brains can communicate; not even their conscious minds can communicate. Only communication can communicate."

Niklas Luhmann (1988: 371)

