



Under the patronage of UNESCO, the UNESCO Chair in Anticipatory Systems, together with WAAS-World Academy of Art and Science, ISSS-International Society for the Systems Sciences, the Advanced Design Network, and the Department of Sociology and Social Sciences of the University of Trento, is organizing the

First International Conference on **ANTICIPATION**

5-7 November 2015, Trento (Italy)

Anticipation is coming to the fore as an emerging field of study that is influencing a wide variety of disciplines. This international conference will explore the interaction among anticipation, uncertainty and complexity. Some questions that we intend to raise are these: When does anticipation occur in behavior and life? What types of anticipation can be distinguished? What structures and processes are necessary for anticipatory action? How can anticipation be modeled? A better and more complete understanding of anticipation and its effects will improve theories and models of individual and collective human behavior and its consequences. The ability to anticipate in complex environments may improve the resilience of societies facing threats from a global proliferation of agents and forces by articulating uncertainties through anticipatory processes.

Topics of interest include but are not limited to

- Anticipation in the human and social sciences,
- Anticipation and decision-making,
- Anticipation and global social challenges,
- Anticipatory governance and the resilience of societies,
- Anticipation and Futures Studies,
- Anticipation in fiction, the arts, design and gaming,
- Modeling anticipation.

Invited Speakers: Arjun Appadurai, Jens Beckert, Julian Bleecker, Riel Miller, Martin Seligman, and Erik Olin Wright.

Program committee: Roberto Poli (chair), Flaviano Celaschi, John Crowley, Keri Facer, Garry Jacobs, John Kineman, and Giuseppe Sciortino.

A series of featured sessions – each with its dedicated call for papers – will be held in conjunction with the main conference. Further information is available from <http://www.projectanticipation.org>, the website of the UNESCO Chair in Anticipatory Systems. Recognising the importance of Anticipation, Special Issues of the Journals *Axiomathes*, *Cadmus*, *European Journal of Futures Research*, and *Futures* will be published from peer reviewed conference contributions.

Registration is open: <https://webapps.unitn.it/Apply/en/Web/Home/convegni>

Conference fee:

- Early registration (before 1 September 2015): € 150
- Late registration (from 1 September 2015): € 200

Relevant dates:

- Deadline for individual abstracts: 15 June 2015
- Final Program: 30 June 2015
- Early registration: Before 1 September 2015
- Deadline registration: 15 October 2015
- Conference: 5-7 November 2015

