

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### **“Bordeaux and Aquitaine: what prospects for integration of the territory?”**

The annual study day organized by “Vocation Sociologue Association” intends to place at the heart of the discussion the question of territory and make it the cornerstone of the conference. We invite original paper submissions from a broad range of researchers, such as political scientists, geographers, sociologists, planners, lawyers who explore the interface between territory, politics, economy, identity and the organization of the political space.

The territory is now a central notion of politics and public discourse: a meeting place(s) of governments, entrepreneurs, citizens and civil society, it is the first level of integration and development of public initiatives, both civic and economic. Like its territory, the conference "Bordeaux and Aquitaine: what prospects for integration of the territory aims to bring together the different actors of the local development: academics, elected officials, local government officials, entrepreneurs, professionals, citizens, associations, etc. This day is also an opportunity to examine broader issues of territory and local development from multidisciplinary approaches combining sociologists, historians, economists, students of architecture, etc., through four dimensions of investigation: 1.) Education and territories, 2) Innovation and territories, 3) Planning and Public Action and 4) From local to global challenges and opportunities.

**1 / Education and territories:** The question of societal challenges in France in terms of education will be the first line of the conference. This will reflect on the content and the coherence of public policies for education and youth on all levels of government territories: national, regional, municipal, departmental. The objective is to discuss local policies/ politics of "culture and youth" in the context of redefinition of territories and in terms of participation and youth engagement.

**2 / Innovation and territories:** The challenges of innovation and territories are the second line of perspective. The objective is to identify interdependencies between innovation and

local contexts. This problem can be addressed in two complementary ways: questioning the effect of innovation on territorial dynamics or/and questioning the impact on the local dynamics of innovation processes. This axe is an opportunity to highlight successful local initiatives as well as to advance the public debate by clarifying the concepts of research, discovery, invention, development, innovation, and territorial economic development.

**3 / Planning and Public Action:** The territory is the basic unit of the implementation of public policy. This increasingly targets it either as a heritage to be preserved, or as a "catchment area" of certain populations. Institutions and governments are brought to question, as part of their strategic action but also in more everyday relationship they have with people, the notion of territory. This part seeks to explore how local public actors contribute to work their territory, to develop it, and the tools they have to use to do so (especially in the context of injunctions to participatory democracy).

**4 / From local to global issues and perspectives:** The articulation and the passage from local to global will be the last line of this study day. This will question the interdependence scales of government in relation to the dynamics and challenges of regional development which different local actors (governments, institutions, businesses) face. It will be an opportunity to see the city of Bordeaux and other surrounding cities could be the source of many international comparisons on European public policies. Moreover, a thorough examination of the interrelationships between the different levels of government contributes to a better understanding of local reality.

**Please consider the following when submitting your abstract:**

A summary from 3000 to 5000 characters (including spaces) to the organizers, including the title of the paper, institutional affiliation, function (PhD, post-doctoral researcher, professional,...) and the axis in which you wish to participate.

To consider the communication of foreign students, we point out the possibility to communicate in English. In addition, registration for this conference is free. The abstract should state the theoretical approach and methodology.

Submissions and proposals must be sent by email to the following: [leomignot@orange.fr](mailto:leomignot@orange.fr);  
[pierrenaves@gmail.com](mailto:pierrenaves@gmail.com)

### **Deadlines**

Receipt of the abstract: 15 June 2013

Notification of provisional acceptance: 30 June 2013

Receipt of full paper: 15 September 2013

Date of the conference: 07 November 2013

Proposals will be reviewed by the **Scientific Committee of the conference**:

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