
CALL FOR PAPERS

Giving & Volunteering Research Conference 2009

9 July 2009
VU University Amsterdam

Charitable giving and volunteering are attracting more and more attention from researchers in a wide variety of disciplines in the social sciences. At this one-day research conference, scholars present their most recent research on giving and volunteering.

The conference aims to foster cooperation and exchange of ideas between academics from various disciplinary backgrounds and practitioners from the philanthropic sector.

Topics at the conference include (but are not limited to):

- ◆ The development of giving and volunteering over the life course
- ◆ Cross-national comparative studies of giving and volunteering
- ◆ Recruitment, management and retention of volunteers
- ◆ The influence of religion on giving and volunteering
- ◆ Intergenerational transmission of generosity
- ◆ Social values of donors and volunteers
- ◆ Efficacy of fundraising methods
- ◆ Corporate philanthropy
- ◆ Marketing of charitable causes
- ◆ Behavioral genetics of generosity
- ◆ Social capital, networks and trust
- ◆ Giving and volunteering by immigrants
- ◆ Empathy, altruism and helping behavior
- ◆ Methodology of giving and volunteering research
- ◆ Moral development, identity and prosocial behavior
- ◆ Charitable bequests and money transfers within the family

The conference is open to academic researchers and practitioners from the philanthropic sector.

Date: July 9, 2009

Venue: VU University, Amsterdam, Metropolitan Building, Room Z-009

Deadlines: paper proposals: May 1, 2009; full papers: June 25, 2009

Conference fee: €35

Registration, paper proposals and further information: r.bekkers@fsw.vu.nl

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Preliminary conference schedule

- 10.00 Registration, coffee
 - 10.30 Welcome and keynote address
 - 11.15 Parallel sessions I and II, three papers each
 - 12.45 Lunch
 - 13.30 Parallel sessions III and IV, three papers each
 - 15.00 Coffee break
 - 15.30 Parallel sessions V and VI, three papers each
 - 17.00 Drinks
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Papers and presentations

- Submissions of paper proposals are welcome until May 1, 2009 at r.bekkers@fsw.vu.nl.
 - Paper proposals include an abstract and the author's affiliation and email address, and identify the research questions, the methods and data used, and a brief description of the results.
 - You will be notified of acceptance before May 15, 2009.
 - Full papers are due June 25, 2009 at r.bekkers@fsw.vu.nl.
 - Each session has room for three papers, with 15 minutes for presentation and 15 minutes for discussion. Attendants read the papers before the conference. A list of attendants will be distributed so that they can request papers directly from the presenters.
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Philanthropic Studies at VU University Amsterdam

Based at the Faculty of Social Sciences of VU University Amsterdam, the Department of Philanthropic Studies is the leading research institute in the field in Europe. The group is headed by Professor Theo Schuyt. Since 1995, the group publishes the biannual 'Giving in the Netherlands' volume, describing the size and composition of the philanthropic sector in the Netherlands. Since 2001, the institute is embedded in the interdisciplinary *Center for the Study of Philanthropy*, a joint venture between the faculty of Social Sciences, the faculty of Economics and Business Administration, and the faculty of Law at VU University Amsterdam. The institute offers a post academic program in philanthropic studies since 2001. Since 2008, also an undergraduate program is offered to bachelor students. More information on Philanthropic Studies can be found at its website: www.giving.nl

