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Art, Science
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International Colloquium
**Arts and Social Sciences:
interdisciplinary
research perspectives**

27-28 November 2009

Bocconi



Università Commerciale
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The Contemporary Arts are experiencing a contradictory “state of glamour”. They occupy the top of the agenda for the individual vocation of a number of young people, they are emphasized in political discourse and in public policies. Nevertheless, in the everyday practices, arts are often merged with their communicational functions, their capability of producing social status and consensus, their efficacy in branding, civilising and training, and these latter dimensions are often given priority. The result is an overexposure of the arts, considered on one side as a panacea against ethical uneasiness and cognitive decadence, and on the other as pleonastic exercises of idiosyncratic personalities. There is a need to re-design a lost “ecology” of the arts, and social sciences have a role in this perspective.

These are the reasons behind the proposal for a Colloquium organized in Milan by ASK Research Centre of Bocconi University on November 27th and 28th 2009 with a selected panel of social scientists, art historians, critics and artists who will openly share premises and conclusions of their research in the arts field.

27 November

10:00am Welcome

Stefano Baia Curioni ASK-Università Bocconi

Session 1. Arts and cities

Harvey Molotch New York University

Allen Scott UCLA University of California-Los Angeles

Coordinator of discussion:

Luca Martinazzoli ASK-Università Bocconi

Session 2. Arts and criticism

Angela Vettese Università Iuav di Venezia

Gabriel Dotto Michigan State University

Coordinator of discussion:

Paola Nicolin ASK-Università Bocconi

Session 3. Arts, institutions, societies and economies

Anna Lisa Tota Università di Roma Tre

Pierluigi Sacco Università Iuav di Venezia

Coordinator of discussion:

Ilaria Morganti ASK-Università Bocconi

1:00pm Lunch break

2:30pm Session 4. Arts and cities

Volker Kirchberg Leuphana Universität Lüneburg

Coordinator of discussion:

Massimiliano Nuccio ASK-Università Bocconi

Session 5. Arts and criticism

Marco De Michelis Columbia University

Carolyn Christov-Bakargiev Museo di Arte Contemporanea Castello di Rivoli, Torino

Coordinator of discussion:

Stefania Gerevini ASK-Università Bocconi

Session 6. Arts, institutions, societies and economies

Stefano Baia Curioni ASK-Università Bocconi

Tia De Nora University of Exeter

Coordinator of discussion:

Laura Forti ASK-Università Bocconi

28 November

10:00am Discussion of the emerged topics and controversies

The discussion will be attended by a selected number of scholars and experts