

MULTIPART WORKSHOP

Research Design and Planning for the MULTIPART Project

November 26 – 27, 2008

Pisa

**Workshop Co-ordinator: CICS, University of Bradford, UK,
to be hosted by Scuola Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy**

This MULTIPART workshop aims primarily to present and discuss the guidance for the design, planning and implementation of all MULTIPART research, as developed jointly by the teams of Multipart Work Packages 2 and 3.

This Workshop is thus of critical importance, particularly to researchers and team leaders from every MULTIPART partner who will directly be involved in research leadership, design and planning for WP4 & 5. It takes place at a critical point in the the MULTIPART project, and will offer a key opportunity for WP4 and WP5 teams to begin to work together collectively. The MULTIPART Steering Committee meeting will take place immediately after this workshop, also in Pisa, facilitating full workshop participation.

The University of Bradford is responsible for the organisation of this workshop, in co-ordination with Scuola Sant'Anna and ETC. In practice, the Scuola Sant'Anna will manage practical arrangements in Pisa itself.

Background

The MULTIPART project began in April 2008. As planned, the teams of WP2 &3 (Scuola Sant'Anna, CICS/University of Bradford and ETC), have worked jointly since then to develop and refine the key research questions, frameworks and methodological approaches to be used for the remainder of the project. As discussed and agreed in the first MULTIPART Steering Committee meeting on 18-19 April 2008, it is important that the outputs from WP2/3 team provide clear guidance on these issues, including decisions on the key open issues identified by the Steering Committee at the meeting in April.

The WP2/3 Report providing this guidance will be sent to all MULTIPART partners for comment on 20 October. A revised and final version will be sent to all workshop participants and Steering Committee members at least one week before this Workshop.

This workshop assumes that all MULTIPART partners and researchers already have appropriate training and experience in the general social science methods relevant to this Project. *So this workshop does not focus primarily on providing methods training to junior researchers.* Rather, it focuses on: presenting and ensuring clear understanding amongst all MULTIPART research teams of the research questions, frameworks and research design and implementation guidelines to be adopted in the

project; and providing an opportunity for detailed discussion amongst WP4 and WP5 researchers of key issues and priorities in applying these guidelines.

Aims

The Workshop thus aims to:

- present and discuss the Work Package 2/3 Report on elaborated and refined research questions, theoretical frameworks and methodological approaches to be adopted in the MULTIPART project;
- orient and develop the understanding of key researchers of MULTIPART Work Packages 4, 5, 6 and 7 on research priorities and research design principles and guidelines;
- provide a key opportunity for WP4 and WP5 teams to collectively discuss priorities and work plans relating to thematic and case study research for the Multipart project.

Draft Workshop Agenda (schematic)

Day 1

Morning:

- Introduction and Welcome
- Presentation of WP2/3 joint Report
- Discussion

Lunch

Afternoon

- Research questions, definitions and research design principles and thematic priorities
- Workshop discussions (organised around WP4 teams/thematic issue areas)
- Plenary review and discussion

Day 2

Morning

- Selecting, designing and conducting MULTIPART Case Studies
- Workshop discussions (organised around WP5 teams/countries)
- Plenary review and discussion

Lunch

Afternoon

- Ethical issues for MULTIPART research
- Principles for co-operation and involvement of MULTIPART Researchers (including Local Researchers)
- Guidelines for external engagement (including with EU/EC officials)
- Research planning and co-ordination for WP4, WP5 and WP6 research (including work plans and expected outputs)
- Wrap-up

Workshop organisation

The workshop is organised by the CICS (University of Bradford), in consultation with WP2/3 partners Scuola Sant'Anna and ETC.

In practice, CICS has responsibility for organising the substantive preparation and conduct of the workshop.

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The Scuola Sant'Anna will have responsibility for many of the practical arrangements for the workshop, since it will be held at the Scuola in Pisa and will be directly followed by the Steering Committee meeting at the same location.

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Follow-on information

MULTIPART researchers will receive further information on this workshop in due course. In the meantime, we would be grateful if each MULTIPART partner could ensure appropriate participation, and begin practical arrangements.