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Dear colleagues, we are pleased to announce:

## **Non-human in Social Science III: Past Trajectories - Future Prospects**

which will be held on the

### **17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of November, 2012**

in the premises of the Faculty of Humanities, Charles University in Prague

The Non-human in Social Science III: Past Trajectories – Future Prospects conference aspires at becoming a meeting of scholars and students interested in the non-human in social science, its scope, potential and role it has been playing in (re)shaping current scientific endeavor.

One of the main assets of the non-human can be seen in its influence on gradual dissolving of once settled binaries and dichotomies (nature/culture, nature/society, subject/object, human/animal, human/machine, etc.). Under the spell of various non-humans, hybridity has been embraced and become one of the main prisms for current scholarly understanding of the world. Due to the (attention paid to the) non-human(s), the world has become more complex. But what has been happening to social sciences with their limits having been pushed and boundaries gradually dissolving? And where the non-human can lead the hybridizing social science?

The 2012 conference is here to address these and related issues. Based on the two preceding conferences, the topic of the non-human will be divided into three basic thematic sections:

*plants and animals*  
*material culture and spaces*  
*technologies and institutions*

Apart from directly addressing these issues on an empirical level, we welcome papers devoted to developing epistemological, theoretical as well as methodological understanding of the non-human in contemporary social sciences, as well as papers dealing with the issues of changes in the scholarly attitude and approach to the non-human, presenting novel ways of scholarly work rooted in the engagement with the non-human topic, and reflecting the problems arising from such endeavor.

The papers presented at the conference should not exceed 15-20 minutes in length.

**The deadline has been postponed!**  
**Please register on the conference web pages by 21<sup>st</sup> Sep., 2012**

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**The conference in dates:**

*When:* 17th and 18th November, 2012

*Where:* Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Humanities, U Kříže 8, Prague 5

*Application deadline (extended):* **21st Sep., 2012**

*Abstracts are due (extended):* **21st Sep., 2012**

*Web:* <http://www.fhs.cuni.cz/nonhuman>

*E-mail:* [nonhuman@email.cz](mailto:nonhuman@email.cz)

*Conference fees (due to technical issues payable at the first day of the conference in cash):*

*Students* – 400 CZK  
*Others* – 600 CZK

A collective monograph is to be published from selected conference papers by around December 2013

Articles for the collective monograph are due 30th Jan., 2013

Guidelines for the preparation of the article are to be found on the conference web pages.

On behalf of the conference team

Yours faithfully,

**Mgr. Marco Stella & Karolína Pauknerová, PhD. & Petr Gibas, MSc.**

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