**Call For Papers**

**International Conference   
Social Pathologies of Contemporary Civilisation     
September 13th & 14th, 2012. University of Hull, UK.**

This conference focuses on the social pathologies of contemporary civilisation, i.e. on the ways in which contemporary malaises, diseases, illnesses, anxieties and psycho-somatic syndromes are related to cultural pathologies of the social body, how disorders of the collective *esprit de corps* of contemporary society manifest at the level of individual bodies, and how the social body and bodies politic are related to the hegemony of reductive biomedical and individual-psychological perspectives.

The central research hypothesis guiding the conference is that many contemporary problems of health and well-being are to be understood in the light of radical changes of social structures and institutions, extending to deep crises in our civilisation as a whole. A particular focus of the conference is the role of humanities and social sciences, particularly sociology, philosophy and anthropology, in helping to understand the connection between individual and collective experiences of social transformations and of health and well-being.

Now in its third year, the thematic scope of the conference enables insight into unfolding social, political and cultural processes across disciplinary boundaries, extending from the experience of the individual to a global scale. Following successful conferences at Aalborg (2010) and Cork (2011), this year the conference is hosted by the University of Hull.

We invite abstracts of not more than 300 words related to any of the above themes to be submitted not later than June 10th to the email address below. We are currently negotiating to arrange for the publication of selected papers from the conference in a special edited edition of a peer-reviewed academic journal and/or as a book with a well-known academic publisher. All abstracts will be subject to peer-review and should be sent to the conference organisers at:

[socialpathologies@hull.ac.uk](mailto:socialpathologies@hull.ac.uk)

**Agreed keynote speakers:**

Arpad Szakolczai (Professor of Sociology, University College, Cork)

Bulent Diken (Reader in Social and Cultural Theory, University of Lancaster)

Chris Shilling (Professor of Sociology, University of Kent)

Margaret Holloway (Professor of Social Work, University of Hull)

Monica Magadi (Reader in Social Research Methods, City University)

Nick Ellison (Professor of Sociology and Social Policy, University of Leeds)

Professor Jae Ryong Song (Department of Sociology, Kyung Hee University, Korea)

**Further details of conference at:**

<http://www2.hull.ac.uk/fass/socsci/research/social-pathologies-conf-2012.aspx>

Organizers: University of Hull Dept of Social Sciences, University of Aalborg, University College Cork.

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