

**Centro Internacional e Interdisciplinario de Investigación y Enseñanza Aplicada**  
**International and Interdisciplinary Centre for Applied Research and Education**

**Invitation to participate in the**

**International and Interdisciplinary Symposium 2018**

**"Complex Realities: Approaches from the Social Sciences"**

29 – 31 August 2018, in Oaxaca de Juárez, México

The International and Interdisciplinary Centre for Applied Research and Education has its central node in Oaxaca de Juárez, Mexico. It is organized and structured in the form of a social network. It is understood as a living 'being' for the generation of knowledge with an international and transdisciplinary perspective. The core and vision of this Research and Teaching Centre is its strong orientation towards application. The application is expressed by both a methodology and an empirical approach. In short, what the Centre's philosophy encompasses is its focus on everyday social life. While interdisciplinarity is guided by the complementary combination of existing knowledge in the different disciplines, the Centre is understood as a transdisciplinary space that aims to generate new epistemological and methodological proposals, beyond the established disciplinary knowledge. The Centre therefore uniquely harnesses the potential of all participating entities, universities, civil society organizations or other civil society entities. The Centre is a facilitator so that actors who share the principles of the Centre can meet, dialogue, interact, research, train and teach. The Centre is a meeting place. Organizes symposia, workshops, training, studies and research. It opens up structures and spaces for researchers, PhD students, civil society organisations and other local, regional and international actors.

"Complex Realities and Applied Social Sciences"

The elimination and perforation of borders in geographical, political, social, cultural and virtual aspects are characteristics of contemporary societies. This elimination leads to a loss of safety and the orientation compass does not indicate the paths that were previously correct. The social worlds find a multitude of answers to the question: How does everyone cope with social demands and pressures? This reality challenges the social sciences above all, provided that they are intended to contribute both to understanding and to the transformation of the social worlds.

Objectives

The Symposium "Complex Realities - Approaches from the Social Sciences" aims to open a space for dialogue and discussion on these challenges of the complex and conflicting contemporary reality. Through dialogues, the aim is to facilitate networking and the creation of collaborative relationships between participants. Through the interaction space offered by the symposium, collaborations are encouraged and promoted at different levels.

### Format/Methodology

The Symposium will be held in the form of public discussions where topics reflecting the general theme of the symposium will be shared and discussed: complex realities. No formal academic presentations are planned - rather, the aim is to encourage dynamic dialogues among the guests. This will lead to the identification of new common themes and the creation of new social relations. There will be opportunities to meet with colleagues for further exchange and/or to plan future collaborations. The CIIIE Centre will provide support for initiatives arising from such meetings and interrelationships.

The heads of the CIIIE will compose the discussions (A-L) according to the topics that the participants will address. Each discussion will have 3-4 speakers. CIIIE will invite the symposium participants to moderate the reflections and discussions.

### Invitation

We invite you to indicate your general interest and the topic(s) you intend to contribute to.

Please confirm your participation by January 26, 2018 by email: [ciiie.centrointernacional@gmail.com](mailto:ciiie.centrointernacional@gmail.com)

We will try to cover travel and accommodation expenses. However, please let us know if you can afford any costs.

By the Organizing Committee

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