



Call for Papers

Excellence in the Home

Sustainable Living: Professional Approaches to Housework

March 17-18, 2011 – London, United Kingdom

1. CONFERENCE THEME

The leading question for the conference is **'how does the home influence social dynamics, legal frameworks and, ultimately, entire social systems?'**

Sustainable Living: Professional Approaches to Housework aims to:

- Fill the gap in the present concern for sustainability
- Establish the link between housework and sustainability
- Recast the definition of housework
- Stimulate and channel innovation
- Promote a professional approach to homemaking

Home Renaissance Foundation welcomes papers from experts in a wide range of academic subjects and professional fields including Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Technology, Law and Human Ecology, to recognize the importance of home and lifestyle in building a sustainable society. Cross disciplinary approaches are encouraged.

A list of sample issues for study follows:

- Sociological Aspects of Professional Housework
 - Relational dimensions of work in the home
 - Structure of interdependency: housework and development of family bonds
 - Professional and occupational characteristics of housework
 - Skill development for housework
 - Work of the home as a service occupation
 - Understanding care giving in the provision of housework
 - Psychological and educational outcomes of housework
- Human Ecology
 - Applying the concept of sustainability to the home and housework
 - Measuring sustainability in the home
 - Evidence of the home's influence on work and society

- Management – technical, interpersonal and personal competences of work at home. Understanding housework relative to the typically recognised features of professions such as
 - Knowledge and practical skills with the corresponding certifications
 - Ethical commitment to customer interests
 - Organization: People employed in the care of the home as a community of practitioners with norms, sanctions and barriers to entry.
 - Social recognition: prestige (status), appropriate salaries, regulation.

- Legal and Regulatory environment
 - Government level: parental leave policies, education, professional recognition of work in the home, ageing and care-giving, child care, diet and nutrition, etc.
 - Private Sector: appropriateness of family-friendly policies with regard to parental leave, family leave (caregiver leave), flexible work arrangements, etc.

- Economics and Housework
 - Time and resource allocation as it relates to production, consumption, and distribution.
 - Contributions to families' economic health, household division of labour, etc.
 - Technology and housework: Robotics/Smart Homes/Home automation systems and standard of life (accessibility).

2. SUBMISSION PROCEDURE AND GENERAL GUIDELINES

a. General submission information

Important dates:

- Proposal submission deadline: July 30, 2010. 5:00 PM GMT (London Time)
- Short paper submission deadline: September 30, 2010. 5:00 PM GMT (London Time)
- For selected papers, notification by Home Renaissance Foundation will be sent before November 15, 2010. 5:00 PM GMT (London Time)
- Final paper submissions: February 1, 2011. 5:00 PM GMT (London Time)
- Conference: March 17-18, 2011

To ensure that your submission is received and reviewed, please read the guidelines and instructions in the pages that follow carefully and feel free to submit early! Scientific Committee members will review all submissions before making a final decision. Submissions that do not follow the guidelines will not be reviewed.

b. Submission procedures

The submission process involves four steps:

Step 1: Register your proposal with Home Renaissance Foundation by July 30th, 2010 (5:00 PM GMT). All submissions must be sent to research@homerenaissancefoundation.org. Please follow the research proposal guidelines carefully, fill in the proposal template and send it with a cover letter. Home Renaissance Foundation will send a confirmation e-mail and submission identification number within 7 days.

Step 2: Send the short paper (maximum 3000 words) to Home Renaissance Foundation by September 30th, 2010 (5:00 PM GMT) at research@homerenaissancefoundation.org.

Step 3: Home Renaissance Foundation's Scientific Committee will review the short papers and nominate workshop speakers by November 15th 2010. Notification will be made to the main author by e-mail and a submission identification number will be allocated.

Step 4: The final paper must be submitted to research@homerenaissancefoundation.org -with the Submission Cover Letter by February 1st 2011.

c. Submission guidelines

General Policies and Rules

- All submissions (proposals, short papers and final papers) should be sent in PDF or Word format.

Proposals

- Proposals need to be accompanied by a cover letter

Short Papers

- Short papers will be used for the nomination process.
- Short Papers should not exceed 3000 words (including references, appendices and other material).

- It is helpful to indicate clearly how the paper links with the overall theme of the conference.

Final Papers

- Final papers should be accompanied by the Submission Cover Letter together with the Submission identification number
- Final Papers should not exceed 10,000 words (including references, all appendices and other material).

3. PRESENTATION AND PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

If you submit a 3000 word short paper by September 30th, 2010, you will automatically be eligible for a 50% reduction of the conference registration fee.

If your paper is nominated by Home Renaissance Foundation's Scientific Committee, you will receive a notification by November 15, 2010.

For nominated authors, Home Renaissance Foundation provides two opportunities:

1. **Workshop participation:** Nominated authors are encouraged to present their paper at Home Renaissance Foundation's Conference Workshop on March 17-18, 2011 in London, United Kingdom.
2. **Publication:** Nominated papers will be published by Home Renaissance Foundation.

4. CONTACT

For further enquiries, please e-mail research@homerenaissancefoundation.org.

Call for Papers Proposal Template

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Name: _____

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Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Note: Please provide the above details for each of the authors of the paper.

Title of the paper:

Abstract (maximum 300 words):

Call for Papers Submission Cover Letter

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Biography (maximum 100 words):

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SUBMISSION IDENTIFICATION NUMBER