

**ROUTES INTO THE
FUTURE**
NEW MAPS FOR THE
SOCIAL AND HUMAN SCIENCES



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ROUND TABLE: Outlining Futures

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Outlining the futures of the different spaces in which the SHS stand at this dawn of a new century means not just analysing their different theoretical, methodological, analytical and intervention trajectories, but also rethinking the different forms of institutionalization of the SHS and how these allow for building and conceiving of new futures.

To this end, it is important to discuss these issues not simply internally, in the heart of the scientific community, in the research institutions themselves and associated scientific societies, but also to engage in debate with intermediary entities, research funding agencies acting in the field of the SHS. These are not just organizations whose decisions, notably in terms of funding, have vital implications for these processes. They also play a significant role in intermediating researchers, political power and society at large. If, on the one hand, they consult the scientific community in defining the main research agendas and the main theoretical and methodological breakthroughs, as they are in a position to do in this Colloquium, they also put forward to those community objectives to which society wishes to find a response.

This session wishes to contribute towards highlighting the above dialogue, creating a space for debate on the future of the SHS (or even on the SHS of the future?), where these different forms of institutionalization may also be debated with representatives of intermediary organizations, in the light of the issues raised by the Colloquium and of strategic options in research policy. It is also hoped that this debate can be conducted not just from the dominant viewpoint of the "European Research Area" but that it should go beyond it and consider different research landscapes and here, too, address North-South issues within the SHS.

About the Participants

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