

# Working Group on Transformation in the World System - Comparative Studies of Development

## Activities

- The Working Groups "Transformations in the World System - Comparative Studies of Development" and "Europe and Latin America" announce that their joint workshop **The World System and "Left Turn" in Latin America/El Sistema Mundial y la "Vuelta a la Izquierda" en América Latina** which was to be held in Madrid on April 21-22 this year but was cancelled because of air traffic difficulties **will be held on October 6-7, 2010 and hosted by the University of Complutense as it was initially arranged.**

All members of the two WGs as well as speakers who could not come in April are invited to take a part in the meeting.

Conveners of the WG:

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- [Annual Report 2009](#)
- [Papers presented at the 12th General Conference, 24-28 June 2008, Geneva, Switzerland](#)
- [The Report](#) about the Workshop of WG Transformations in the World System Comparative Studies of Development , Vienna, September 19-20, 2007
- A short report from the meeting on EU-India Strategic Partnership  
EADI WSE [International Workshop on EU-India relations](#) (pdf 9087 Kb)
- Workshop: "Autochthoneity or Development? Asian Tigers in the World: Ten Years after the Crisis".  
[Call for papers](#)
- [Past activities...](#)

## About this Working Group

This Working Group would like to take up the agenda theoretically formulated in the ground-breaking work of Hardt and Negri, *Empire* (Harvard University Press), 2001. Spatial and territorial boundaries have faded and the power locus of the new system is not nation bounded, but transcends national territories. The boundaries between first, second and third world are blurred. That means that the world system approach has to be redefined. Technological breakthroughs and the prospects of emergence of a new "centre" and "peripheries", the role of new technologies in the configuration of the world systems, the issues of human and social capital and their significance for changes within world structure are some of the topics the Working Group will be dealing with. A workshop and the participation in the next General Conference are planned, as well as the publication of a book.

## Membership

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