

## Call for contributions

### **Workshop on the changing Swiss research and higher education landscape: governance, institutions, academic work**

The Centre of Organisational Research of the University of Lugano (USI) and the Observatoire Science Politique and Société of the University of Lausanne (OSPS-UNIL) invite the submission of contributions for a workshop which will take place in spring on the topic of *The changing Swiss research and higher education landscape*.

The main objectives of the workshop will be:

- to present the main changes in Swiss research and higher education landscape, covering both the governance level, the institutional level (in particular universities), and the academic work level ;
- to contextualise these changes in the broader scholarly debate on research and higher education policy, as well as in a comparative international perspective;
- to understand to which extent the Swiss case allows providing insights on some of the current debates in research and higher education policy (e.g. diversity and differentiation, new governance rationales and paradigms, access to higher education, etc.).

The organisers intend to publish selected papers from the workshop in a book by an international or Swiss editor.

#### *Organisers*

Benedetto Lepori (USI), Martin Benninghoff (OSPS-UNIL), Gaele Goastellec (OSPS-UNIL).

#### *Date and place of the workshop*

Lugano, 12-13 May 2011

#### *Topics*

Following topics are suggested for contributions:

A) Changing modes of governance of Swiss higher education and research, including the introduction of new policy rationales (new public management), internationalization and Europeanization, the impact of the federal organization of the country and changing balances of power between cantons, Confederations and the research and higher education institutions themselves.

B) Changing configurations of the higher education field and of its actors, including diversity and differentiation processes, the evolution of the binary divide and the changing role of Universities of Applied Sciences, as well strategies and positioning of individual research and higher education institutions.

C) Changing practices of academic work and research, including authority relationships in the research system, structure of the academic career and internationalization patterns, changing organization forms of the doctorate.

However, applicants are free to propose other topics they feel fall in the scope of the workshop.

#### *Abstract submission*

Abstracts of no more than 500 words should be sent to [blepori@unisi.ch](mailto:blepori@unisi.ch) until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010. Abstract should include information on the topic of the presentation, on hypotheses and research questions, methodology and data source and expected results. Key bibliographic references should also be provided.

The editors will review abstracts. Authors will be notified by October 15<sup>th</sup>.