

Invitation to the COS Conference

REFLECTIVE HYBRIDS WALKING ON TWO LEGS
Theory & Practice for Mindful Future Development
 11-13 September 2014

at the Centro Don Orione (<http://www.donorione-venezia.it/en/index.html>) in Venice, Italy.

Future is the unknown garment inviting us to weave our lives into it. How these garments will fit, cover, colour, connect and suit us lies in our (collective) hands. Many garments of the past have become too tight, too grey, too something... The call for new shapes and textures is acknowledged by many. Yet, changing clothes leaves one naked, half dressed in between. Let's connect in this creative, vulnerable space and cut essentially, weave and stitch together.

The target group is reflective hybrids (*) – leaders, scientists, consultants, and researchers from all over the world who dare to walk on the two legs of theory (reflection) and practice (action). It is important to us to invite personally a select group of reflective hybrids as the number of conference participants is limited to forty.

(*) What are Reflective Hybrids? Is this conference something for me, should I go there?

	YES	NO
Theory is a wonderful thing – and not enough for me		
Practice is great – and not enough for me		
Reflection and Action belong together in my life		
I am curious about the COS-community – the others and their concerns, ideas, spirits...		
I am looking for human presence in me and others to connect head, heart and hand		
I am open for future developments and finding ways to shape them in my sphere of (professional) life		
I am invited		
I am developing myself and the COS-community		
Venice is a great place for a conference		
Most of this is true and much, much more...		
I need a challenge		
I am a challenge for Organisations & Society		
I have two legs		
I need new clothes		

If you ticked "Yes" more than 5 times this COS conference is the right choice for you.

Our main goals for the COS conference are:

- Provide a platform for members, friends and guests to take part in an intensive development process and learning exchange for reflective hybrids from all over the world.
- Create long-term strategic plans for future hot topics and developmental potential of organizations and society.
- Build collegial friendships among reflective hybrids who share similar human, professional and academic interests and concerns.

Conference **theme ideas** for learning exchange (as of 14. March 2014). See the current theme developments at www.cos-journal.com/conference2014. We will update the options as we hear from registrants:

- Elaborating the Theory-Practice Dilemma: Professional Competence in Science, Consulting, Management, Education and Therapy
- Rotten Worlds, New Creations
- Beyond Theory and Practice
- Please send your ideas after you have registered to Maria at: m.spindler@cos-journal.com

Programme overview

Thursday, 11. September 2014

15:00 – 16:00 Conference check-in
16:00 – 19:00 Conference opening and first learning exchange
19.00 Welcome Get-Together

Friday, 12. September 2014

08.30 – 09.00 Guided Tour at the Centro Don Orione (optional)
09:00 – 18:00 Conference (learning exchange)
19:30 Conference dinner

Saturday 13. September 2014

09:00 – 12:30 Conference (Developments and future perspectives)

Conference Fee

Early birds: € 280.- until 31. May 2014

Regular Fee: € 340.- from 1. June 2014

The conference fee includes Welcome Get-Together on Thursday evening and the coffee breaks.

Please mind: the number of participants is limited to 40.

Online registration is open from 25. March 2014. You can register for the conference: www.cos-journal.com/conference2014

Accommodation at the Conference Centre

At the Conference Centre 12 single and 14 double rooms are available for COS Conference participants. Please contact the Centre directly to book your room after you have registered for the conference (<http://www.donorione-venezia.it/en/index.html>)

Price range: Single room € 96 - € 134.- / Double room €160.-

(Room prices include breakfast but the city tax € 3.- per night/person is excluded)

Other accommodations close to the conference venue

(All room prices always include breakfast but the city tax € 3.- /night / person is excluded)

- Ca Pisani Hotel**** (Designhotel) www.capisanihotel.it (Single room: € 450.- double room: € 400 – € 500.-)
- Hotel Agli Alboretti*** (clean, nice, across the street www.aglialboretti.com) (Single room: € 120 – € 127, double room: € 202 – € 211, Junior Suite 2 – 4 people € 220 – € 230.-)
- Pensione Seguso** (moldered like Venice pur, at the waterfront,) www.pensionesegusovenice.com, (Single room: € 95, double room: € 160.-)

What is happening in Venice in September

- La Biennale: <http://www.labiennale.org/en/architecture/>
- Peggy Guggenheim Foundation: <http://www.guggenheim-venice.it/>
- Gallerie dell Accademia: <http://www.gallerieaccademia.org/>
- Concerts: http://www.classictic.com/en/venice/chiesa_di_san_vidal/273/
- <http://www.teatrolafenice.it> (September 7th La Traviata, 11th and September 14th Il Trovatore)
- More information: <http://www.turismovenezia.it/>

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