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Call for papers and participation
in the International Conference: „Nations, Regions, Organizations
– Cultural Diversity as a source of integration and alienation”,
November 22-23, 2010, Szczecin

Because of social changes in Poland and Europe social researchers are more and more interested in the transformations of collective identities. One may think national identity is less and less significant (at the expense of e.g. increasing role of local and regional identities) but many conflicts emerging from the attempts of migrants' assimilation or treating refugees may be a proof that it is still a strong affiliation. Moreover, because the influence of institutions such as family or religion is weaker, the impact of organizations as work places of secondary socialization is becoming of major importance. Companies are therefore objects shaping identity. The main scientific problem of this conference is to discuss the role of nations, regions and organizations in creating cultural identity and search for the border where cultural diversity does not facilitate integration, or to specify a level or degree of cultural diversity which is not functional any more. We also suggest the following themes:

- collective identity and Leeds of assimilation and differentiation
- optimum cultural diversity
- national identity and regional identity
- ethnic and national conflicts
- intercultural, multicultural or transcultural?
- ethnorenaissance, regionalization, glocalization
- migrations and intercultural communication
- integration in multicultural work teams
- national culture vs organizational culture
- cultural engineering in organizations
- diversity management
- global organizational culture?

Important dates and deadlines:

15 June 2010 – registration forms with abstracts

30 June 2010 – organizers' information about the acceptance of the paper

15 July 2010 – deadline for payment of conference fee

30 November 2010 – deadline for sending the paper to be published (provided the reviewer's decision is positive)