



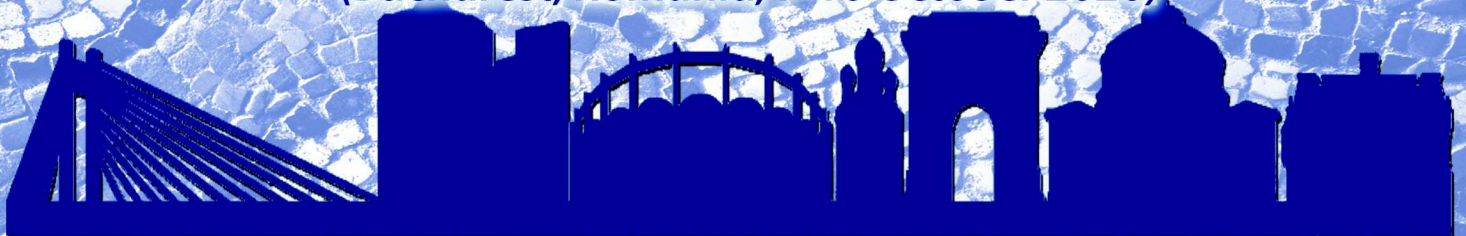
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## FOREWORD

Two and a half centuries ago, when they were appearing, social sciences wanted to build methodologies and areas of knowledge similar to the ones used by natural sciences, considered to be exact. This process got more refined as time went by, and gave social sciences a bigger autonomy and a specific language. But the desire of exactity, based on determinations and clear laws remained.

However, human societies and their issues changed a lot in the last centuries, and so did the mental and cognitive structures of social sciences. Which imposes that completely new problems, almost unknown a few decades ago, must be treated with perspectives and laws that are completely new and innovative. Moreover, the reality of the last months – the coronavirus pandemic – imposed a different type of social analysis, in which physical contacts are limited, and virtual contacts are becoming more important.

The Seventh Academos Conference wants to observe this change of paradigm in social sciences, and particularly in political science.

The political space changed enormously in the last months, being maybe for the first time subsumed by a field characterized by unpredictability, the medical one, which imposed a change in international relations and global security. Political and social changes are accelerated by new medical reports and relations between states and global or regional political actors. Elements of contemporaneity, like education and democracy, changed or even deteriorated. On the other hand, social values and principles like cohesion and solidarity seem to be increasing in the wake of the new social imperatives.

The Conference's Proceeding is composed, as always, by different perspectives on this changing world and on the way in which social and political sciences are viewing these modifications of paradigm and method.

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