The Niccolò Cusano University of Rome and the Scientific Observatory on gender issues “Ipazia” are pleased to announce their joint event on the theme “Culture and gender issues”.

Ipazia, Scientific Observatory on Gender Issues, is a reality pertaining to the Niccolò Cusano University - Rome. It was founded with the purpose of outlining a comprehensive and constantly updated research, services, and projects of all initiatives related to women at the local, national and international level. In order to achieve this objective the Observatory aims to implement gender studies, to organize and promote initiatives of scientific interest (workshops, seminars, conferences, studies, science labs) on issues in interdisciplinary gender studies.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The workshop aims to analyze the economic-statistical legal, historical-political, socio-psychological scenarios that exist in Italy and in Europe in order to create an interdisciplinary network of scholars on gender issues.

REVIEW PROCESS AND PUBLICATION PLAN

The papers submitted will follow a double blind peer review process and those selected will be invited for presentation during the parallel sessions. The workshop will involve several national and international academics, including the members of the Scientific Committee.

A selection of best papers presented during the “2nd Workshop on gender: Culture and gender issues” is expected to be published in a special issue of one of the major journals on gender. The other papers presented will be subject to a publishing anthologies of the conference proceedings.

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PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstract submission deadline: 25 November 2015
Full paper submission deadline: 1 February 2016

All papers will have a discussant. Please note that each author can present only one paper. Each presentation will be allocated a 25 minutes slot - this will allow for 15 minutes to present plus 10 minutes questions and answers.

Data projection and overhead projectors will be provided as standard in each session. We use the Microsoft PowerPoint as the standard software. Both .ppt/.pptx versions are compatible with the software we use.

You can bring your files on any kind of USB storage device or send it to us in advance. However please ensure the version of software is compatible with Win OS. If you decide to send us your presentation in advance, we'll make sure that the presentation will be uploaded to the conference computer before the conference starts. We kindly ask you to bring the backup copy of your presentation.

Full paper manuscripts should include:

- Cover sheet - including title, name, affiliation, address and email address for each author, indicating the corresponding author
- Short Structured Abstract - abstract must be structured in following paragraphs: Purpose -Design/Methodology/Approach  Originality/Value - Practical Implications
- NOT MORE THAN 100 WORDS FOR EACH PARAGRAPH.
- Keywords - max 5 keywords
- Paper type - indicate if your manuscript is Academic research paper or Practical paper
- Text, acknowledgements, tables and figures (included in the text)
- References

Max length of the entire manuscript (including abstract, keywords, references, tables and figures) is 5,000 words.

You can submit your paper in your area of choosing from the underlying to the representative of your subject area or if you think of a more generic and interdisciplinary paper you can write directly to scientific director of observatory (paola.paoloni@unicusano.it)

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INTERDISCIPLINARY AREAS

Business, Economics and Management
The focus of the area is aimed at deepening economic studies, in particular in Business and Management of the distinctive features of the female universe - intuition, sensitivity, predisposition to relationships, flexibility, social sensitiveness - as part of entrepreneurship, organization, communication and management business.

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Historical-politics
The focus of the historical and political area aims, in particular, to reconstruct the dynamics of Italian, European and non-European countries, which in the last two centuries have marked the slow but steady process of emancipation of women, both in her public dimension and in her private life.

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Sociological-psychological-pedagogical
This area will focus on the condition of women in the contemporary world: i.e. the roles that society attributes to them - namely mother and worker (often conflicting) -, the social representations that affect women perception and self-perception, as well as the production and acceptation processes of these representations.

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Statistics and Quantitative Methods
The area main focus is on studying gender issues quantitatively. In particular actual research themes are the gender network effects, social networks and gender issues and gender career choice.

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Law
The focus of this area is to study gender issues in the perspective of the constitutional program which aims to promote equal opportunities between women and men. The spectrum of investigation, of course, open to the contributions of international and supranational level, involves the many aspects of social life: from the more strictly in the family business, as well as that of political representation.

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**REGISTRATION**

The 2nd Workshop on gender: Culture and gender issues is free of charge. However, due to limited capacity, registration is required, via e-mail to paola.paoloni@unicusano.it no later than 20 February 2016. Details of the program will be available on the web site fifteen days before the meeting.

**Important Date**
Abstract submission deadline: 25 November 2015
Acceptance notification to authors: 23 December 2015
Full paper submission: 1 February 2016
Registration deadline: 20 February 2016
Conference sessions: 8 March 2016

**Scientific Committee**
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Students, if they wish, can also follow courses online; each student is connected by PC to a multimedia platform. On enrolment they receive a password which allows them 24/7 and they can follow lessons which are in part video (recordings and video-conferencing) and in part based on power point slides, downloadable materials and self-assessment tests. The platform also provides students forums, chat rooms and other facilities for interaction with tutors, teachers and other students. Examinations will be held in learning centres in the country or alternatively at our central campus in Rome, where the student will receive accommodation free of charge. The university also provides each student with online assistance from personal tutors who follow the student’s progress throughout his or her course of study. The tutors offer help in organisational and administrative matters as well as moral support. Unicusano offers young people the opportunity to lead normal lives while engaged in a full university education; they can have jobs, practise sports or travel at the same time as they study. We also feel strongly that the online university alternative is the only one that guarantees the right to study to members of society that would otherwise be excluded - the disabled, those in full-time employment or with family commitments, for example. The enrolment fee is 2.400€ per year, it includes all the facilities over written.

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PROGRAMM
Work in progress

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