International Seminar World Values Survey

Research and Capacity Building Centre
ABOUT THE SEMINAR

“International Seminar World Values Survey” is a research and capacity building centre established at the University of Almeria (see page 4) as a result of cooperation between the University and the World Values Survey Association, world’s largest social survey program (see page 3).

The collaboration between the UAL and the WVSA, with the creation of the “International Seminar World Values Survey”, promotes further the strategic plan of the University regarding internationalization and interaction with the society.

The “International Seminar World Values Survey” aims at subjects that are specific to the field of attitudes and values at the national and international levels. The International Seminar will oversee research, capacity building, training and other activities and events involving WVSA members from Southern European and North African countries. The Seminar will serve as a focal point for communication within North-South cooperation in the Mediterranean region.

The activities of the International Seminar will be mainly focused in (but not limited to) the countries of Southern Europe (Portugal, Spain, France, Andorra, Monaco, Italy, Greece) and in North Africa (Morocco, Libya, Algeria and Tunisia).

The seminar will be led by two co-directors representing the World Values Survey Association (Juan Diez-Nicolás) and the University of Almeria (Pilar Rodríguez Martínez).

Seminar activities will be coordinated by the Advisory Committee consisting of 3 representatives of the University of Almería and 3 representatives of the WVSA.

The International Seminar will include several units related to the World Values Surveys Association: 1) WVSA Regional Center for Southern Europe and North Africa; 2) Visiting Office of the WVSA President; and 3) the WVSA Secretariat.

The Seminar will establish close connections with a great number of universities and research centers in Andalusia, the rest of Spain and abroad involving social scientists, scholars and students from these institutions into the Seminar activities and offering new opportunities for cooperation in research and publication.

The Seminar will be cooperating and co-organizing joint events with international organizations specializing in social sciences, including the International Sociological Association, International Political Science Association, European Sociological Association and others.
WHAT IS THE WORLD VALUES SURVEY?

The World Values Survey is the world largest social survey project exploring values and beliefs, cultural stability or change over time and the impact of values on social and political development in different societies around the globe.

The WVS has carried out representative national surveys in over 100 societies containing almost 90 percent of the world’s population. These surveys show pervasive changes in what people want out of life and what they believe. To monitor these changes, the WVS has executed six waves of surveys, from 1981 to 2014. The current, 7th wave has been started in January 2017 and will last till 2019. During this period WVS will be conducted in 80 world countries.

The survey seeks to use the most rigorous, high-quality research designs in each country. The WVS consists of nationally representative surveys conducted using a common questionnaire and face-to-face interview method. Representative national samples of each society are interviewed, using a standardized questionnaire.

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The WVS gathers representative data on people’s beliefs about many topics. Over the years, the World Values Survey has proved the importance of population value study and has demonstrated that people’s beliefs play a key role in economic development, emergence and flourishing of democratic institutions, rise of gender equality, and the extent to which societies have effective government.

Work on analysing this data has been invaluable for a global network of scholars and international development agencies, including the World Bank, the UNDP, the WHO, regional development banks and other agencies.

Survey findings are valuable for policy makers seeking to build civil society and democratic institutions in developing countries. The WVS data is also frequently used by governments around the world, scholars, students, journalists and international organizations and institutions such as the United Nations.

WVSA is governed by the General Assembly, the Executive Committee and the Scientific Advisory Committee. The WVS data is available online without charge via WVSA official website (www.worldvaluessurvey.org).
WHY THE UNIVERSITY OF ALMERIA?

The University of Almeria (UAL) located in Southern Europe is one of the youngest and most dynamic universities in Spain. Available figures reflect the rapid growth of the University of Almeria in the last 20 years: the total number of students has doubled from 6,600 in 1992/93 to more than 12,000 in the current academic year.

The number of academic staff members has increased from 374 in 1992/93 to more than 800 today, organized in 13 departments. The number of research groups, which was 17 in the 1993/94 academic year, now exceeds one hundred. In 2008 the University offered 38 different degree programs, with 871 lecturers. The current rector Carmelo Rodríguez Torreblanca was elected by the university community in 2015.

These figures are the result of a long tradition of cooperation with higher education institutions and research organizations not only from the European Union through the Erasmus program, but also from Latin America, the United States, Africa and Asia through programs and networks of mobility and cooperation.

The cooperation agreement between the UAL and the World Values Survey, which marked establishment of the International Seminar, develops new networks of cooperation between research and education centers in Spain, Southern Europe and North Africa.

The UAL located in the heart of the Mediterranean region, between the north and the south, is a perfect place for a regional center that coordinates the World Values Survey in this region. The International Seminar will play a leading role in the development and coordination of capacity-building activities in the field of social research in southern Europe and North Africa.

The UAL acting as a “bridge” between the European countries being in possession of significant expertise in social survey methodology, and North African countries who will be the recipients of the expert knowledge on survey methodology and will obtain it via a set of trainings courses, working meetings and networking events.

The UAL will serve as the coordination and communication hub of such North-South cooperation in the Mediterranean region, and will provide required premises, facilities and human resources for organization and implementation of envisaged capacity building activities. The UAL will provide access to new social survey methodology knowledge, which will improve the capacities of academic staff and will facilitate critical thinking.
ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES OF THE SEMINAR

The International Seminar will act as a research and capacity building center combining the WVS-associated activities in Southern Europe and North Africa with the own development agenda of the Seminar in the 11 Mediterranean countries.

Main directions and vectors of Seminar activities include:

- Host of the Office of the President and the Secretariat of the World Values Survey Association;
- Promotion of the internationally planned 7th wave of the World Values Survey (2017-2018);
- Facilitation and dissemination of information on the developments in social sciences via different tools and means;
- Publication of research findings in social media and other online sources.
- Promotion of the establishment and development of social science research institutions and survey research centers in the countries of the Mediterranean region.
- Organization of regional meetings and round tables offering an opportunity for personal contacts between social and political scientists, researchers, academics and scholars from the Mediterranean region.
- Organization of capacity building activities, including workshops and trainings, summer and winter schools and teaching courses on the annual basis. Courses will be taught in English and Spanish languages and, occasionally, in Arabic. First set of courses will be organized by the Seminar already in November 2017.
- Contribution to the improvement of the academic quality of social research, survey methodology and publications of scholars in the Mediterranean region by providing training in survey methodology and analysis. Courses will be offered on a broad scope of topics, including essentials of survey methodology; questionnaire design for cross-national surveys; sample designs in international surveys; longitudinal data analysis; approaches to analysis of open-ended questions; statistical software (SPSS, R, Stata, SAS), social network analysis; use of smartphones and tablets in population surveys; multilevel modelling; survey experiments etc.
- Organization of conferences, congresses and other scientific events in conjunction with professional associations and international organizations.
- Host of Visiting Fellows and interns.
INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES

▪ **Premises**

International Seminar will be located on campus of the University of Almeria and will be divided between a number of offices. Two separate offices in the Edificio Centros de Investigación CITE V building have been granted to the Office of the WVSA President and the WVSA Secretariat. While the Secretariat will represent the global headquarters of the World Values Survey Association, other offices will be in charge for projects and event organized by the Seminar in the Mediterranean states. Media and Communications Unit will maintain online platforms promoting Seminar’s activities. Visiting Fellows and interns will be granted working space for the period of their stay.

▪ **Conference & Meeting Facilities**

International Seminar received full access to the University conference facilities which includes lecture halls of different capacity (100, 400, 600), workshop rooms, reception halls and conference equipment.

▪ **Accommodation**

Conference and courses participants, visiting fellows and guests will be offered accommodation in the University Residence Civitas offering single and double rooms of categories standard and lux. Accommodation is available at bed and breakfast, half-board and full board basis. Residence features also sports and recreation facilities as well study area, meeting rooms, conference and workshop premises.
DIRECTORS OF THE SEMINAR

Juan Diez-Nicolás is Director of the "International Seminar World Values Survey" at the University of Almería. As professor of Sociology, he has served in several Spanish universities. In 1995-98 he was elected as President of the Spanish Federation of Sociology and Vice-President of the International Sociological Association. In 2001, Diez-Nicolás became an elected member of the European Academy of Sciences and Letters, having been chosen as the Delegate for Spain. He has published more than 30 books and 250 articles and book chapters in professional publications. In the years of the Spanish transition he was Founding Director of the CIS and responsible for all his surveys in that historical period; he was Rector of the UNED and Undersecretary of Territorial Planning and Environment, (1979-81). He chaired the Council of Europe's European Committee for Population (1982-85) and was a member of the Sages Committee appointed by Romano Prodi for the "Dialogue between peoples and cultures in the Mediterranean region" (2002-2004). He is Professor Emeritus of Sociology of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid since 2008. He is Principal Investigator for Spain in the WVS, ISSP, CSES and senior researcher in the Real Instituto Elcano. He is currently Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee in the World Values Survey and Honorary Professor of the University of Almería.

Pilar Rodríguez Martínez is director of the "International Seminar World Values Survey" at the University of Almería. She is Professor of Sociology at the University of Almería and holds a PhD from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (2002). She has conducted fieldwork and analyzed data for the Andalusian Institute of Statistics from 2005 to 2009. She is the author or co-author of 15 books, 18 articles published in national and international magazines and 9 book chapters. Her recent publications include "Battery and Development: Exploring the link between intimate partner violence and modernization" Cross-Cultural Research (2013) and "Changing Values: Attitudes about Domestic Partner Violence in Immigrants and Natives in Five Western Countries" Deviant Behavior (2017). She has conducted numerous research stays at different centers such as the Institute for Social Research (University of Michigan, 2006, 2011, 2012, 2013), Institute for Research on Women and Gender (University of Michigan, 2010) University of Saratov (Russia, 1997) and University of Helsinki (Finland, 1996). At the University of Almería, she has been Deputy Dean of Students in the Faculty of Humanities and Educational Sciences (2007-2008) and Coordinator of the Master's Degree in Migration, Development and Social Intervention (2009-10).
MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF THE SEMINAR

WORLD VALUES SURVEY ASSOCIATION

Christian Haerpfer
President of the World Values Survey Association
Member of the Advisory Committee of the Seminar

Juan Diez-Nicolas
Director of the Seminar Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the World Values Survey Association

Marita Carballo
Member of the Advisory Committee of the Seminar Vice-Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the WVSA

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE SEMINAR

Juan García
Vice-Rector at the University of Almeria Member of the Advisory Committee of the Seminar

Pilar Rodríguez
Director of the Seminar Professor of Social Sciences at the University of Almeria

Juan Sebastián Prados
Secretary of the Seminar Professor of Sociology at the University of Almeria

UNIVERSITY OF ALMERIA
Christian W Haerpfer is President of the World Values Survey Association (WVSA) since 2013 and Member of the Advisory Committee of the Seminar. Christian Haerpfer is “Research Committees Liaison Representative” and a Full Member of the Executive Committee of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) in Montreal, Canada since 2016. Professor Haerpfer is currently Director of the Institute for Comparative Survey Research (ICSR) as well as Director of the ‘Eurasia Barometer’ (EAB) in Vienna (Austria), which is analysing social, economic and cultural change in Eastern Europe. Since 2003, Christian W Haerpfer is Research Professor (Univ.-Dozent) of Political Science in the Department of Political Science at the University of Vienna (Austria). In the period 2004 – 2015, Dr Christian W Haerpfer was Full Professor of Political Science and holder of a Named Chair, the ‘Established First Chair in Politics’ at the Department of Politics and International Relations in the Faculty of Social Science at the University of Aberdeen (United Kingdom). Christian W Haerpfer has served as a Visiting Professor in Political Science at various universities in several dozen countries. Since 2017, Professor Haerpfer is Honorary Professor of the University of Almeria and will have his office in the International Secretariat.

Juan García García is a Member of the Advisory Committee of the Seminar. He is the Vice-Chancellor of Official Education and Continuing Education at the University of Almería. He holds a PhD in Psychology from the University of Granada and is a Full Professor at the University of Almería in the area of Behavioral Sciences Methodology.

He has been Deputy Dean of Psychology of the Faculty of Humanities and Educational Sciences (2005-2009), and first elected Dean of the Faculty of Psychology (2009-2012), being during these periods coordinator of the Andalusian Deans, as well as Secretary of the Board of Directors of the National Conference of Deans of Psychology. He counts in his research career with more than fifty papers in indexed scientific journals. On the other hand, he has actively participated in different research projects of national and international, research-cooperation, autonomous and research contracts, from which a great part of the publications have been derived indicated.

He has held a postdoctoral stay at International Florida University (USA), as well as other short stays in various European and Latin American countries. Also, note that is promoting mobility in the program Erasmus and PIMA (Ibero-America).
ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE SEMINAR

Juan Sebastián Fernández Pradoz is Member of the Advisory Committee of the Seminar. At the first meeting of the Advisory Committee, he was elected also as the Secretary of the Seminar.

Juan Sebastián Fernández Pradoz is Professor of Sociology at the University of Almeria since 1994. He graduated in Philosophy (1989) and in Sociology (1993) at the University of Granada. He holds a Doctor in Sociology by the UNED, with the thesis on "Civil society and social change: the political culture of volunteering" (2001).

Juan Sebastián Fernández Pradoz has studied abroad at various institutions, including the Harvard University Graduate School of Education (Cambridge, MA) and the ICPSR of the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI), where he has explored different types of analysis using the World Values Survey data. He has been associate director of the Survey Methodology magazine of the International Society of Research Professionals through Survey (SIPIE). In addition to different publications and research projects on methodology in social sciences, he has taught more than a dozen training courses for enumerators.

Juan Sebastián Fernández Pradoz is maintaining also the WVS-Spain profile in social media (Facebook, Twitter).

Marita Carballo is member of the Advisory Committee of the Seminar and Vice-Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee at the World Values Survey Association.

Marita is “Academic Numerary” of the Social and Political Academy of Argentina and “Academic Numerary” of the National Education Academy and President of Voices (Research & Consultancy), Member of WIN/GIA. Elected Vice-Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the World Values Survey (WVS), member of the Compared Sociology committee of the International Sociological Association (ISA) and Consultative member of CARI (Argentinean Committee for International Relations).

Since 2009 to 2012 Marita was President of Kantar Latin America, the branch of consultancy and research of WPP. From 2003 to 2008 she was Global Sector Head of TNS's Political and Social sector -based in London- where she played a key role on large-scale surveys, notably the Standard Eurobarometer, having overall responsibility on the project. She started her career in Argentina, where she was President and CEO of Gallup Argentina from 1979 to 2001. She also served as a professor of Sociology at the Catholic University of Argentina between 1986 and 2002, and as the Head of their Sociology Department between 1989 and 2002.
WVSA HEADQUARTERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALMERIA

PRESIDENT’S OFFICE

Visiting office of the WVSA President will be established at the University of Almeria within the framework of the International Seminar. The President serves as the chief representative of the WVSA and its main spokesperson. The President has to prepare the research agenda and a concept paper for each new wave of the WVS.

WVSA President will also act as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Seminar and will contribute to the discussions on the vectors of development of the Seminar and the scope of its activities.

Since 2013, Christian W Haerpfer, professor of Politics and International Relations at Vienna University, is the President of the WVSA. Since 2017, Christian Haerpfer is also the Honorary Professor of the University of Almeria and will teach at summer schools and courses organized by the Seminar.

WVSA SECRETARIAT

WVSA Secretariat is the main body of the WVS Association running its everyday business. The Secretariat is headed by the Secretary who supports the President and the Executive Committee and is responsible for supervising and managing everyday financial, administrative, research and dissemination activities. Secretariat is organizing and directing overall communication and public activities, publication of the Association’s newsletter, maintenance of WVSA web-site and social media profiles.

WVSA Secretariat though being part of the Seminar as the umbrella organization for WVS-associated united at the UAL, remains fully independent and is subordinated to the WVSA Constitution and the WVSA Executive Committee decisions.

Since 2014, the WVSA Secretariat is Chaired by Ms Kseniya Kizilova. Kseniya Kizilova is General Secretary of the Research Committee 17 "Comparative Public Opinion" of the International Political Science Association and member of the Steering Committee of the Global Barometer Survey group. She is deputy director of the Institute for Comparative Research in Vienna, Austria. Kseniya Kizilova will work as a researcher at the University of Almeria and will work at the International Secretariat.

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