

**Call for abstract  
SUMMER SCHOOL**

*Agapic action and social reality: sociological imagination to promote development, to build future  
December 11-14 2017 Igarassu – Pernambuco, Brazil*

The Social-One international research network, in partnership with the Department of Sociology of the Universidade Federal de Pernambuco and the Centro Universitário Tabosa de Almeida ASCES - UNITA, organizes the summer school titled “Agapic action and social reality: sociological imagination to promote development, to build future”.

### **1. Summer school’s topic: agapic action and social reality**

The summer school is promoted by the Social-One international research network, a team of sociologists and social services experts which is inherently inspired by Chiara Lubich’s charisma of unity.

In the last years, Social-one’s researches focused on the social dimension of love today, with several publications and research products on the topic (Iorio 2014; 2015; Araújo et al. 2015; Araújo et al. 2016; Martins, Cataldi 2016). Drawing on Luc Boltanski *L’amour et la justice comme competences* (1990), these researches proposed to broaden the typological repertoire of social actions, available from the classical sociological thought, with a new conceptual category tied to *agape*. This path have been already traced by major social scientists, such as Simmel (1907; 1921; 1989; 2001), Sorokin (1954), Giddens (1995) and Luhman (1987). On these giants’ shoulders, it was possible to observe the historical transformations of the concept of love. Nevertheless, the agape-love is a novelty for the social sciences: agape has indeed some emerging characteristics, which at the same time annex and transcend love conceived as *philia* or *eros*, defining a new empirical category for reading the social world, based on unconditional love towards the other.

On this ground, the Social-One group has defined agape—love as: “a social action, relation or interaction in which the persons exceed (in giving, receiving, in not returning or not doing, in giving up) all the antecedents, and therefore, offering more than the situation would require with the aim of providing benefits (Iorio 2015, p. 25).

### **2. The summer school**

The school will take place December 11-14 2017, at the Cittadella Santa Maria - Igarassu – Pernambuco, Brazil. Its aim is to fathom the perspectives of analysis and actions aroused by the category of agapic love in the framework of the social sciences and humanities, believing that the concept could provide new interpretations and perspectives of interventions for the promotion of a society based on equity, inclusiveness and dialogue.

### **3. Target audience**

The summer school addresses to researchers, scholars, social service professionals, students in sociological and social disciplines, interested to the topic and willing to present works and researches in line with the school’s themes.

### **4. The program**

The school will be residential, structured in an interactive way and according to a peer relationship among students and scholars. Research laboratories will be organized with local stakeholders.

The school starts December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm and closes the 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm.

The program will comprise:

- keynote lectures by senior scholars and students and early career research’s presentations
- Research laboratory: “from the analysis to the action: equity and fraternity facing inequalities”

The program will articulate along two research streams:

- 1. Agapic action, social identities and post-colonialism

- 2. Agapic action and social inequalities

The summer school aims at providing competences in the fields of: analysis and social intervention, conflict management, social project design.

Furthermore, the summer school aims to be a special occasion to give PhD students and early stage researchers the opportunity to discuss their researches with senior scholars, and sharing thoughts and practices towards the improvement, implementation and publication of their works.

## **5. How to participate**

For participating to the summer school it is required to:

- Fill out the application form attached
- Submit a research abstract according to one of the research streams:
  - Agapic action, social identities and post-colonialism
  - Agapic action e social inequalities

The application form must be sent via e-mail at [info@social-one.org](mailto:info@social-one.org)

The abstract must express the link between the research interest's candidate and the concept of agapic action on one of the two research streams proposed. It must not exceed 400 words and include bibliographical references.

Empirical contributions which conjugate theory, research and action will be much appreciated, as well as papers able to combine the sociological and social service perspectives with multidisciplinary contributions.

## **6. Fees and accommodation**

The participants will not be asked to pay a fee for the summer school. Attendants are asked to pay 90 Realis (about 25 Euros) a day in order to cover accommodation costs and meals at the Cittadella Santa Maria, Pernambuco.

## **7. Scholarships**

In order to facilitate and incentivize the participation, PhD students and early stage researchers are welcome to apply for one of the 18 summer school's scholarships, distributed as follows:

- 9 100€ scholarships for candidates based in Brazil
- 6 150€ scholarships for candidates based in other countries of Latin America outside Brazil
- 3 400€ scholarships for candidates based in other geographical areas outside Latin America

The call for scholarship is available on-line at <http://www.social-one.org/it/>

## Application form – Summer School 2017 Cittadella santa Maria (PE-Brazil)

SUMMER SCHOOL'S APPLICATION FORM	
<i>To be sent at <a href="mailto:info@social-one.org">info@social-one.org</a> within August 20 2017</i>	
Candidate's details	
Name and Surname	
Address	CAP
City	State
Telephone (with International code)	
E-mail:	
CALL FOR ABSTRACT	
Research stream	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agapic action, social identities and post-colonialism	
<input type="checkbox"/> Agapic action and social inequalities	
Abstract (400 words)	
References	

### INFORMATION

According to the Italian art. 13 del D. Lgs. n. 196/2003, code on personal data protection.

All personal data provided with this application form will be managed manually and with electronic devices for: a) the organization of the event (participants registration, procedures linked to the training activities, internal organization, reception, possible certificate of attendance); b) sending information materials on future training activities

### AUTHORIZATION

- With the application form I authorize to the use of personal data according to the above mentioned information
- I give the permission to the use of my personal data for receiving information material about possible training activities for youht.