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## The Challenge of the Bologna Process

The discussion about the implementation of what has been named as "The Bologna Process" to facilitate transferability of the ECTS (European Credits Transfer System) is an opportunity to change the Curricula and to include new areas of scientific interest. This is an academic historic moment for Community Psychology in Europe, for us to engage in new and innovative proposals, and to include courses on Community Psychology within under-graduate, graduate and post-graduate studies.

The opportunities may emerge as core courses of optional courses in all the three academic degrees, and have more opportunities to engage students and/ or professional in supervised practicum inspired in Community Psychology values, research and practice. The spirit of the Bologna Process, which emphasizes student participation, establishing links with social contexts, and

the relevance attributed to learning outcomes is coherent with the principles of Community Psychology. I would propose and open debate about how we may influence and promote change in the European University Contexts. If we have examples within our membership experience in participating in the Bologna Process, we would be honoured to give them visibility through our Newsletter.

## Sixth European Conference on Community Psychology "Social Change in Solidarity"

Please join us at the Sixth European Conference on Community Psychology to be held October 6 to 8, 2006, in Opole, Poland. The Department of Psychology at Opole University is truly honored that the ECPA trusted the organization with this event. Help us celebrate the official arrival of Community Psychology in Central and Eastern Europe.

The 2 day-meeting will take place in XVII century castle (but equipped with 21th century amenities!), in Kamien Slaski, near the city of Opole. The overarching theme of the conference is "Social Change in Solidarity," yet all presentations concerning issues of community psychology are encouraged.

Our website is <http://www.psychologia.uni.opole.pl/community/index.php?lang=en&id=start>.

All proposals must be received on or before July 1, 2006.

We hope to see you in Opole soon,

The Organizing Committee [community@uni.opole.pl](mailto:community@uni.opole.pl)

### Announcing Community Psychology Initiatives

**MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES ON  
REAL WORLD HELPING AND SOCIAL ACTION**  
June 22, 2006 Long Beach, CA

Whether in response to poverty on street corners, the devastation of a natural disaster, the urgency of terror attacks, the desire to connect with a community, or the requirements of a service-learning project, real world helping provides benefits to the individuals who engage in the helping, the people or organizations receiving the help, and communities as a whole. Consistent with the missions of SPSSI and EAESP, this meeting seeks to promote excellence in psychological research and theory relevant to understanding the causes and consequences of naturalistic helping and social action. The one-day meeting will be held on Thursday, June 22, serving as a pre-conference for the 2006 SPSSI biennial conference in Long Beach, CA. In addition to invited addresses by both European and North American scholars, the meeting will highlight symposia focusing on different aspects of real world helping and social action, including volunteerism, community service, civic participation, and psychological sense of community. Substantial meeting time will be devoted to collaboration building and facilitated small-group discussions among participants.

The meeting will include a maximum of 50 participants ranging from graduate students to senior level researchers. Approximately equal representation of European and North American participants is anticipated. A limited number of lodging and travel scholarships will also be available. Persons interested in **applying for participation** are invited to submit a 300 word abstract describing their scholarly interests related to the topic of the meeting. Individuals interested in **presenting a poster** at the meeting should submit a 300 word abstract describing the focus of the poster by March 1, 2006. Questions about the meeting and poster abstracts should be sent electronically to [realworldhelping@gmail.com](mailto:realworldhelping@gmail.com).

Pre-conference organizers: Elena Marta, Catholic University of Milan (Italy); Debra Mashek, Harvey Mudd College (USA); Allen Omoto, Claremont Graduate University



The First International Conference on Community Psychology: Shared Agendas in Diversity will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico June 8-10, 2006. The Conference will be an opportunity for community psychologists and others engaged in community work from different continents to exchange and share ideas as they present their academic research and professional work.

A primary objective is to facilitate an exchange of diverse frameworks in community psychology and compare their strengths and weaknesses. Participants will have the opportunity to analyze the status of the discipline in terms of its theory and its practice, as well as to create a worldwide network of community psychologists and people engaged in community work.

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