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**The Futures We Expect:  
Time and Future Concepts As a Methodological Challenge in  
Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research**

**Call for Papers**

**Proposals due by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Session Organizers:**

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Time and future concepts are implicitly present in different fields of sociology. It is central in the study of biography – while reconstructing the biographical events and processes we always relate to our notion of time and to our future biographical prospects. In the sociological study of childhood, youth and education the perception of time, time and future design is an issue as it can critically influence the chances and the development perspectives of the adolescent. The adaptation to different time cultures is an important issue in the migration research. Last but not least, time (and different time concepts) is a pivot point in the organizational studies. This list of disciplines is rather suggestive. However, it indicates that time-related terminology is often used without considering the underlying time concept. Taking this into account, the session wants to discuss the following questions on an empirical, methodological and theoretical level:

- Which kind of impact can time and future concepts have on actors in different contexts? How do processes form individual time and future concepts in different settings (e.g. educational settings, contexts of migration, biographical challenges)?
- Which kind of role do time concepts play in methodological discourses?
- How can time concepts be systemized?

We highly welcome papers working on conceptual and methodological aspects of the study of time and future concepts. The papers can present methodological conceptual work or results from the own field work. We are interested in qualitative and mixed-methods approaches.

Paper proposals have to be submitted via the ISA website “Confex” (<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2016/gateway.cgi?>) by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and you will be notified, if your abstracts have been selected by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Please see the detailed session abstracts below and see the conference website (<http://www.isa-sociology.org/forum-2016/>) for further details. Please also note that all abstracts and papers have to be submitted and held in English language.