

## Conference announcement:

# Financialisation and the financial crisis

**When:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013

**Where:** Crowne Plaza Schiphol, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

The five-year project **Financialisation, Economy, Society and Sustainable Development** (FESSUD) receives **€7.9M** funding from the **E.U** and addresses the **central issues** addressed are the **ways** in which the growth and performance of **economies** in the last 30 years have been **dependent** on the characteristics of the processes of **financialisation**; how has financialisation **impacted** on the achievement of specific **economic, social, and environmental** objectives?; the **nature of the relationship** between financialisation and the sustainability of the financial system, economic development and the environment?; the **lessons** to be drawn **from the crisis** about the nature and impacts of financialisation? ; what are the **requisites** of a financial system able to **support** a process of **sustainable development**, broadly conceived?'

This conference will address many of these issues. It will include sessions in which FESSUD researchers present and debate their research findings, key note speakers on financialisation and reforms of the financial system, and submitted papers.

### Keynote speakers include:

Prof. Bob Jessop (<http://www.lancs.ac.uk/ias/profiles/bob-jessop> )

Prof. Stephany Griffiths-Jones (<http://stephanygj.net/>)

### The conference sessions include:

- Comparative analyses of the changing role of finance in economy and society
- Theoretical advances on financialisation: an encompassing approach
- Causes and consequences of the financial crisis: evaluations of the explanations
- Finance, real economy and the State
- Financialisation and well-being
- Financialisation, environment and sustainability
- Financial stability and macroeconomic policies

**Conference fee:** Non-FESSUD members: 70 euros per day (210 euros for three days) to include lunch and refreshments (PhD students 50 euros per day)

**Call for papers:** We invite the submission of papers for presentation at the conference on the themes of the FESSUD project (for further information on that see [www.fessud.eu](http://www.fessud.eu)): papers relating to the session topics indicated above particularly welcomed. Proposals with a 200 word abstract should be sent to the FESSUD office ([fessud@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:fessud@leeds.ac.uk)) by 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Decisions on acceptance will be communicated by 7<sup>th</sup> June.

**Registration details will be available on the FESSUD web site from 10<sup>th</sup> May.**

The FESSUD project ([www.fessud.eu](http://www.fessud.eu)) is funded by the European Union under Framework Programme 7 (theme SSH) grant agreement no. 266800

### **Abstract of the FESSUD project**

The research programme will **integrate diverse levels, methods and disciplinary traditions** with the aim of developing a comprehensive policy agenda for changing the role of the financial system to help achieve a future which is sustainable in environmental, social and economic terms. The programme involves an integrated and **balanced consortium** involving partners from **14 countries** that has unsurpassed experience of deploying **diverse perspectives** both within economics and across disciplines inclusive of economics. The programme is distinctively **pluralistic**, and aims to **forge alliances** across the **social sciences**, so as to understand **how finance can better serve economic, social and environmental needs**. The **central issues** addressed are the **ways** in which the growth and performance of **economies** in the last 30 years have been **dependent** on the characteristics of the processes of **financialisation**; how has financialisation **impacted** on the achievement of specific **economic, social, and environmental** objectives?; the **nature of the relationship** between financialisation and the sustainability of the financial system, economic development and the environment?; the **lessons** to be drawn **from the crisis** about the nature and impacts of financialisation? ; what are the **requisites** of a financial system able to **support** a process of **sustainable development**, broadly conceived?