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**UNITWIN/ UNESCO Chairs Programme**

**Progress Report**

**Period of Activity: 2007**

**UNESCO Chair in Labor and Solidarity Society**

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## **I. Activities**

### **1. Academic activities**

#### ***Education***

During the 2007 activity year, the UNESCO Chair offered courses on:

Title: Graduate Studies Programme on Social Sciences, Collective Health and Law

Target group: graduate students

Title: Graduate Studies Programme on Education, Philosophy and History

Target group: graduate students

#### ***Research***

Solidarity economy, cooperative education

Social nets and collective action

Gender violence

Social services and popular education

Peasant women in Rio Grande do Sul

### **2. Conferences/ Meetings**

Title: *Knowledge Production and Legitimization at/of Work*

Date and Place: 26 March 2007, Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos

Participants: 45

Title: *Inequalities, Rights and Public Politics*

Date and Place: 8-11 October 2007, Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos

Participants: 141

Title: *The World of Work and Worker's Life in Vale dos Sinos*

Date and Place: 3 April, 2 May, 5 June, 3 July, 7 August, 4 September, 2 October, 6 November and 4 December, Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos  
Participants: 20 per meeting

Title: *Research Group on Interdisciplinary Studies about the World of Work* (Meeting)  
Date and Place: 30 March, 27 April and 25 May, Universidade do Vale do Rio dos Sinos  
Participants: 10 per meeting

### **3. Partnerships/ Interuniversity Exchanges**

Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Center for Social Studies, University of Coimbra, Portugal

### **4. Publications**

Title: *Revista Economia Solidária e Ação Cooperativa* (National Magazine of Solidary Economy and Cooperative Action)  
Volumes: 2  
Year: 2007  
Language: Portuguese

## **II. Impact**

The UNESCO Chair in Labor and Solidarity Society organized a symposium on “Inequalities, Rights and Public Politics”. The event involved researchers and professors in the fields of politics and social practices participated in the symposium, in addition to graduate students and members of NGOs. The Chair also collaborated in the evaluation of *Social Partnership Net*, a state government program administered by the State Secretariat for Justice and Social Development in Rio Grande do Sul and UNESCO’s offices in Porto Alegre.

## **III. Forthcoming activities**

The Chair will intervene in monthly meetings on *Studies about Solidarity Economy*, an international symposium on the legacies of 1968 (*The Year 1968: Permanencies and Changes*) and organize a second meeting on social and solidarity economy in Argentina. The Chair will develop its partnership with Universidad Nacional de Gral, Sarmiento, Argentina and the Institute of Social Sciences in Holland. The publication of a book *A Outra Economia* (*The Other Economy*) is currently in progress.