

CALL FOR PAPERS

1st Maxwell Workshop on Organizations & The Natural Environment Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs Syracuse University (USA)

May 22-24, 2007

Theme: Organizations, Networks & the Natural Environment

Organizing Committee:

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This workshop begins what hopefully will become a regular series at the Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs, Syracuse University. The workshop will serve as a forum for exploring themes relevant to theory and practice related to complex formal organizations and the natural environment. For the first workshop we are calling for papers on organizational networks, including social capital networks as well as network forms of organization. Currently, research and discussion around networks remain cutting edge, essential, and often confusing. For our purposes we cast a wide net by defining organizational networks as two or more organizations working together to pursue mutual ends. The networks can be vertical or horizontal, informal or formal, domestic or international. In response to the call by Podolny and Page (“Network Forms of Organization” 1998 *Annual Review of Sociology*), we particularly welcome papers that explore network dysfunctionality as well as functionality. Papers can be theoretical and/or empirical but encourage those that blend the two.

Process: Interested authors should submit a 3-4 page double spaced expanded abstract to each member of the organizing committee [or full paper if available]. The abstract should include an overview of theme/theory, empirical evidence and methods, as appropriate, and conclusions. The committee will select 10-15 papers to be presented at the 2 ½ day workshop. Polished papers will be expected several months prior to the workshop in May 2007. This will allow invited respondents time to write their critiques. Selected papers will become part of an edited book and possibly other publications. Lodging and meal expenses will be provided for selected presenters. Air expenses will not likely be covered. *Attendance is open to all.*

Please send an expression of interest before submitting your abstract. Deadline for expanded abstract: December 1, 2006; Deadline for completed paper: April 1, 2007.

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