

The Institute for Sociology, Centre for Social Sciences, HAS
cordially invites you to its twenty-sixth *Jour fixe* event:

Roman Kuhar (University of Ljubljana):

Playing with Science:

Sexual Citizenship and the Roman Catholic Church
counter-narratives in Slovenia

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Abstract:

Placing same-sex partnership debate in Slovenia in its historical context, the lecture focuses on the role of the Roman Catholic Church in this debate and its attempts to secure exclusionary patriarchal and traditional values and interpretations in the context of issues pertaining to sexual citizenship. Taking the example of the recent Family Code debate in Slovenia it shows how the Church and its satellite civil society organizations increasingly refrain from using “biblical discourse”, substituting it with what appears as a rational, scientific discourse moulded into reassuring and populist common-sense statements. In such a way, the Church is secularizing its discourse in order to “clericalize” society. Furthermore, it is successfully reinventing the issues of family and marriage as an ideological battleground of contemporary cultural wars in post-socialist societies, constituting gays and lesbians as the outsiders of the nation.

The venue of the lecture:

Institute for Sociology, Centre for Social Sciences, HAS,
Hegedüs room, Budapest I. Úri u. 49.

Date: 2 October, 2014 (Thursday), 1p.m.

Please send an email to szociologia@tk.mta.hu before 1 October if you wish to participate