

-CALL FOR PAPERS-

## 8th QICSS New Researchers Conference

### ***Research Questions and Social Statistics: Various Paths to Shed Light on Social Issues***

**Friday, March 13 2015**

Concordia University

In the past few months, Quebec universities and the Fonds de recherche du Québec have suffered significant budget cuts that are impairing university research capacities. In this context, it is more important than ever to demonstrate how useful research can be in shedding light on a wide range of social issues and to show how crucial it is for training the next generation of researchers. It is this challenging context that has inspired the upcoming 8th QICSS New Researchers Conference theme, which aims to highlight a range of approaches that use social statistics to study various social issues such as daycare services, poverty, health determinants, immigration, and ageing. We wish to take advantage of the opportunity this event presents to demonstrate the vitality and relevance of research conducted by young researchers, as well as the necessity of providing adequate funding for such research endeavours within university settings.

Graduate students, post-doctoral researchers and recent graduates conducting (or having conducted) research at the QICSS are invited to submit a proposal for a presentation examining various approaches (data sources, quantitative methods, statistical models) used to shed light on a wide range of social issues. Potential topics could include:

- the data sources, their richness and limitations to address primary research questions
- the choice of the statistical model, its underlying hypotheses in view of the existing literature within a specific area of study
- the demonstration of the soundness of the research with appropriate findings

Speakers can choose to present in French or in English. Proposals must include a title and an abstract including the rationale and objectives of the study, the methodology and the main results (maximum one page); submissions should be sent to [jean.poirier@umontreal.ca](mailto:jean.poirier@umontreal.ca) by **January 20, 2015** at the latest. The scientific committee will assess the proposals and announce its decision no later than **January 30, 2015**.

Researchers from outside of the Montreal area will be eligible for financial support.