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## **The challenge of activity-driven approaches for changes**

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### **Objective**

In August 2000, the International Ergonomics Association Council adopted an official definition, writing that « *ergonomics is a systems-oriented discipline which now extends across all aspects of human activity* ». It was decided in July 2005, to form a Technical Committee named « *Activity theories for work analysis and design* ». Its objectives are:

- To develop a research community interested by cultural and historical approaches of human conduct in ergonomics.
- To document and to disseminate theories and methods based on these approaches for field analysis and design.
- To organize collaborative events for researchers and practitioners interested by this area.

After two previous events of the TC ATWAD (Maastricht, 2006, and Helsinki, 2008), the 17th triennial IEA congress provides the opportunity to create a unique forum for exchanges and dialogues with the Chinese and Asian communities interested by activity-driven design approaches for changes. “Activity approaches” is understood in the broad sense. Cultural and Historical Activity Theory, but also situated approaches of action and cognition at work, or workplace studies and practice-based approaches are welcome.

### **Theme**

Submissions are invited in all areas of theoretical and empirical research in ergonomics: intervention, design and change, well-being and occupational health, etc.

### **Presentations**

Next to oral presentations, posters, round table discussions may be proposed. The proposal will either focus on theoretical and empirical research or intervention. Presentations will be published in the proceedings of the IEA 2009 Congress.

### **Submission and Important dates**

Abstracts can be submitted at the IEA Congress website ([www.iea2009.org](http://www.iea2009.org)).

**Please make sure to select “ATWAD” as a keyword when submitting your paper].**

Submission of 500 word abstract: November 15, 2008;

Notification of acceptance: January 1, 2009;

Full paper: April 1, 2009.