



The outgoing Chairman of UNESCO's Executive Board, Joseph Yaï, the Mayor of Porto Alegre, José Fogaça, and the Senegalese Commission for UNESCO in the headlines of *SHSviews* n°26

Covering the news for the months of October to December 2009, *SHSviews* n°26 has just been published in English and in French and includes an exclusive interview with the outgoing **Chairman of the Executive Board of UNESCO, Olabiya Babalola Joseph Yaï**, in which the latter provides a first assessment of the experience gained in this role and calls for the organization of an international conference that would distribute the cards and responsibilities within the UN system.

Interview with Olabiya Babalola Joseph Yaï: “UNESCO should be the locomotive of thinking on governance”

The news magazine of the Social and Human Sciences Sector continues its journey through **UNESCO National Commissions**, and stopped over this time in **Senegal**, and discovered a Commission which pays special attention to social and human sciences, considering that they can help grasp the complexity of contemporary issues.

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- Understanding better the contribution of population movements
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- The fight against poverty: making youth a priority

Continuing the debate opened in No. 24 on the **inclusion of all populations, including migrants, in cities**, the last issue of the year opens its columns to the **Mayor of Porto Alegre (Brazil), José Fogaça**, where he explains how “local solidarity governance” practised in this municipality gives citizens the power to control and more autonomy over local development strategies and quality of life.

Reader's forum: “The choice of social capital” by José Fogaça

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