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Political Science in Central European Countries: Tradition, Contradiction, Diversity

Edited by: Holzer, Jan; Pšejka, Pavel

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Topics: This book analyzes the developments in European political science. Drawing upon extensive original research, there are two major advantages to this study. First, the book focuses on the most recent developments in four different Central European countries - the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, and Slovakia - thus allowing for more in-depth research than usual. Second, it elaborates upon the issues that significantly go beyond traditional accounts, paying serious attention, not only to research and teaching elements, but also examining publication performances, international outreaches, and societal impacts that political science has in these four countries.

Internet: <http://www.isbs.com/partnumber.asp?cid=27395&pnid=334790>

(source: Internet)

The special issue of Euxeinos on Internet and Politics in Russia

Edited by: Ulrich Schmid, Maria Tagangaeva

Published by: the Center for Governance and Culture in Europe

Publication date: now available online

Topics: The internet publication "Euxeinos" explores contemporary cultural, political, economic and social issues in the Black Sea Region.

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Internet: <http://www.gce.unisg.ch/de/Projekte/Euxeinos.aspx>

(source: Internet)

Max Weber. Collected Methodological Writings

Edited by: Hans Henrik Bruun, Sam Whimster

Published by: Routledge

Pages: 566

Publication date: March 19, 2012

Topics: Weber's methodological writings form the bedrock of key ideas across the social sciences. His discussion of value freedom and value commitment, causality, understanding and explanation, theory building and ideal types have been of fundamental importance, and their impact remains undiminished today. These ideas influence the current research practice of sociologists, historians, economists and political scientists and are central to debates in the philosophy of social science. But, until now, Weber's extensive writings on methodology have lacked a comprehensive publication. Edited by two of the world's leading Weber scholars, Collected Methodological Writings will provide a completely new, accurate and reliable translation of Weber's extensive output, including previously untranslated letters. Accompanying editorial commentary explains the context of, and interconnections between, all these writings, and additional useful features include a glossary of German terms and an English key, endnotes, bibliography, and person and subject indexes.

Internet: <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415478984/>

(source: Internet)

Call for papers Conferences

Conference: "Higher Education in Ukraine: Internationalization, Reform, Innovation" (take part in the conference as a visitor)

Date: April 20-21, 2012

Site: Kyiv, Ukraine

Organiser: Ukrainian House

Topics: The goal of the conference is to critically assess the past, present, and future of higher education in Ukraine within the context of international education trends of European and former Soviet and socialist states. Key topics to be discussed at the conference: University governance and educational policy; From teaching universities to research universities; Inclusive education/special education for people with special needs in Ukraine; Standardized testing (for admissions, assessment of learning outcomes, etc.); National qualifications framework; Introduction of PhD programs (in Ukraine and other post-socialist countries); Employers' involvement in higher education; University ratings and rankings; The role of foundations and /or NGOs in educational reform; Contributions of exchange programs (Fulbright and others) to higher education.

Language: English and Ukrainian

Fee: on the 1st day: 100 UAH, on the 2nd day: 75 UAH, Students are not required to pay the registration fee

Deadline: Registration for Conference Visitors until April 15, 2012

Contact: Oksana Tovaryanska

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Internet: <http://www.educationconferenceua2012.org.ua/index.php/conf1/2012/index>

(source: Internet)

International Conference "Climate Change, Economy, Law and Society - Interactions in BSR, 2012"

Date: May 28-30, 2012

Site: Szczecin, Poland

Organizers: University of Szczecin (Poland); Institute of Coastal Research Helmholtz Zentrum Geesthacht (Germany); Voivodship Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management in Szczecin (Poland); University of Greifswald (Germany); Polish Academy of Sciences (Gdańsk, Poland); University of Rostock (Germany); Károly Róbert University College (Gyöngyös, Hungary); International BALTTEX Secretariat (Germany); Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research (Germany); Maritime University of Szczecin (Poland).

Topics: The aim of the Conference is to bring together academic and other specialists from the Baltic Sea Region as well as from other European regions to continue dialogue about common problems and ideas in climate change, economics, law and social issues; and to foster the links, co-operation and friendships already established in the BSR. The Organizers foresee that one of parallel sessions will be dedicated to the presence and the future of financial intermediary sector in Poland as well as within the European Union. The conference welcomes submission of papers related to climate changes, economics, law, social and regional and urban development.

Language: English

Deadline: April 10, 2012; electronic submissions only

E-mail: ccelsi2012@wneiz.pl

Internet: <http://www.us.szc.pl/ccelsi>

(source: e-mail from the organisers)

International Conference: "Religion and Politics in the Globalization Era"

Date: June 22-24, 2012

Site: Cluj, Romania

Organiser: Centre for Political Analysis and Institute for Global Studies of Babes-Bolyai University

Topics: The event is aimed at fostering a forum for cross-national and cross-cultural debates on the key aspects that underlie and emerge from the interplay relating religion to various aspects of national and international politics. The list of specific topics as guidelines for papers and discussions include: Religion and democracy; Human rights and responsibilities in world religions; Religion as a source and supporter of global ethics; Religion: promoting violence or peace?; Religion's role in the international system; Religion and ecology; The use of religious language for political purposes: religion and electoral campaigns; Religious beliefs and political parties and movements; Global poverty and religiously inspired terrorism; Public theologies and public policies.

Language: English

Fee: PhD candidates: 80 €; regular participants: 100 €

Deadline: April 30, 2012

Contact:

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Internet: <http://rde.politicalanalysis.ro/>

(source: e-mail from the organisers)

Sociology and Contemporary Global Social Activism Conference

Date: June 15, 2012

Site: London, UK

Organiser: The University of Roehampton's Department of Social Sciences and the Sociology Programme at St Mary's University

Topics: The conference aims to create a fertile and productive dialogue between the multiplicity of sociological voices researching into the contemporary crisis and the search for global social justice. The conference will be the first of two collaborative events between the University of Roehampton and St Mary's University which will link with and develop themes by exploring human rights, social justice, political authority and social activism in the context of new patterns of migration and global change.

Language: English

Deadline: April 28, 2012; Submissions should be sent to: evansd@smuc.ac.uk

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Internet: <http://www.roehampton.ac.uk/News/Sociology-and-Contemporary-Global-Social-Activism-Conference>

(source: Internet)

2012 SASA congress: "Knowledge, Technologies and Social Change"

Date: July 1-4, 2012

Site: Cape Town, South Africa

Organiser: the Department of Sociology at the University of Cape Town

Topics: The 2012 SASA congress will focus on some of the interrelationships between knowledge, technologies, social and economic change, including the roles of universities in promoting, analysing and contesting technologies. SASA 2012 provides an opportunity to ask of different domains of technology: How are the design, use and effects of changing technologies linked to the social cleavages that characterize contemporary South Africa –as with much of the global South as well as the North – including especially those of class, race, age and gender?; Do these new technologies challenge, deepen or reify existing social inequalities?; How is "science", including "university science(s)", understood by the "public(s)" of civil society?; How do universities (specifically the social sciences) contribute both to the development of technologies, and to their critical appreciation and use?

Language: English

Fee: Student: 1000 – 1300 Rand; SASA Member: 2000 – 2200 Rand; Non-SASA Member: 2000 – 2700 Rand

Deadline: April 12, 2012

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E-mail: 2012sasacongress@gmail.com

Internet: <http://www.sasaonline.org.za/2012-sasa-conference.html>

(source: Internet)

Warsaw International Economic Meeting

Date: July 6-8, 2012

Site: Warsaw, Poland

Organiser: The University of Warsaw, Faculty of Economic Sciences and National Bank of Poland

Topics: All economists, academics and non-academics alike, are invited to submit their unpublished analytical work or new research in all areas of economics. The main objective of this meeting is to stimulate cooperation of researchers and exchange of ideas in the field. Young economists, such as graduate students or post-docs are encouraged to apply.

Language: English

Fee: No conference fee is charged but participants are expected to cover other associated costs, such as travel and accommodation.

Deadline: April 15, 2012

Contact: WIEM 2012 Organising Committee

E-mail: wiem@wne.uw.edu.pl

Internet: <http://www.wiem-conference.pl/>

(source: e-mail from the organizers)

9th Annual East European Conference "Old and New: Past, Present, and Future of the Post-Communist World"

Date: July 15-18, 2012

Site: Warsaw, Poland

Organiser: The Center for East European Studies at the University of Warsaw

Topics: The Purpose and the main focus of the Ninth Warsaw East European Conference will be put on identification and explanation of different change trajectories within the post-communist world, analysis of evolving incentives and costs in course of economic, political and cultural transformation. The organisers continue debate on history and memory, media and communications, national identity and nation building in post-communist countries. It will focus on the Past and Present, and on shaping the inevitable Future of post-communist world upon explaining the success and failure of post-communist transformations.

Language: English

Fee: Listeners registration payment: 70 PLN; Speakers registration payment: 10 – 80 €
Deadline: April 15, 2012

Contact: The Conference Office, 7/55 Obozna str., entrance from Sewerynów street, PL 00-927 Warszawa
Tel.: +48 225 52 18 88
Fax: +48 225 52 18 87
E-mail: conf.studium@uw.edu.pl
Internet: http://www.timeandspace.lviv.ua/files/events/call_for_papers_weec_2012_66.pdf
 (source: Internet)

Violence Studies Conference 2012

Date: August 21-23, 2012
Site: Newcastle, Australia
Organiser: The Humanities Research Institute and the Centre for the History of Violence
Topics: The program committee welcomes panels and paper proposals that deal with the history of violence in the broadest sense, in all parts of the world, from the fifteenth century to the present day. In order to complement the Humanities Research Institute's continuing strengths in the history of violence, the Committee encourages proposals that involve histories of gender and race, cultural history, and religious history. The Committee also invites submissions from scholars working in war, murder, mass murder and atrocity.
Language: English
Fee: Full Rate: 300 \$; Single Day Rate: 100 \$
Deadline: May 1, 2012

Contact: A/Prof Philip Dwyer, Prof. Lyndall Ryan
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Internet: <http://www.newcastle.edu.au/institute/humanities-research/historyofviolence/ViolenceStudiesConference2012.html>
 (source: e-mail from the organisers)

CPE-RN Conference – “The “Critical” in “Critical Political Economy””

Date: September 20-21, 2012
Site: Barcelona, Spain
Organiser: Universitat Pompeu Fabra
Topics: This two-day conference in Barcelona seeks to explore in an open, honest and reflexive manner these issues: what “critical” refers to and the implications of being “critical”. The organisers are interested in all of the above plus more, and wish for the conference to cover a wide range of topics. As such, they seek contributions from those with an interest in political economy research, regardless of their disciplinary affiliation and whether they are in academia or not. The organisers also hope to attract a diverse range of participants, from a number of countries and backgrounds. To this end, limited funds will be available for assisting PhD researchers who present a paper – especially those from Central and Eastern Europe – with their travel and accommodation costs.
Language: English
Deadline: April 25, 2012; Abstracts should be submitted to cpem@criticalpoliticaleconomy.net

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E-mail: : lhorn@ruc.dk
Internet: <http://criticalpoliticaleconomy.net/2012/03/17/barcelona201/>
 (source: e-mail from the organisers)

Belgrade Security Forum: “Security Community Building: Bridging the Theory/Policy Divide”

Date: September 20-22, 2012
Site: Belgrade, Serbia
Organiser: Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence, European Movement in Serbia and Belgrade Centre for Security Policy
Topics: The Forum is the biggest international security conference in Southeast Europe each year gathering several hundred top level policy and decision makers, NGO leaders, experts, academics and journalists. The overarching topic of this year's Forum will be Coping with the Crisis: Challenges for Security and Democracy. The Belgrade Security Forum is a unified event divided into two portions: an academic event on the first day, and a policy portion encompassing the next two days. The subtopic of the academic event will be “Security Community Building: Bridging the Theory/Policy Divide”. All accepted papers will be presented during the academic portion (September 20) of the Forum. The aim of the academic event is to feed scholarly insights into the policy portion (September 21-22) of the Belgrade Security Forum.
Language: English
Deadline: April 15, 2012; Submissions should be sent to: office@ccmr-bg.org

Internet: <http://www2.belgradeforum.org/pre-event.html>
 (source: e-mail from the organisers)

ECSR/EQUALSOC Conference: Economic change, Equality of life and Social cohesion

Date: September 24-26, 2012

Site: Stockholm, Sweden

Organiser: The European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) and Equalsoc

Topics: The theme of the conference is "Economic change, Equality of life and Social cohesion". The central emphasis is on cross-national and cross-temporal research on issues such as inequality, mobility, the changing patterns of work and family formation and the increasing role of multiculturalism. The analysis of how change in such respects influences the conditions for women and men, social classes and ethnic groups is particularly important. Besides plenary lectures by specially invited keynote speakers the conference offers a possibility to present papers in parallel sessions on a wide range of topics: Employment and Labour market research; Patterns of family formation, marital dissolution and gendered division of housework; The intersection between family and work; The dynamics of poverty, deprivation and economic vulnerability; Social stratification and intergenerational transmission of inequality; Social and cultural differentiations: contextual effects on social inequality; Welfare states, civic society, trust and social cohesion.

Language: English

Deadline: April 15, 2012

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Internet: <http://www.rug.nl/soc/ecsr/object938114490?lang=en>

(source: Internet)

Research Methods and Techniques in Economic and Social Sciences

Date: October 6-7, 2012

Site: Plovdiv, Bulgaria

Organiser: Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"

Topics: The international conference is devoted to the new challenges, and problems of contemporary societies that scientific community has to deal with. The organisers shall discuss the problems of economic in social sciences concerning research approaches and methods that allow us to achieve accurate and reliable results, needed in the practice. The process of establishing and the maintaining a quality dialogue between science and social and political activities, obviously presupposes solid interconnections between the theoretical and the empirical levels of knowledge. At this stage the role of methodology is decisive. The format and the organization of the conference are intended to create a favourable scientific atmosphere, stimulating discussions and exchange of ideas between adepts at various theories and approaches among the academic society.

Language: English

Fee: For participants from Bulgaria – 100 leva; for foreign participants – 100 €; for participant from Plovdiv University there is no fee

Deadline: April 30, 2012; Applications should be sent to: conf2012fism@uni-plovdiv.bg

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Internet: <http://rmtess.fism.uni-plovdiv.bg/en>

(source: e-mail from the organisers)

Security, Democracy and Development in the Southern Caucasus and the Black Sea Region

Date: October 11-13, 2012

Site: Istanbul, Turkey

Organiser: The Academic Swiss Caucasus Net (ASCN) in cooperation with Kadir Has University

Topics: The conference overall will address the interaction of security, democracy and development in the Southern Caucasus and the wider Black Sea region. Specific topics and debates will be explored within and between these broad themes. Research papers will include contributions from a variety of social science disciplines as well as interdisciplinary work. Panels and roundtables will analyse evolving state level, regional and broader international processes, present new scholarship and allow the exchange of ideas from a wide variety of national, theoretical and intellectual perspectives.

Language: English

Deadline: April 25, 2012

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(source: Internet)

2012 Presidential Elections in the United States: Challenges and Expectations

Date: October 26-27, 2012

Site: Kraków, Poland

Organiser: Jagiellonian University, Institute of American Studies and Polish Diaspora

Topics: The Conference aim is to debate the ongoing issue of 2012 Presidential Elections in the United States. What are the problems that the next president is going to be challenged by? How are candidates expected to

appeal to voters and what challenges they must meet on the contemporary campaign trail? What are the challenges of the modern campaigning and how the U.S. political system is expected to deal with them? To discuss the phenomenon, we welcome panel and paper proposals for wide range of issues, including, but not limited to, American electoral system, presidential nomination and general election process & outcomes, campaign finance, electoral turnout and voting behavior, role of the media and new media, political communication and campaign rhetoric, elections and political parties, interests groups and grassroots movements in the electoral process, and others.

Language: English

Fee: 450 PLN (ca. 100 EURO) if paid by September 1, 2012; or 650 PLN (ca. 150 EURO) if paid later

Deadline: May 31, 2012. All those interested are encouraged to send their proposals either for 15-minute presentations or whole group panels (abstract of max. 300 words + brief CV).

Contact: Paweł Laidler, PhD; Maciej Turek, PhD

E-mail: 2012electionsconference@gmail.com

Internet: <http://www.iaisp.uj.edu.pl/2012electionsconference>

Call for papers Workshops

Mega-events in Eastern Europe

Date: October 29-31, 2012

Site: Lviv, Ukraine

Organiser: Center for Governance and Culture in Europe, Universität St. Gallen, Switzerland and Center for Urban History of East Central Europe, Lviv, Ukraine

Topics: This workshop seeks to initiate a discussion on the new wave of mega-events in Eastern Europe. In so doing, it aims to develop an understanding of the variegated institutional, economic and cultural constellations and recombinant forms of rule that have emerged in Eastern European states and cities and shape the trajectories of mega-events. How, for example, are mega-events an epiphenomenon of globalization with at the same time rather specific regional inflections? How do reforms in urban governance and the introduction of new planning processes relate to the organisation of mega-events? What is the role of the state in the preparation? How are mega-events used for branding and place promotion? In examining these processes, we expect to find both convergence and divergence in the organisation of similar events in other parts of the world.

Language: English

Deadline: April 30, 2012; please send your proposals to: martin.mueller@unisg.ch

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(source: e-mail from the organisers)

Call for papers Summer Schools

National Minorities and Border Regions Summer School

Date: September 6-13, 2012

Site: Flensburg, Germany

Organiser: The European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI) in cooperation with the European Academy of Bozen/Bolzano (EURAC), University of Flensburg and University of Southern Denmark

Topics: The ECMI Summer School aims to set out the conceptual and normative approaches to the study of national minorities in border regions and to explore their different applications in relation to current arrangements across Europe. By the end of the summer school, the students will be able to critically evaluate the successes and failures regarding the accommodation of national minority groups in the border regions of the European states.

Language: English

Fee: 400 €

Deadline: June 1, 2012

Contact:

E-mail: summerschool2012@ecmi.de

Internet: <http://www.nmbr.de/>

(source: e-mail from the organisers)

First trinational French-German-Polish Genshagen Summer School: "A sustainable energy policy for Europe?"

Date: August 22-31, 2012

Site: Genshagen (close to Berlin), Germany

Organiser: Stiftung Genshagen (Germany), Université de Lorraine (France), Instytut Spraw Publicznych (Poland)

Topics: Stiftung Genshagen (Germany), Université de Lorraine (France), Instytut Spraw Publicznych (Poland)

Topics: In times of climate change and diminishing oil reserves, energy policy is more at the centre of attention than ever. Beyond cheap energy as a prerequisite for economic growth and welfare, it is increasingly important to discuss what a sustainable energy policy should look like. 2012 is the year of „Rio+20“: Twenty years after the so-called „Earth Summit“ in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 and ten years after the 2002 Johannesburg Summit, the UN conference on Sustainable Development will take place in June 2012. For that reason, issues pertaining to sustainability and combating climate change will be high up on the international agenda – including energy policy. A mere look at attitudes towards nuclear energy in the three countries illustrates that approaches to energy and climate policy differ widely in the Weimar Triangle. This also holds true for attitudes towards Russia as a guarantor for Western European energy. However, in this particular field of policy, it is clearer than ever that solutions cannot be found at national levels alone; Europe needs to speak with one voice. Against this background, deeper insight in respective debates in Germany, France and Poland seems particularly valuable and necessary. Attaining to that deepened insight is the objective of the 2012 edition of the Genshagen Summer School. The programme for the Summer School is both at a high scholarly level and diverse: besides lectures given by university teachers, a special focus lies on discussion and exchange among participants. It is completed by cultural events and informal meetings with practitioners from business, government or NGOs. Application is open to students at Master and PhD level from Germany, France and Poland. The Summer School is funded by the German-Polish Science Foundation, the Foundation for Polish-German Cooperation and the Franco-German University.

Language: English

Deadline: April 27, 2012

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(source: e-mail from the organisers)

Call for papers Journals

Arhivele Totalitarismului (Totalitarianism Archives) 2012

Place of publication: Romania

Type of publication: print/ online

Publication date: Fall 2012

Published by/ edited by: the National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism of the Romanian Academy

Topics: Totalitarianism Archives publishes original papers, conceptual framework, case studies, and book reviews on the topics of totalitarianism and totalitarian regimes in Romania, Europe and elsewhere. Totalitarianism Archives is abstracted in EBSCO and CEEOL databases. Senior scholars, researchers, PhD students and postdoctoral students are strongly encouraged to submit multidisciplinary papers on one of the following topics: Ideology, propaganda, political parties and organizations: The totalitarian experience in the 20th century; European right wing; Italian fascism, Nazism; Stalin's Great Terror; The Comintern and Communist Parties in Europe; International relations: Western Communist Parties' and the Communist Party in the Soviet Union; Political, economic, social, and cultural evolutions in the Soviet bloc after World War II; "Stalinisation" versus "destalinisation"; East-West relations during the Cold War; Détente: the perspectives of cooperation; Opposition to totalitarianism: From resistance to dissent.

Deadline: The contributors are kindly asked to send abstracts and a short narrative CV until May 1, 2012. The proposals may be submitted to: arhiveletotalitarismului@gmail.com or ana.catanus@gmail.com. The deadline for the final draft of the paper is July 1, 2012

Contact: Str. Arh. Grigore Cerchez, 16, Bucharest 011876, Romania

E-mail: inst.academia@gmail.com

Internet: <http://www.ceeol.com/asp/publicationdetails.aspx?publicationId=32ba4871-4b5e-4047-8878-097c12a7b5ce>

(source: e-mail from the editors)

KOME: international journal of pure communication inquiry

Place of publication: Hungary

Type of publication: print and online

Published by: Hungarian Communication Society

Topics: The journal aims to create a platform for an innovative interdisciplinary discourse in the field of communication studies, with a focal point on pure communication inquiry. KOME welcomes researches and discussions with an eye toward defining and theorizing communication and the media, and invite authors to submit manuscripts exploring basic questions of the field with plausible reasoning, but regardless of the theoretical framework or the chosen methodology.

Deadline: May 10, 2012; Submissions should be sent to: kome@komejournal.com

Contact: Dr. Marton Demeter PhD

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Internet: <http://komejournal.com/home.html>

(source: e-mail from the editors)

Český lid : Ethnological Journal. Special issue: Everyday urban life in the socialist era in Central and Eastern Europe

Place of publication: Prague, Czech Republic

Publication Date: autumn 2013

Type of publication: print

Published by: Institute of Ethnology, Czech Academy of Sciences

Topics: The aim of the planned issue of the Český lid is to explore the everyday life of inhabitants of cities and towns within the context of the former socialist system, which influenced the everyday practices of people in a specific way. Its political, economic and socio-cultural conditions created distinct structural pressure on the organization of everyday life. At the same time they influenced the setting of boundaries between "private" and "official" in re-interpretations of urban space and of the events being set in this space. Welcomed are articles oriented both theoretically and empirically. The preferred topics of the proposed articles are: Everyday life in the public/private spaces; Urban rhythms and routines and their persistence and disruptions; Celebrations and festivities; Work and leisure; Consumption in the urban environment; Representation of the socialist home – dwelling forms for the socialist family.

Deadline: June 30, 2012; please, send your proposals (maximum 300 words) in Czech, Slovak, or English

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(source: e-mail from the editors)

Special issue on "Polish History, Society and Culture - View from the outside" in the ESA bulletin

Place of publication: Poland

Type of publication: print and online (open access)

Published by/ edited by: AGH University of Science and Technology Press, Faculty of Humanities

Topics: The Editorial Board of "Studia Humanistyczne AGH" warmly welcomes scholarly contributions from all interested in and working in the field of Polish history, society and culture (including literature, history of art and art criticism, international relations, challenges of immigration and emigration) to be published in an upcoming edition of the Journal. Papers from abroad are especially encouraged. The Editors are convinced that a view from the distance will highlight multiple aspects of Polish history, society and culture, essential parallels and influences, neglected so far.

Deadline: July 15, 2012; Submissions should be directed to: studiahumanistyczne@agh.edu.pl

Contact: Editorial Board

E-mail: studiahumanistyczne@agh.edu.pl

Internet: <http://www.studiahumanistyczne.agh.edu.pl/home-page/>

(source: e-mail from the editors)

Special issue of "Interstitio. East European Review of Historical and Cultural Anthropology": Time, Space and Agency in (Post) socialist Festive Culture

Place of publication: Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Type of publication: print

Publication date: September 2012

Published by/ edited by: Institute of Social History of the Moldova State University in cooperation with the Institute of History, Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Silesia

Topics: This themed issue of Interstitio focuses on the complexity of official celebrations through the dimensions of time, space and agency. The aim is to reveal the multiple voices of memory, strategies of building/contesting new collective identity, emotional feelings of political fear/loyalty, nostalgic remembrances and, especially, the silent experiences that emerged in the relationship between "political leaders" and "ordinary people", as they are reflected in the ambiguous process of building (post)socialist festive culture. The editors invite prospective authors to consider how celebrations offered space and created time for resistance, loyalty or escape; how they served as frames for hope, solidarity and remembrance; how socialist performances changed people's views of their own pasts and identities; and how the propagandistic traits of festive culture have been revived, forgotten or marginalised since 1991.

Deadline: For abstracts - April 6, 2012; for papers - May 31, 2012; Manuscripts should be submitted electronically as an email attachment in MS Word format to interstitio@promemoria.md

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(source: e-mail from the editors)

Acta Universitatis Sapientiae Social Analysis

Place of publication: Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Type of publication: print and online

Publication date: July, 2012, third issue

Topics: Social Analysis publishes original studies focused towards the analysis of various social phenomena and processes taking place in East-Central Europe. The journal seeks to provide a stance for comparative perspectives and multiple methodologies in the approaching of these themes. In accordance with the above determination, the third issue of the journal welcomes theoretical discussions, empirical studies, research notes and book reviews which investigate issues of social change and development, cultural reconfiguration and associated discourses in the context of East-Central Europe and its regions.

Deadline: April 10, 2012; Manuscripts should be sent to: acta-social@acta.sapientia.ro

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Internet: <http://infocentar.gradjanske.org/?p=1293>

(source: Internet)

The International Journal of Management, Knowledge and Learning

Place of publication: Celje, Slovenia

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Grants/Jobs/Internships

Postdoctoral Fellows Program

Institution/Organiser: National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE)

Kind of support/work: job

Duration: Fellowship start date is September 1, 2012

Site: Moscow, Russian Federation

Topics: The postdoctoral fellow is expected to pursue his/her own independent research interests, make no less than two presentations of the research before the affiliated department or broader audience, and deliver about 15 hours of individual consultations on academic writing for their Russian colleagues and/or students.

Eligibility: This competitive institutional award is open to recent doctorates (Ph.D. degree within the past 3 years from non-Russian universities) and doctoral students who have completed their Ph.D. thesis in Economics and Sociology. The National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE) welcome applicants with research interests across the full range of sociology and economics fields

Deadline: April 15, 2012; Applications should be submitted electronically to the attention of Mr. Boris Zhelezov, bzhelezov@hse.ru

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(source: Internet)

Invitation for Candidates for Young Researcher in 2012

Institution/Organiser: School of Advanced Social Studies (SASS)

Kind of support/work: job

Duration: up to 3.5 years from December 1, 2012

Site: Nova Gorica, Slovenia

Topics: Research work of young researcher will be focused on exploration of cultural requisites of democracy. Namely, the field of politics is, as is the case with other fields of society, strongly connected with different elements of culture. We are talking about political culture that could be perceived as a set of attitudes, beliefs, and sentiments which give order and meaning to a political process and which provide the underlying assumptions and rules that govern of political actors. There are different levels of political culture. On one hand, we are dealing with relatively deeply rooted elements like values that slowly change through time, and, on the other, with more 'superficial' elements like opinions that depend on concrete circumstance and change more easily. Political culture can be perceived as one of key factors, important for development of stabilised democracy. Junior researcher will focus on following issues: Which elements of cultural traditions are more and which less compatible with democratic development? What is a basis of involvement of democratic political culture? What are characteristics of political culture in countries of Central and Eastern Europe and which are scenarios of future development in this

field? Key aims of the research work will be: 1) detection of key cultural predispositions that are needed for development of democratic political culture; 2) analysis of factors that contribute to formation of cultural patterns as basis for political conduct; and 3) comparison of the state of political culture in Slovenia, in other transition countries, and in Western countries.

Eligibility: Candidates for young researchers must fulfil the following conditions: having at least a bachelor's degree in a relevant field, obtained in a study course adopted in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004 and the average grade of all examinations and coursework (excluding the degree examination) of at least 8.00, and meeting all conditions for doctoral studies; or having another degree in a relevant field, obtained in a master's study course adopted in the Republic of Slovenia after 11 June 2004 and the average grade of all examinations and coursework (excluding the degree examination) of at least 8.00, or having a master's degree obtained in a master's study course adopted in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004; or comparable education to that referred to in the first, second and third indent hereunder acquired at foreign universities; and not more than five years have passed since defending of the thesis referred to in the first or second indent hereunder or defending of the master's thesis referred to in the third indent hereunder, where the five-year period shall be set as up to 30 September of the current year; if the candidate for young researcher has entered postgraduate studies without financial support of the Agency or the Ministry of Science, the period since defending of the thesis or the master's thesis shall be extended above five years, namely one year shall be added for each entered study year; a candidate should be eligible to begin his/her Ph.D. study of sociology at SASS, which should be completed within 3.5 years. If a candidate for young researcher has already entered postgraduate studies to acquire a science academic title or has a master's degree obtained in a master's study course adopted in the Republic of Slovenia before 11 June 2004, the average grade of the undergraduate studies shall be irrelevant, except in the case of a repeated entry in the first year of postgraduate studies. If the candidate for young researcher has used the parental leave – with one year accounted per one child – the period since defending of the thesis or the master's thesis shall be extended beyond five years. Equally applies to documented sick leaves exceeding six months. Young researchers already financed in a programme for young researchers, who terminated the contract early or failed to carry out the training programme within the set period, cannot apply to the invitation.

Deadline: April 15, 2012; Application should be sent to: dekanat@fuds.si

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(source: e-mail from the organisers)

Young Scholar's Prize in Sociology

Institution/Organiser: Sociological Association of Ukraine

Kind of support/work: competition

Site: Ukraine

Topics: The aim of the competition is to encourage academic proficiency among younger scholars in sociology and to award the high level of professionalism, honour and dignity in professional and public activities of young sociologists. The winners of the 1st round of the Competition are selected by the Jury through peer-review of competition materials package. The participants' academic papers shortlisted by the Competition Jury will be published in a special volume by December 10, 2012. The authors of the papers selected by the Jury will be invited to take a part in the 6th International Sociological Readings (conference) devoted to the memory of Natalia Panina Post-Socialist Societies: The Diversity of Social Changes (December 10, 2012 Kyiv, Ukraine). During the Readings (conference) there will be conducted the 2d round of the Competition: the papers' presentation and debates.

Eligibility: Eligible for the Competition are the young scholars from post-socialist and post-soviet European countries, who obtained the Master (Specialist) Degree in Sociology or Social Sciences no earlier than in 2002 and no later than September 1, 2012

Deadline: September 15, 2012; Submissions should be sent to: panina.fund@gmail.com

Contact: Oksana Zhulenyova, the Secretary of the Competition Committee

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The two-year Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe (MIREES)

Institution/Organiser: University of Bologna, Italy together with the Vytautas Magnus University at Kaunas, Corvinus University of Budapest and St Petersburg State University

Kind of support/work: master programme

Duration: two year

Site: The MIREES students will spend the first year in Forlì, while in the second year a minimum of 6 months will be spent at Partner Universities

Topics: The programme aims at developing language skills. MIREES offers courses in Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian, Bulgarian, Russian, Slovak, Lithuanian (Hungarian is also available in the 2nd year), as well as Italian for foreigners as an additional option. The curriculum is focused on Central, Eastern Europe and the Balkans and includes interdisciplinary studies in economics; history, media and international relations; politics and sociology. The international dimension of the programme is enhanced through student mobility abroad, through courses offered by an international faculty composed of prominent scholars of international repute, and by a genuinely international student body. In the previous cycles we enrolled students from 31 countries including China, USA,

Mexico, Russia, Georgia, Estonia, Macedonia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Serbia, Germany, United Kingdom, Turkey, Albania, Poland, Armenia, Norway, Slovenia, Ukraine, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Azerbaijan, Slovakia, Finland, Ireland, Lithuania, Belarus, Moldova, Romania, Austria and, of course, Italy.

Eligibility: The programme is especially recommended for prospective PhD students. The MIREES programme offers specialized, in-depth knowledge of the post-socialist countries in transition, the new EU member states, and the new East-European neighbour countries to students with a BA in Economics, Politics, International Relations, History, Languages (and Slavic languages in particular), agricultural studies and cultural studies generally.

Deadline: May 21, 2012

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Post-doctoral position at the Department of Environmental Studies

Institution/Organiser: Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University

Kind of support/work: job

Duration: three-year, full-time

Site: Brno, Czech Republic

Topics: The Department of Environmental Studies offer interesting work at one of the best social studies faculties in the Czech Republic, excellent working conditions and a friendly working environment, opportunities for independent research and generous funding at the EU level (the salary is about 50 000 CZK/month, i.e. 2000 Euro with an additional premium depending on publication activity). This amount is well above local standards and more than enough for living in Brno.

Eligibility: Department of Environmental Studies is seeking candidates with a Ph.D. in the social sciences (preferably sociology, psychology, human geography, or political science) with an environment-related focus and with excellent knowledge of English and significant research and teaching experience at the university level.

Deadline: April 30, 2012; Application should be sent to: doppler@fss.muni.cz or by post to: Masaryk University, Faculty of Social Studies, Eva Dopplerová, Joštova 10, 60200 Brno, Czech Republic

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