

Social Science News

February 2012

Call for papers Conferences

International Interdisciplinary Conference

Date: April 15-18, 2012

Site: Palermo, Sicily/Italy

Organiser: International Institute of Social and Economic Sciences

Topics: Participants are invited to present their research work under one of the following conference tracks: Business and Economics; Social Sciences and Humanities; Teaching and Education; Health and Welfare.

Language: English

Fee: 280 euro per participant presenting one paper

Deadline: March 8, 2012. Please submit your abstract or full paper via [registration form](#) or via e-mail to

Contact:

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Internet: <http://www.iises.net/conferences/palermo/>

(source: Internet)

Minorities and the EU Eastern Enlargement: Past, Present and Future Experiences

Date: June 14-15, 2012

Site: Tartu, Estonia

Organiser: Centre for EU-Russia Studies (CEURUS) and EuroCollege at the University of Tartu in Estonia

Topics: This year's assessing accession Research Symposium seeks to address many of the past, present and future experiences of minorities (national, ethnic, linguistic etc.) and the states, within which they reside, as well as the development of policy and other approaches to deal with minority questions at the national and supranational level in the years following the EU's eastern enlargement. Papers are invited focusing on issues including, but not limited to: Roma affairs; Russian communities in the Baltic States; Kin-national or nation state policy; Institutional matters (FRA, European Parliament, Commission); Minority issues in the Balkans; Migration and experiences of CEE communities in Western Europe; Minority issues in EU neighbourhood policy; Minority language policies.

Language: English

Deadline: March 9, 2012

Contact:

E-mail: Please submit the abstracts to the following address: tartu2012@assessingaccession.eu

Internet: <http://assessingaccession.eu/symposium2012.aspx>

(source: e-mail from the organisers)

Regional Studies Association Global Conference 2012 - Sustaining Regional Futures

Date: June 24-27, 2012

Site: Beijing, China

Organiser: Regional Studies Association in cooperation with the Chinese Academy of Sciences

Topics: Papers on governance, city-regions, spatial planning and analysis which may look at the position in China but which may focus elsewhere are most welcome. Debate and discussion, contrast and comparisons are essential to the success the conference and to academic endeavour.

Language: English

Deadline: February 10, 2012

Contact:

E-mail: rsa@regionalstudies.org

Internet: <http://www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk/events/2012/June-Beijing/>

(source: Internet)

2nd Marxism & Psychology Conference

Date: August 9-11, 2012

Site: Morelia, México

Organiser: Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo

Topics: Second Marxism & Psychology Conference aims at bringing activists, students and scholars together to discuss exciting issues at the intersection of Marxism and Psychology. This conference will be a unique intellectual

forum to encounter different and often competing views on Marxism from the different fields of psychology and other disciplines, as well as an excellent opportunity for scholars and activists to meet again and introduce a new generation of psychologists to the Marxist perspective. Conference topic areas include: Marxist Psychology, Marxism and Educational Psychology, Marxism and Clinical Psychology, Marxism and Social Psychology, Marxism and Critical Psychology, Marxism and Psychoanalysis; Marxism, Humanism and Humanistic Psychology; Marxism, Feminism and Psychology; Marxism, Liberation Psychology and Community Psychology; Activity Theory and Cultural Historical Psychology.

Language: English

Fee: 50 – 300 \$

Deadline: March 15, 2012

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(source: Internet)

Shanghai International Conference on Social Science

Date: August 14–19, 2012

Site: Shanghai, China

Organiser: Higher Education Forum

Topics: SICSS 2012 aims to build a platform allowing parties interested in it to share and discuss their studies from various perspectives in the aspects of social science, including Culture, Economics, Education, Law, Mass Communications, Politics, Psychology, Society, Tourism, Transportation, Urban Planning, and so forth. All theoretical, empirical, and practical papers (qualitative or quantitative) from scholars and professionals in the above fields (but not strictly limited) are all highly welcomed.

Language: English

Fee: 400 – 450 \$

Deadline: March 30, 2012

Contact:

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Internet: www.shanghai-ic.org

(source: Internet)

Science Communication: International Perspectives, Issues and Strategies

Date: September 4-7, 2012

Site: Nancy, France

Organiser: University of Lorraine

Topics: Universities and research organisations are vibrant communities fully engaged in science communication. Their actions are all the more important because the relationship between science, technology and society at large is at the heart of current debate, particularly at a time when the rapid expansion of digital technology opens up uncountable modes of interaction between producers and users of information. This conference intends to take a closer look at the new forms of dialogue between those who are directly involved in the production of knowledge and those for whom ethical, political and economic questions linked to research and its outcomes are considered just as important as the progress of knowledge.

Language: French, English

Deadline: February 10, 2012

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(source: Internet)

New Family Forms following Family Dissolution: Consequences in/on Postmodern Society

Date: September 12-14, 2012

Site: Leuven, Belgium

Organiser: Committee on Family Research

Topics: This seminar focuses on the causes and consequences of the dramatic increase in family dissolution, and subsequently on new repartnering patterns and processes. Participants are challenged to build bridges between theoretical issues, methodological approaches and empirical results. Submissions should be made to one of the conference topics which will be distributed across a series of sessions by the organizers. Possible themes are: Conceptual challenges in defining the (postmodern) family; Researching contemporary families: methodological challenges; Intergenerational transmission of causes and consequences of family dissolution; Sociobiological perspectives on family life, family dissolution and (re)partnering; Repartnering and remarriage; Post-divorce fertility; Custody arrangements; New sibling configurations; New (step)parenting styles; Consequences of family dissolution for (step)children and (step)parents; Consequences of family dissolution for grandchildren and grandparents; Youth and (future) marriage formation and dissolution; Family and (post)divorce policies; Review papers: the Leuven 1981 CFR conference revisited.

Language: English

Deadline: February 10, 2012

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Internet: <http://soc.kuleuven.be/web/files/11/81/CallforAbstractsfinal.pdf>
(source: Internet)

5th International Conference on Social Sciences ICSS 2012

Date: October 5-7, 2012

Site: Istanbul, Turkey

Organiser: Social Sciences Research Society (SoSReS)

Topics: This is a conference for those, who are interested in presenting paper in all fields of social sciences. The conference topic areas especially focus on such disciplines as economics, business, corporate and public governance, political science, sociology etc. The aim of the conference is to bring together a wide audience of academicians, policy makers and practitioners around clearly circumscribed topics, engage participants in fruitful debate, and facilitate mutual understanding. An additional goal of the conference is to provide a place for academicians and professionals with inter-disciplinary/ multi-disciplinary interests related to social sciences to meet and interact with members inside and outside their own particular disciplines. The conference will result in a publication containing a selection of the papers that were presented at the conference.

Language: English

Deadline: April 12, 2012. Submissions will be received electronically via EasyChair
(<http://www.icssconference.net/subm.html>)

Contact:

E-mail: icss@sobiad.org

Internet: <http://www.icssconference.net/>

(source: Internet)

Embeddedness and beyond: Do sociological theories meet economic realities?

Date: October 25-28, 2012

Site: Moscow, Russian Federation

Organiser: Joint Interim conference of ISA RC02 "Economy and Society" and ESA Economic Sociology Research Network with the support of ASA Economic Sociology section

Topics: Plenary sessions: Institutional change and social policy; Power of networks; Culture and valuation; Knowledge, technology, and markets. Mini-conferences: New theoretical perspectives in economic sociology; Money, finance and society; Organizations and institutions in emerging markets; Emergence and Innovation in Markets and Organizations; Gender and work transformation; Market society and moral order; Performing economy in a material World; Capitalist globalization and its alternatives.

Language: English

Fee: Early registration by May 15, 2012 - \$120

Deadline: February 15, 2012

Contact:

E-mail: esconf2012@hse.ru

Internet: <http://esconf2012.hse.ru/>

(source: Internet)

Ageing in the light of crises: Economic crisis, demographic change, and the search for meaning

Date: October 3-5, 2012

Site: Umeå, Sweden

Organiser: Department of Sociology, Swedish Gerontological Society

Topics: This conference brings together scholars from across Europe to discuss developments in ageing and old age. Such developments could, for example, relate to: Older workers, retirement, and pensions; Formal and informal care arrangements; Active and productive aging; Social inequalities and poverty in old age; Effect of population ageing on generational solidarity and welfare states; Effects of the economic crisis and of globalization on life-courses; Images, attitudes, coping-strategies and ageing.

Language: English

Fee: 2000 - 2500 SEK

Deadline: June 15, 2012

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(source: e-mail from the organisers)

The Seventh International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Science

Date: June 25-28, 2012

Site: Barcelona, Spain

Organiser: Universidad Abat Oliba CEU, Barcelona

Topics: The conference will address interdisciplinary practices across the social sciences, and between the social sciences and the natural sciences, applied sciences and the professions. Plenary speakers will include some of the world's leading thinkers in the social sciences, as well as numerous paper, colloquium and workshop presentations.

Language: English

Fee: Virtual Registration: 200 \$; Full Conference Registration: 600 \$

Deadline: February 14, 2012

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Internet: <http://thesocialsciences.com/Conference-2012/>

(source: Internet)

ERSA Congress: Regions in Motion - Breaking the path

Date: August 21-25, 2012

Site: Bratislava, Slovakia

Organiser: University of Bratislava

Topics: The congress is open for all issues concerning regional problems. A broad range of topics are listed among the themes: Agglomeration and clusters; Climate change and Environment, sustainability issues; Demography and population; Entrepreneurship, networks and innovation; Finance and regional development; Globalisation and regional competitiveness; Housing markets, land use and real estate; Infrastructure, Transport and Communications; Knowledge economy and Innovation; Learning regions and social capital; Migration and regional labour market; New frontiers in regional science: Theory and Methodology; Peripheral and rural regions; Regional strategies and policies; Spatial Econometrics and analysis; Tourism, cultural and creative industries and regional development; Urban economy; Location theory and studies.

Language: English

Deadline: February 17, 2012

Contact: Local Organising Committee of Bratislava

E-mail: congressersa2012@euba.sk

Internet: <http://www.ersa.org/ersa-congress/>

(source: Internet)

Critique, Democracy, and Philosophy in 21st Century Information Society. Towards Critical Theories of Social Media

Date: May 2-4, 2012

Site: Uppsala, Sweden

Organiser: Uppsala University, Department of Informatics and Media

Topics: This conference provides a forum for the discussion of how to critically study social media and their relevance for critique, democracy, politics and philosophy in 21st century information society. This conference deals with the question of what kind of society and what kind of Internet are desirable, what steps need to be taken for advancing a good Internet in a sustainable information society, how capitalism, power structures and social media are connected, what the main problems, risks, opportunities and challenges are for the current and future development of Internet and society, how struggles are connected to social media, what the role, problems and opportunities of social media, web 2.0, the mobile Internet and the ubiquitous Internet are today and in the future, what current developments of the Internet and society tell us about potential futures, how an alternative Internet can look like, and how a participatory, commonsbased Internet and a co-operative, participatory, sustainable information society can be achieved.

Language: English

Fee: regular: 85 – 130 €. Student: 60 – 110 €

Deadline: February 29, 2012, per e-mail to Marisol Sandoval: marisol.sandoval@uti.at

Contact: Prof. Christian Fuchs, Marisol Sandoval

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E-mail: christian.fuchs@im.uu.se; marisol.sandoval@uti.at

Internet: <http://www.icts-and-society.net/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/CallforAbstracts.pdf>

(source: Internet)

2012 Annual Conference of the British Columbia Political Studies Association

Date: May 3-4, 2012

Site: Kelowna, British Columbia

Organiser: British Columbia Political Studies Association

Topics: BCPSA 2012 aims to open an academic debate to answers some questions such as: Is this going to cause a radical shift in the way we think about our politics? Is a new and empowering democracy emerging on the streets? A broad interpretation of the conference theme focusing on the nature of governance and challenges to power, domestically, regionally and internationally, in today's globalized world is encouraged. Participation is open to all political scientists and other scholars who are interested in current political issues. Proposals on other political science topics are also welcome. Recognizing the role of the younger generation in shaping our future, conference

organizers particularly welcome proposals from both graduate and undergraduate students, as well as mixed student-faculty panels.

Language: English

Deadline: March 2, 2012, paper or panel proposal to: Dr. Adam Jones (adam.jones@ubc.ca), or Dr. Ayla Kilic (akilic@okanagan.bc.ca)

Contact:

Internet: <http://www.bcpsa.ca/>

(source: Internet)

Regional Studies Association European Conference: Networked regions and cities in times of fragmentation: Developing smart, sustainable and inclusive places

Date: May 13-16, 2012

Site: Delft, Netherlands

Organiser: Regional Studies Association

Topics: The conference will look at the increased interdependency of cities, in environmental, social and economic terms; and the patterns of interaction between them. It examines the implications of this for regional governance, as well as the potential it offers for the development of regional clusters and networks. Such networked cities and regions face challenges of coordination and blurred boundaries of competence, with consequences for transparency, accountability and legitimacy of decision-making. Papers that consider these issues in relation to the development of smart, sustainable and inclusive places (the three dimensions of the Europe 2020 Strategy) are particularly encouraged.

Language: English

Deadline: February 10, 2012

Contact: RSA Organiser: Elizabeth Mitchell

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Internet: <http://www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk/events/2012/May-Delft>

(source: Internet)

Call for papers Workshops

11th International Workshop "Ethnicity and Power: Governance of the Risks and Security in the Face of Ethnic Conflicts and Crisis Situations"

Date: May 15–20, 2012

Site: Yalta, Livadia (Crimea, Ukraine)

Organiser: Taurida National V.I.Vernadsky University (Ukraine), Norwegian Humanist Association, Network of Cultural Exchange and Interethnic Trust

Topics: The discourse will include the following topics: New security threats and political risks under ethnopolitical conflicts and crisis situations; Regional, national, international and global security: ethnopolitical dimension; International relations in the context of risks and crisis situations; Conflicts of values and new challenges of the European identity; Ethnic and religious terrorism: causes, tendencies, and characteristics; Ethnic and religious elites as actors of geopolitical processes; Revolutions in the Arab world: tendencies, problems, prognoses; Political myths and ethno-cultural stereotypes; Religious and ethnic identity as an object of manipulation technologies; Protection of rights of national minorities: European standards and the post-Soviet reality; Managing ethnopolitical conflicts: theoretical and practical problems; Mechanisms of the formation of ethnic and religious tolerance; Strategy and tactics of ethnopolitical management; Role of media in shaping ethnopolitical culture of society; Social networks and social capital as factors of sustainable multi-ethnic civil society; Linguistic aspects of intercultural communication.

Language: English, Russian, Ukrainian

Fee: 100 \$

Deadline: April 15, 2012

Contact: Dr. Tatyana Senyushkina

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Internet: <http://nce.sevhost.net/?p=178>

(source: e-mail from the organisers)

Diaspora and Development: South Asian Diaspora Engagement in South Asia

Date: September 25–26, 2012

Site: Singapore, South Asia

Organiser: Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore

Topics: This workshop seeks to shed light on the various forms and fields of diaspora engagement that include entrepreneurship, philanthropy, international relations, portfolio investment, remittances, advocacy, peace-building, trade such as in ethnic goods, political engagement, socio-cultural linkages and religious or spiritual movements, amongst many other categories. Some specific questions that this workshop aims to address are: what is the relationship between diaspora engagement and development? What is the structure of diaspora engagement in South Asia? What are the existing diaspora engagement policies in South Asian countries

individually and how could they be regionally integrated? What are the patterns of diaspora engagement across different diaspora corridors, i.e. across bilateral engagement efforts between two zones, regions or countries? What role do different spheres of diaspora engagement play in stimulating development in the countries of origin? What sorts of conditions are necessary in order to create an enabling environment for diaspora engagement in their countries of origin? And, what implications would these changes in the environment and increased engagement have for the origin countries and South Asian regional integration?

Language: English

Deadline: February 15, 2012

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Internet: <http://www.isas.nus.edu.sg/images/DiasporaWorkshopCallforPapers.pdf>

(source: Internet)

International Workshop Family Policies and Gender Equality in Central and Eastern Europe

Date: September 27-28, 2012

Site: Bucharest, Romania

Organiser: Anca Dohotariu (PhD EHESS, post-doctoral researcher, CNCSIS), principal coordinator; Ionela Băluță, (Associate Professor, University of Bucharest); Aleksandra Pawlowska (PhD, CERLIS- Paris Descartes), Monika Wator (PhD, Printemps, University of Versailles-Saint-Quentin)

Topics: The workshop aims to reopen debate on the area of family policies and gender equality in Central and Eastern Europe, a research field which has seen little exploration to date from the comparative perspective. More particularly, the purpose of this event is to restore the relationship between two interesting phenomena to the heart of current epistemological and methodological debates. The former is the ongoing changes in public intervention in family life, in which the principle of equality between men and women is upheld. The latter concerns the recent metamorphoses in the institution of the family and in social relations between the sexes in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. In order not to "separate" regional studies from the European context that encompasses them, analyses at the level of the European Union are encouraged. However, proposals which are based on empirical research will be prioritised, as the main objective is to develop a comparative approach of the recent transformations in family policies and "gender regimes" in Central and Eastern Europe.

Language: English, French

Deadline: March 10, 2012. Proposals must be accompanied by a short presentation of their author (first name, surname, status, institution of origin, contact details)

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(source: e-mail from the organisers)

Call for papers

Summer Schools

Minor Cosmopolitanisms: International Summer School at the University Potsdam

Date: July 9–13, 2012

Site: Potsdam, Germany

Organiser: Institut für Anglistik und Amerikanistik, Universität Potsdam

Topics: The Potsdam Summer School Minor Cosmopolitanisms will focus on a range of 'discrepant' forms of cosmopolitan citizenship and belonging that have been the reality for colonial subjects in the past and have become the contemporary reality for millions of migrants as well as Indigenous peoples around the globe. This discussions will concern historical case studies of minor cosmopolitanisms and their commemoration, contemporary cosmopolitan practices 'from below' of the multitude/ the plural, Indigenous Cosmopolitanisms, negotiations of postcolonial justice, and the minoritarian cosmopolitan condition as aspiration, imagination and the future.

Language: English

Deadline: February 29, 2012

Contact: Lina Fricke

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Internet: <http://minorcsmopolitanisms.wordpress.com>

(source: Internet)

Comparative Regionalisms: Changing Forms of Governance in Asia, Africa and the Americas and the Effects on the World Order

Date: July 2-12, 2012

Site: Budapest, Hungary

Organiser: Central European University (CEU)

Topics: The course fosters new approaches to the study of regionalisms in Asia, Africa and the Americas. Building on, but seeking to go beyond the European experience the course examines the rise of regions after World War II and the resurgence of the idea in and from the 1980s. It considers the different interpretations, values and expectations assigned to 'region', from regional free trade agreements to security communities to supra-national

integrative projects. The course will examine how such regions vary across time and geography, assuming different characteristics, and will also consider to what extent regions are a result of and/or a response to globalization and the extent to which they constitute and shape global order.

Language: English

Fee: 500 – 550 €

Deadline: February 15, 2012

Contact: Summer University Office

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Internet: <http://summer.ceu.hu/comparative-2012>

(source: e-mail from the organisers)

1st GESIS Summer School in Survey Methodology

Date: April 9-25, 2012

Site: Cologne, Germany

Organiser: It is a joint venture of GESIS and the University of Mannheim

Topics: The GESIS Summer School offers training in state of the art techniques and methods of survey research. It aims to equip participants with essential skills in the design, planning, execution, documentation and quality assurance of surveys of households, individuals or organisations. The courses cover themes related to survey methodology reflecting the whole survey life-cycle as well as different research designs, e.g. questionnaire design, mail and web surveys, sampling, mixed methods, vignette studies and cross-national surveys. The Summer School is designed for advanced graduate and PhD students as well as post-docs and junior researchers interested in improving their knowledge and skills in survey methodology from all relevant fields, such as Political Science, Sociology, Economics, Education Science, Communication Science, Epidemiology, Demography etc. Professionals from outside academic research who are working with surveys are welcome to apply.

Language: English

Fee: Refresher courses: € 120; Main courses: 2 week courses (courses 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9): € 400; 1 week courses (courses 3.1, 3.2; 8.1, 8.2; 10.1, 10.2): € 200

Deadline: ongoing. In order to apply for the GESIS Summer School, please go to the Summer School application and registration system

Contact: Dr. Silke Schneider

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(source: e-mail from the organisers)

Summer Courses in Social Sciences

Date: June 4 to July 27, 2012

Site: Budapest, Hungary

Organiser: Central European University (CEU) in Budapest, Hungary

Topics: Summer courses: "Comparative Regionalisms: Changing Forms of Governance in Asia, Africa and the Americas and the Effects on the World Order", July 2-12, 2012; "Online Free Expression and Communication Policy Advocacy: a Toolkit for Media Development", from June 18 to 29, 2012; "Power and Dynamics of Civil Resistance", July 9-13, 2012; "The Politics of Citizenship", from July 2-13, 2012; "Managing Social Vulnerability: Welfare and Penal Systems in Comparative Perspective", 16 Jul - 27 Jul, 2012.

Language: English

Fee: Financial aid is available

Deadline: February 15, 2012

Contact: Summer University Office, 1051 Budapest, Nádor utca 9, Hungary

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Internet: <http://summer.ceu.hu/>

(source: e-mail from the organisers)

Call for papers Journals

Special Issue of the Journal of Family Communication: Families and Communication Privacy Management

Place of publication: US

Type of publication: print

Published by/ edited by: Routledge

Topics: This special issue is geared toward investigations into family issues surrounding the management of disclosure, confidentiality, and overall privacy regulation using the Communication Privacy Management (CPM) perspective. Given the challenges families face with the array of privacy concerns across the life span, this volume targets the application of CPM within a family context to better grasp these current-day problems that family members encounter. Though not exhaustive, CPM applications of such matters as disclosing genetic testing results to family members, navigating privacy boundaries after divorce and in step-families, coping with online privacy regulation for parents and children, marital and partner privacy dilemmas, decision making and disclosure anxieties in end of life choices, intercultural differences and similarities in privacy management for family life, and the privacy predicaments family members face across the life course represent examples of areas appropriate for this special issue. All methodologies are welcome. The manuscripts must actively use the CPM perspective. Because this is a special issue, only one round of revisions is possible.

Deadline: March 1, 2012

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(source: Internet)

Journal of Social Science Education (JSSE). Thematic issue: Social Science Textbooks in Higher Education

Place of publication: Hamburg, Germany

Type of publication: online

Published by/ edited by: JSSE is published by sowi-online e.V., a non-profit organisation and registered society at the Bielefeld Court of Record (Registergericht), Germany.

Topics: Up to now little attention has been paid to the role and impact of textbooks in social sciences and especially in social science education at universities. For this reason, the editors of the Journal of Social Science Education decided to dedicate a thematic issue to research on social science textbooks, its concepts, impacts, achievements, shortcomings, institutional and individual forms of use and cultural practices. Contributions are welcome from the broad field of social sciences including disciplines like political science; sociology; law; economics.

Deadline: February 14, 2012

Contact: Professor Tilman Grammes

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Internet: <http://www.jsse.org/info/call-for-papers/2-2012-social-science-textbooks-in-higher-education>

(source: Internet)

Europolis, Journal of Political Analysis and Theory

Place of publication: Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Type of publication: print and online

Publication date: July 2012, Vol. 6, Issue 1/2012

Published by/ edited by: Center for Political Analysis, Babes-Bolyai University

Topics: The journal welcomes contributions from both young and experienced scholars active in the fields of Political Science, International Relations, European studies and Europeanization, Nationalism and Ethnic relations, as well as from adjacent fields such as Sociology or History with a focus on contemporary politically and socially relevant phenomena. The editors encourage contributions in the form of comparative studies or single-case studies that catch and analyze specific political phenomena, contexts, and developments.

Deadline: March 31, 2012. All submissions sent after this deadline will be taken into consideration for the December 2012 issue (Vol. 6, Issue 2/2012)

Contact: Editorial Board, Europolis Journal, Centre for Political Analysis, Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca

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(source: e-mail from the editors)

Journal Laboratorium announces competition for young scholars

Place of publication: Saint Petersburg, Russia

Type of publication: print and online

Publication date: Laboratorium will publish the papers that succeeded in the peer-review process in one of its issues for 2013

Published by/ edited by: Published with the financial support of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

Topics: Russian Review of Social Research invites submissions of research papers by young authors—students working towards doctoral degrees and those who have received Ph.Ds. no earlier than five years ago—doing research in social sciences: sociology, anthropology, ethnography, social history and related disciplines. The contest is open to original papers in either Russian or English, not previously published or currently under consideration at any other journal, which are based on the results of empirical qualitative studies. The objective of the competition is to help publicize results of recent research projects, contribute to new ways to analyze social processes, and find innovative uses of qualitative research methods. In addition, the winners will receive cash prizes: 1st place – 300 \$, 2nd place – 200 \$, 3rd place – 100 \$.

Deadline: March 1, 2012

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(source: Internet)

Sociologie Românească (Romanian Sociology)

Place of publication: Bucharest, Romania

Type of publication: print and online

Publication date: July 2012

Published by/ edited by: Romanian Sociological Association, in collaboration with European Institute Romania

Topics: Large parts of Eastern European population lives in rural areas, which have an obvious developmental deficit compared to the cities. The sociological and anthropological literature on this issue is far from providing a consistent view of rural specificity and its possible developments. May the return to small peasant property be interpreted in the logic of social action of reconstruction of the peasantry? What are the dimensions of such a reconstruction? Are we witnessing the emergence of a "new rural" as in Western Europe, emergence that signified "the end of the peasantry"? How to build the "new rural"? Which areas will disappear and which are capable of survival, adaptability and modernization? How to harmonise the current EU legislation with the subsistence economy that is still in place in rural Eastern Europe? What are the important economic dimensions currently configured in rural areas? Can we still speak of a specific village culture? Is the concept of traditional culture out of date and nostalgic? Is the concept of rural sociability also out of date? Individualism and associativity are now dominant in Eastern European villages? These are just a few possible topics for a debate on current Eastern European rural areas. The special issue of Romanian Sociology (2/2012) will host the works that wish to contribute by clarifying these issues, building explanatory perspectives and outlining trends. The editors invite to this debate sociologists, anthropologists, historians which can provide either quantitative or qualitative, either synchronous or diachronic approaches.

Deadline: April 10, 2012

Contact: Guest editor Gheorghe Şişeştean, University of Oradea, Romania

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Call for papers

Publications

Decolonizing Enlightenment: Transnational Justice, Human Rights and Democracy in a Postcolonial World

Place of publication: Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Type of publication: print

Published by/ edited by: Barbara Budrich Publishers in the book series of the Working Group "Politics and Gender" of the German Association of Political Science (DVPW)

Topics: This volume presents critical perspectives of feminists, critical race theorists, queer and postcolonial theorists who confront the question whether norms of justice, human rights and democracy are enabling for disenfranchised communities or do they simply reinforce relations of domination between those who are constituted as dispensers of justice, rights and aid and those who are coded as receivers? This raises the following questions: How do Western conceptions of justice, human rights and democracy become normative, thus meriting emulation from the rest? How do they exert violence on those subjects that violate Eurocentric norms? If there are no objective standards of justice, human rights and democracy that apply universally regardless of culture, race, gender, religion, nationality or other factors, what implications does this have on debates regarding the scope and scale of struggles for justice, rights, freedom, equality? How does this inflect transnational alliance politics and solidarity across borders? The contributions in this volume focus on the silencing and exclusion of vulnerable

groups from claims of justice and rights, while highlighting postcolonial-queer-feminist struggles for transnational justice, human rights and radical democracy.

Deadline: March 1, 2012

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Grants/Jobs/Internships

Master programme in European Studies 2012/2013

Institution/Organiser: The Centre for European Studies, Jagiellonian University

Duration: one- to two-year

Site: Krakow, Poland

Topics: The Centre for European Studies of the Jagiellonian University offers a one- to two-year MA program in European Studies. This programme is designed to provide students with advanced and interdisciplinary knowledge of contemporary European affairs. The programs focus is on the study of the political, economic and cultural character of Central and Eastern Europe and the European Union. Students choose from three specializations: EU Studies, Central and Eastern European Studies and Europeanisation and Governance in CEE. The students at CES are encouraged to develop their own independent curriculum and study track so that they can learn about and research topics that best reflect their interests and academic background.

Deadline: March 15, 2012

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International Doctoral Program in Social Sciences 2012

Institution/Organiser: The Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS)

Kind of support/work: doctoral program

Duration: Scholarships are awarded of up to 1200€/month for a maximum of 36 months (starting in October 2012), contingent on the successful completion of each year and the granting of funds in the second period of Excellence Initiative. Applicants with alternative funding are welcome.

Site: Berlin, Germany

Topics: Research proposals should relate to the comparative analysis of the following research areas and topics. The description of areas and topics is available on the site.

Eligibility: Admission is based on academic excellence and is open to students with a Master's degree or equivalent in social sciences (sociology, political science, and neighbouring disciplines). Expected is high-level knowledge of current theoretical debates in the social sciences and in-depth knowledge of quantitative or qualitative techniques of social research as well as a commitment to empirical research. English proficiency at an academic level is assumed.

Deadline: February 15, 2012

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Internet: <http://www.bgss.hu-berlin.de/intdocprog/cfa2012>

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Doctoral Programme "Urban Metamorphoses"

Institution/Organiser: The HafenCity University Hamburg - University of the Built Environment and Metropolitan Development

Kind of support/work: doctoral program

Duration: The programme will start in October 2012. For detailed information on the programme and application procedure please visit the site.

Site: Hamburg, Germany

Topics: Joining the programme, doctoral students will enter a laboratory for developing a sensibility for urban change and for future planning interventions, outlining the metropolitan questions of tomorrow. It provides an intense doctoral education with excellent theoretical and methodological research training. Dissertation topics should engage in one of the following research areas choosing international case studies: Aspects and dimensions of urban metamorphoses analyzing its multifaceted drivers, i.e. changes of urban, landscape, and infrastructural planning, social, cultural, and economic structures, urban governance, etc. and its underlying development contexts and impacts; Development of methods and (digital) tools to analyze and visualize urban metamorphoses using GIS, photogrammetry, and remote sensing; Advancing action strategies by analyzing and developing a theoretically enhanced understanding of the complex and the city framing impacts.

Eligibility: The basic requirement for applying is a master/diploma degree from a German University or an equivalent degree from a non-German institution of higher education (minimum of German 2.0, "good", or equivalent) in the field of Urban Planning, Architecture, Civil Engineering, Geography, Geomatics or adjacent (e.g. urban sociology, history, Economics). Applicants must have very good English language skills.

Deadline: February 15, 2012

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International Double Degree Programme M.A. Peace and Conflict Studies 2012/2013

Institution/Organiser: University of Kent and University of Marburg

Kind of support/work: Degree programme

Duration: 2 years

Site: Canterbury, England and Marburg, Germany

Topics: Upon successful completion of the programme students will be awarded an MA degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from Kent University and an MA degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of Marburg. The two year full-time programme encompasses 120 ECTS credits (240 Kent credits). The programme includes a mandatory internship of at least 10 weeks. The Master dissertation is jointly supervised and marked by academic staff at Kent and Marburg. This multidisciplinary programme features compulsory modules on theories of conflict, conflict resolution, research methods/methods of conflict analysis and intergroup conflicts. Optional modules cover a wide range of topics including negotiation, mediation, diplomacy, development, critical approaches to peace and conflict studies, international political economy, foreign policy, human rights and terrorism. Modules are taught by political scientists, IR experts, sociologists and social psychologists. Students will spend the first year at Kent University and the second year at Marburg University where courses are taught in English. Thus, international students do not need to speak German to study in Marburg. Alternatively, fluent German speakers can opt to spend the first year in Marburg where compulsory courses will be taught in German and spend the second year in Canterbury. Starting in Kent is the more convenient option regarding the internship, because the Spring Term at Kent University ends in early April which allows you to do the internship between April and September. We therefore recommend starting at Kent University. The universities do not operate on a system of deadlines for applying to this programme.

Eligibility: Applicants should have a good Honours degree normally in Politics, Government, International Relations, International Studies or European Studies or in a cognate discipline in social science (e.g., Geography) or humanities (e.g., History). However, students applying from other disciplines will also be considered. Applicants whose first degree is from a German university must achieve one the following qualifications: Diplom; Erstes Staatsexamen; Magister Artium; Fachhochschuldiplom; Bachelor; Bakkalaureus at levels gut or sehr gut. The new Bachelor can be regarded as equivalent to a UK Bachelors (Honours) and the Magister/Master to a UK taught Masters. Applicants whose first language is not English need to provide evidence of their proficiency in written and spoken English. This requires a score of 6.5 in the International English Language Test (IELTS), a 'C' in the Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English or an 'A' in the Cambridge Advanced Certificate in English Applicants who wish to start at Marburg or who wish to take modules in German during their second year and whose first language is not German need to provide evidence of their proficiency in written and spoken German. This requires a DSH II certificate.

Deadline: June 30, 2012

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Senior and Junior Fellowships CEU - Institute for Advanced Study

Institution/Organiser: Central European University, Institute for Advanced Study (CEU -IAS)

Kind of support/work: fellowship

Duration: CEU -IAS invites applications for its core fellowship program for the academic year 2012-13.

Site: Budapest, Hungary

Topics: Fellowships are available in all areas of the social sciences and humanities. Fellows have access to all CEU facilities, including seminar and conference space, computer services, and library resources. CEU-IAS facilitates the fellows' engagement with the CEU and Hungarian scholarly community by encouraging collaborative projects, organizing joint public lectures, establishing studentmentorship programs, and related activities.

Eligibility: Fellowships are highly competitive and fellows are chosen through a rigorous selection process. The Selection Committee will primarily consider the quality of the research proposal as well as the applicant's proven track record or promise of scholarly productivity. Fellows must hold a Ph.D. or equivalent in the social sciences or humanities at the time of their application. CEU graduates and employees are not eligible to apply for 6 years after the ending of their studies/contract. Senior fellows receive a monthly stipend of 2,500 Euros, junior fellows 1,500 Euros to help support their stay in Budapest. In addition, all fellows receive free housing (minus utilities) at the Wallenberg Guesthouse.

Deadline: Preregister by sending an email with the title and abstract of your research proposal by February 15, 2012. Submit the full application package by February 29, 2012.

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Post-graduate course Divided Societies XV: New Paradigms

Date: April 22-29, 2012

Site: Inter-University Center (IUC) Dubrovnik, Croatia

Organiser: IUC Dubrovnik

Topics: The fifteenth Divided Societies post-graduate course focuses on uncovering and elaborating the "new paradigms" that are emerging to improve the study of divided societies. In an era of intense scholarly specialization, theories and paradigms are seldom given the adequate attention, but new paradigms and theories are becoming ever more relevant for the future research and development of contemporary societies, especially those with existing or potential divisions. We encourage participation of students and scholars in the social sciences, law and humanities and other fields and disciplines that study social phenomena such as divisions, cleavages, conflicts, borders, ethnicity and diversity. The course participants will engage in active discussion of the theoretical, methodological and practical issues of research in divided societies. In addition, the course offers personal inter-cultural experience of students and faculty from other contexts in the unforgettable setting of a city that was itself the target of a destructive conflict. PhD students' presentations are welcome. Fee: 40€

Language: English

Deadline: March 15, 2012

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