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Power in the 21st Century. International Security and International Political Economy in a Changing World

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Topics: The study of power is the nucleus of political science and international relations. As a shift of power from traditional industrial countries to emerging powers has been perceived since the turn of the century, this book aims to present innovative theoretical and empirical approaches that can increase our understanding of this transition. Scholars from the fields of international relations, international political economy, economics and security studies not only explore current theoretical debates on 'power' and 'power shifts' among entities, but also provide fresh insights into relevant aspects of international power in the 21st century. With a particular focus on aspects of international security, trade and production, new methods of identifying power and its sources are presented, and their potential implications and challenges are discussed.

Internet: <http://www.springer.com/social+sciences/political+science/book/978-3-642-25081-1>

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The Cultural Contradictions of Progressive Politics: The Role of Cultural Change and the Global Economy in Local Policymaking

Edited by: Donald Rosdil

Published by: Routledge

Pages: 224

ISBN: 978-0-415-53402-4

Publication date: June 20, 2012

Topics: Cultural Contradictions addresses the paradoxical finding that some U.S. cities can impose burdensome regulations and extract social and environmental contributions from the private sector despite these cities' alleged vulnerability to mobile capital. It utilizes cultural change and the growth of non-traditional subcultures in explaining why cities adopt these progressive policies. Responding to the urban policy literature's tendency to prioritize economic considerations over other kinds of causal factors, the book demonstrates the joint impact of culture and economics in encouraging policy outcomes which emphasize social justice, human rights, and environmental sustainability in large U.S. cities. Cultural Contradictions makes several specific contributions to the urban literature. First, it argues that cities in which non-traditional cultural beliefs and practices thrive and which are strongly linked to dynamic economic sectors such as information services, professional, scientific and technical services, financial services, and education and health care services are especially likely to adopt progressive policies. Moreover, it establishes this claim using both statistical analysis of large-N city samples and a closer investigation of four case studies. Second, it reveals how progressive policies are a plausible response to psychological concerns associated with unconventional ways of life and the nature of post-industrial society. Finally, the book indicates how these new ways of life and post-industrial economic sectors grow in mutually reinforcing ways in order to make these policies acceptable to local economic elites and therefore favourable to the city's future development.

Internet: <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415534024/>

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Call for papers Conferences

Fifteenth Triennial Conference: Time and Trace

Date: June 30 - July 6, 2013

Site: Crete, Greece

Organiser: International Society for the Study of Time

Topics: The International Society for the Study of Time (ISST) seeks proposals for presentations at its 2013 conference on the island of Crete, on the theme of Time and Trace. The ISST, renowned for its interdisciplinary scope, welcomes contributions from all scholarly, creative, or professional perspectives. Our format features plenary presentations delivered over several days, creating a sustained, interdisciplinary engagement among participants. Possible topics: The trace of social, political, demographic, economic, and historical trends; Traces left by the causes of observed natural events; Tracing the future: from mantic to futurology; Temporal traces, trajectories and forms in narrative; The trace in philosophy; Imprints recorded/archived/reconstructed/anticipated; Psychoanalysis and the temporal trace; Trajectories and orbits in dynamical systems theory; Traces of light, matter, and time in cosmology; Archeological or paleontological traces of life; Changing concepts of how time is measured and traced; Evolution, extinction, and artefacts of change; Chemical or biological traces that evolve over time; Medical traces that are molecular, electrochemical, or topological; Forensic traces in a documentary, financial, or biological sense; vestigia Dei -medieval/early modern perception of the creator's 'footprints'; The ideal of "not leaving traces" - from Buddhism to Environmentalism; A trace or a blaze in its figurative sense as a symbol in ritual or sacrament; The trace as a visible sign of spiritual grace; Artistic and literary orchestrations of traces left or lost.

Language: English

Fee: 800 \$

Deadline: June 30, 2012

Contact: Tom Weissert, Executive Secretary

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Internet: <http://www.studyoftime.org/ContentPage.aspx?ID=5>

(source: Internet)

Fourth Summer Annual Conference: "From Altruism to Partnership: Exchanging Ideas Exploring the Challenges for Human Development?"

Date: August 27-31, 2012

Site: Bouznika, Morocco

Organiser: Association of Social Work and Human Development

Topics: The 4th International Summer Institute will focus on partnership, through the intersection of knowledge to debate its challenges for human development. The Topic of the conference: Bridging the gap between Altruism, Partnership, Crossroads of Knowledge and human development. The Areas: Social work, social welfare, psychology, human development, Anthropology, sociology, education policy, philosophy, laws. This summer institute will focus on three axes: First Axis: Working together, partnership is a mode of intervention among others (Partnership and collective action; The working process in partnership; Partnership between the health and the medico-social fields; Partnership and Territory). Second Axis: From the interest to be a partner and beyond the pragmatist approach; Two approaches co-exist and sometimes clash: One utilitarian would hold that a partnership must guarantee the co-existence of different interests of knowledge broadly and specifically defined; The other voluntarist who uses the ability of individuals to transcend their affiliations and interests to gather around a common object with the risk of "erasing" gradually what makes the richness of anybody. Third Axis: The ethical challenge of partnership; The ethical challenge of partnership brings into focus the necessary confidence in which there must be a room to support human development. Partnership cannot be decreed; however, it is built slowly by means of working together with partners outside the institutions, incited by logics and motivations different from ours (the presence of constraints and pains). This is a test of hospitality measuring the ability to accept differences resulted from modalities of joint action.

Language: English

Fee: 200 – 450 €

Deadline: July 1, 2012; Abstracts should be sent to: n.hajji@ites-formation.com or hichamcogn@gmail.com

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Internet: http://www.atsdh.net/Descriptif_EN.html

(source: Internet)

International Conference "European Sociology: New Challenges and Opportunities"

Date: September 27-29, 2012

Site: Oradea, Romania

Organiser: Romanian Sociological Association; University of Oradea, Faculty of Social-Humanistic Sciences; Institute for Quality of Life of the Romanian Academy

Topics: Immediately after the fall of the Iron Curtain, Europe has been dominated by an optimistic vision, shared by sociologists, that the world naturally evolves for the better. It seemed that the European Union will strengthen, economically and socially, the whole continent, and the former communist countries of Eastern Europe will complete the transition objectives and will soon achieve a modern and enhanced prosperity. Sociology was called

to contribute to the natural process of positive development and did it with responsibility and competence. At the same time, the thematic silence dominated in this field of study, few alternatives being explored. Nowadays, we recognize that the world does not work by itself for the better. New problems have become relevant to the world, many of which have affected all Europe. Conceptualizations and tools developed by sociologists show more clearly their limits. For sociologists, as well as for the whole world, the future is populated by risks, new challenges and new opportunities. New problems require new solutions. It is time for sociology to explore new research directions, to identify new areas of interest and even to rethink current themes in a new perspective. The conference aims to open an arena for discussion on new investigations of the situations our societies face. The conference brings together theoretical and empirical contributions to this subject in sociology as well as in related fields such as demography, anthropology and social work. Theorists and practitioners in the above mentioned areas are expected to present papers and participate in discussions.

Language: Romanian, English

Fee: 35 €, Graduate students: 25 €

Deadline: July 25, 2012; Abstracts should be submitted online to: www.conference.arsociologie.ro/Online-abstract-submission

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E-mail: conference@arsociologie.ro

Internet: www.conference.arsociologie.ro

(source: e-mail from the organizer)

International Conference: 'Post'-Urbanity: Reflecting on Cultural and Social Change in Urban Spaces

Date: October 4–5, 2012

Site: Klaipeda, Lithuania

Organiser: Department of Sociology at Klaipeda University

Topics: Over the last two decades rapid social and technological changes have transformed urban spaces and their semantics, identities and representations all round the world. Many urban spaces have lost their previous function, and might therefore be defined as 'post'-spaces of various kinds, as for example post-industrial, post-military, post-Soviet, postmodern, post-ideological, posthumous and so forth. 'Post'-urbanity then points simultaneously to new spatial projections of specific and recent sociological developments and to the continuing presence of the previous social order. The conference invites to addresses question how the processes defined by the notion of 'post-urbanity' transform and affect the contemporary city. Which urban spaces are most vulnerable to change? In which spaces is the conflict between old and new social meanings most apparent? How are those changes perceived in everyday consciousness? What are the dominant ideological representations of 'post'-spaces? And which economic, technological and political structures support their existence? What can or should fill in the semantic emptiness implied by the prefix 'post-?' The 'Post'-Urbanity conference welcomes participants to discuss issues of post-urbanity from the perspective of sociology, philosophy and cultural studies, especially in terms of theoretical overviews, empirical research and/or case studies of recent developments in urban spaces and their social implications globally.

Language: English

Fee: Full Rate: 35 €; for doctoral students: 15 €

Deadline: July 1, 2012

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(source: e-mail from the organisers)

Theory, Action and Impact of Social Protest

Date: October 13–14, 2012

Site: Kent, UK

Organiser: University of Kent's Centre for the Study of Social and Political Movements, the SSPSSR ESRC DTC Advanced Training, the School of Psychology; and the Conflict Analysis Research Centre in the school of Politics & IR

Topics: The aim is to explore the study of social movements with a variety of academic lenses and attempt to develop collaboration between disciplines on the study. The organisers seek contributions for a broad range of disciplines and a mixture of disciplines including sociology, law, psychology, politics, economics, cultural studies, history, geography, philosophy, literature, and film studies. We hope to use this conference as a forum to bridge some of the gaps between the different disciplines and their work in the field of social movements.

Language: English

Fee: registration fee of 10 £ for participants and attendees, for post-graduate participants is free

Deadline: June 15, 2012; Proposals should be sent to: Eugene Nulman at e.nulman@kent.ac.uk

Contact: Eugene Nulman

E-mail: e.nulman@kent.ac.uk

Internet: <http://taispcconference.wordpress.com/2012/03/22/cfp/>

(source: Internet)

Work and Life Quality in New and Growing Jobs

Date: October 18-29, 2012

Site: Sofia, Bulgaria

Organiser: Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Topics: Invite original academic and actor contributions on one or more of the following five core themes: Legal law changes and impacts, policy implications and open discussions; What do employers do? Employers' initiatives at company or sectoral level; What do trade unions do? Addressing quality of work? Measuring quality of work and benchmarking in Europe; Company level best practices and transfers conditions? Employees and quality of work; Challenges, losses and gains.

Language: Bulgarian and English

Deadline: June 15, 2012.

Contact: Darina Peycheva

E-mail: dpeicheva@gmail.com

Internet: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/pdfs/Addressing%20Quality%20of%20Work.pdf>

(source: Internet)

11th Asia Pacific Sociological Association Conference (APSA): "Sociology and Social Transformations in the Asia Pacific region"

Date: October 22-24, 2012

Site: Quezon City, Philippines

Organiser: The Department of Sociology and Anthropology of the Ateneo de Manila University

Topics: The main goal of the 11th APSA conference is to provide an opportunity for academics and professionals with a broadly sociological background and/or related fields of study to share in the presentation and exchange of ideas concerning theory and method; To develop collaboration and cooperation among research institutions and academics, policy makers and professionals to contribute to the improvement of communities in the region; To engage new scholars (including postgraduate students) in the Asia Pacific region to participate and contribute to the development and application of sociology as a discipline and as an orientation.

Language: English

Fee: For international delegates: 150 \$; For Filipino-based professionals: 2000 PHP

Deadline: June 30, 2012; Abstracts should be sent to: apsaabstract2012@gmail.com

Contact: The Department Chairperson, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ground Floor, Ricardo & Dr. Rosita Leong Hall, School of Social Sciences, Loyola Schools Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights, Quezon City 1108

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Internet: <http://apsa2012admu.wordpress.com>

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PCPE—Prague Conference on Political Economy: "Interdisciplinarity, the future of Social Sciences?"

Date: October 26-28, 2012

Site: Prague, Czech Republic

Organiser: CEVRO Institute [school of legal and social studies]

Topics: The purpose of the 2012 Prague Conference on Political Economy is to gather papers that will focus on the challenges that multidisciplinary brings to social sciences and policy-making in the beginning of the 21st century. Both theoretical and empirical papers are expected not only to address the current state of the discipline but also to envisage new perspectives for its development. The conference will welcome papers discussing issues at the intersection of economics, law, political science, history, philosophy, and other humanities. More specifically, some of the research questions the participants might address are: Law-and-economics in the 21th century; Austrian Economics and mainstream solutions to economic crises; Libertarian paternalism and "NUDGE" and public policy; Do social scientists need more interdisciplinarity or not?; Heterodox approaches vs. the mainstream in social sciences; European integration at the crossroads; Challenges to economic freedom measurement—China and the Nordic Model.

Language: English

Fee: Full: 120 – 220 €; Basic: 80 – 180 €

Deadline: June 30, 2012; Abstracts should be sent to: josef.sima@vsci.cz

Contact: CEVRO Institute [school of legal and social studies], Jungmannova 17, Prague Czech Republic

Tel.: +420 221 50 67 00

E-mail: info@vsci.cz

Internet: <http://www.cevroinstitut.cz/en/Section/pcpe/>

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6th International Symposium: Identity and Multicultural Politics

Date: October 29-30, 2012

Site: Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Organiser: International Network for Alternative Academia

Topics: This trans-disciplinary research project is interested in identifying the conflicting forces and political realities of multiculturalism and of identity formations in diverse political, societal and cultural contexts. The organisers invite colleagues from all disciplines and professions interested in exploring and explaining these issues in a collective, deliberative and dialogical environment to send presentation proposals which address these general questions or the following themes: 1. New Challenges for a Contemporary Politics of Recognition; 2. Talking Back: Contemporary Identity Formations; 3. Nationalism & Inclusion; 4. Art, Contestation & Aesthetic Critique; 5. Multicultural Interlacing & Contemporary Life; 6. New Bonds for Self & Other.

Language: English

Deadline: June 8, 2012; Submissions should be sent to: imp-6@alternative-academia.net

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Internet: <http://www.alternative-academia.net/home/montreal-winter-2012/imp-6>

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7th International Conference of the Albanian Institute of Sociology (AIS): "Identity, image and social cohesion in our time of interdependence"

Date: November 26-27, 2012

Site: Vlora, Albania

Organiser: Albanian Institute of Sociology

Topics: The Albanian Institute of Sociology and its partners invite scholars from all over the world in this interdisciplinary conference about Identity, Image and Social Cohesion. Central Theme: "Identity, image and social cohesion in our time of interdependence". Other themes by AIS Thematic Sections: Communication, Culture and Arts; Sociology of Population & Migration; Sociology of Education; Political Sociology and Law Issues; Sociology of Religion, Collective Behavior & Social Movements; Sociology of Marriage & Family; Integration and Globalization; Childhood, Youth & Gender; Organizations, professions and Work; Theoretical, Comparative & Historical Studies; Deviance & Social Control; Ethnic Relations, Human Rights & Collective Goods; Economy & Development; Social Security & Public Health.

Language: English, Albanian or Italian

Fee: to be decided by the categories of participants

Deadline: June 30, 2012

Contact: Elda Kutrolli, Secretary of AIS

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Internet: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/pdfs/7th-Conference-of-Albanian-Institute-of-Sociology.pdf>

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GPSA 2012 Conference: Order Out of Chaos?

Date: November 8-10, 2012

Site: Savannah, Georgia, US

Organiser: Georgia Political Science Association

Topics: From the Arab Spring to the potential collapse of the Euro to the Occupy movement, the political world has felt chaotic. What order created the conditions that led to the emergence of this chaos? What (if any) order will emerge from this chaos? Under the broad theme of "Order out of chaos," the Georgia Political Science Association is issuing this call for proposals. Faculty, independent scholars, graduate and undergraduate students are encouraged to submit their research for presentation and discussion at the 44th annual conference to be held at the Savannah, Georgia Doubletree Hotel in the heart of the historic district. Papers will be accepted from all subfields of Political Science, Criminal Justice, and related disciplines. Once presented, participants are encouraged to then submit their work to our edited and refereed proceedings, published online once a year. The best presented paper submitted for publication will be awarded the McBrayer Award. Undergraduate research nominated by faculty members will be eligible for the Pajari Award.

Language: English

Deadline: July 6, 2012; Paper and/or panel proposals should be sent to: gpsa2012@aug.edu

Contact: Dr. Sandra Reinke, Director, Center for Public Service and Research, Augusta State University, 2500 Walton Way, Augusta, Georgia 30904-2200

E-mail: gpsa2012@aug.edu

Internet: http://www.gpsanet.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=60&Itemid=90

(source: Internet)

International Conference on the Roles of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Engineering (ICoHSE)

Date: November 23-25, 2012

Site: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Organiser: Universiti Malaysia Perlis

Topics: This conference will bridge the gap between academic discussion and public debate to envision ways of reconciling the innovative prospects of science with its much needed social accountability, credibility and utility to produce engineering graduates who have the skills to solve real-world problems, the flexibility to adapt to changing technology and markets, and a respect for intellectual and cultural diversity. This conference aims: To examine the past, present, and future role of the humanities and social sciences in engineering and technical education; To discuss the importance of the humanities and social sciences in engineering and technical education; To share the view of the engineering and non-engineering industries on the importance of the humanities and social sciences in engineering and technical education; To discuss issues related to the role of the humanities and social sciences in engineering and technical education.

Language: English

Fee: International participants: 300 – 350 \$; Malaysian participants: 650.00 – 700.00 RM

Deadline: June, 17, 2012

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(source: Internet)

International Conference on Ethics in Human Research - ICEHR 2012

Date: November 23-25, 2012

Site: Bangkok, Thailand

Organiser: IEDRC and International Journal of Social Science and Humanity (IJSSH)

Topics: ICEHR 2012 aims to bring together researchers, scientists, engineers, and scholar students to exchange and share their experiences, new ideas, and research results about all aspects of Ethics in Human Research, and discuss the practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted. All papers for the ICEHR2012 will be published in the IPEDR (ISSN: 2010-4626) as one volume, and will be included in the Engineering & Technology Digital Library, and indexed by EBSCO, WorldCat, Google Scholar, CNKI and sent to be reviewed by ISI Proceedings. About 10 papers selected from registered ones will be published in the International Journal of Social Science and Humanity (IJSSH, ISSN: 2010-3646) free of charge.

Language: English

Fee: Authors: 350 – 400 \$; Listeners: 250 \$

Deadline: July 10, 2012

Contact: Secretary: Room5, 6/F., Shun On Commercial Building, 112-114 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong

E-mail: icehr@iedrc.org

Internet: <http://www.icehr.org/>

(source: Internet)

17th World Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences: "Evolving humanity, emerging worlds"

Date: August 5-10, 2013

Site: Manchester, UK

Organiser: UK Organizing Committee

Topics: The session invites researchers to submit papers that, from an ethnographic approach, address forms of urban poverty and also those that problematize on the debate about the selection of objects and fields of research as well as the relationship between the researcher and the subjects and issues that are the object of study - such as the relationship between urban and rural ways of life, access to urban land, urban violence and urban poverty, among others. Works that analyze with an ethnographic approach the ways in which poverty and inequality are expressed and experienced in different cities will be particularly welcome.

Language: English

Fee: Full details of costs will be provided on the homepage

Deadline: July 13, 2012

Contact: Congress administration

E-mail: conference@iuaes.org

Internet: <http://www.iuaes2013.org/index.html>

(source: Internet)

Call for papers Workshops

Workshop: Migrants' Ageing: Quantitative Aspects. The Ninth IMISCOE Annual Conference

Date: August 28-29, 2012

Site: University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Organisers: IMISCOE, Alistair Hunter (University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom) and Oana Ciobanu (CesNova, New University of Lisbon, Portugal)

Topics: This workshop invites contributions from scholars who reflect on the utility of the mobilities paradigm of older migrants. Suggested themes for discussion include, but are not limited to: Motive Force: why do older migrants move? Route: what routes do older migrants take? At what scale – local (within cities) / national / international? Experience: what does (im)mobility feel like for older people? Do experiences change over the life course? What are the living arrangements of ageing migrants? How do they adapt to new conditions? Friction: when and why does older migrants' mobility stop? What substitute forms of mobility do they develop (such as virtual mobility)? How do policies limit the mobility of ageing migrants? Active ageing and (im)mobility: How do ageing migrants experience active ageing? What are the implications of active ageing on well-being?

Language: English

Deadline: June 1, 2012

Contact: Alistair Hunter (alistair.hunter@ed.ac.uk) and Oana Ciobanu (oana.ciobanu@fcsn.unl.pt)

Internet: <http://www.imiscoeconferences.org/images/cfp12/13%20cfp%20-%20immobil.pdf>
(source: Internet)

Call for papers Summer Schools

Atlantic and Continental Approaches to Energy Security

Date: July 29-August 4, 2012

Site: Brno, Czech Republic

Organiser: The Department of International Relations and European Studies of the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University

Topics: The aim of this summer school is a comparison of selected energy security related questions from perspectives of the U.S. as well as of European Union states. The summer school will focus on topics related to the electric utility sector, such as the future of nuclear energy; the problem of the use of conventional resources in the transportation sector; the support of renewables; the coal industry and its environmental aspects; the future of smart grids and decentralization of electricity utility sector; etc. This summer school will analyse the differences and compliances of two different ways of dealing with specific energy security related issues.

Language: English

Fee: 7500 CZK

Deadline: June 15th, 2012; Application should be sent to: summerschool.energy@fss.muni.cz

Contact: Department of International Relations and European Studies, International Institute of Political Science of Masaryk University, Faculty of Social Studies, Jostova 10, 602 00, Brno, Czech Republic

E-mail: summerschool.energy@fss.muni.cz

Internet: <http://www.summer-school.cz>

(source: Internet)

Call for papers Journals

Contributions to Humanities

Place of publication: Kraków, Poland

Type of publication: online

Publication date: 2012

Published by/ edited by: University of Science and Technology AGH, 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 sent to: studiahumanistyczne@agh.edu.pl

Contact: University of Science and Technology AGH, Faculty of Humanities, 30-071 Kraków, ul. Gramatyka 8a

E-mail: studiahumanistyczne@agh.edu.pl

Internet: <http://www.studiahumanistyczne.agh.edu.pl/call-for-papers/>

(source: Internet)

Studia paedagogica: Good and evil in education

Place of publication: Brno, Czech Republic

Type of publication: print

Publication date: July 2012

Published by/ edited by: Department of Educational Sciences, Faculty of Arts of the Masaryk University

Topics: The next issue of Studia paedagogica will offer space for polemical contributions looking at good and evil in education from various viewpoints. The notion of good is a basic category of moral philosophy, denoting what is useful, pleasant or perfect. Although throughout the history of philosophy the way in which good is understood has been subject to change, e.g. as the highest idea (Plato) and a transcendental essence which pervades all categories similarly to existence, truth and beauty, the intention of editors is to use the categories of good and the evil in a metaphorical manner and to look at the basic processes of education through the perspectives they offer. Good and evil can be explored at a subjective level, which means focusing on the individual and asking questions about what they enjoy and what is pleasant for them. Good and evil can also be related to society (at an objective level). And finally, the reference point for good and evil can be found at its transcendental level. Among other points, the editors are interested in how 'good' and 'bad' in education can be investigated using the tools of educational research, be it at the level of actors, of the school, or of the schooling/education system.

Deadline: September 15, 2012. Please send your abstracts (200 to 400 words) to

E-mail: studiapaedagogica@phil.muni.cz

Internet: <http://www.phil.muni.cz/journals/sp>

(source: e-mail from the editors)

Grants/Jobs/Internships

Post-/Doctoral Visiting Fellowships on European involvement in UA or GE

Institution/Organiser: Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: for a period of 4-6 months starting between January and April 2013

Site: Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Topics: The fellows will join the research group EuroGaps, which examines external perceptions of the European Union in the Black Sea Region and sub-Saharan Africa (see www.eurogaps.eu). It is jointly led by Veit Bachmann and Martin Müller. Applicants should have a research focus related to European involvement in Ukraine or Georgia and will be expected to bring their knowledge of the region to the research group. The visit is meant to give the fellows an opportunity to further develop their own research in this area. The fellow will be expected to contribute a chapter to an edited volume on the perception of the EU from outside its boundaries. While there are no teaching obligations, upon the candidate's wish there may be found opportunities to contribute to lecturing if the subject is suitable to the curriculum.

Eligibility: Candidates are expected to be fluent in English and Ukrainian or Georgian and should be in possession of a Master's degree (or equivalent) in a pertinent social science discipline such as (but not limited to) Human Geography, Political Science, Anthropology, Organisation Studies, Sociology, European Studies.

Deadline: July 1, 2012; Please send your application in one pdf-file to Martin Müller martin.mueller@em.uni-frankfurt.de as well as Ievgenii Rovnyi rovnyi@em.uni-frankfurt.de (for Ukraine) or Rachel Naylor naylor@em.uni-frankfurt.de (for Georgia)

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E-mail: martin.mueller@em.uni-frankfurt.de

Internet: <http://h-net.msu.edu/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=H-Soyuz&month=1205&week=a&msg=uowQ7XCezfgKN1XGtSH96w>
(source: Internet)

Two Postdoc Fellowships

Institution/Organiser: The Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung (MZES) at the University of Mannheim

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: two years, starting preferably 1 September 2012

Site: Mannheim, Germany

Topics: The Centre seeks to recruit two outstanding social scientists (preferably sociologists or political scientists) as Postdoctoral Fellows to work in MZES Research Areas A: "European Societies and their Integration" or B: "European Political Systems and their Integration". Successful candidates are expected to publish in international scientific journals. The MZES aims at keeping its Postdoctoral Fellows at the Centre for more than two years. The Postdoctoral Fellows are expected to generate within the first two years sufficient grant income to extend their positions. In addition to the resources of the University, MZES supports its Postdoctoral Fellows with an annual budget for travel and research assistance, a dedicated IT department, the internal methods consulting and data unit Eurodata, an extensive Centre library, support from project management offices, and a public relations officer.

Eligibility: Candidates should have completed their PhD with an excellent dissertation in sociology, political science, or a related discipline within the last two years. Publications, particularly in peer-reviewed journals, are an advantage. Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications and will be between 44,000 and 51,000 Euros (public sector pay scheme TV-L E13), with additional employer benefits. The position is for initially two years, starting preferably 1 September 2012. An extension is possible if the holder of the position manages to attract funding for this extension. In principle, the position can be shared.

Deadline: June 7, 2012

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Post-graduate fellowship at the Office for Population Studies

Institution/Organiser: Office for Population Studies (OPS), Faculty of Social Sciences at Masaryk University

Kind of support/work: fellowship

Duration: one year, starting February 2013. The fellowship is renewable – upon evaluation of the fellow's performance – for up to 4 years, i.e. for the entire standard duration of the Ph.D. studies. Fellows must be enrolled in the Sociology Ph.D. program during the duration of the fellowship.

Site: Brno, Czech Republic

Topics: The following research areas are going to be given preference in the evaluation process: Population ageing and the labor market; Grand-parenting and intergenerational exchange; Family forms and family relationships in ageing populations; Transitions in family life (with emphasis on the transition to parenthood: New family forms, The role of the family in the reproduction of social inequalities). Comparative projects are preferred whenever possible.

Deadline: November 30, 2012

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Post-doctoral position in Sociology

Institution/Organiser: University of Luxembourg

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: Fixed term contract 3 years, renewable 2 years. Employee status

Site: Luxembourg

Topics: More specifically he /she will work within the PROSOCIAL research programme: a comparative stratification research project in the sociology of inequalities funded by the Fonds National de la Recherche Luxembourg (FNR). The PROSOCIAL programme analyses the dynamics of stratification and inequalities in the context of the transformations of welfare regimes. The intensification of economic inequalities of income and wealth, the development of new social cleavages between gender, age groups, ethnic minorities, etc. and the accumulation of concrete social tensions, are leading factors of the transformation of social categories and social inequalities in the Western World. The institutional answers and the crises of welfare regimes foster the development of new dimensions of inequalities in the distribution of economic and social resources. Deepening the descriptive knowledge of these inequalities and their dynamics, developing new cross-sectional and longitudinal analytic tools, understanding better the interactions between social structures and institutional transformations are the main dimensions of the PROSOCIAL program. This programme is developed in close cooperation with the Luxembourg research actors, including the LIS (Luxembourg Income Study).

Eligibility: Doctoral Degree in the social sciences; Publications in academic journals; Large experience in quantitative research (Stata, R, etc.); Interest and experience of comparative research; Good communication skills that enable him/her to support the supervision of students; Excellent level in English. French and/or German would be useful assets.

Deadline: Candidates will submit until 26th June, 2012 their application online (motivation letter and projects, detailed Curriculum Vitae including a list of publications, samples of original work, names and addresses of two referees, and copies of diplomas). All correspondence should be in English Interviews are currently scheduled to take place between 5 and 15 July 2012.

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