

Social Science News

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Call for papers
Conferences

1st Balkans Forum of Social Sciences (BFSS): "Sociology and Social Sciences in Balkans: Experiences, Problems and Challenges"

Date: November 22, 2011

Site: Tirana, Albania

Organiser: The Albanian Sociological Association

Topics: The Albanian Sociological Association invites the representatives of national associations of sociologists, of social sciences faculties and departments of the Universities of the Balkan countries and other social science scholars from the Balkan region to the 6th International Conference of the Albanian Institute of Sociology on Sociology and social sciences in the Balkans. The objectives of the Balkans Forum of Social Sciences are: to establish a permanent cooperation between the existing (and forthcoming) national sociological associations in the Balkan countries, as well as between the Faculties and Departments of Social Sciences of the universities of the region; to organize an annual conference of the Balkans Forum of Social Sciences by turn in each country; to promote activities of the BFSS members in journals, newsletters, websites edited in each country. The aim of BFSS is: Promoting National Associations (NAs) of Sociology and other social sciences in Balkans; Institutionalization of the cooperation between NAs, sociologists and other social scholars of Balkan region; Helping the development of sociology and other social sciences in this region; Stressing the disciplinary identity and the intellectual tradition of sociology and other social sciences; Improving communication among sociologists and other social scholars of Balkan countries; Providing a more substantial cooperation between associations, institutions and networks of Balkans countries; Making social sciences more visible to policy makers of Balkans countries; Identifying the common problems of Balkans countries and developing supra-national research networks; Changing information, studies, databases as well as scholars and students.

Language: English

Deadline: November 1, 2011

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Internet: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/conference.php?t=396>

(source: Internet)

Central Europe on the Threshold of the 21st Century. Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Challenges in Politics and Society

Date: February 2-4, 2012

Site: Torun, Poland

Organiser: Faculty of Political Sciences and International Studies, Nicolas Copernicus University Torun

Topics: The main aim of the conference is to deal with actual issues and their specific formation in Central Europe. The main focus will be set on social perspectives, coping with the transformation process and relations between the state and society. The conference will also focus on the perception of general problems on European and worldwide scale and the influence of the totalitarian past and development deficits on them. The international dimension of the event should lead the participants not only to an explanation of the political, social, economical and cultural phenomena, but also to communication and confrontation of different national perspectives on them. The aims of the conference shall be fulfilled by covering the complexity of social and transnational phenomena and discovering as well as identifying patterns of ongoing developments. The following panels will be created: 1. Identity Issues or Geopolitical Questions; 2. Sustainability of the National Concept; 3. Political System and Economic Basics; 4. The Rule of Law and Threats; 5. Central European States as Actors in International Relations; 6. Central Europe in the European Union; 7. The Place of Visegrad Group after Joining the European Union; 8. Central European Civil Societies; 9. Cities and Local Politics; 10. Cultural and Religious Relations; 11. Migration, Communication and Cultural Transfer.

Language: English

Fee: 100€/400PLN (with accommodation); 75€/300 PLN (without accommodation)

Deadline: January 1, 2012

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(source: Internet)

Youth, Gender and Sexuality: Contemporary Debates

Date: January 25, 2012

Site: Nottingham, UK

Organiser: Dr. Andrew Kam-Tuck Yip, University of Nottingham, UK, Dr. Sarah-Jane Page, Durham University, UK

Topics: This conference aims to bring together scholars in the social sciences and humanities who are doing cutting-edge theoretical and/or empirical research on young people's lived experiences in relation to gender and/or sexuality in contemporary society. This deliberately small-scale conference, involving no more than 15 participants, will provide a platform for in-depth and productive dialogue. The organisers intend to publish selected contributions as an edited volume or a special issue for a journal.

Language: English

Deadline: October 15, 2011

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Internet: <http://www.csqsnnyu.org/2011/09/cfp-youth-gender-and-sexuality-contemporary-debates/>
(source: Internet)

Mastering the Challenges in Higher Education: Considering the way students learn, cheat and enhance performance

Date: February 8-9, 2012

Site: Bielefeld, Germany

Organiser: University of Bielefeld

Topics: The interdisciplinary conference focuses on student fraud (such as plagiarism, cheating in exams), cognitive enhancement (such as use of medication), student learning strategies, learning motivation and teaching strategies as well as adverse structural and individual inferences within these processes. The conference will also emphasize recommendations for the individual and at the organizational level concerning the core concept of learning and teaching, and associated theoretical, methodological and ethical issues. Researchers from disciplines such as sociology, psychology, pedagogy, neuroscience, medicine etc. are welcome along with academic staff or the study advisers.

Language: English

Fee: 65 €; 50 € ((Ph.D.)students)

Deadline: October 31, 2011

E-mail: cheatandlearn.conference@uni-bielefeld.de

Internet: <http://www.uni-bielefeld.de/soz/fairuse/conference/>
(source: Internet)

'Lived religion' in the USSR: survival and resistance under forced secularization

Date: February 16-18, 2012

Site: Moscow, Russia

Organiser: Center for the Study of Religion, Russian State University for the Humanities; Center of the Religious and Church History, Institute of Universal History, Russian Academy of Sciences; Forschungsstelle Osteuropa an der Universität Bremen; Centre d'études franco-russe de Moscou

Topics: The central problem of the conference will be theoretical understanding of the content and real dimensions of secularization within the Soviet "modernity project:" What happened to religion: crisis, marginality, preservation in closed subcultures, or transformation and reappearance in other forms? To what extent all these processes were part of a "universal secularization trend" or were they rather results of the repressive policies? To confront this issue, the organizers will explore how social, economic and political settings, in their historical dynamic, impacted everyday religiosity; how the evolution of religion co-related with milestone historical events and processes of the Soviet history. The conference will also explore issues of relevant research methods; creating a set of appropriate theoretical categories; and defining chronological sub-periods within the Soviet history. Here follows a tentative list of issues to be addressed: The movements of religious reform/renovation of the early 20th century and its impact in religious practices of the Soviet period; The impact of repressive government policies on shaping religious practices; religious responses: eschatological reactions; creating new forms of survival, reproducing old traditions, etc.; Conformist, adaptive, protest and other types of responses to "Soviet modernity"; Typology and analysis of religious subcultures and niches emerged in the Soviet Union; exploring "popular", "elite", "official", and "alternative" religiosity; Transformation of the sacred space under repressive policies: temples, sacred places/objects, their worship and their suppression; Urban and rural religious practices; urbanization as a factor of religious change; Practices at the inter-religious borders: preserving identity, growing tensions, and/or inevitable interaction and alliances?; Consequences of the Soviet religious experience in the post-Soviet societies.

Language: English

Deadline: October 15, 2011

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Internet: http://mblog.lib.umich.edu/CREES/archives/2011/07/lived_religion.html
(source: Internet)

Is Social Democracy exhausted? Pathways, Reflections and Dilemmas

Date: February 17-18, 2012

Site: Adelaide, Australia

Organiser: Dr Rob Manwaring, School of Social and Policy Studies, Flinders University; Dr Lionel Orchard, School of Social and Policy Studies, Flinders University

Topics: This conference invites papers which examine the current state of social democratic politics and policy. While a strand of the conference will examine the health of social democratic parties, the conference is focused more broadly on the future challenges facing social democratic politics. Papers on (but not limited to) the following themes and issues are encouraged: Comparative social democracy - examining alternative paths and strategies of social democratic and labour parties in advanced industrial settings; Assessing the dilemmas and challenges facing social democratic political economy; Social democracy and alliances with wider progressive politics - including Green parties, Trade Unions, and NGO's; The changing role of the state and civil society in social democratic politics; Social Democracy and specific policy areas: education, health, democratic renewal; Australian Social Democracy at the State and Federal level.

Language: English

Deadline: October 28, 2011

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(source: Internet)

2012 Pacific Sociological Annual Meeting

Date: March 22-25, 2012

Site: Harbor Island, San Diego, US

Organiser: Pacific Sociological Association (PSA)

Topics: Three decades ago, Black feminist activists argued for an analysis of the situation of Black women that took seriously the ways in which their lives were affected by racial, gendered, and classed dynamics. Black feminist scholars did just that in developing the concept of intersectionality and elaborating an intersectional approach to knowledge production in the social sciences and humanities. This approach has transformed scholarship in many fields. In sociology, scholars have sought to examine the simultaneous and multiplicative interaction of axes of inequality around class, race, gender, sexuality, age, religion, disability, citizenship. Scholars have reckoned not only with an intersectional approach to identity construction and enactment but also its application to understanding the social processes of interaction in organizations, social movements, and other institutional spheres, and the ways in which inequalities are produced, changed, and resisted. No longer is it simply Black feminist scholars doing this work, but many scholars in various areas within sociology have taken the challenge of working with this framework. It is now time to examine the intersectional approach to assess its strengths and its weaknesses in theoretical argument, empirical research, policy development and implementation, and in the work we do as teachers. The 2012 meeting will focus on how intersectional approaches have been marshalled in various subfields of sociology and attempt to measure their success; how quantitative and qualitative methodologies have been enhanced and challenged by an intersectional perspective; how and why some axes of power been more fully explored than others; to what extent analyses of specific policy domains, such as immigration, corporate profit-taking, crime, educational access, HIV/AIDS, civil rights, have usefully employed its insights; what works and what does not in teaching intersectionality. Submissions on all sociological topics are welcome. However, organizers are particularly interested in those related to the theme of the 2012 meetings.

Language: English

Deadline: October 15, 2011

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Internet: <http://www.pacificsoc.org/2006/08/2012-annual-meeting.html>

(source: Internet)

4th Central and Eastern European Forum: "Reconsidering Democracy: (New) Theories, Policies and Social Practices"

Date: March 23-24, 2012

Site: Celje, Slovenia

Organiser: Central and Eastern European Forum of Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists

Topics: The fourth CEE Forum will put its special emphasis on recent critiques of contemporary democracy and the rule of law. Current discourses in social sciences as well as in civil society almost daily produce new ideas, suggestions and demands on how to significantly alter the political and legal reality of our societies. The exceptional importance of these questions for our common future has long and clearly surpassed national borders and produced an international discourse. Many distinguished authors like Immanuel Wallerstein, Noam Chomsky, Jürgen Habermas, Stéphane Hessel, Antonio Negri, Igor Štiks or Srečko Horvat have spoken publicly on these pressing issues. They propose the increase of elements of direct democracy in the political process and significant political empowerment of the civil society and each individual. It thus seems appropriate to discuss these and related problems within the Fourth Central and Eastern European Forum. The organizers expecting contributions to the following two major general panels: (1) Reconsidering Democracy: (New) Theories, Policies and Social Practices, and (2) Towards the Rule of Law – Regresses and Necessities. Even though these two general themes are broad enough to meet diverse interests of the Forum's participants, the organizers will also convene an (3) Open panel for papers that target other interesting topics from the vast area of legal, political and social theory.

Language: English
Deadline: December 15, 2011

Fee: 50 €

E-mail: international@issbs.si
Internet: http://www.cee-forum.org/forum_2012_celje
 (source: Internet)

The New Public Good: Affects and Techniques of flexible Bureaucracies

Date: March 23-24, 2012

Site: Cambridge, United Kingdom

Organiser: The Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH), University of Cambridge

Topics: This conference asks what exactly is new about newly declared public goods such as transparency, accountability, devolution of power, efficiency, the offering-up of choice, the introduction of new technologies or the raising of measurable happiness? How do they manifest themselves through transformations in mundane administrative technologies? What sorts of affectivities are engendered by them? How do theoretical interventions on the penetration of neo-liberal political rationalities and technologies of governance intersect with observations on the gendered nature of bureaucracies or the structural violence that underpins them? What, indeed, are the unintended consequences of the profoundly political and moral alterations in the practice of rule that are being introduced in the name of new public goods? For instance, what is the impact of the utilisation of biometric ids by the Indian state in its disbursement of welfare provisions to the urban poor? Does this sophisticated technological fix render the state 'transparent', does it allow for faultless identification of wholly individualised subjects? What forms of changes are wrought – pragmatically and affectively – by the replacement of 'traditional' modes of bureaucratic identification of the poor (such as documents) with new high-tech identificatory techniques? The organizers invite papers from researchers detailing the alterations being effected in variegated bureaucratic formations via new and contested definitions of 'the public good.' The conference is inter-disciplinary in its orientation. The organizers do not, thus, delimit submissions on the basis of disciplinary background. Ethnographic accounts of flexible bureaucracies are, however, particularly welcome.

Language: English
Deadline: October 21, 2011

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 (source: Internet)

11th Annual International Young Researchers Conference: "Postcommunist Corruption: Causes, Manifestations, Consequences"

Date: March 29-April 1, 2012

Site: Oxford, US

Organiser: Gulnaz Sharafutdinova, Venelin Ganev

Topics: After more than two decades of research on post-communist transformations, a consensus has emerged that corruption is a major phenomenon associated with the evolution of the former "second world." The purpose of this conference is to explore the analytical, conceptual and comparative dimensions of this phenomenon and to examine recent empirical findings and field work on corruption in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The organizers are particularly interested in questions such as: What is the heuristic potential, as well as the possible shortcomings, of currently available typologies of post-communist corruption? Is there anything historically distinct about post-communist corruption – or is it a manifestation of broader patterns observable across regions and types of political regimes? What are the most promising strategies for studying the interplay of local factors (such as the multifaceted legacies of socialism) and international developments (such as the emergence of globalized political, economic and institutional contexts) that shape corrupt practices in post-communism? How have such practices evolved over the last twenty years, and how do they vary across time and space? What important aspects of post-communist socio-political orders can be explained as a consequence of enduring and institutionally embedded forms of corrupt behaviour?

Language: English
Deadline: November 1, 2011; Please type "2012 Young Researchers Conference" as the subject of the email.

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Internet: <http://www.units.muohio.edu/havighurstcenter/conferences/youngresearchers.html>
 (source: Internet)

Social History Society Annual Conference 2012

Date: April 3-5, 2012

Site: Brighton, UK

Organiser: The Social History Society

Topics: The Society's conference is organised in seven strands: Deviance, Inclusion and Exclusion; Life-cycles and Life-styles; Markets, Culture and Society; Political Cultures, Policy and Citizenship; Narratives, Emotions and the

Self; Spaces and Places; Theory and Methods. Papers presented at the conference can be submitted to the Society's journal, Cultural and Social History, to be considered for publication.

Language: English

Deadline: October 26, 2011

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(source: Internet)

17th Annual ASN World Convention: "The Wages of Nationhood: Conflicts, Compromises, and Costs"

Date: April 19-21, 2012

Site: New York, US

Organiser: The Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)

Topics: The ASN Convention, the most attended international and inter-disciplinary scholarly gathering of its kind, welcomes proposals on a wide range of topics related to nationalism, ethnicity, ethnic conflict and national identity in Central Europe, the Balkans, the former Soviet Union, and Central Eurasia (including Central Asia, the Caucasus, Turkey, China, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, and Iraq). The Convention also invites proposals devoted to comparative perspectives on nationalism-related issues in other regions of the world, as well as theoretical approaches that need not be grounded in any particular geographic region. Disciplines represented include political science, history, anthropology, sociology, international studies, security studies, geopolitics, area studies, economics, geography, sociolinguistics, literature, psychology, and related fields. The Convention is also inviting paper, panel, roundtable, or special presentation proposals related to three special thematic sidebars: History, Politics and Memory, on the construction and contestation of the memory of historical events in sites, political discourse and historical research; Ethnicity and Violence, on the conditions, mechanism, construction, implications and global perspective of violence perpetrated against "ethnic" or culturally-defined groups; Religion and Multiculturalism, on the social and political challenges related to the integration of religious-defined "old" and immigrant communities in modern societies.

Language: English

Deadline: November 2, 2011; The proposals should be sent to both: darel@uottawa.ca; darelasn2012@gmail.com

Contact: Convention Executive Director Gordon N. Bardos

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Internet: <http://www.nationalities.org/convention/convention.asp>

(source: Internet)

10th ISORECEA Conference: "Religion and power relations in Central and Eastern Europe"

Date: April 19-21, 2012

Site: Iasi, Romania

Organiser: ISORECEA in cooperation with "Petre Andrei" University of Iasi

Topics: The Conference organizers invite to address such questions and propose your paper in line with the Conference title, particularly in relation to the following subthemes: Religion and empowerment; Religion and power: institutional vs. individual perspectives; Power in relation to majority and minority religions; Religion, power, and gender; Religion, power and well-being; Democratization, the restructuring of power, and religiosity in CEE; Religion and secular power; Religious practice among different confessional traditions; State control and religions in CEE.

Language: English

Fee: 20-160 €

Deadline: November 15, 2011; The abstracts should be submitted to the e-mail: isorecea2012@gmail.com

Contact: Dorota Hall, General Secretary

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Internet: <http://www.isorecea.net/index.php/article-category-blog/130-2012-isorecea-conference-call-for-papers>

(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Physical Violence in Late Socialism: (Dis-)Entangling Statehood, Labor, and the Nation

Date: April 19-21, 2012

Site: Regensburg, Germany

Organiser: Institute for East and South East European Studies (IOS)

Topics: By stressing the notion of physical violence and its significance for state legitimacy, the project seeks to contribute to the general discussion of late socialist societies. The first annual conference will explore physical violence within two core fields related to the legitimacy strategies and discourses of communist statehood: the social and the national. By contextualizing physical violence within these highly ambiguous fields, the organizer aims to contribute to the dismantling of powerful stereotypical narrations and images of state socialism; for example, the remnants of binary mental maps coined by the Cold War or interpretations that have emerged on the grounds of post-socialist nation-(re)building. 1. Violence in Labour and Social Relations; 2. The National Factor in Shaping Violence. The organizer invites proposals striving for a situational and contextualised "thick description" of practices, experiences, and representations of physical violence from the perspective of the historical actors, both

in terms of subversive strategies and the expression of state authority. Violence is to be approached through a quadruple lens as exercised, suffered, observed and/or imagined.

Language: English

Deadline: October 31, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Higher Education in Ukraine: Internationalization, Reform, Innovation

Date: April 20-21, 2012.

Site: Kyiv, Ukraine

Organiser: Fulbright Program in Ukraine

Topics: The Conference Organizing Committee welcomes proposals and abstracts for sessions and individual papers which critically address any of the topics listed below. Papers should approach these topics from a broad international perspective, but have relevance to the issues facing higher education in Ukraine and its post-Soviet and post-socialist neighbours: University governance and educational policy; Decentralization of Higher Education Management; University autonomy; From teaching universities to research universities; The role of the university in its community; The university as an engine of economic development and center for innovation; The role of the National Academy of Sciences; Inclusive education/Special education in Ukraine (both teacher training and the educational processes for people with special needs in higher education); The Bologna Process (in Ukraine and other post-socialist countries); Reform of Instructional Methods; Standardized testing (for admissions, assessment of learning outcomes, etc.); National frameworks of qualifications; Introduction of PhD programs (in Ukraine and other post-socialist countries); Employers' involvement in higher education; University ratings and rankings; Legislative reform of higher education; Reform of higher education and the Executive branch of government; The role of foundations and /or NGOs in educational reform; Attracting and integrating international students; Contributions of exchange programs (Fulbright and others) to higher education in Ukraine/US and other host countries; Student self-governance; Student involvement in university governance; Student involvement in developing educational policy; Corruption in higher education.

Language: English, Ukrainian

Deadline: October 15, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Entrepreneurship, Family Firms and Economic Development

Date: April 27-28, 2012

Site: Krakow, Poland

Organiser: Cracow University of Economics, Universita Politecnica delle Marche

Topics: The main topics of the conference are: The concept and determinants of entrepreneurship in modern economies; The relations between entrepreneurship and family firms; The advantages and disadvantages of family as a vehicle for firms' creation; The barriers to the growth of family firms; The similarities and differences between family firms and SMEs; Comparative advantages and disadvantages of family firms; The impact of family firms on local development; The spatial dimension of entrepreneurship; International migration and family firms; Governance challenges of family firms; Family business groups: emergence and prospects; Various research approaches to study family firms' growth and development The Impact of the Business Environment on the Family Firms; Public policy and the growth of family firms.

Language: English

Deadline: December 15, 2011

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

22nd IPSA World Congress of Political Science. Panel: "Diplomacy and Ethics: Contradiction in Terms or Indispensable Partnership?"

Date: July 8-12, 2012

Site: Madrid, Spain

Organiser: International Political Science Association (IPSA); Chair of panel: Dr. Corneliu Bjola (University of Oxford); Discussant: Prof. Markus Kornprobst (Diplomatic Academy of Vienna)

Topics: The constitution and reproduction of international diplomacy as method of international cooperation has been generally theorized on a separate track from the evolution of the moral norms underpinning the international society. This epistemic divide is no longer sustainable as considerations of global justice, accountability, duty or legitimacy are increasingly prevalent in the diplomatic discourse. The objective of this panel is to bridge this

theoretical gap by exploring the conditions under which ethics informs, regulate or constrains the practice of diplomacy. To this end, the panel invites contributions with strong theoretical and empirical components addressing one of the following three themes: 1) Diplomacy as ethics: what moral norms are constitutive of diplomatic practice and how important are they in shaping international outcomes? 2) Diplomacy vs. ethics: what are the main tensions between diplomacy and international principles of moral conduct and what implications these tensions may have for conflict and cooperation in international politics? 3) Diplomacy post ethics: what consequences the rise of non-state actors may have for the practice of diplomacy and how the latter can adapt itself to a world of shifting normative anchors?

Language: English

Deadline: October 17, 2011

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

8th International Conference on Social Science Methodology (RC33)

Date: July 9-13, 2012

Site: Sydney, Australia

Organiser: ISA Research Committee on Logic and Methodology, RC33

Topics: The aim of the conference is to disseminate knowledge and promote methodological debate with the goal of contributing to the scientific development of social science research, particularly by building the evidence base to evaluate the efficacy, efficiency and rigour of the methods and techniques of social science research. The organizers welcome papers on all aspects of social science methodology, including but not restricted to: critiques and analysis of the philosophical paradigms that underpin the logic of social research; issues in the formulation of research questions; the design of social research; methods of collecting data, and analysing them; research technologies; and issues relating social science methodology to research consumers. The focus of each presentation will be a methodological issue. Papers concerned solely on the application of a technique are not acceptable, but are welcomed papers that illustrate a methodological issue or problem within the context of a substantive research study.

Language: English

Deadline: December 1, 2011

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(source: e-mail from the organizer)

Call for papers

Workshops

Gender and Far Right Politics in Europe

Date: September 27-28, 2012

Site: Nuremberg, Germany

Organiser: Georg-Simon-Ohm-University of Applied Sciences Nürnberg

Topics: The Workshop aims to bring together scientists of all career stages and/or critical activists, journalists and practitioners from different European countries who did research on aspects of the named topic. Submissions could refer to the following aspects (all or parts or additional ones): A. Women/men within the far right: quantitative shares of women/men at diverse dimensions of far right activities (hate crimes, elections etc.); preferred issues and ways of activity; women's organisations; social networking; social resources and backgrounds; international connections; effects of women's presence in the far right (within the scene); B. Gender specific attempts to infiltrate civil society: improving public image of the far right; community activism; educational system and social work; using of social media and virtual media; antifeminism as a strategy; C. Ideology: narrative strategies; dealing with the past; gender ideologies; role of intellectuals and churches; D. Motivations; findings on reasons and ways to become a member of the far right; criticism of traditional explanatory of political science; E. Countermeasures and preventive measures: sensitivity for gender perspectives on the far right at diverse actors (police, courts, media, social work, school, ...); F. Researching in the field of gender and right wing extremism: approaching and entering the field of research; field-experiences; getting out of the field of research

Language: English

Deadline: November 30, 2011

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Internet: <http://h-net.msu.edu/cgi-bin/logbrowse.pl?trx=vx&list=H-Nationalism&month=1109&week=a&msg=YiaHk3sizr1B0XhY4KKLzA>

(source: Internet)

Ethnic Minorities and New Social Media

Date: November 4, 2011

Site: Flensburg, Germany

Organiser: European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI), Flensburg, Germany; International Centre for Research and Analysis (ICRA), Warsaw, Poland

Topics: The interconnectedness of contemporary societies is facilitated to a great extent by the diffusion of modern digital technologies. New internet tools, such as facebook or twitter, offer platforms for contact, cooperation and socialization for social media users. While the role of internet and of new social media has begun to be studied, little research has been done on the internet's implications for the situation of a specific group: ethnic minorities. Given the relatively easy access to new social media and taking into account that minorities cannot often freely use their languages in the official national public spheres, one would expect that ethnic groups' members would seize on the opportunities provided by the internet. Also, one would expect that the usage of new social media has broad implications for ethnic group members' identifications, perceptions and actions. The workshop aims to discuss the following topics: theoretical and methodological paradigms that help uncover ethnic online activism; trends in minorities' usage of new social media at the national (particularly in Poland and Germany) and transnational levels; linkages between the usage of new social media and political participation; impact of the new social media on different categories of members of ethnic communities (e.g. women, youth) and their participation in public life. The organizers invite papers exploring one or more of the research agendas above, but the workshop is also open to discuss other topics that relate to the patterns of usage and the impact of new social media on minority groups.

Language: English

Deadline: October 10, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Religion and Civil Society: Conflicts of Religious Identity and Integration Processes in Globalizing World

Date: November 16–20, 2011

Site: Yalta, Livadia, Ukraine

Organiser: Western Michigan University (USA) and Taurida National V.I. Vernadsky University (Ukraine), Network of Cultural Exchange and Interethnic Trust (Ukraine)

Topics: The discourse shall include the following topics: Role of religion in globalized cultural space; Religious identity and geopolitical world-view as factors of formation of multipolar world; Crisis of multiculturalism policy in Europe; Ethno-confessional identity and integration processes in the global financial crisis; Relations between Islam and Christianity in the context of regional, national and international security; Religious and ethnic identity as an object of manipulation technologies; Clash of Civilizations: myth or reality? Tolerance and hatred: philosophical, ethical and psychological aspects; Religion and social capital: parameters of the interaction; Social networks as a factor in the structuring of civil society; State-church relations and social service in civil society; Media as a resource for geopolitical competition; Religion and sustainable development: ethno-ecological measuring of daily life; Linguistic aspects of intercultural communication; Religion and education: in search of harmony and dialogue. The list of issues is open for continuation.

Language: English, Russian, Ukrainian

Fee: 70 €

Deadline: October 15, 2011

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Ideas in Social Research

Date: November 17-18, 2011

Site: Bremen, Germany

Organiser: The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS)

Topics: Studying ideational influence has been one of the most interesting developments of social research in recent decades. Ideas have been addressed as the sources of social and institutional transformation, the points of reference for studying processes of decision-making or for detecting discursive frameworks in public debates on policy change. Simultaneously, ideational research in different fields has stimulated the development of sophisticated research tools and analytical frameworks, often with regard to quite specific policy fields or social phenomena. And yet, the discussion about ideas in all fields of social research has been challenged by similar and often very basic questions: What are ideas? Where do they come from? How do they matter? How do they travel? What is the relation between culture, values, discourse and ideas? (How) can we use ideas in social sciences? The workshop starts from these common challenges to discuss ideational frameworks in social sciences from different theoretical perspectives and research areas. Therefore, researchers of public policy, political economy, European studies, and international relations, welfare state research, institutional evolution or political theory and sociology are welcome to participate in the workshop.

Language: English

Deadline: October 10, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Call for papers Winter Schools

International Winter School on Federalism and Governance 2012: "Federalism and Minority Protection"

Date: February 6-17, 2012

Site: Innsbruck Austria and Bolzano/Bozen, Italy

Organiser: Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism (EURAC) Bolzano/Bozen, Italy; the Faculty of Law and the School of Political Science and Sociology of the University of Innsbruck, Austria

Topics: The Winter School provides in-depth analyses and practical knowledge regarding the problems, solutions and instruments that are and can be used in creating territorial solutions for minority-based problems. Several case-studies involve key actors who manage territorial issues on a daily basis, both in local, regional and national administrations. These actors have also worked at the international (Council of Europe) and supranational (EU) level, providing a multidisciplinary perspective. Special attention will be devoted to the Autonomy of South Tyrol. Among others, the following issues will be addressed during the training: What are the international standards with regard to the territorial organization of countries? How can territorial settings respond to minority claims? What are the main theoretical and practical problems of accommodating minorities through self-government? How to manage multi-ethnic territories by legal and political means? How can interests of 'old' and 'new' minorities be accommodated in an ever more complex and intertwined world? The Winter School enables academics, post-docs and practitioners to extend their knowledge in multilevel government and governance, especially from a legal and political science perspective. Federalism, regionalism, autonomy and devolution often serve to guarantee self-government to minority populations. Several recent federalizing processes are in fact ethnically driven. The link between federalism and minority rights, however, is not sufficiently explored with regard to its most complex governing dimensions. The Winter School provides answers to a series of issues by combining high-level expertise and problem-oriented approaches.

Language: English

Fee: 700 € (13 nights-accommodation in a single room with breakfast); 500 € (13 nights-accommodation in a twin room with breakfast)

Deadline: October 31, 2011

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Call for papers Journals

Journal Re-public: Special Issue on "The politics of fear and the rise of far-right extremism in Europe"

Type of publication: online

Published by/ edited by: re-public.gr

Topics: One of the main analytical and activist deficiencies of the struggles against the far-right in Europe is that they have failed to fully tackle its janus-like constitution. The far right in Europe has managed to blend racist (based on the notion of the hierarchy of biological races) with neo-racist (focusing on the insurmountability of cultural differences) beliefs, to frame the question of migration as one of the principal threats to European democracies, and it has managed to place itself both as a legitimate actor in the democratic public sphere and concurrently as one of its main critics. The aim of the special issue will be to explore the dynamics of the contemporary European far-right and to critically assess the anti-racist practices devised to address its influence. Submissions may address some of the following themes: The divergent ideologies of European far-right movements; The organization of far right movements, political parties and groups, focusing on transnational and international linkages; The ambiguous relationship of the "far-right" to the concept of democracy and democratic institutions; The role of new and old media in the spread of far right; A critical analysis of anti-racist strategies and practices.

Deadline: October 30, 2011

E-mail: editors@re-public.gr

Internet: <http://www.re-public.gr/en/?p=4555>

(source: Internet)

Russian Journal of Communication: Special Issue on "Russian Interpersonal Communication"

Place of publication: Washington, US

Type of publication: print/online

Publication date: 2012

Published by/ edited by: Marquette Books LLC in cooperation with the Russian Communication Association (RCA) and the North American Russian Communication Association (NARCA)

Topics: What is interpersonal communication? Is it a universal form of communication or does it varies cross-culturally? To broaden the conversation concerning interpersonal communication and culture, the Russian Journal of Communication calls for papers that will advance our understanding of Russian interpersonal communication. The editors welcome the submission of original papers on one of the following themes concerning Russian interpersonal communication: interpersonal communication in Russia or abroad; comparative studies of Russian interpersonal communication and others; interpersonal relationships (relational development, maintenance, and dissolution); face-to-face and mediated interpersonal communication and relationships; interpersonal conflict; language and social interaction; intercultural interpersonal communication; gender, ethnic, and intergenerational differences in interpersonal communication; persuasion and mutual influence in interpersonal communication; communicative competence and interpersonal skills. Papers addressing Russian interpersonal communication from any theoretical or methodological perspective are encouraged.

Deadline: October 30, 2011

Contact: Olga Leontovich; Artemi Romanov; Michelle Scollo

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Internet: http://www.russcomm.ru/eng/rca_projects/rjoc/about.shtml

(source: Internet)

Journal of European Social Policy (JESP)

Type of publication: online/print

Publication date: 2013

Published by/ edited by: Sage Publications

Topics: The Editorial Board invites proposals for the 2013 Special Issue. Interested parties are requested to send a short proposal (no more than 1000 words) describing the scope of the proposed theme; the papers that it would contain; the timetable. They should make a case to justify the dedication of a special issue to this particular theme and its topicality. They should demonstrate that the special issue would have an overall analytical and theoretical coherence. They should also highlight any editorial experience they already have. They are also welcome to make proposals as to referees.

Deadline: October 31, 2011

E-mail: jesp@ed.ac.uk <mailto:ursa.sinkovec@urs.si>

Internet: <http://esp.sagepub.com/>

(source: Internet)

CEU Political Science Journal

Place of publication: Hungary

Type of publication: online/print

Publication date: February 2012 (vol. 7, no. 1)

Published by/ edited by: Central European University, Department of Political Science

Topics: CEU PSJ accepts now submissions for its February 2012 issue. The issues in general, submissions on various topics from Political Science or related fields are welcome. Authors should ensure that their submissions are original contributions and should not be under consideration for any other publication at the same time. All submitted articles are subject to a rigorous peer review process, based on initial editor screening and double-blind refereeing by a minimum of two reviewers. Full guidelines for the presentation of the papers are available at the guidelines for submission section at www.ceu.hu/poliscijournal.

Deadline: December 1, 2011

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Internet: <http://www.ceu.hu/poliscijournal>

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Grants/Jobs/Internships

Postdoctoral Fellowship for Transregional Research: Inter-Asian Contexts and Connections

Institution/Organiser: Social Science Research Council (SSRC)

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: two year

Topics: The SSRC is pleased to announce a pilot postdoctoral fellowship program that will support transregional research under the rubric Inter-Asian Contexts and Connections. Its purpose is to strengthen the understanding of issues and geographies that don't fit neatly into existing divisions of academia or the world and to develop new approaches, practices, and opportunities in international, regional, and area studies in the United States. Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, these fellowships will help junior scholars (those at the postdoctoral stage, one to seven years out of the PhD) complete first books and/or undertake second projects. In addition to funding

research, the program will create networks and shared resources that will support Fellows well beyond the grant period. The broad focus of the program is intended to advance transregional research as well as to establish structures for linking scholars across disciplines in the arts, the humanities, and the social sciences.

Eligibility: Fellowship recipients must be in receipt of the PhD at the time of application and must be no more than seven years out of a PhD program. Applicants must be affiliated with a US-based institution.

Deadline: October 21, 2011

E-mail: transregional@ssrc.org

Internet: <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/transregional-research-fellowship/>
(source: Internet)

Chair in Social Policy

Institution/Organiser: School of Social Sciences, University of Lincoln

Kind of support/work: job

Site: Brayford, UK

Topics: As a key element of the preparations for the 2014 REF, and its future ambitions beyond that, the University is seeking a candidate of international calibre from any area of social policy, although applications from those with interests in social policy and social care, social policy and crime, deviance and social control, or social policy and social structures, would be particularly welcome. The successful candidate will be expected to provide leadership in research supervision, management and administration, and in the acquisition of research funding. Applicants should demonstrate a strong commitment to the promotion of teaching and learning. Additional desirable qualities include a proven commitment to collaborative research, and to interdisciplinary research and teaching.

Eligibility: First degree or equivalent; Knowledge of HE sector; Knowledge of RAE/REF framework; Relevant PhD or equivalent research achievement and output. Senior post in HE, with strong research element combined with rounded experience in other aspects of HE, in particular teaching and learning and enterprise; Experience of leadership and administrative management in HE; Extensive experience of publishing high quality research and/or high achievement in professional practice within the public domain; At least 5 years experience of higher education; Broad teaching experience at undergraduate and master's level; Experience of PhD supervision or supervision of research staff; Experience of securing and managing external research income; Experience of workload planning; Experience of Curriculum development; Experience of staff development.

Deadline: October 17, 2011

Contact: School of Social Sciences, University of Lincoln

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E-mail: jobs@lincoln.ac.uk

Internet: <http://jobs.lincoln.ac.uk/vacancy.aspx?ref=HLSS2362A>
(source: Internet)

Max Weber Fellowship Program in social sciences and humanities

Institution/Organiser: European Commission (DG Education and Culture)

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: one- and two-year

Site: Florence, Italy

Eligibility: Candidates who have received their Ph.D. or officially been accepted for defence by the time of the start of the program (1 September). Candidates are eligible during the five-year period following the successful completion of their Ph.D. For example, to apply for 2012/2013 candidates should have received or submitted their Ph.D. between 1.9.2007 and 1.9.2012 and the Ph.D. defence should take place no later than 31.12.2012. Extensions to the five-year rule are allowed for applicants whose academic career has been interrupted for maternity leave or illness. Cite circumstances in the application in the field 'Additional Notes'. Successful candidates will be asked to provide supporting documents. EUI graduates can only apply for Max Weber Fellowships after having been away from the EUI and in a full-time occupation or with another fellowship for at least one year after defending their Ph.D. Candidates of all nationalities are eligible for the Max Weber Fellowships.

Deadline: October 25, 2011; The applications (CV, Career Statement, proof of funding and, separately, Letters of Reference; all in PDF format) should be sent directly to externally-funded-mwf@eui.eu

Contact: Academic Service, European University Institute, via dei Roccettini 9, I-50014 San Domenico di Fiesole

Tel.: +39(0)55 468 53 77

Fax: +39(0)55 468 54 44

E-mail: applyfellow@eui.eu

Internet: <http://www.eui.eu/ServicesAndAdmin/AcademicService/Fellowships/MaxWeberFellowships/Index.aspx>

(source: Internet)

International Dissertation Research Fellowship Program (IDRF)

Institution/Organiser: Social Science Research Council (SSRC)

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: nine to twelve months

Topics: The program invites proposals for empirical and site-specific dissertation research outside the United States. It will consider applications for dissertation research grounded in a single site, informed by broader cross-regional and interdisciplinary perspectives, as well as applications for multi-sited, comparative, and transregional

research. Proposals that identify the U.S. as a case for comparative inquiry are welcome; however, proposals which focus predominantly or exclusively on the United States are not eligible. Proposals may cover all periods in history, but must address topics that resonate with contemporary issues and debates.

Eligibility: The program is open to graduate students in the humanities and social sciences - regardless of citizenship - enrolled in doctoral programs in the United States. Applicants must complete all Ph.D. requirements except on-site research by the time the fellowship begins. Proposals that identify the U.S. as a case for comparative inquiry are welcome; however, proposals which focus predominantly or exclusively on the United States are not eligible.

Deadline: November 3, 2011

E-mail: idrf@ssrc.org

Internet: <http://www.ssrc.org/fellowships/idrf-fellowship/>
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Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme 2012/13 (HKPFS)

Institution/Organiser: The Hong Kong Research Grants Council (RGC)

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: three years

Site: Hong Kong, China

Topics: Applications, subject to their areas of studies, will be reviewed by two Selection Panels with expertise in the broad areas, one for science, engineering and technology, and another one for humanities, social science and business studies.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are those seeking admission as new full-time PhD research candidates in Government-funded institutions in Hong Kong irrespective of their country of origin and ethnic background. Applicants should demonstrate outstanding academic performance, and good research ability and potential.

Deadline: December 1, 2011

E-mail: HKPF@ugc.edu.hk

Internet: <http://cerg1.ugc.edu.hk/hkpfs/index.html>
(source: Internet)

Postdoctoral researcher on African and European Security Policy

Institution/Organiser: The Department of International Relations at University of the Witwatersrand

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: One year with possibility of renewal

Site: Johannesburg, South Africa

Topics: The candidate's research focus should be related to African and European security policy and peacekeeping of the UN, AU, EU, and/or NATO in Africa and Europe. The candidate is expected to publish one to two articles in reputable journals. The candidate is also expected to organise and support departmental workshops and small conferences.

Eligibility: The successful candidate will have: An advanced university degree (Ph.D.) in political science or in another relevant discipline such as law or history (preferably with relevant international relations experience/expertise); Research experience and publications related to the field of security policy; Ability to work harmoniously in a multicultural environment; Fluency in English; Experience with university-level research, with international organisations, scientific and research/training institutions; and in fund-raising for research will be considered strong assets. Remuneration: post-doctoral level.

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