

Social Science News

September 2011

Call for papers Conferences

Multi-faceted Nature of Collaboration in Contemporary World

Date: November 7-8, 2011

Site: Novo Mesto, Slovenia

Organiser: School of Advanced Social Studies (SASS), Junior Sociologists Network of the International Sociological Association (ISA)

Topics: The organizers welcome the submission of papers to the overall theme Multi-faceted nature of collaboration in contemporary world or to one of the following special sub-themes: 1. Collaboration in EU: Challenges and opportunities; 2. Collaboration mechanisms in the process of knowledge creation; 3. Interdisciplinarity and collaboration; 4. Post-traditional forms of collaboration; 5. Collaboration in historical perspective; 6. Collaboration between universities and society; 7. Down-sides of collaboration; 8. Networks and collaboration; 9. Collaboration in public or private organizations; 10. Collaboration in the multicultural context; 11. Methodological issues and collaboration. Papers from other sub-fields of collaboration studies are also invited.

Language: English

Deadline: September 15, 2011

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

The European Union and the Politicization of Europe

Date: December 8-10, 2011

Site: Vienna, Austria

Organiser: Euroacademia

Topics: The Euroacademia International Conference aims to survey some of current debates and addresses once more the challenges of the EU polity in a context of multiple crises that confronted Europe in recent years. It supports a transformative view that involves balanced weights of optimism and pessimism in a belief that the unfold of current events and the way EU deals with delicate problems will put an increased pressure in the future on matters of accountability and will require some institutional adjustments that address democratic requirements for decision making. However in its present shape and context the EU does not look able to deliver soon appropriate answers to democratic demands. In a neo-functionalist slang one can say as an irony that the actual crisis in the EU legitimacy is a 'spillover' effect of institutional choices made some time before. To address the EU's democratic deficit however is not to be a sceptic and ignore the benefits that came with it but to acknowledge the increasing popular dissatisfaction with 'occult' office politics and with the way EU tackles daily problems of public concern while the public is more and more affected by decisions taken at the European level. The conference is organized yet by no means restricted to the following orientative panels: The Politicization of Europe: Desirable or Contestable; Is the EU resembling an Enlightened Despotism?; The EU as a Political System: Features and Curiosities; Redistributive Policies Inside the EU and their Impact on the Medium Voter; European Elections and Strategies for Politicization; European Parties and Party Politics in the European Parliament; Strategies for Bringing European Issues to Public Scrutiny; The Democratic Deficit Issue: A Persistent Anomaly?; In Search of a European Demos; Looking for a European Civil Society; Appropriations and Politicization of Wider European Values and Narratives; Persisting Intergovernmentalism?; EU and Traces of Imperial Politics; EU and identitarian appropriations; Scenarios for Change Inside the EU; The Future of EU Enlargement; Taking Euroscepticism Seriously; Increasing Public Saliency for Supranational Issues; Lobbying and Policy Making Inside the EU.

Language: English

Fee: 295 €

Deadline: September 10, 2011 (For Panel Proposals); September 25, 2011 (For Papers)

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(source: Internet)

Policies with regard to mobility and welcoming newcomers in rural territories: public action with regard to new lifestyle geographies

Date: December 8-9, 2011

Site: Lyon, France

Organiser: The Ecole Normale Supérieure (ENS) of Lyon, the Collectif Ville Campagne

Topics: 1. Re-examining knowledge on 'lifestyles in rural areas'; 2. Furthering the debate on 'territoriality and inter-territoriality'; 3. Welcome in rural areas: 'struggle for places' or reconstruction of places; 4. The peri-urban: paradox or synthesis? 5. Observing innovations for foresight; 6. Territorial engineering and welcoming policies.

Language: English, French

Deadline: September 25, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Opening the Boundaries of Citizenship

Date: February 6-7, 2012

Site: Milton Keynes, UK

Organiser: European Research Council (ERC) funded OECUMENE Project, Faculty of Social Sciences, and the Open University

Topics: The conference aims at exploring forms of political subjectivity that remain unmapped when citizenship is assumed as just 'membership of the state', as a synonym for nationality, or when conceived as a practice, it is still understood as a contractual, secular, modern and particularly occidental way of belonging. Contrary to the assumption that only a Western model of society (opposed to Hindu, Muslim, indigenous, etc.) could develop the form of political participation in the public sphere called 'citizenship', citizenship can be considered as an ongoing process through which subjects constitute themselves as political, and appears to be open towards its future configurations. In line with the general topic of the symposium, the conference invites contributions addressing the performative and creative side of social movements, practices of identity negotiation and political participation questioning the meaning of citizenship. Which actors, sites and rights are constituted in contemporary power struggles redefining 'the political'? Which neo-colonial or neo-imperial nodes emerge from the analysis of issues such as democracy or secularism? Under this light, how is the language of law challenged and remoulded? Topics of interest include, but are not limited to: Migration politics; Religious identities; Debates on secularism; Women's movements and writing; Feminist, G&L and queer interventions on citizenship; Citizenship, race and colonialism; The sexualisation of democracy; The performance of politics; Contesting public spaces; Art, culture and politics; Multiculturalism and cosmopolitanism as modes of administering of difference.

Language: English

Deadline: September 12, 2011

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(source: Internet)

5th Global Conference: "Interculturalism, Meaning and Identity: A Diversity and Recognition Project"

Date: March 9-11, 2012

Site: Prague, Czech Republic

Organiser: Inter-Disciplinary.Net

Topics: This multi-disciplinary project seeks to explore the new and prominent place that the idea of culture has for the construction of meaning and identity, as well as the implications for social political membership in contemporary societies. In particular the project will assess the larger context of major world transformations, for example, new forms of migration and the massive movements of people across the globe, as well as the impact and contribution of globalisation on tensions, conflicts and the sense of rootedness and belonging. Looking to encourage innovative trans-disciplinary dialogues, we warmly welcome papers from all disciplines, professions and vocations which struggle to understand what it means for people, the world over, to forge identities in rapidly changing national, social and cultural contexts. Papers, workshops, presentations and pre-formed panels are invited on any of the following themes: 1. Contemporary Rediscoveries and Redefinitions of Culture; 2. Cultural Boundaries, Peoples and Nations; 3. Individuals, Identity and the Inter-Subjective; 4. Cultural Formations; 5. Politicising Culture; 6. Art and Cultural Representations; 7. Crossing Cultural Boundaries.

Language: English

Fee: £ 275

Deadline: September 30, 2011

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(source: Internet)

7th Global Conference: "Pluralism, Inclusion and Citizenship"

Date: March 12-14, 2012

Site: Prague, Czech Republic

Organiser: Inter-Disciplinary.Net

Topics: With this multi-disciplinary project the organizer seeks to explore the new developments and changes of the idea of pluralism and their implications for social and political processes of inclusion and citizenship in contemporary societies. The project will also assess the larger context of major world transformations, such as new forms of migration and the massive movements of people across the globe, as well as the impact of the multiple dynamics of globalisation on rootedness and membership (including their tensions and conflicts) and on a general sense of social acceptance and recognition. Looking to encourage innovative trans-disciplinary dialogues, the organizer warmly welcomes papers from all disciplines, professions and vocations which struggle to understand what it means for people, the world over, to be citizens in rapidly changing national, social and political landscapes. In particular papers, workshops, presentations and pre-formed panels are invited on any of the following themes: 1. Challenging Old Concepts of Citizen and Alien; 2. Nations, Fluid Boundaries and Citizenship; 3. Institutions, Organizations and Social Movements; 4. Renewal or Re-foundation of Democracy?; 5. Personhood and the Inter-Personal; 6. Media and Artistic Representations; 7. Transnational Political Interlacing of Contemporary Life; 8. New Concepts, New Forms of Inclusion.

Language: English

Fee: £ 275

Deadline: September 30, 2011

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(source: Internet)

19th International Conference of Europeanists

Date: March 22-24, 2012

Site: Boston, Massachusetts

Organiser: Council for European Studies (CES)

Topics: Europe is a zone of tremendous diversity. Migration within and to Europe has generated multicultural societies across the continent. Europe's citizens are ruled through an intricate maze of multi-level governance structures and institutions those range from the local to the pan-European to the international. In the realm of political economy, corporations, industries, and states operate in distinct ways in a variety of different settings, and while the former Eastern Europe has been reunited with the West, the backgrounds of these two regions often dictates dissimilar trajectories into the contemporary era. Historians have focused on exploring not only distinct national paths to democratization, but also European countries' connection to former colonies and to minorities within their borders. Given this extraordinary context, for its 19th International Conference of Europeanists the Council for European Studies is interested in having participants reflect on and explore the variety of diversities within Europe: political, administrative, legal, geographic, economic, social, cultural, intellectual, and identitarian. The Council for European Studies welcomes proposals for panels, roundtables, book discussions and individual papers on the study of Europe broadly defined. The organizer encourages proposals in the widest range of disciplines, and particularly welcome panels that combine disciplines, nationalities, and generations. The Conference Program Committee will accept only two submissions per person and members may only participate in a maximum of two sessions.

Language: English

Deadline: October 1, 2011

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(source: Internet)

BASEES Annual Conference 2012

Date: March 31- April 2, 2012

Site: Cambridge, UK

Organiser: British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies (BASEES)

Topics: Proposals are invited for panels and papers. The organizers are particularly keen to receive proposals for complete panels but they are also happy to receive paper proposals that the organising committee will try to put together into panels. At its post-conference meeting the BASEES committee established a conference organising group for 2012 with separate panel streams on: 1. Culture and Literature; 2. Languages/Linguistics; 3. Politics/International Relations; 4. History; 5. Economics/Political Economy/Industrial Relations/Regional policy; 6. Sociology/Social Anthropology/Geography/Social Policy; 7. Film/Media/Gender Studies.

Language: English

Deadline: September 15, 2011

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BSA Annual Conference 2012: "Sociology in an Age of Austerity"

Date: April 11–13, 2012

Site: Durham, UK

Organiser: British Sociological Association (BSA)

Topics: The aims of this conference are: to showcase the latest sociological research; to attract a concentration of international specialists in major research fields; to provide a forum in which to discuss the teaching of sociology and the professional practice of being a sociologist; and to facilitate debate, networking and professional development opportunities. Participants are invited to present on topics within broad streams (and open streams) that reflect the core research areas of the membership. Individuals may submit abstracts in any area of the discipline they are currently working on related to the streams below. Cities, Space, Mobility, Place; Families, Relationships and Lifecourse; Law, Crime and Rights; Media, Culture and Consumption; Medicine, Health and Illness; Methodological Innovations; Professional Practice: Teaching Sociology & Professional Development; Religion; Risk and Climate Change; Science and Technology Studies; Social Divisions/Social Identities; Sociology of Education; Theory; Work, Employment and Economic Life; Open Stream(s); Posters.

Language: English

Deadline: October 7, 2011

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Gender, Bodies and Technology: (Dis)Integrating Frames

Date: April 26-28, 2012

Site: Roanoke, Virginia, US

Organiser: Gender, Bodies and Technology (GBT), Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) Program at Virginia Tech

Topics: Specific topics might include, but are not limited to: Gender and the technologies of the workplace, education, and public/private spaces; Disability and technologies of intervention; Feminist theorizing of the intersections between technology and constructions of embodiment, identity and selves; Performance, new media and other creative expressions: engaging/enacting/destabilizing conventions of embodiment and technology; Gendered innovations in technology: gendered objects, design, pasts/futures; Technological production and control of classed, racialized, aged and gendered bodies; Personal narrative and oral history as sources of embodied theorizing; New Media, digital representation and virtual gendered environments; Medicalized bodies: reproduction, disease, bioethics, body constructions; Performing/transgressing gender and sexuality; Technologies of development and sustainability; eco-feminism; Activism, participatory decision-making and issues of technological citizenship.

Language: English

Deadline: September 15, 2011

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(source: Internet)

7th International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences

Date: June 25-28, 2012

Site: Barcelona, Spain

Organiser: Common Ground Publishing

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. All are encouraged to register and attend this significant and timely Conference. The International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences examines the nature of disciplinary practices, and the interdisciplinary practices that arise in the context of 'real world' applications. It also interrogates what constitutes 'science' in a social context, and the connections between the social and other sciences. The focus of papers ranges from the finely grained and empirical (research practices and results exemplifying one or more disciplines), to wide-ranging multi-disciplinary and transdisciplinary practices, to perspectives on knowledge and method. In the spirit of interdisciplinary interchange, the Conference will involve scholars, teachers and researchers working in a broad range of areas including: Anthropology, Applied Sciences, Behavioural Sciences, Cognitive Science, Communications, Economics, Education, Environmental Sciences, Health Sciences, Humanities, Interdisciplinary Studies, Law, Management, Mathematics and Statistics, Media, Natural Sciences, Physical Sciences, Politics, Public Policy, Psychology, Qualitative Methods, Quantitative Methods, Social Welfare, Sociology and Technology, and other areas related to the themes of this Conference.

Language: English

Fee: \$ 200-600

Deadline: September 13, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Reshaping Power, Shifting Boundaries

Date: July 8-12, 2012

Site: Madrid, Spain

Organiser: International Political Science Association

Topics: In a globalising world, everywhere power is being reconfigured, creating opportunities for change: New players are emerging on the world stage, reflected in G-20, the 'BRICs' and in North-South relations; Climate change and the financial crisis have altered global dynamics; Transnational governance is taking on new forms, such as the reformed EU and Mercosur; Within states, there is increased devolution and the recognition of sub-identities; State functions are increasingly being shared with non-state actors such as corporations and non-governmental organisations and are affected by the dynamics of an international society; Substantial changes are taking place in social life including gender roles and the nature of the family; Religious cleavages refuse to disappear, and may be evolving into a major axis of political and social conflict; The Westphalian model of inter-state relations is not sufficient to cope with the challenges of global governance. This emphasises the importance of the dialogue between political science and international relations. The nation-state remains the key crucible of power in terms of elections, public policy and in international negotiations, but it faces new challenges. Territory and power no longer align. Boundaries and borders are shifting. The main congress themes are: Comparative Politics and Political Institutions; Gender, Religion, Identity; International Political Economy; International Relations; Political Behavior; Political Theory; Public Policy.

Language: English

Fee: \$ 75-300

Deadline: October 7, 2011

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2nd ISA Forum of Sociology: Session "Who's Afraid of Population Decline? Challenges, Responses and Consequences"

Date: August 1-4, 2012

Site: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Organiser: International Sociological Association (ISA)

Topics: The aim of this session is to put population decline, and resulting challenges, responses, and possible consequences more in focus of the international research agenda. Papers for this session should therefore address one or more of the following questions: Which patterns of (national, regional, urban) population decline can be observed?; Which specific challenges result from declining population numbers? (E.g.: to territorial cohesion); How exactly pose declining populations challenges that are different from challenges resulting from growing populations?; Which aspect of population decline is most problematic? (E.g.: the expectation of decline, tempo, scope and volatility of the process itself or its result: smaller populations); Which social fields are vulnerable to shrinking populations? (E.g.: infrastructures of the welfare state such as child care, education and health units; public administration, business organisations, the family); Which responses to declining populations can be observed?; How can responses to declining population numbers be classified and explained?; Which consequences result from population decline and specific response patterns (on a national, regional, urban, organizational, individual level)?; Is it desirable and possible to develop a middle range theory of possible consequences of population decline? Especially welcome are paper proposals based on comparative empirical research and theoretical contributions that systematically reflect the relationship of demographic changes and social institutions and infrastructures.

Language: English

Deadline: December 15, 2011

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

11th International Conference on Urban History: "Cities & Societies in Comparative Perspective"

Date: August 29-September 1, 2012

Site: Prague, Czech Republic

Organiser: European Association for Urban History

Topics: Cities play a definitive crucial role in the on-going discourse on sustainability, due to the fact that more than half of the world's population is living in urban agglomerations, causing a concomitant concentration of energy use and refuse production. However, in spite of its current urgency, the ideal of a sustainable city is not a new concept; it has a long history built on a variety of ideas on the improvement of the urban environment, which have been rethought and revised over the course of the last century. In fact, many of the considerations on the improvement of the urban environment that mark today's ideas on sustainable urban design can already be found in the urban development tracts and political, philosophical and social reform texts in medical, economic or political treatises of past centuries. The arguments of today's sustainability debate, namely, the permanence of structure, stability of the substance, and social balance, as well as providing construction material, ground sealing, water

supply, drainage, ventilation, hygiene, garbage removal, traffic, greening, and land and energy needs will be the focuses of this session. The section is intended to be of interest to researchers from the historical and cultural disciplines, sociology, the political sciences as well as the natural and technical sciences.

Language: English

Fee: 80 €-270 €

Deadline: October 1, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Call for papers Workshops

International Workshop on Global Trends in Law and Religion in the 21st century

Date: November 18, 2011

Site: Luzern, Switzerland

Organiser: UNILU Chair of Comparative Law with the support of the University of Lucerne

Topics: The workshop proposes to deal with the dynamics that are emerging from the renewed vitality of religion in the public sphere, with specific emphasis on the challenges that it poses to the legal entity of the individual and the whole of the society to which he/she belongs. The organizers are particularly interested in papers that examine the domestic and global interconnections of religion and law. Possible topics include: Comparative Legal Studies in Religion; Law, Religion and Culture; Religion and Law in Europe; Bioethics, Religion and the Law; Indigenous Religious Traditions and the Law; Women's Rights and Religion; Legal Pluralism and Religion

Language: English

Deadline: September 5, 2011

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Inter-organizationalism in International Relations: Theories and Cases

Date: January 27-28, 2012

Site: Brussels, Belgium

Organiser: Vesalius College, Institute for European Studies (IES), Free University of Brussels (VUB), the Global Governance Institute (GGI)

Topics: This two-day expert workshop seeks to bring together scholars and practitioners working on inter-organizational relations from a wide range of perspectives and disciplines in order to advance the collective build-up of a self-consciously IR-focussed theory of Inter-organizationalism. The organizers of the workshop are particularly (but not exclusively) interested in a multi-level analysis approach (focusing on factors at the individual, organizational/bureaucratic, member state and international system levels) in order to address the following questions. Core questions may include: Which factors explain the formation/cessation of an inter-organizational relationship?; What are the commonly identifiable core stages of an 'IO-IO life-cycle' – to what extent do they provide different answers to the level of cooperation and competition amongst IOs?; How can we explain inter-organizational convergence, cooperation and rivalry?; Which factors explain the effectiveness/ineffectiveness (external impact or lack thereof) of an IO-IO partnership?; How can we explain the interaction and relevant importance of different levels of analysis (i.e., leading member states, principal individuals and executive heads, bureaucratic cultures, inter-organizational committees and core events at the international system)?; Are some policy areas more amenable to effective inter-organizationalism than others (such as security) and if so, why?; What major lessons can be drawn from a wide range of case studies on inter-organizationalism.

Language: English

Deadline: September 30, 2011

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Making Sense of Catastrophe: Postcolonial Approaches to Postsocialist Experiences

Date: February 23-26, 2012

Site: Cambridge, UK

Organiser: Alexander Etkind (University of Cambridge), Dirk Uffelman (University of Passau)

Topics: The workshop intends to consolidate a new research agenda that combines three independently developed fields, Postcolonial Studies, Postsocialist Studies, and Memory Studies, in their application to Eastern Europe and Northern Eurasia. Is the terror in places like Katyn or Kolyma, as in Auschwitz, unrepresentable, or have art and history learned how to represent these events? How are the postcolonial categories such as orientalism, hegemony,

or the subaltern to revise when referring to places such as Belarus or Kazakhstan? How are people across the Postsocialist world making sense of its serial catastrophes? What does the memory of the past teach us about power and culture in the present and in the future? Both theoretical and empirical contributions are invited. Interested scholars from the postcolonial and Postsocialist worlds are equally welcome.

Language: English

Deadline: October 1, 2011

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Call for papers Journals

Analytical: "EU and its Neighbours"

Place of publication: Skopje, Macedonia

Type of publication: online

Published by/ edited by: Analytica. thinking laboratory...

Topics: Whilst the aim of editors is to represent a wide spectrum of disciplines and approaches, they strongly encourage comparative and multi-disciplinary perspectives, and welcome proposals using new research methodologies. The editors invite submission of original research papers including but not limited to the following themes: The future of the Western Balkans integration in the EU; Turkey and the EU, is there a way to get the integration back in game?; Can the EU transfer the lessons learned from the Balkans to the South Caucasus?; Mediterranean Union – failed idea or successful project?; The EEAS and the EU Future Enlargement; Prospects for new relations between the new Arab democracies and the EU; The future of the neighbourhood policy; The editors strongly encourage cross-cultural, cross-national and multi-disciplinary perspectives, with entries on new research methodologies welcomed.

Deadline: September 15, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Problems of Education in the 21st Century

Place of publication: Siauliai, Lithuania

Type of publication: print

Publication date: October-November 2011

Published by/ edited by: Scientific Methodical Centre "Scientia Educologica"

Topics: Thematic Area of the journal is: Education for sustainable development; Management of education and educational policy; Ergonomics of education; psychology of education; Quality of education; global education; Information and communication technologies in teaching/learning; Teacher education; teacher education policy in Europe; Distance education quality; inclusive education; Methodology of educational research; Adult and continuing education; peace education; Technological education; educational psychology; History of science and science education; Vocational education etc.

Deadline: September 20, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Ideology and Politics Journal (IPJ): Ideological Innovations in the post-Soviet countries

Place of publication: Kyiv, Ukraine

Type of publication: print

Publication date: December 2011

Published by/ edited by: Foundation for Good Politics

Topics: The Ideology and Politics Journal is seeking papers for its first issue in December 2011 which will focus on those evolutions that ideologies survived in the post-Soviet nations. Journal welcomes, but does limit submissions to the following topics: Role of ideologies in the post-Soviet nations' building; Development of political parties and their ideologies; Epistemological status of 'ideological markers'; Ideological impacts on institutional changes; Mutual interference of fiction literature and popular ideologies; Ideological foundations of educational reforms; Impact of consumerism on political and societal processes; Ideological implications of the post-Soviet privatization; Local resistance to global ideologies; Collective memories and their ideological implications.

Deadline: October 1, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Studia Politica. Romanian Political Science Review: Special issue on "Art and politics"

Place of publication: Bucharest, Romania

Type of publication: print

Published by/ edited by: Institute for Political Research, University of Bucharest

Topics: The editors invite contributions for a special issue of Studia Politica that explores the relationship between art and politics in postcommunist contexts. Welcomed are interdisciplinary approaches of these topics in English, French or Romanian. The editors are especially interested in submissions that situate communist art and culture in their connections to politics in the post-communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe. Questions contributors might address include, but are not limited to: How were artistic institutions transformed by the changes of regime?; How did the double transition (political and economic) affect the artistic domain?; How are artistic discourses transformed in the aftermath of communism?; How is the communist past deconstructed by artists?; Which is, comparatively, the approach of the post-communist states towards the artistic world?; Approaches of the various artistic contexts during the communist period are also welcomed.

Deadline: October 15, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Swiss Journal of Sociology: Special Issue 2013 on "Change and Reforms in Educational Systems and Organizations"

Place of publication: Switzerland

Type of publication: print

Publication date: mid-2013

Published by/ edited by: Swiss Sociological Association

Topics: The Special Issue of the Swiss Journal of Sociology Vo. 39/2 aims to discuss the relationship between education, politics, and the public in the perspective of change from a disciplinary point of view. The editors expect such discussion to contribute towards better understanding the development of educational system and organisations - i.e. of institutionalized education at macro, meso, and micro-levels - in all stages of the education system. Moreover, the editors intend to sound out the "criticism of reform" - relating to the "condition" and the mission of educational institutions in society - which provides the "soundtrack" to change. This special issue intends to focus on a critical and reflective discussion about educational reform and criticism of reform. The editors are primarily interested in papers whose basic thrust is devoted to such a perspective. Under no circumstances does this imply that the papers must address basic meta-theoretical issues or that they may not derive from empirical work conducted as part of reform evaluation research or political consulting. It does, however, mean that the perspective processes are not to be analysed from the standpoint of an embedded scientist but rather from a critical distance. Welcomed are papers that: Treat the subject of educational reform and/or criticism of reform at the national or supranational macro-level, but also at the level of a single educational organization and its actors; Relate to a wide variety of different theoretical approaches; they may rely on theories of structure, theories of agency, or system theory or employ the conceptual framework of neo-institutionalism or educational governance; Address the subject by way of theoretical reflection and empirical research; Examine reform and criticism of reform in a more historically recent, cross-sectional perspective or place them in a broader historical context.

Deadline: October 15, 2011

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Journal of Social Science Education (JSSE): Special issue on Comparative Studies of Civic and Citizenship Education: Approaches, Results, Impacts, Alternatives

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Topics: The IEA International Civic and Citizenship Education Study (ICCS) investigated the ways in which young people in lower secondary schools are being prepared to undertake their roles as citizens in a wide range of countries in Europe, Latin America, and the Asian-Pacific region. In pursuit of this purpose, the study has gathered data regarding civic knowledge, student dispositions and attitudes relating to democracy, citizenship and citizenship education. JSSE plans a special issue on comparative studies of civic and citizenship education, focusing on ICCS and other studies, and welcomes articles from a variety of perspectives: Contextual analysis of large-scale survey data; Cross-national comparative studies relating to civics and citizenship of students; Reflection of strategic policy aims and challenges (such as the EU Key competences in education) in ICCS findings and result from similar studies; Impact of findings from large-scale surveys on national education and youth policies; Using results from large-scale comparative studies in teaching and learning practices; Achievements, potentialities, limitations, shortcomings of and alternatives to comparative large-scale studies of civic and citizenship education. The editors invite articles that bring new perspectives and broaden the horizon of the domain of teenagers' citizenship and citizenship education. Welcomed are the articles from a variety of perspectives (e.g. political socialization, human rights and citizenship education, urban education, international development studies,

education policy and pedagogical practices); a range of countries within and beyond Europe and with different educational systems; national and comparative studies.

Deadline: October 15, 2011

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Grants/Jobs/Internships

Placement Officer

Institution/Organiser: School of Public Policy and International Affairs, Central European University

Kind of support/work: job

Duration: two-year appointment

Site: Budapest, Hungary

Topics: Central European University (CEU) is a graduate research-intensive university specializing primarily in the social sciences. It is located in Budapest, and accredited in the United States and Hungary. The SPPIA invites applicants for a Placement Officer position ideally starting in late fall 2011. The position will be based at the Center for Policy Studies (<http://cps.ceu.hu>). The responsibilities of the successful candidate will be two-fold: securing internship placements for MA students and developing a visiting practitioner scheme for SPPIA. In terms of internships, the Placement Officer's main responsibilities will be to ensure that MA students are provided with a wide array of high quality and relevant internship positions. This will involve managing the existing set of placements and extending the range of organizations in line with the interests of students and faculty. The second main responsibility is to help develop and organize a new program for visiting practitioners. The aim of the scheme is to bring additional practical policy experience to support the teaching, research and development in the new School. The Placement Officer would work closely with faculty of the School in order to design and arrange the content and format of short or longer term programs for visitors, including but not limited to running short courses, presenting case studies, advising student projects, etc.

Eligibility: Excellent graduate degree in the social sciences, education or a related discipline; A minimum of two years of professional experience in the private, public and/or non-profit sector; developing relations between universities and public, private and civic actors; Self-driven, entrepreneurial team player with excellent communication and organizational skills, ability to represent CEU in diverse settings; Commitment to promoting the values of an open society in a global age; Outstanding command of the English language.

Deadline: September 9, 2011 (may be extended)

Contact: Dr Andrew Cartwright (cartwrighta@ceu.hu)

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Internet: <http://hro.ceu.hu/vacancies/placement-officer-school-of-public-policy-and-international-affairs>
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Regional Research Proposals in the Field of Social Science

Institution/Organiser: Regional Research Promotion Programme in the Western Balkans (RRPP)

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: 12-18 months

Site: Fribourg, Switzerland

Topics: The research topics to be submitted should be relevant to transitional themes while addressing and analysing specific issues under investigation from a social science perspective. Furthermore, the proposals must fit into the regional umbrella topic, "Political, Social and Economic Change in the Western Balkans." This includes the following priority areas: 1) Rule of Law and Democracy (democratization, decentralization and local governance, judicial reform, social inclusion, strengthening civil society and democratic law making, other); 2) Economic Development and Social Change (social inclusion, inclusive market and value chain development, youth employability, migration and remittances, human capital, other); 3) "Managing Diversity" (national, ethnic and religious identities, gender, youth, minorities incl. Roma).

Eligibility: Applications for RRPP Research Project funding may be submitted by research institutions (public, private but accredited, non-governmental organisations, independent research institutes) from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia and Serbia. Researchers from Montenegro can also be a part of a research consortium. There must be at least one leading research institution responsible for the whole consortium; other country-related teams can also be composed of research groups, which are not necessarily attached to an institution.

Deadline: September 19, 2011; Proposals should be send to: office@rrpp-westernbalkans.net and jasmina.opardija@unifr.ch

Contact: RRPP Management

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Six International Fellowships: Social Science Research Project

Institution/Organiser: Project "Universality and Acceptance Potential of Social Science Knowledge – On the Circulation of Knowledge between Europe and the Global South", Institute of Sociology of the Albert-Ludwigs University Freiburg

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: four months, between November 2011 and December 2013

Site: Freiburg, Germany

Topics: The aim of the offered fellowships is to increase international and interdisciplinary exchange. Working together on new findings will contribute to achieving innovative results. We therefore welcome applications from every country and scientific discipline – as long as the research is closely tied to our project's theme. Therefore, it may cover any of the following areas: circulation/international transfer of social scientific knowledge (historically and/or current); South-North as well as South-South relations in international social sciences; reception, acceptance or rejection of social scientific concepts/theories/methodology developed elsewhere; counter-hegemony in international social science; critiques of eurocentrism; (critiques of) Europe as a model or standard in social science research and/or in social or political practice; issues related to the translation of social scientific texts and working in different languages; emergence of autonomous traditions and original contributions to the various disciplines from the global South; circulation and transfer of theories and concepts between academia and fields of social, cultural, political practice/popularization of social scientific knowledge; alternative/multiple modernities, critiques of the modernity/tradition divide; epistemological issues in the social sciences related to relativism-rationalism-pluralism, universalism-particularism, indigenization, locality.

Deadline: September 30, 2011

Contact: Maren Eichmeier, BMBF-Projekt, "Universalität und Akzeptanzpotential von Gesellschaftswissen", Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg, Hansastrasse 9, 79104 Freiburg, Germany

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Visiting International Fellowship (VIF) in social research methods 2012

Institution/Organiser: The Department of Sociology at the University of Surrey

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: one month

Site: Guildford, UK

Topics: The Department of Sociology at the University of Surrey, Guildford, United Kingdom, has established a Visiting International Fellowship (VIF) to foster the development of sociological research methods. Between one and three Fellowships are awarded by competition each year. The awards are open to those who would value the opportunity to advance methodological understanding, for example by reflecting on methods used in previous empirical research, by validating existing or new methodological procedures, or by reviewing and synthesising methodological approaches. 'Methods' is interpreted widely, ranging from statistical techniques to innovations in qualitative analysis.

Deadline: September 30, 2011

Contact: Zoe Tenger, VIF Administrator

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Internet: <http://www.surrey.ac.uk/sociology/research/visitinginternationalfellowship/>
(source: Internet)

Post-doc position in Sociology

Institution/Organiser: The Department of Sociology, Stockholm University

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: two years

Site: Stockholm, Sweden

Topics: While at the Stockholm University the post-doc is expected to do research aimed at publications in leading journals and/or with leading presses, to participate in the department's seminars, and in other ways to contribute actively to the research environment at the department. All senior researchers at the department participate, to some extent, in teaching assignments.

Eligibility: The applicant should have a PhD degree in sociology not older than three years.

Deadline: September 30, 2011; Applications, marked with the reference number SU 619-1740-11, should be posted to the address: Stockholm University, Registrar/PÅ, SE-106 91 Stockholm Sweden or by e-mail to: registrator@su.se

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2012/2013 Advanced Academia Fellowships for International Scholars (Social Science and Humanities)

Institution/Organiser: The Centre for Advanced Study Sofia (CAS Sofia)

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: two- to five-months

Site: Sofia, Bulgaria

Eligibility: Candidates must: Be non-Bulgarian citizens; Have completed a PhD in the fields of the humanities and social sciences; International research experience (participation in projects and refereed conferences) and publications in peer-reviewed academic editions are strong advantages.

Deadline: October 1, 2011

Contact: Ms Neliya Kolarska

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Internet: <http://cas.bg/en/news/call-for-applications-advanced-academia-fellowships-for-international-scholars-1558.html>

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Internship Programme at Institute for Democracy and Mediation

Institution/Organiser: The Institute for Democracy and Mediation (IDM)

Kind of support/work: Internship

Duration: three months

Site: Tirana, Albania

Topics: The Internship Programme is designed for graduate and post-graduate scholars in Social Science, Humanities, and Computer Science. The internship aims at providing the successful scholar with the opportunity: To utilize the resources and facilities available at IDM for their research/interests; To work jointly with the IDM staff in areas of mutual interests; To produce papers and publish in its monthly Policy Issue. The internship is focused on integrating the intern in the day to day activities of the institute such as: organizing meetings and conferences, preparing reports and analysis, updating the website, blog and databases, communicating with the press, liaising with officials from the government and other public institutions. The internship is offered in the following areas: Center for European and Security Affairs (CESA); Local Governance and Integrated Development; Research and Innovation Initiatives.

Deadline: December 2011

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