

Social Science News

August 2011

Call for papers
Conferences

Political Science, Sociology and, International Relations - PSSIR 2011

Date: November 7-8, 2011

Site: Singapore, Republic of Singapore

Organiser: Global Science and Technology Forum (GSTF)

Topics: Topics of interest include, but are not limited to: 1. Political Science: Political theory; Political philosophy; Political systems; Policy analysis; Policy studies; Public policy; Public administration; Ideology; Game theory; Political economy; Geopolitics and political geography; Policy studies and public policy analysis; Comparative politics; National systems; Courts and Judicial Politics; Democratic Innovations; Green Politics; Cross-national political analysis; Supranational and intergovernmental politics; Political development; Foreign policy analysis; Analytical Politics; Intelligence Governance; Peace studies, conflict analysis, international law and politics, public administration and local government studies; Political psychology, bureaucratic, administrative and judicial behaviour; Legislative processes and public law; Political Methodology; Interdisciplinary Perspective on Violence and Politics; Internet and Politics; Political Communication; 2. Sociology: Sociology of Culture & Cultural Studies; Criminology, Sociology of Law, Sociology of Punishment, Deviance; Economic sociology; Environmental Sociology, Sociology of Disaster & Human Ecology; Sociology of Education; Sociology of the Family, Sociology of Childhood, Sociology of Gender, Feminist Sociology, Queer Theory; Sociology of Health and Illness, Medical Sociology; Sociology of the Internet; Sociology of Knowledge and Sociology of Scientific Knowledge; Media Studies; Military Sociology; Political sociology; Sociology of Race and ethnic relations, Sociology of Immigration; Religion; Social networks; Social psychology; Social Stratification, Social Mobility, Social Class; Urban and rural sociology; Industrial Sociology.

Language: English

Fee: 700-1250 SGD

Deadline: August 9, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Geopolitics of a Multipolar World

Date: October 4, 2011

Site: Moscow, Russia

Organiser: Department of Sociology - International Relations of Moscow State University

Topics: The organizer invites to discuss the following topics: The theory of multipolarity in the world political system; Geopolitics of energy sector; Alternative political models; The fourth wave of globalization; Multi-identity and new actors in geopolitics; The role of religion and cultural (linguistic, ethnic) identity in public policy; Information Technology, world space after the end of policy; New risks and conflicts.

Language: Russian, English

Deadline: August 15, 2011

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(source: e-mail from the organizer)

Research on Family Demography and Children's Lives: Future Directions and Infrastructures

Date: September 27-28, 2011

Site: Stockholm, Sweden

Organiser: The Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), the Demography Unit, Department of Sociology (SUDA), Stockholm University

Topics: The organizers invite to submit an abstract for a short paper presentation or poster related to the conference theme, perhaps highlighting other types of data on children or research using some of the infrastructures on which will be focused. The organizers also welcome participation as a contributor to discussions of individual presentations or the general issues they want to address.

Language: English

Deadline: August 15, 2011

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(source: e-mail from the organizer)

WAPOR Regional Conference 2012: Opinions and Attitudes in Times of Economic Turbulence

Date: March 15-16, 2012

Site: Gdansk, Poland

Organiser: Kozminski University, Warsaw

Topics: The Gdansk conference will focus on economic opinions and attitudes, especially those concerning current problems related to different aspects of contradiction or continuum between free market and state interventionism, in their relations to changing economic and particularly living conditions on one hand and support for socio-economic and political system as a whole on the other. The organizer also tries to reconstruct economic imagination or economic culture of the societies. Welcomed are abstracts related to the broad range of topics in this area, including: trust and distrust in economic institutions; etatist (interventionist) versus free market attitudes; liberalism, neo-liberalism, post-liberalism; ideas of economic solidarity; news, media and economic attitudes; "nostalgic" versus pro-change attitudes in transformation countries; objective and subjective living conditions; consumer sentiments and behaviour; individuals' and households' economic strategies; economic opinion research focused on particular social groups or strata (e.g. elites, marginalized, minorities, poor, rural-urban, professionals, elderly, unemployed etc.); objective and subjective economic conditions, satisfactions and happiness; self-directness, self-confidence, helplessness; populist attitudes; managerial attitudes and strategies; relations between economic and political attitudes; relations between evaluation of current situation and legitimization of economic and political system; opinions, attitudes and values as elements of economic imagination and economic culture.

Deadline: August 15, 2011

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Internet: [http://wapor.unl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Call for Papers Gdansk.pdf](http://wapor.unl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/Call_for_Papers_Gdansk.pdf)

(source: e-mail from the organizer)

Trade Unions in the Democratic Process

Date: November 22-24, 2011

Site: Göttingen, Germany

Organiser: Doctoral Scholarship Department of the Hans-Böckler Foundation, Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences

Topics: The conference will cover issues relating to the role and influence of trade unions within the framework of democratisation efforts and as the result of the radical changes and transformations which have and are still taking place in various political systems around the world. It will also consider the options available to trade unions in existing democracies to shape developments, particularly in light of the growing socio-economic problems and new challenges that they face in many of these democracies. The conference will focus on the initial situations, developments, processes and results of trade union influence in very different countries, regions and political frameworks. International comparisons and historical perspectives are also possible and desired. In particular, the conference will cover the following topics and issues: What functions do trade unions assume in democratisation and/or democracy stabilisation processes? In what way are trade unions political players in their operative frameworks and functions? How do they present themselves? What are the definitions and interpretations of democracy from a behaviour influencing perspective? How do the trade unions collaborate with their alliance partners in the democratic process? How do the trade unions' strategic concepts compare at an international level? What roles do trade unions play in repressive regimes? To what extent have trade unions adapted to changing work situations and demographic shifts (e.g. to the "internship generation" in industrial nations, migrants or the very young average age of many populations in the southern hemisphere)? What functions do trade unions assume in connection with the inclusion and integration of marginal set groups? What function do the ILO and other international trade union organisations assume in the above connection? What is the significance of transnational networks? What kind of a media presence do trade unions have in the democratic process?

Language: English, German

Deadline: August 19, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Gender Paradoxes of Changing Academic and Scientific Organisation(s)

Date: October 20-21, 2011

Site: Örebro, Sweden

Organiser: The Center for Feminist Social Studies (CFS) Academy of Humanities, Education and Social Sciences Örebro University

Topics: The organizer invites abstract submissions for the conference from scholars at all career stages whose research addresses one or more of the following sub-themes: 1) The paradox of CHANGE: rapid "non-gendered"

change, and gender inertia in academic and scientific organizations; gendering “non-gendered” change processes; gatekeepers promoting and preventing change. 2) The paradox of EXCELLENCE: gendering new and emerging stratifications of academic and scientific organizations, disciplines and professions; gender impact of different excellence programmes and initiatives; critical policy analyses of excellence promotion. 3) The paradox of INTERVENTIONS: gender dynamics of gender equality promotion, resistance and change in academic and scientific settings; gender equality change agents in science and academia; gender fatigue; gender impacts of seemingly non-gendered interventions such as reforms in governance, appointment, evaluation, funding or salary systems.

Language: English

Deadline: August 25, 2011; All applications must be clearly marked in the subject of the email: Abstract GEXcel conf 2011 and send to GEXcelTheme11-12@oru.se, with a cc to mia.fogel@oru.se

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(source: Internet)

40th World Congress of the IIS: “After Western Hegemony: Social Science and its Publics”

Date: February 16-19, 2012

Site: Delhi, India

Organiser: International Institute of Sociology (IIS), Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Delhi, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study (SCAS), Uppsala

Topics: The last decade of the 20th century and the first decade of the new century have witnessed world historical developments that point to the beginning of the end of what might be called the colonization of minds and cultures. Ideas and practices associated with the modern West have been critiqued for long, viewed with suspicion, and rejected, rightly or wrongly, in the past. But never before has the impact of this critique been profound enough to launch a transformation in the social and political imaginary of large numbers of people in the world. A new historical dynamics appears to have been set in motion and a space has emerged for new cultural and civilizational encounters. This may entail greatly increased potentials for equality between human beings in different regions of the world but perhaps also the emergence of new structures and spaces of hegemony. The beginning of the end of the hegemony of mainstream Western intellectual traditions may therefore be the right moment to reflect about the relationship of the social sciences to this transformation. How have the social sciences shown an awareness of adaptation to these world historical changes? Is social science still shot through with assumptions of Western modernities? To what extent, if any, may such assumptions still be justified and to what extent are they amenable to rethinking and rearticulation and to what extent will they have to be discarded?

Language: English

Fee: 80-400 €

Deadline: August 25, 2011

Contact: IIS Secretariat

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(source: Internet)

Responsibility-taking, Relationship-building and Restoration in Prisons

Date: January 17-19, 2012

Site: Budapest, Hungary

Organiser: Project “Mediation and Restorative Justice in the Prison Settings” (MEREPS)

Topics: The conference is to summarise the main findings of the research projects and the pilots experimenting restorative justice (RJ) and mediation in prisons in Germany, Hungary and the United Kingdom, and to stimulate the exchange of good practices related to RJ in prisons.

Language: English

Fee: free (first 10 registered participants); 50 € (until 31 August 2011); 80 € (after 31 August 2011)

Deadline: August 31, 2011

Contact: MEREPS

Internet: <http://mereps.foresee.hu/en/segedoldalak/news/520/038566edd7/143/>

(source: e-mail from the organizer)

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 (JSN)

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: August 31, 2011

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(source: e-mail from the organizer)

Declining Political Trust, Disenchantment with Politics, and Methods of Political Participation

Date: January 25-27, 2012

Site: Cologne, Germany

Organiser: GESIS Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences

Topics: Over the last two decades, disenchantment with politics has become more noticeable around the globe as people feel a growing distance between governments and governed. When asked, some voters state that politicians do not listen to what the people want, causing many to turn away from politics in frustration. Others voice their opinions in the streets, protesting against political decisions, thus demonstrating that they want to have their say in politics – not just on Election Day. At the same time, public opinion surveys suggest that political trust is declining meaning that people are less and less confident in their governments and other political institutions. Is there a connection between trust in and disenchantment with politics as the public debate often suggests? If so, what are the reasons behind this development? The literature offers a variety of economic, social, cultural and political explanations for declining levels of trust; similar factors are usually mentioned when disenchantment with politics is concerned. Can we identify major driving factors from this potpourri of potential explanations? Are the same mechanisms at work in all affected countries? And if so, under which conditions might citizens re-invest trust into the political system? Taking into account the theoretical and practical relevance of political trust for modern democracies and the open questions that still remain after about 50 years of research, further work on the topic seems in order. The organizer encourages contributions addressing the questions raised above, or the meaning and transformation of the concept in different time periods or countries, or new ways of measuring trust. In particular the organizer suggests using the existing comparative data bases (such as CSES, EVS, Eurobarometer, ESS, ISSP). Manuscripts should cover either one country for more than one period of time, or compare several countries, or both.

Language: English

Deadline: September 30, 2011

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(source: Internet)

The European Union in International Affairs III

Date: May 3-5, 2012

Site: Brussels, Belgium

Organiser: The Institute for European Studies at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (IES-VUB), the Institut d'Études Européennes at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (IEE-ULB), the United Nations University Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS), Egmont – the Royal Institute for International Relations

Topics: The multidisciplinary EUJA Conference will provide a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas among the growing number of scholars that take an interest in understanding the role of the EU in the world in diverse policy fields (including environment, energy, information society, freedom and security, finance, security and defence etc.). This includes the debate concerning the EU as an international actor and the dynamic interplay between the EU, its member states, other regions and external partners in a multipolar/multilateral world. It may include topical issues such as the European response to the upheavals in the broader Middle East, European foreign policy post-Lisbon, the external effects of the Eurozone crisis, the EU's role in global governance and the international implications of the return of nationalism as a political force on the European continent. Similarly, attention to the external implications of internal EU developments such as the push towards a (Digital) Single Market and creation of the space of freedom and security are welcomed. The EUJA Conference will be open to all relevant disciplines and sub-disciplines, including international and European law, international political economy, economics, political science, international relations and history. It will also continue to foster exchange between the scientific and the policy communities, especially through keynote addresses by senior policy makers and a number of policy-link events featuring academics as well as policy makers.

Language: English

Deadline: September 30, 2011

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(source: e-mail from the organizer)

4th Interdisciplinary Annual Seminar: Control's Other Side

Date: February 9-11, 2012

Site: Bielefeld, Germany

Organiser: Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology

Topics: The organizer welcomes all contributions that deal with emergences, changes, disputes, failures and consequences of control regimes, stemming, for example, from the following research fields: 1. Control and political power; 2. Control and economy; 3. Control and religion; 4. Control and nature; 5. Control and cultural discourses; 6. Control and the body. The organizer explicitly welcomes contributions that deal with other empirical areas or tackle the overall conference topic on a theoretical or conceptual level.

Language: English

Fee:

Deadline: October 31, 2011

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(source: e-mail from the organizer)

Closing the Empowerment Gap through Citizenship Education: How to address educationally disadvantaged groups

Date: November 17-19, 2011

Site: Warsaw, Poland

Organiser: Federal Agency for Civic Education/ bpb (Germany), Centre for Citizenship Education (Poland), The Federal Ministry for Education, the Arts and Culture (Austria), The House for Democracy and the Rule of Law (the Netherlands)

Topics: The NECE conference invites multipliers in the fields of citizenship and cultural education, youth and social workers, NGO representatives and experts from a wide range of academic disciplines from all over Europe to come and take part in an exchange of ideas, and find out more about the possibilities of transfer and new networks. Presentations will include theoretical and practical approaches from Europe, both in schools and in out-of-school or informal learning environments, providing a platform for the discussion on inclusive approaches of citizenship education for educationally disadvantaged groups. The conference format aims to be both participatory and interactive. Workshop 1: Learning Environment School/ Quality Assurance; Workshop 2: Learning Environment School; Workshop 3: Learning Environment Community and Urban District Work; Workshop 4: Media and Social Networks (Web 2.0); Workshop 5: Concepts and Approaches of Cultural Education; Workshop 6: Interface Vocational Training and Citizenship Education; Workshop 7: Milieus and Social Area.

Language: English

Fee: 50-75 €

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http://www.bpb.de/veranstaltungen/VBD8JU,0,Closing_the_empowerment_gap_through_citizenship_education%3A_How_to_address_educationally_disadvantaged_groups.html

(source: Internet)

Nationalism and the City

Date: February 10-11, 2012

Site: Cambridge, UK

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

Topics: This conference will move to 're-centre' the urban in theories of nations and nationalism, facilitating a dialogue across disciplines to address the many layers of what has been described as 'the urban palimpsest'. A special emphasis will be placed on integrating the insights of those focused on dynamics in the city and those addressing the broader phenomenon of nationalism, to enliven debates on space, identity, and politics and to illuminate important convergences and contradictions, conjunctures and disjunctures. The task for researchers is as follows: how are we to conceptualize the role of cities/urban environments in the origins/ spread/ perpetuation/ undermining of nations and nationalism? The continuities and variations in urban forms across continents necessitates a global focus, and participants are encouraged to consider the transnational dimension of both 'the urban' and 'the nation' as sociological phenomena and cognitive categories. Suggested focal points include: Urbanization/modernization and the conditions of nationalism's emergence; Urban intellectual networks and the global diffusion of nationalism; Cities as battle-space and/or as sites for mobilization; National unity and the urban/rural 'divide'; The city as metaphor for nation; Globalizing cities, 'post-nationalism', and notions of urban reclamation; Cosmopolitanism, nationalism, and layers of belonging; Multiculturalism, heterogeneity and the urban; Disintegration, dystopia and 'spaces of alterity'.

Language: English

Deadline: October 1, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Collaboration between the Soviet Union and Germany in the interwar period and during WWII: Causes and Consequences

Date: November 5 – 6, 2011

Site: Kyiv, Ukraine

Organiser: The Kyiv City Organization of the Ukrainian Charitable Vasyl Stus Memorial Society, the Public Institute of Historical Memory, the National University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

Topics: A list of possible conference themes includes: Ideological and political platform of German National Socialism and Soviet Communism; Economic, political and military cooperation between Germany and the USSR in the interwar period; The problems of the Baltic and Black Sea states as well as stateless nations of Eastern Europe in the context of the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact; Russian fascism in Europe in the interwar period: ideas, images and organizational structure; Collaborative movements and military units in Germany and the USSR before and during World War II; Search for a separate peace between Germany and the USSR; Comparative analysis of political repressions, genocide and war crimes in Germany and the USSR; The national liberation movements of the peoples of Central and Eastern Europe: reassessments of historians and politicians; Collective memories of Nazism and Stalinism; The legacies of totalitarian past and the resurrection and establishment of authoritarian practices and movements on the territory of the former Soviet Union: Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, etc.

Language: : Ukrainian, English, Russian, Belarusian, Polish

Deadline: October 10, 2011; The registration form and the text of the article should be sent to memkonf@gmail.com and svyetlov@gmail.com

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(source: e-mail from the organizer)

Paris International Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences Research

Date: July 24-28, 2012

Site: Paris, France

Organiser: Analytrics

Topics: The congress will bring together humanities and social sciences (HSS) researchers, scientists, academicians, experts, engineers, developers, administrators and other HSS research-related professionals and practitioners from all over the world. The aims are to promote multidisciplinary dialogue and mutual cross-fertilisation of ideas and methods; to offer a place for participants to present, discuss, and showcase innovative recent and on-going HSS research works and their applications or development; update on- and explore new ways and directions; and take advantage of opportunities for contacts, interaction, and international collaboration and networking. All areas of Humanities and Social Sciences research are invited: anthropology and ethnology; applied mathematics, statistics and sciences for HSS research; archaeology; area studies; arts; business administration; classics; communication studies; cultural studies; demography; development studies; economics; environmental studies; epistemology; gender studies; geography; history; information science; international relations; languages and cultures; law; linguistics and language sciences; literature; philosophy; policy, epistemology and methodology of multi-, inter-, trans- and cross-disciplinary HSS research; political science; psychology; religion; research policy, administration and strategies; and sociology.

Language: English and French

Deadline: October 30, 2011

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(source: Internet)

**Call for papers
Workshops**

Multi-level Governance and Partnership in EU Cohesion Policy

Date: November 29-30, 2011

Site: Vienna, Austria

Organiser: Institute for European Integration Research (EIF), Austrian Academy of Sciences

Topics: The first workshop organised as part of the Research Network will tackle the issues of multi-level governance and partnership in EU cohesion policy. The imposition of multi-level and horizontal cooperation in implementation of cohesion funding challenged the established patterns of interaction between the levels of government and the actors involved in regional policy delivery. The partnership principle has also been praised for its positive impact in terms of improvement of administrative capacity and favouring learning across organisational boundaries. In addition, effective multi-level governance mechanisms and horizontal partnership are also considered as crucial for purposeful and strategic use of the Structural Funds. Thus, EU cohesion policy is expected to become more results-oriented in 2014-2020 thanks to, among other measures, an emphasis on a place-based approach, a concept closely linked with multi-level governance and partnership. However, there are major barriers for the functioning of multi-level governance, such as reluctance of some national governments to allow the sub-

national actors to play a more important role; or lack of capacity at the regional level to actively take part in shaping and implementation of EU cohesion policy, particularly in countries with centralised and hierarchical administration systems. Likewise, as the ex-post evaluations of 2000-2006 period and the academic research to date suggest, the application of horizontal partnership varies considerably across the Member States and can remain superficial and 'formal.' Against this background the organizer proposes to address the following issues during the workshop: 1. Application of the multi-level governance and EU cohesion policy's partnership principle in the Member States; 2. Added value and spillover effects; 3. Enhancing multi-level governance and partnership.

Language: English

Deadline: August 3, 2011; The abstracts should be send to rsanet.cohesion.policy@gmail.com

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(source: Internet)

Volunteering, Religion and Social Capital

Date: December 7-9, 2011

Site: Antwerp, Belgium

Organiser: University Centre Saint-Ignatius Antwerp (UCSIA)

Topics: This programme wants to investigate how the concept of volunteerism in faith-based organisations and congregational groups changed overtime and what motivates people today to become a volunteer; taking into account such trends as individualism, professionalization, secularisation, old and new types of solidarity, divers communities. The workshop welcomes researchers, doctoral students and other experts to share scholarly ideas, practices and ideas on Volunteering, religion and social capital. Such a conference may open up a new horizon for academics, students and policy makers to think about the topic. Presentations can summarize empirical research outcomes, but also historical, conceptual, methodological related contributions are welcomed for submission. The paper proposal should discuss one of the following subtopics: 1. Cultural and historical roots of volunteers/volunteering; 2. Resources of motivation and opportunities to become a volunteer; 3. Employees and professionalization of voluntary work; 4. Bridging and bonding social capital, (religious) volunteering and society.

Language: English

Deadline: August 15, 2011

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(source: Internet)

The Millennium Goals and Beyond: Reflections on an international development policy agenda after 2015

Date: November 21-22, 2011

Site: Bonn, Germany

Organiser: German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)

Topics: The organizers are looking for original empirical and theoretical contributions that have implications for concrete policy recommendations in any of the four broad areas outlined below: 1. The necessity of a new global development agenda; 2. The content and purpose of a new global development agenda; 3. Measuring progress towards the goals; 4. The way towards a new consensus. Because of the multidimensional nature of deprivation and development, the organizers especially encourage submissions that build on concepts and established methodologies of different disciplines such as economics, political science, sociology, statistics and law.

Language: English

Deadline: September 1, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Call for papers Summer Schools

14th South-East European Summer School for Democracy: "EU Perspective of the Western Balkans: Challenges and Opportunities"

Date: September 19-23, 2011

Site: Belgrade, Serbia

Organiser: the Hellenic Observatory and LSEE (LSE Research on South East Europe) of the London School of Economics and Political Science, the Anglo-Serbian Society, Belgrade

Topics: Objectives of the School are: 1. The strengthening of existing networks from previous schools and the creation of new networks of critically oriented, open-minded individuals from the field of social sciences endeavouring to contribute to the process of democratization and European integration in SEE both theoretically and practically; 2. Dissemination of democratic theory among young political leaders, junior scholars and NGO activists in the region of SEE, thus facilitating the consolidation of democracies in the region; 3. Promotion of Euro-Atlantic integration.

Language: English

Deadline: August 12, 2011; the applications should be sent in digital form only

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(source: Internet)

Call for papers Journals

Journal of Gender and Justice

Place of publication: Varanasi, India

Published by/ edited by: Centre for women's Studies and Development, Banaras Hindu University

Topics: Journal of Gender and Justice invites contributors to consider broad themes such as women's roles in society, history, philosophy, and religion; gender and the media; women and work; gender, race and class; international development; gender and sexuality; women and politics; women and literature; gender and language; women and social change; women and the family; and gender and the arts. Gender Justice, simply put, refers to equality between the sexes. It is a correlation of social, economic, political, environmental, cultural and educational factors; these preconditions need to be satisfied for achieving gender justice. Globally, gender justice as a cause has gained in strength over the years, as it has been realized that no state can truly progress if half of its population is held back. The journal will seek to assess women's roles as depicted across disciplines and which impact our understanding of society and history and our actions, past and present, within local and global communities. Also this journal encourages ventures to incorporate gender perspective into reading/teaching/research/and everyday understanding that would not only broaden the scope of disciplines but also of the initiatives taken in the field of social justice.

Deadline: August 25, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory. Special Issue on "Freedom and Power"

Type of publication: print/online

Published by/ edited by: Berghahn Journals in association with the Faculty of Humanities, Development and Social Sciences, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Topics: Several important questions arise concerning freedom and power: What is freedom? What is the relationship between freedom and power? How, if at all, are freedom and domination related? Is there a categorical or insurmountable conflict between freedom and discipline? Does freedom depend upon being free from interference or being able to achieve certain desired or desirable goals or ends? Are these two conditions - freedom from interference and the ability or power to achieve certain ends - related in some sense? Can we measure freedom, and, if so, how? What forms or degrees of freedom are possible in modern representative democracies? How does representation affect freedom? Is our freedom dependent on the power of our representatives? How does the degradation of the planetary environment affect our views on freedom? Given the dire need for self-control and self-discipline, especially regarding levels of consumption in the developed North, is the concept of freedom even still relevant? Does the concept of freedom need to be reconfigured to accommodate constraint, austerity and self-control? If so, how? What do the experiences of relatively recently liberated states teach us about freedom? What is the relationship between freedom and power in the 'Global South'? How, if at all, does poverty affect freedom? The editors of Theoria ask contributors to think about these questions in and of themselves

and in the light of the various arguments from any of the proponents of the various conceptions of freedom. These can be written about in term of furthering our understanding of the nature of personal and political freedom within modern representative democracies or in order to develop novel arguments that propose conceptions of freedom for different possible future political organizations and forms of power. The editors urge contributors to try and think about freedom and power within and between particular political contexts, especially within the 'Global South', where often freedom is a nascent and precarious achievement, and sometimes only for the lucky few, and between the 'Global South' and the 'Global North', either in relational or comparative terms. Given the changing power relations that exist within and between existing states, there is also much room for utopian thought regarding new forms of freedom in as yet un-experienced contexts of political power and moral conflict.

Deadline: August 31, 2011.

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Practical Matters: Violence and Peace

Place of publication: Atlanta, US

Type of publication: online

Publication date: Spring 2012

Published by/ edited by: Emory University's Graduate Division of Religion

Topics: The editors are interested in featuring work on topics including but not limited to: Ethnographic, historical, theological, or philosophical studies of the role of religion in causing and responding to conflict, violence, and peacebuilding; Explorations of the various resources available to religious communities of the past and present that contribute to both violence and peace, such as ritual, theology, and spiritual practices; Explorations, both normative and descriptive, of the ways modern globalization and dynamics of interreligious contact contribute to both conflict and peacebuilding; Pedagogical reflections on teaching subjects such as conflict transformation, peacebuilding, interreligious dialogue, reconciliation, and religious violence; "On the ground" reflections of practitioners engaged in practices of religious peacebuilding and conflict transformation; The ways in which classic questions of religion and violence, religion and peacebuilding, and just war and pacifism are being addressed and reformulated today.

Deadline: September 1, 2011

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CEU Political Science Journal

Place of publication: Hungary

Type of publication: online/print

Publication date: December 2011 (vol. 6, no. 4)

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

Topics: CEU PSJ accepts now submissions for its December 2011 issue. The issues is 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.

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Review of Research and Social Intervention (RCIS): special issue on "Religion in Risk Society"

Place of publication: Iasi, Romania

Type of publication: print/online

Published by/ edited by: Lumen Publishing House on behalf of „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University, Department of Sociology and Social Work and Holt Romania Foundation

Topics: The Topics are: Church involvement in management of uncertainty; Uncertainty in postmodern society; Religion in the social construction of transmodernity; Religion and emerging technologies; Risk society, religion and social imaginary; Churches and their adaptation to secularization; Religion and local cultures; Religion in globalization; Risk society, religion and rhetoric of individual responsibility; Faith-based organization in risk society.

Deadline: September 20, 2011

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Call for papers Publications

Challenging Identity Normativity: Affirmative Social Identities, Empowerment Policies and Social Cohesion

Place of publication: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Type of publication: print/book

Publication date: June 2012

Published by/ edited by: Faculty for Social Work, University of Ljubljana

Topics: The focus of this call is to discuss those social identities which are devalued, ostracized and stigmatized and to look at the empowerment policies towards social cohesion, justice and inclusion. While identity politics has become an important topic in social sciences in so-called Western countries already in the late 1960ies, countries with state socialism, like former Yugoslavia, experienced a pre-defined normative identity formations and the invisibility of the identity politics from the perspective of the individual persons. During the collapse of state socialism, from the beginning of the ethnic conflicts and wars in former Yugoslavia, the issue of identity was primarily focused on the re/construction of the collective identity such as national identity, heroic identity, the mothers' of war veterans identity, the victim of war identity and similar. In the meantime, several others social identities became newly defined or visible for the first time (people with disabilities who demanded independent living; the "Erased" in Slovenia; people living in the same sex partnerships; parents who adopt children from other countries, women experiencing violence, working poor, unemployed workers from the mainstream society, migrant workers, illegal immigrants etc.). Many of above mentioned social identities have in the course of the transition from communism towards the neo-liberal global capitalism become viewed as the source of societal disintegration, pathologised and ostracized as the deviation from the normative identity of the collective identity of the national body and its parts. This construction of the internal »others« helped to construct seemingly ethnically, politically and socially homogeneous new states. Coming from that, the proposed (but not exclusive) topics of this call are: The particular contexts in which specific social identities become source of discrimination and conflicts; The manifestations of everyday hatred, including everyday racism; The common structure of social inequality, which is manifested in variety of ways: pathologisation, constructed invisibility, memory restrictions etc.; The everyday life experiences of people from their own perspective; The examples of the affirmative empowerment policies towards devalued and discriminated social identities; The involvement in policy work in order to change the oppressive environments. Proposed research questions include: What are some of the important new social identities and how are they defined in regard to the normative identity formations in the particular contexts? What are the normative forms of social exclusion and stigma related to particular social identities? What are the ways of developing the affirmative identities, what are the empowerment policies and inclusionary practices that are going to affect social cohesion?

Deadline: December 1, 2011

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Grants/Jobs/Internships

ESRC PhD Studentship: "Governing New Social Risks: the Case of Recent Child Policies in European Welfare States"

Institution/Organiser: School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work, Queen's University Belfast

Kind of support/work: studentship

Duration: three years

Site: Belfast, UK

Topics: Applications are invited for a fully funded + 3 ESRC studentship (three year PhD) on the topic of 'Governing New Social Risks: the Case of Recent Child Policies in European Welfare States.' The studentship will commence on October 1st 2011 under the supervision of Professor Mary Daly. The studentship is linked to the ESRC-funded project which is the UK part of an ORA scheme (Open Research Area for Europe for the Social Sciences). The UK project is therefore connected to projects in France, Germany and the Netherlands. It is intended that the studentship will focus on a theme of relevance to the main project. The main research project seeks to look behind the child-centred investment approaches that are now being widely adopted in Europe. In the UK the project is focused empirically on an analysis of a number of child-centred and parenting programmes, with the intention of finding out what is going on in these interventions, examining the opinions of participants, staff, funders and a range of decision makers and locating them in a wider social and political environment. As well as examining how programmes are functioning, the research project is especially interested in identifying the ambiguities in recent policies for children, e.g., the tension between helping and controlling families and the possibility that new social divides between different kinds of families are being generated. It will collect and analyse quantitative and qualitative data in order to deepen understanding of child-related intervention programmes and their functioning and use in contemporary times. Its cross-national comparative strategy is to take the themes we identify as common in each country and investigate whether and how they are operating in the others.

Eligibility: Applications are welcome from candidates with a minimum 2.1 undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in sociology, social policy or a related subject and an ESRC recognized research masters degree or equivalent programme of research training or relevant experience (or be in the process of completing such training). Preferably, students should have knowledge of parenting, family and child-related issues.

Deadline: August 5, 2011

Contact: Admissions and Access Service, Student Guidance Centre, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast BT7 1NN

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Director, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (Social Science Research Center Berlin - WZB)

Institution/Organiser: Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung

Kind of support/work: job

Site: Berlin, Germany

Topics: At the next possible opportunity, the position of Director of a new sociologically oriented research unit is to be filled. The unit will address basic questions in the field of inequality research from the perspective of internationally comparative institutional sociology. The unit is to have a theory-driven orientation that enables it to cooperate with others in the interdisciplinary social science research context of the WZB. This WZB directorship is intended as a joint appointment (S-Professur, W3) at one of the three Berlin universities with which the WZB has formal cooperative agreements. Applicants must meet the qualifications for appointment as a university professor (§100 of the Berlin Higher Education Act, the Berliner Hochschulgesetz). If applicants are equally qualified, preference is given those with severe disabilities. The WZB expressly encourages women and persons with a migration background to apply.

Eligibility: Applicants must have an interest in developing a long-term social science research program and in setting up and heading a research team. They must also be highly capable of conducting scientific work, as evidenced by outstanding international publications, among other activities.

Deadline: August 15, 2011

Contact: President of the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung gGmbH, Prof. Jutta Allmendinger, Ph.D., Reichpietschufer 5010785 Berlin

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Assistant professor/ Associate professorship in Quantitative Methods

Institution/Organiser: The Copenhagen Business School, Department of Business and Politics (DBP)

Kind of support/work: job

Duration: four years

Site: Copenhagen, Denmark

Associate professor level: The associate professor is expected to contribute to the development of the research of the Department of Business and Politics and especially contribute with comparative analyses of states, nations, political cultures, but potentially also other institutions such as economic organizations and their governance; The position carries a responsibility for developing the CBS education in the areas of comparative research of public and private organizations, comparative methods, political sociology and organizational sociology; Furthermore, the Associate Professor is expected to contribute to and maintain the development of the international research position of the DBP and to participate in the development and strengthening of Copenhagen Business School's international network in the areas; Initiation, fund raising, and coordination of research projects; Contribution to the administrative responsibilities of the DBP; Communication of research-based knowledge in society, including participation in the public debate.

Assistant professor level: Teaching and associated examination in existing CBS programs; Rejuvenating existing sessions, courses and teaching programs and contributing to innovative new ones; Individual and group based research meeting high international standards; Promoting CBS's academic reputation; Initiating, fund raising and coordinating research projects; Promoting the teaching and research capabilities of Copenhagen Business School within the core area of Business Economics and other relevant assignments at Copenhagen Business School; Contributing to the administrative responsibilities of the Department at to CBS-wide tasks; Communicating findings to the public in general and to CBS's stakeholders in particular; Research, including responsibility for the academic development of the relevant discipline; Responsibility for publishing, scientific communication and research-based teaching; Active participation in the regular research activities, such as research seminars, workshops and conferences.

Eligibility: For Associate professor level: Advanced degree in an appropriate field; Documented pedagogical qualifications or other material for the evaluation of his/her pedagogical level; Documented research production at an international level, including publications in the field's internationally recognized journals. For Assistant professor level: The applicant must hold a PhD or the equivalent. Emphasis is placed on the applicant's research potential, which means that a researcher with a large research potential may be preferred to a researcher with a large research production.

Deadline: September 1, 2011

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Interdisciplinary Research and Studies on Eastern Europe (MIREES)

Institution/Organiser: University of Bologna, Faculty of Political Science "Roberto Ruffilli", Vytautas Magnus University at Kaunas, Corvinus University of Budapest, Saint Petersburg State University, and the cooperation of the University of Ljubljana

Kind of support/work: Master's degree

Duration: Two year

Site: Forlì, Italy

Topics: MIREES is an innovative graduate programme, taught entirely in English, unique in Italy and Europe, devoted to students that have a BA background in Economics, Politics, International Relations, History, Agricultural or Cultural studies at large, and would now like to acquire a specialized, in-depth knowledge of the Post-socialist Countries in transition, the new EU member States after the Enlargements of 2004 and 2007, as well as the New East-European Neighbour Countries. MIREES combines an academic approach with professional training, forging potential insightful consultants, analysts, and managers as Area Experts for international agencies, public administrations, private and public companies, and NGOs, while also offering a solid basis for further academic studies at the PhD level.

Eligibility: First Cycle Degree or a certificate of study obtained abroad and recognised as being suitable in one of the following disciplinary fields: Law, Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Geopolitics, Demography, Gender Studies, Psychology, Anthropology, History, Philosophy, Literature, Language Studies, Cultural Studies, Agriculture; knowledge of English language; essential computer skills.

Deadline: September 13, 2011

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Seven new members for Editorial Board 2012-2014, Sociology Journal

Institution/Organiser: The British Sociological Association

Kind of support/work: job

Duration: January 2012 - December 2014

Site: Durham, UK

Topics: The Editorial Board is a working board, involved in reviewing submissions and also in the direction of the journal. Members review approximately 12 papers/year. Board members are asked to review both in their areas of expertise and also as general reviewers. Nominations are accepted from any area or specialism within sociology, although expertise in the following areas is particularly welcome: Education; Social theory; Health; Religion; Comparative sociology; Gender and sexuality; Sociology of the family; Childhood and youth; Environment;

Eligibility: Prospective Editorial Board members: Must be nominated by a current BSA member; Must be a BSA member or join BSA at time of nomination; Must have experience of being published in refereed journals; Must have refereed a minimum of three articles for a peer-review journal; Should not be members of the editorial board of more than one BSA journal at a time; Must be based at a UK institution.

Deadline: September 19, 2011

Contact: John Offer, Chair of the Editorial Board

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(source: Internet)

2012/2013 Advanced Academia Fellowships for International Scholars

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

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: two- to five- month

Site: Sofia, Bulgaria

Topics: CAS Sofia is an independent Institute with international and multidisciplinary profile. Located in Sofia, Bulgaria, it promotes high-level scholarship in the social sciences and the humanities. In addition to supporting focus-group research, CAS Sofia invites outstanding scholars to pursue their individual research projects during in-residence periods of up to five months. The invited Fellows participate in the intellectual life and the scholarly community of the Centre (Bulgarian and foreign fellows) while working on projects of their own choice. Fellows receive adequate material and intellectual support and can profit from the Centre's wide international networks, international seminar- and guest-lecturer programme. CAS Sofia assists Fellows in all practical matters concerning travel, residence and research in Sofia.

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

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Referees for the Paris International Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences Research

Institution/Organiser: The Academic Committee of the Paris International Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences Research

Kind of support/work: job

Site: Paris, France

Topics: The Academic Committee of the Paris International Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences Research is looking for Referees willing to take part in the selection process. The Referees will be offered their registration fees. The role of a Referee comprises two parts. 1) Abstract Reviewing. Review 200 abstracts (200 words each) and, for each of them, provide the Committee with recommendations for acceptance or rejection. The abstract review is to be performed between 10 November and 15 December 2011. Meeting the deadline is critical. 2) Full Paper Refereeing. Referee the initial and the revised versions of up to 20 full papers. For each of them, provide, as necessary: suggestions for revision, motives for rejection, or recommendations for Acceptance. What is expected here is not only copy editing (correcting spelling, grammar, word usage, etc.), but also and overall content assessment (Is there a clear statement of the research question? Is the research method or approach relevant? Was it properly executed? Are there mistakes, unclarities, lacks or problems? Are the results consistent with the research design? ...). The refereeing process will take place from 10 March to 20 May 2012. Meeting the deadlines is critical.

Eligibility: Sound experience as a researcher; Experience as a referee; Familiarity with most specialties in disciplinary area, or with various areas of Humanities and Social Sciences research; Native English speaker or Bilingual French-English; Good command in the use of Microsoft Excel and Word, especially the Track Changes mode and the Insert Comment function of Word; Availability to perform the reviews within the abovementioned periods of time; Demonstrated reliability in meeting deadlines; Willingness to adapt to- and comply with the evaluation procedure in use in the Academic Committee.

Deadline: None. This is a standing announcement

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