

Social Science News

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Information/News

Launch of a New Network: INTEGRATE - International Network of Generational Transfers Research

Topics: A new network aims to bring together international researchers who are interested in the transfer of wealth and poverty between generations. The network is sponsored by the UK ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council) for two years (2012-2014), and is open to experts in academia, government, media, business and other stakeholder organisations. It is also global in nature, and interested in issues that affect those located in the developed and developing parts of the world. INTEGRATE believes that the growing population imbalance as societies age, will compound existing inequalities. The impact on transmissions of wealth and poverty between generations could be one of the key challenges of the 21st Century. For some it is about debates of intergenerational conflict for others the issue is inter-dependency and survival across all generations. INTEGRATE will look at ways to explore and develop research on exchanges of wealth and transmissions of poverty, and the extent to which cultural and social norms, policies and regulation, economic and demographic change enhance or inhibit motivations for gifting, the benefits of receiving and the consequences of experiencing neither.

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

The Undivided Past. Humanity Beyond Our Differences

Edited by: David Cannadine

Published by: Knopf

Pages: 352

ISBN: 978-0-307-26907-2

Publication date: April 2013

Topics: From one of our most acclaimed historians, a wise and provocative call to re-examine the way we look at the past: not merely as the story of incessant conflict between groups but also of human solidarity throughout the ages. Investigating the six most salient categories of human identity, difference, and confrontation—religion, nation, class, gender, race, and civilization—David Cannadine questions just how determinative each of them has really been. For while each has motivated people dramatically at particular moments, they have rarely been as pervasive, as divisive, or as important as is suggested by such simplified polarities as “us versus them,” “black versus white,” or “the clash of civilizations.” For most of recorded time, these identities have been more fluid and these differences less unbridgeable than political leaders, media commentators—and some historians—would have us believe. Throughout history, in fact, fruitful conversations have continually taken place across these allegedly impermeable boundaries of identity: the world, as Cannadine shows, has never been simply and starkly divided between any two adversarial solidarities but always an interplay of overlapping constituencies. With wide-ranging erudition, David Cannadine compellingly argues against the pervasive and pernicious idea that conflict is the inevitable state of human affairs. The Undivided Past is an urgently needed work of history, one that is also about the present—and the future.

Contact:

Internet: <http://www.indiebound.org/book/9780307269072>

(source: Internet)

Call for research proposals under the FP7 EU project “Data without Boundaries” (DwB): Support for transnational access to official microdata

Topics: To enhance access across borders to official microdata, the FP7-funded Data without Boundaries project offers different kinds of support for the work with highly-detailed data from a number of European countries. Depending upon the Research Data Centre, available datasets are business data and household surveys considered to be too detailed, confidential or sensitive to be provided through standard access mechanisms.

Deadline: This is a continuous call and there will be additional opportunities to apply. The next upcoming deadline is 15th May 2013. Additional deadline dates are 15th October in 2013 and 15th April and 15th October in 2014.

Internet: <http://www.dwbproject.org/access/call.html>

(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Call for papers Conferences

Social Network Environments Conference (SoNetE 2013)

Date: May 27 -31, 2013

Site: Bucharest, Romania

Organiser: Romanian Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding

Topics: SoNetE 2013 aims at assessing the current state of advanced social applied research, on topics as social network analysis, exchange networks, intra and inter-organisational social networks. SoNetE 2013 provides researchers with the possibility of presenting their research work (e.g. early stage research presentations, papers close to completion etc.) during three workshop sessions. The participants to the workshop sessions are offered the opportunity to publish their research work in a special issue of International Review of Social Research journal. Papers are invited on topics including, but not limited to, the following: positive and negative ties; voice and silence in organisations; organisational informal networks; dark networks and terrorist organisations; organisational decision-making strategies; organisational alliances, board interlocks, joint-ventures and inter-firm alliances; knowledge management and organisational learning; social cognition and group processes; time and space in organisations; power, politics and policies in and among organisations; organisational and individual social capital; on-line and off-line social networks; emergence of norms in organisational environments.

Language: English

Deadline: May 20, 2013; please, submit your paper together with an abstract to: editor@irsr.eu

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(source: e-mail from the organisers)

The Crisis of Political Trust in Post-Communist Democracies

Date: May 30 -June 1, 2013

Site: Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Organiser: Center for the Study of Democracy at Babeş-Bolyai University Cluj, Romania, Department of Political Science

Topics: Conference participants will explore this crisis of trust in democratic institutions and leadership, what we will refer to as political trust. We are calling for papers from a broad range of theoretical and empirical perspectives that can address the following: To what extent is political trust a measure of the quality of democratic governance? How necessary is political trust to democratic representation? What is the interplay among individual, mezzo, and macro-level factors that explain the level of political trust? How malleable is political trust, and what factors are associated with its variance? What role do political parties and political party systems play in shaping political trust? To what extent is political trust a media-derived or media-driven phenomenon? What is the relationship between political trust and other broad theoretical constructs such as social capital? What is the relationship between political trust and other forms of trust, such as generalized trust, particularized trust, strategic trust, and trust in one's own capabilities (internal efficacy)? Guest speaker: Prof. Paul Sum, University of North Dakota.

Language: English

Fee: 100 RON

Deadline: May 3, 2013, Abstracts should be sent to: bureau@fspac.ro

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(source: Internet)

World E-Conferences on Social Sciences

Date: June 12-13, 2013

Site: Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Organiser: World Standard Organisation

Topics: The World e-Conference on Social Sciences is the premier forum for the presentation of new advances and research results in the fields of Human and Social Sciences. The conference will bring together leading academic scientists, researchers and scholars in the domain of interest from around the world. Topics of interest for submission include, but are not limited to: Archaeology; Arts; Gender studies; Humanities; Econometrics; History; Geography; Islamic Studies; Inter-cultural Studies; Research methodology techniques; Linguistics; Housing, Building and Planning; Communication; Tourisms; Sociology; Organisational Behaviour; Entrepreneurship; Social Sciences; Political Sciences; Women's studies.

Language: English

Fee: 180 €

Deadline: April 15, 2013

Contact: World Standard Organisation, De Dreeftoren, Haaksbergweg 71, Amsterdam 1101 BR, The Netherlands

Tel.: +31 20 893 20 10

E-mail: info@conferences.standard.org
Internet: <http://conferences.standard.org/ss/cfp.html>
 (source: Internet)

International Conference (Post)industrial Spaces

Date: June 12-14, 2013

Site: Kraków, Poland

Organiser: Faculty of Humanities, AGH University of Science and Technology

Topics: (1) transformations of urban, country-side and transit spaces, grass-roots and political space transformations planning, (2) transformations of spaces of social relations, work practices, and private and public lives – diffusion of work and private spheres, new housing practices, new community living and new ideologies related to these spaces, (3) transformations of cultural spaces – symbolization, interpretation and assessment of technological, economic and social processes related to the (post)industrial, (4) research perspectives, including action research and participatory research, in (post)industrial researches, including deindustrialization processes.

Language: English

Fee: 180 €

Deadline: April 19, 2013. Please use an abstract submission form available at the Website.

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Internet: <http://www.wh.agh.edu.pl/konferencje/postindustrial-spaces/index.php>
 (source: e-mail from the organizers)

4th Urban Space and Social Life: City Development, Preservation, and Hospitality

Date: June 13-15, 2013

Site: Tongli, Suzhou, China

Organiser: 4C5M Studio

Topics: 4C5M Studio invites papers that explore the challenging issues under the theme of urban space and social life. This year's conference will emphasise the topic on City Development, Preservation, and Hospitality. The conference expresses a broad interest in, but is not limited to, the following themes: Heritage, culture, lifestyle in city/community/neighbourhood development and planning; The role of tourism/restaurants/ hotels/boutique hotels in city development and planning; Demolition and preservation in city development and planning; Garden city / healthy city; The locals becoming strangers in fast -changing cityscape; Guest workers in projects of city development; Impact of globalization on preserving city/community/neighbourhood; Interpersonal relationships among new residents, guest workers, ethno-religious others, visitors, and the locals in cities in process; Gated communities, large housing estates, villages in cities; Consuming city: urban businesses, more than a "\$"sign; City heartbeats, city lungs.

Language: English

Fee: For presenters: 350 \$; Companions: 100 \$; Registration late fee: 400 \$

Deadline: April 10, 2013

Contact: Sally Ho

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Internet: <http://www.4c5mstudio.org/conference/conference-at-tongli-town-suzhou-jiangsu-china>
 (source: Internet)

7th Global Business and Social Science Research Conference

Date: June 13-14, 2013

Site: Beijing, China

Organiser: World Business Institute

Topics: Papers related to all areas of Accounting, Banking, Finance, Economics, Management, Business Law, Business Ethics, Business Educations, e-business and Social Sciences are invited for the above international conference which is expected to be attended by the authors from nearly fifty countries. People without papers can also participate in this conference. The theme of the conference is: Strands of Development. It provides following benefits.

Language: English

Fee: 50 – 725 \$

Deadline: April 29, 2013

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SASA congress: "Doing Sociology from the Periphery: Place, Power and Knowledge"

Date: June 30-July 3, 2013

Site: Tshwane, South Africa

Organiser: The South African Sociological Association

Topics: Questions that will be on the table at the 19th Annual Congress of SASA are: How, in general, do we react to the presence of modernity outside of Europe? Are there ways of being modern that are not essentially European? Can we get away from the criticism that the grand narrative of modernity is intrinsically Eurocentric? Should we rather talk of the existence of multiple modernities in the world? And how do we react when we apply the traditional sociological values of inclusivity and universalism to the discipline itself and find that its can consists largely of Western scholars? To what extent do the classical concerns of Sociology reflect the false universalisation of the particularistic experience of Western scholars? How do we promote a dialogue in which the voices of both the powerful and the powerless in the discipline are heard? Should we dump the totalising and universalising urges of Sociology and celebrate the fragment and the particular?

Language: English

Fee: 1 100 – 2 800 R

Deadline: April 19, 2013

Contact:

E-mail: sasacongress2013@unisa.ac.za

Internet: <http://www.sasaonline.org.za/2013-sasa-congress.html>

(source: Internet)

2nd International Conference on Humanities, Economics and Geography (ICHEG'2013)

Date: June 17-18, 2013

Site: London, UK

Organiser: Planetary Scientific Research Center (PSRC)

Topics: 2nd International Conference on Recent Innovations in Engineering & Technology (ICRIET'2013) aimed at presenting current research being carried out in that area. The idea of the conference is for the scientists, scholars, engineers and students from the Universities all around the world and the industry to present ongoing research activities, and hence to foster research relations between the Universities and the industry. This conference provides opportunities for the delegates to exchange new ideas and application experiences face to face, to establish business or research relations and to find global partners for future collaboration.

Language: English

Fee: 200 – 325 \$

Deadline: April 15, 2013

Contact:

E-mail: info@psrcentre.org

Internet: <http://psrcentre.org/listing.php?subcid=216&mode=detail>

(source: Internet)

Warsaw East European Conference: "Across the Borders"

Date: July 15-18, 2013

Site: Warsaw, Poland

Organiser: The Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw

Topics: The purpose and the main focus of the Warsaw East European Conference 2013 will be put on exploration of common issues around social and political life, transformation in politics and policies, in economics, partnership of post-communist countries, international relations, law system, as well as the peoples' state of mind, transformations in culture, everyday life and common views. It builds upon the highly successful meetings where educators, researchers, experts and students on several sides of the border are engaged in rich and productive dialogue regarding the latest history of the region. General topics of the conference are: Authoritarianism; Borders; Civil Society, Rule of Law; Communism, Post-Communism; Culture; Deportations, Gulags; East vs. West; Eastern Partnership; Economy; Energy Security, NATO, Regional Security; Financial Crisis; Globalization; History; Minorities; Nations, Nationalities, National Conflicts, Nation Building; NGO's; Religion; The Conflict of Historical Memories in the Region; Transformation, Democratization; West in the Post-Communist World.

Language: English

Fee: 15 – 120 €

Deadline: April 15, 2013

Contact:

E-mail: conf.studium@uw.edu.pl

Internet: http://www.internationalpeaceandconflict.org/forum/topics/call-for-papers-across-the-borders-10th-anniversary-of-warsaw-eas#.UT3A_zfovbk

(source: Internet)

The International Academic Conference on Social Sciences – IACSS 2013

Date: July 27-28, 2013

Site: Istanbul, Turkey

Organiser: IACSS

Topics: This conference provides opportunities for the delegates to exchange new ideas and experiences, to establish business or research relations and to find partners for future collaboration. The goal of this conference also is to support, encourage and provide a platform for young researchers to present their research, to network within the international community of other young researchers and to seek the insight and advice of successful senior researchers during the conference. IACSS 2013 invites papers on any the following ten tracks of conference: Anthropology; Archaeology; Economics & Finance; Education; Psychology; History; Law; Management; Political Science; Tourism.

Language: English and Turkish

Fee: 200 – 500 €; early registration: 150 – 400 €

Deadline: April 30, 2013

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(source: Internet)

BSA Work, Employment and Society Conference: "States of Work: and the interpretations of work, employment, society and the state"

Date: September 3-5, 2013

Site: Warwick, UK

Organiser: The British Sociological Association and the Work, Employment and Society Editorial Board

Topics: The conference has an international focus and comes at a critical time for the study of work. Over the few last years, unprecedented state intervention in the economy and subsequent radical reform plans for the public sector and the welfare state have raised new questions on the ways work is socially regulated: the WES 2013 conference will bring together sociologists of work from across the globe to assess the evidence and consider the theoretical implications of changing relations between work, society and the state. The organisers invite papers, posters and other forms of submissions addressed to the following streams: After the State: privatisation, deregulation, resistance, anarchy, decentralisation; Social Theory, State and Work: organisation, regulation, resistance; Labour markets, employment, professions & regulations; Globalisation, international dimensions and comparative studies; Public sector, welfare state and green economy; Unions and other forms of employee organisation, representation and voice; Body, emotions, health and work, culture, creative work; Gender, age, youth, family and work; Migration, ethnicity, equality and diversity, disabilities, minorities; Sensory methodologies and visual sociology; Open stream.

Language: English

Fee: 155 – 380 £

Deadline: April 19, 2013

Contact: BSA Events Team

E-mail: events@britsoc.org.uk

Internet: <http://www.britsoc.co.uk/events/wes-conference-2013.aspx>

(source: Internet)

International Conference on Survey Research Methodology

Date: September 4-6, 2013

Site: Taipei, Taiwan

Organiser: Center for Survey Research, RCHSS, Academia Sinica

Topics: The purpose of this conference is to bring together researchers from various fields to share knowledge and experience, as well as to stimulate new ideas for future research and development. The organisers invite papers that address the following themes: Measurement error; Questionnaire design; Sampling design; Sample estimation; Other topics of survey research.

Language: English

Fee: Short Course: 30 – 50 \$; Conference: 15 – 40 \$

Deadline: April 20, 2013

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(source: Internet)

The Role of Europe's Industry in the 21st Century

Date: November 21, 2013

Site: Zagreb, Croatia

Organiser: The Institute of Economics, Zagreb

Topics: The organisers invite submission of abstracts and full papers on the present-day performance of Europe's industry and the problems affecting industry in both the EU and South East Europe, including the proposal of the most appropriate elements of the future industrial policy. Possible topics: industry and economic growth, main characteristics of industrial enterprises performing best during the economic crisis, main obstacles to industrial development in the EU and SEE, competitiveness of the EU and SEE industries, knowledge and skills for a new industrial development, industrial policies efficient in reinforcing industrial growth etc.

Language: English

Deadline: July 1, 2013

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(source: e-mail from the organisers)

Call for papers

Workshops

Sixth European Workshop on Applied Cultural Economics (EWACE)

Date: September 5-7, 2013

Site: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Organiser: University of Ljubljana

Topics: The European Workshop on Applied Cultural Economics (EWACE) is intended to provide a forum for the development and dissemination of applications of quantitative methods in cultural economics, as well as cultural-related applications of mathematical economics, experimental economics and other quantitative approaches. The workshop will consist of 15-20 papers and the number of participants will be limited to around 25.

Language: English

Deadline: May 31, 2013; Full paper drafts must be sent as email attachments (pdf, word) to antonello.scorcu@unibo.it.

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(source: e-mail from the organisers)

Relational Sociology: Reconstructing Networks with Meaning

Date: May 27, 2013

Site: Berlin, Germany

Organiser: Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS)

Topics: The theoretical concepts and the methods applied in relational sociology with three leading scholars in the field: Ronald Breiger, University of Arizona; John Mohr, University of California at Santa Barbara and John Padgett, University of Chicago will be discussed in the workshop. In particular, the organisers discuss methods that relate properties of social networks to other social stuff, including events, practices, roles, institutions, and organisational invention and innovation. Examples are blockmodel analysis, Galois lattices, correspondence analysis, and other statistical analyses of relational data. On the conceptual side, we are led to questions like: What are social networks really? Can culture be studied as a network? How are culture and networks related to one another? How do events lead to networks, and vice versa? How do reproduction and change come about? And most importantly: There may be networks in my field of study – what do I do about that?

Language: English

Deadline: April 19, 2013

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(source: Internet)

Call for papers Summer Schools

GESIS Summer School in Survey Methodology

Date: August 8-30, 2013

Site: Cologne, Germany

Organiser: GESIS

Topics: The GESIS Summer School offers high quality training in state of the art techniques and methods of survey research. It aims to equip participants with essential skills in the design, planning, execution, documentation and quality assurance of surveys of households, individuals or organisations. This Summer School is unique in Europe with its focus on Survey Methodology and data collection. The GESIS Summer School does not only give a broad overview of survey methods, but provides an opportunity to deeply engage with the different tasks of survey design and implementation (such as questionnaire design, sampling, nonresponse and fieldwork monitoring), different survey modes (such as personal interviews and web surveys), research designs involving surveys (such as mixed methods, factorial surveys, longitudinal surveys and cross-national surveys) as well as data management. The courses offer engaging instruction in state-of-the-art knowledge and application oriented skills, provided by an international team of survey specialists. Here is an overview of the courses on offer this year: Short courses: Course A: Survey Design; Course B: Qualitative Methods; Course C: Statistical Data Analysis Using R; Course D: Introduction to Research Data Management for Social Scientists. One-week courses: Course 1: Introduction to Survey Design; Course 2: Unit Nonresponse; Course 3: Mixed Methods; Course 4: Introduction to the Structural Equation Modelling Framework; Course 5: Item Nonresponse and Multiple Imputation; Course 6: Cross-National Research: Data Collection and Analysis (two-week course!); Course 7: Understanding and Modelling Measurement Error in Social Surveys; Course 8: Sampling and Estimation for Complex Surveys; Course 9: Questionnaire Translation in Cross-cultural Surveys; Course 10: Experimental Techniques in Survey Research; Course 11: Questionnaire Design; Course 12: Factorial Survey Designs; Course 13: Design and Implementation of Longitudinal Surveys; Course 14: Data Collection: Interviewer Training and Fieldwork Monitoring; Course 15: Web Surveys.

Language: English

Fee: Commercial rate: 280 – 1 200 €; Academic/non-profit rate: 140 – 600 €; Student rate: 50 – 400 €

Deadline: June 1, 2013

Contact: GESIS Summer School, Unter Sachsenhausen 6-8, 50667 Köln, Germany

E-mail: summerschool@gesis.org

Internet: <http://www.gesis.org/en/events/gesis-summer-school>

(source: e-mail from the organisers)

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis

Date: July 8-August 16, 2013

Site: Essex, UK

Organiser: University of Essex

Topics: The Summer School consists of three two-week sessions. Each session offers a variety of courses. Courses usually run for two weeks, infrequent exceptions run for one week only. Courses cover various types of quantitative and qualitative research methods, research design, techniques for data collection and measurement as well as mathematics. The Summer School provides an opportunity for social scientists to make contact with professional social scientists from other countries. Besides classroom instruction and daily laboratory work, there are evening seminars on research topics of special interest.

Language: English

Fee: Non-Academic: 1 100 – 1 500 £; Academic: 800 – 1 100 £

Deadline: May 1, 2013

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Internet: <http://www.essex.ac.uk/summerschool/about/main.html>

(source: Internet)

Corvinus Summer School

Date: July 1-21, 2013

Site: Budapest, Hungary

Organiser: The Corvinus Sociology Doctoral School

Topics: The Corvinus Sociology Doctoral School offers the following courses during the Summer School: Visual Sociology; Discourse Quality Across Deep Divisions; Deliberative Polling and the Empirics of Deliberation; Doing Elite Research; Doing Qualitative and Experimental Research; Statistical Methods for Program Evaluation; Introduction to Strata; Studies on Men and Masculinities; Poverty, Ethnicity and Exclusion; Migration Studies.

Language: English

Fee: 100 – 990 €

Deadline: April 19, 2013

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UCSIA Summer School Religion, Culture and Society

Date: August 25 - September 1, 2013

Site: Antwerp, Belgium

Organiser: Universitair Centrum Sint-Ignatius Antwerpen

Topics: The UCSIA Summer School brings together a multidisciplinary and international group of 30 PhD students and postdoctoral scholars. It is the aim of the summer course is to give these young scholars the content, methodologies, disciplinary perspectives etc. necessary for conducting their research and to support them in the development of their future academic career. The programme offers them the opportunity to attend classes taught by established researchers, to present their own work and discuss their ideas in a relaxed and open atmosphere and within a multidisciplinary framework. The organisers will research these processes of change that arise in the interaction between religions and societies in contexts of plurality - especially also in a global world -, where a diversity of religions and societal perspectives are present, identity-claims are problematised, and the understanding of citizenship is evolving. What role can religions play in shaping such societies? How do plural societies affect religions towards changing their own attitudes towards one another and revising their role in society? How do religious convictions and perspectives on citizenship relate to one another? Can one "belong" to various cultures and religions? These challenges can be studied in various areas: changes in the perception and self-image of religions and faith-based organisations (so-called "identity-issues"), education, public health management, welfare programs, the relevance of voluntary work, attitudes towards (im)migration, gender and race issues, culture, politics, involvement in the public sphere, etc.

Language: English

Deadline: April 28, 2013

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Internet: <http://www.ucsia.org/main.aspx?c=.SUMMERSCHOOL&n=49075>
 (source: Internet)

Fifth International Social Science Summer School: "Challenging the Social Order: Revolution, Reform and Transformation Under and After Socialism"

Date: July 2-9, 2013

Site: Mykolaiv, Ukraine

Organiser: Petro Mohyla Black Sea State University

Topics: The Fifth International Social Science Summer School in Ukraine welcomes proposals from the disciplines of history, sociology, anthropology, political science, economics, and adjacent fields. While the primary focus will be on the socialist and post-socialist era (in the former Soviet Union, Central, Eastern and Southern Europe), pre-Soviet history may also be examined. The Summer School is designed to be interdisciplinary and international and follows the format of a Workshop. Each participant will have the opportunity to present a paper and receive comments from a group of international scholars, as well as from the other participants, who are expected to be active in these discussions. Topics under consideration include: The causes and dynamics of revolution, reform and transformation; mobilisation, protest and rebellion; The management of social or political crisis; The production of new norms (informal, legal, economic, political); The impact of dominant economic models; The management of the past: transitional justice, lustration, the politics of memory; How individuals and groups adapt to a new social order: career paths, survival strategies. The Summer School is open to PhD students (or students enrolled in a kandidat nauk program) and young researchers (up to six years removed from their PhD or kandidat nauk degree). Proposals strong on theory and empirical research are particularly welcomed.

Language: English

Deadline: April 30, 2013

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Internet: http://www.ukrainianstudies.uottawa.ca/summer_school_2013.html
 (source: Internet)

Call for papers Journals

Special issue: "Religion and Political Participation"

Place of publication: Italy

Type of publication: print and online

Publication date: 2014

Topics: This special issue aims at collecting contributions exploring and explaining the relations between religious and political participation. Comparative studies are welcome, as well as single-case studies and theoretical analyses. Suggested paper topics include (but are not limited to): Religious parties; Forms of political activism and participation of religious movements and organizations; Relations between local government and religious actors in the field of civic engagement; Relations between political and religious identity of local activists; Political and religious identities interplay in electoral behaviour. Papers can be submitted either in Italian or in English.

Deadline: April 30, 2013

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(source: Internet)

Studia paedagogica: "Out of the mainstream"

Place of publication: Brno, Czech Republic

Type of publication: online; ISSN 1803-7437

Publication date: 2014

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

Topics: The topic of Out of the mainstream has three levels. The first level stems from the quantitative point of view which is statistically defined. The questions here are: Who are those who are too few? How many immigrants, unemployed and ill citizens are there? What is considered to be alternative, exceptional or unique and why? How are normally described and interpreted phenomena which do not meet the norms of intensity and frequency? Which methodological approaches are typically employed to research out of the mainstream people, groups and communities? Which peoples and groups are researched too often or too rarely? Who lives in the ghettos? The second level is related to understanding of social norms as of rules that individuals need to heed and respect or whose abiding is expected by the society. Consequently, the following questions are interesting: What does an individual or a group need to do to break a norm and what do other people do to make these individuals or groups be out of the mainstream? How do youth subcultures form and how do they influence their surroundings? How do sects and religious groups come into being? How does education take place in families with different and alternative lifestyles? How are long-term ill children educated? Who is excluded and what for? On the other hand, who stays in the mainstream and why? Who is IN and who is OUT? What brought women to the army and what made male teachers stay in education despite being rank and file teachers? What leads individuals, groups and communities to want to stay out of the mainstream? Are those who educate out of the mainstream people also out of the mainstream? How is it possible that some achieve only elementary education? Why do pupils break school rules? The third level is about the tension between the existence of norms and their breaking. The questions are: How do proponents of alternative norms see their peers, parents and teachers? Which new elements can the concepts of lifelong learning and counselling bring to the definition of being out of the mainstream? Which type of help is appreciated by out of the mainstream people? Which strategies do out of the mainstream people choose in order to integrate into the mainstream or to stay out of it?

Deadline: September 15, 2013; Abstracts should be sent to: studiapaedagogica@phil.muni.cz

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Demokratizatsiya: The Journal of Post-Soviet Democratisation

Place of publication: Washington, DC, US

Type of publication: paper, online

Publication date: Quarterly

Published by/ edited by: Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs

Topics: The editors invite all articles that address in some way the issue of democratisation in the countries of the former Soviet Union. All manuscripts will be considered and the ones that seem appropriate will be sent for peer review before the editors decide on publication.

Deadline: on-going

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Special Issue: Is there a Specificity of the Southeastern European (Neo-)Populism(s)? (Brill)

Editor: Sergiu Mişcoiu, PhD habilitated Senior Lecturer, Babes-Bolyai Univ., Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Topics: In this special issue of Southeastern Europe, authors will try to identify the specificity of Southeastern European Neo-Populism by answering to series of questions such as: How can one define Populism and determine the differences between Populism and Neo-Populism?; Is Southeastern Europe a more suitable framework for the development of Neo-Populism (like Latin America was for Populism in the 1960s?); What are the main peculiarities of this region's Populism?; Is there, in fact, a rather unitary phenomenon in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe or do we deal with a series of divergent phenomena?; How are Southeastern European (Neo-)Populism(s) connected to their Western European, Latin American, Eastern Asian or Western African counter-parts? Copy-paste or redrawing?; What are the main connections between regional Populism and Nationalism, Nationalist and Internationalist Communism, Fascism, Anti-Semitism, Orthodoxism, "Autarchism" and other "-isms" abundantly present in the region?

Deadline: May 15, 2013; The articles should be submitted according to the requirements presented on the journal's web page: http://www.brill.nl/files/brill.nl/specific/authors_instructions/SEEU.pdf

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Call for papers

Publications

Book: "Alternative Approaches to Human Security: Conflicts between Global and Local Governance"

Publication date: 2014

Published by/ edited by: Françoise Companjen and Abel Polese

Topics: The principal goal of this book is to re-chart the relationship between the individual, the state and governance mechanisms taking the southern Caucasus as its empirical focus. The first section will be devoted to blatant failures to include people in governance and human security. Exclusion from some processes and the incapacity of the state to reckon with all the possibilities combined with the different layers in a society generates cases in which, despite an official accent on human security, the individual is as insecure as ever. The second part of the book will explore cases in which human security has been secured, made possible either because of appropriate action by the state or because a local community has succeeded in creating a management mechanism elastic enough to deal with different cases of lives in a particular, which has enabled liberation from uniformisation (basically one remote region was exempted from having to comply with what was done in a different region far away simply to acquiesce in the same rule but communities were given choice and leeway to manoeuvre). Perspective authors are invited to propose a contribution starting from one of the above mentioned areas, if possible based on an empirical case study: "security of whom", "security from what" and "security by what means".

Deadline: April 15, 2013; (Abstract: 300 words plus short biography)

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Grants/Jobs/Internships

Ethnic and Minority Studies Master Program

Institution/Organiser: ELTE-UNESCO Minority Studies Department, Faculty of Social Sciences, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)

Kind of support/work: Master Program

Duration: Two years/ four semesters

Site: Budapest, Hungary

Topics: The Ethnic and Minority Studies Master Program dealing with minority issues and ethnic diversity in the region of Eastern and Central Europe with regard to the integration process of the countries of the region into the international community of the European Union. The program offers a systematic study of inter-ethnic relations, minority problems and processes in post-communist societies within a comparative perspective; provides background in major trends in economy, politics, society, social policy, social geography, and social psychology of the countries in the region; Introduce students to basic skills which are necessary not only to understand but to intervene in inter-group conflicts likely to occur in ethnic communities, urban neighbourhoods, industrial workplaces, political organizations, trade unions, mass media, etc. In the curricula of the program theory, research experiences, applied knowledge and intervention skills are joined together to provide a unique interdisciplinary academic opportunity and a "training-ground" for future minority policy experts. As a benefit of expected

international participation, the program creates an international community of students who speak English and come mainly from countries where problems of ethnic and minority relations are rampant. Consequently various viewpoints can evolve and therefore a specific balance of the student body is promoted. Extra-curricular activities have been designed to place students in various internships where they become acquainted with real-life minority situations, to offer field-trips to get experiences directly from the field, and to introduce students to an active research culture in a supportive framework.

Eligibility: Full credit acknowledgement: Bachelor degree in social studies/sociology/social work/political science/cultural anthropology. Advanced English language knowledge. In case of other bachelor degree: individual consideration.

Deadline: April 15, 2013

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(source: Internet)

Doctoral fellowship: "Integration and international migration: pathways and integration policies"

Institution/Organiser: Central European University, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology

Kind of support/work: 36-month fully funded doctoral fellowship

Site: Budapest, Hungary

Topics: The doctoral project is part of the "INTEGRIM" Marie Curie Initial Training Network funded by the European Union (www.integrim.eu), focusing on the study of integration and international migration. The CEU doctoral project is situated in the thematic area of Labour and Social Integration.

Eligibility: Applicants should have an MA or equivalent in a social sciences discipline. Background in sociology and/or anthropology is a definite advantage. Working knowledge of French and/or the local language of the country where the research site will be located is of advantage. Candidates can only apply if they have not been domiciled in Hungary for more than 12 months in the previous three years prior to appointment. In addition, at the time of appointment, applicants must have less than the equivalent of 4-years full-time research experience since gaining the University degree which would entitle them to embark on doctoral studies in the country in which the degree was received. For full eligibility information check <http://www.integrim.eu/vacancies/requirements-for-applicants/>.

Deadline: April 15, 2013

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Postdoctoral Fellow in Political Science

Institution/Organiser: Institute for Political Science - Centre for Social Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (IPS CSS HAS)

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: The post is preferably to commence in September, 2013 or by mutual agreement and end in one to three years

Site: Budapest, Hungary

Topics: Applications will be considered from outstanding candidates in the field of political science. The successful applicant will initiate and participate in research projects in the area of political science with relevance for Hungary. IPS is a disciplinary institute of political science in Hungary with the following main areas of research: political behaviour, governance and public policy studies, political theory and theories of democracy. See: http://www.tk.mta.hu/pti/?p=html&htmlContent=intezet_feladat&cmi=4&lang_id=2. The future postdoctoral fellow will be involved in research on one of the following specific areas: political implications of population ageing, political pledges and political programmes, trust in political institutions.

Eligibility: The candidate should have a citizenship from a European Union country; a PhD in political science, as well as a proven record of research and publications in peer-reviewed journals. In addition, the successful candidate must have evidence of good oral and written communication skills, ability to communicate effectively in English, evidence of the ability and willingness to work flexibly as part of a team.

Deadline: April 30, 2013

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PhD Scholarship in European Union Politics

Institution/Organiser: The Department of Politics and Public Administration of the University of Limerick

Kind of support/work: PhD

Site: Limerick, Ireland

Topics: The Department of Politics and Public Administration of the University of Limerick is inviting applications for a PhD scholarship in the area of European Union Politics. Applications are especially welcome from candidates who wish to study aspects of the European Parliament or the Council of Ministers in their role as law-making institutions. Skills in research methods or a willingness to acquire them would be an advantage. The scholarship covers tuition fees (at EU rates) and provides a maintenance grant of €7000 per year for up to four years, subject to academic performance. The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the tutorial teaching of the department.

Deadline: May 1, 2013; Applications should be sent to frank.haege@ul.ie with the subject line "EU Politics PhD Scholarship"

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Invitation for three PhD Fellows in 2013

Institution/Organiser: SASS

Kind of support/work: job and study

Number of vacancies: 3

Duration: up to 3.5 years from 1st December 2013. During this time the candidate must graduate in PhD programme Sociology at SASS.

Site: Nova Gorica, Slovenia

Topics: SASS is searching for three candidates (Male or Female) each for a different research field: 1. Cultural Sciences (supervisor prof. Nikolai Genov; nikolai.genov@fuds.si). Research will be particularly focused to: value-normative universalization as a global trend and the key factor of cultural integration of societies; emergence of a value-normative system shared by all developed societies, thus implying the development of common cultural patterns of the global society; the idea of universal human rights and the idea of sustainable development as two pillars of value-normative universalization; ideas and practices of individual human rights belonging to a particular clan, tribe or society, and the diversity of economic, political and social rights; ideas and practices of sustained development – not only in environmental but also in economic, political and cultural terms; internal contradictions of the universalization of value-normative systems because of traditional and new value-normative particularisms; tensions between the trend of value-normative universalization and other global trends. 2. Political Science (supervisor Matej Makarovič, Associate Professor; matej.makarovic@fuds.si). The PhD fellow will be focused primarily to the field of political science and political sociology. Special attention may be devoted to the concepts of high complexity in a functionally differentiated modern society; contextual intervention and systemic discourse; multi-level governance related to the processes of globalisation and glocalisation; the changing role of the nation state; connections of political globalisation to economic and cultural globalisation; challenges to representative democracy and the forms of civic participation. The theoretical framework will be closely connected to empirical research, which will require the ability to combine both advanced statistical data analyses and qualitative research methods. 3. Sociology (supervisor Borut Rončević, Associate Professor; borut.roncevic@fuds.si). The PhD fellow will work on development on social research methods, with a special focus on - but not exclusively - computer assisted qualitative research methods and further development of mixed-methods research, especially fuzzy-set research method. His/her work will, however, not only focus on methods, but will be engaged in theoretically-informed research on relevant phenomena, either regional systems of innovation or complex networks in a dynamic environment.

Deadline: May 15, 2013

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