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CONFERENCES/CALLS FOR PAPERS

First Call for Papers and Participation

Annual International Conference on Social Sciences

Athens, Greece

4-7 August 2014

The [Social Sciences Research Division](#) (SSRD) of the [Athens Institute for Education and Research](#) (ATINER) is organizing its first **Annual International Conference on Social Sciences** which will be held in Athens, Greece on 4-7 August 2014. In the past, the [five research units](#) of SSRD have organized 45 annual international conferences on economics, sociology psychology, politics & International Affairs, as well as the mass media & Communication. Papers from all branches of social sciences are welcome: Anthropology, Media and Communication Studies, Economics, Education, Human Geography, Political science, Public Administration, Psychology and Sociology. Papers on Social Research and Social Theory are also welcome.

The registration fee is €300 (euro), covering access to all sessions, 2 lunches, the official dinner (Greek Night of entertainment), coffee breaks and conference material. In addition, a number of cultural and educational activities are being organized such as an urban walk around Athens (which will include the Acropolis), an additional dinner, a special one-day cruise to the Greek islands and a visit to Delphi. Special arrangements will be made with local hotels for a limited number of rooms at a special conference rate.

Please submit a 300-word abstract before **6 January 2014** via email, atiner@atiner.gr to: Dr. Gregory A. Katsas, Head, Sociology Research Unit, ATINER and Associate Professor, The American College of Greece-Deree College, Greece. Please include: Title of Paper, Full Name (s), Current Position, Institutional Affiliation, an email address and at least 3 keywords that best describe the subject of your submission. **Decisions will be reached within four weeks of your submission.** Please use the abstract submitting form available at <http://www.atiner.gr/2014/FORM-SOS.doc>.

If your submission is accepted, you will receive information on registration deadlines and paper submission requirements. Should you wish to participate in the Conference without presenting a paper, for example, to chair a session, to evaluate papers which are to be included in the conference proceedings or books, to contribute to the editing of a book, or any other contribution, please send an email to Dr. Gregory T. Papanikos (gtp@atiner.gr), President, ATINER. The Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) was established in 1995 as an independent academic association and its mission is to act as a forum, where academics and researchers - from all over the world - can meet in Athens in order to exchange ideas on their research and to discuss future developments in their disciplines.

Since 1995, ATINER has organized more than 200 international conferences, symposiums and events. It has also published approximately 150 [books](#). Academically, the Institute consists of five [Research Divisions](#) and twenty-three [Research Units](#). Each Research Unit organizes an annual conference and undertakes various small and large research projects. Academics and researchers are more than welcome to become members and contribute to ATINER's objectives. The members of the Institute can undertake a number of [academic activities](#). If you want to become a member, please download the form ([membership form](#)). For more information or suggestions, please send an email to: info@atiner.gr.

Call for Papers

Perspectives on Transitions: Inter-Communal Conflict and Paths to Democratisation

School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy

Queen's University Belfast

13 September 2013

Existing conceptual/theoretical perspectives on the relationship between transition (to democracy among others) and inter-communal conflict so far have not offered much perspective on the Arab Spring, let alone has there been a systematic comparative investigation of these relationships across different waves of transition. This is despite the fact that inter-communal conflict (in a broad sense conflict between distinct ethnic, religious, regional identity groups) has been an important feature of transition processes in countries like Libya, Egypt, Yemen, Bahrain, and Syria, and that there are a number of striking similarities between the dynamics of transition previous waves of democratisation in Latin America, postcommunist states and the Arab Mediterranean, including the fact that these transition processes have a significant dimension of international involvement. Moreover, comparative perspectives exist on the second and third waves. Thus, there is both a need and an existing framework for comparing different waves of transitions and the outcomes of such transitions with regard to democratisation from the perspective of ethnic conflict.

We invite submissions that propose to address these issues from theoretical/conceptual perspectives and through single and comparative case studies. The conference will explore a range of debates and topics related to transition and inter-communal conflict/tensions. It is open to those who wish to present work on country specific transitions, on broader patterns of regime consolidation, and on historical perspectives as well as contemporary challenges.

The conference is being organised by School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy and the Centre for the Study of Ethnic Conflict Queen's University Belfast, the PSA Specialist Group on Ethnopolitics, the Centre for Sustainability, Leadership and Governance Plymouth University, the School of Government Plymouth University, Routledge, publishers of Civil Wars, Ethnopolitics and Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, published by Taylor & Francis.

We hope to provide some assistance (for travel costs and accommodation) to support attendance at the conference for accepted paper presenters.

Meals and refreshments will be available for all participants.

Paper proposals of no more than 500 words, complete with author contact details and institutional affiliation, should be submitted via <http://jotforme.uq.edu.au/form/31643040835347>, by July 20. Please indicate in your submission whether you wish to be considered for conference support.

Should you have any questions, please email both, Karl Cordell (k.cordell@plymouth.ac.uk) and Timofey Agarin (t.agarin@qub.ac.uk)

Papers presented for publication will be considered for publication in Civil Wars, Ethnopolitics and Nationalism and Ethnic Politics

Nationalism and Ethnic Politics <http://www.tandfonline.com/fnep20>
Ethnopolitics: <http://www.ethnopolitics.org/ethnopolitics/>

Call for Papers
International Graduate Conference

Practices of Critique

Goethe University Frankfurt

5-7 December 2013

Deadline: 15 July 2013

Practices of critique are intertwined with normative orders in manifold ways. They contain and refer reflexively to critical contentions, and they can enable as well as suppress critique. On the one hand, critique can draw on the justificatory basis of normative orders. On the other, such an immanent critique always harbours the danger of contributing to the reproduction of the conditions it questions. Further, critical practices of social movements and theoretical interventions are often confronted with the argument that there is no uncontaminated position from which to formulate critique. Accordingly, the question arises as to what forms critique will assume and under what historical, political and social conditions critique will appear at all.

In this context it is essential to reconstruct the theoretical foundations of critique and power structures as well the **practices** in which they are instantiated. Three aspects are crucial: firstly concrete forms of **power** and their application, which always emerge from a tension between normative claims and solidified systems of rule; secondly the purview of **justice** as the foundation for critical rationale; thirdly the aspect of **representation**. After all, justifications are carried via narratives as well as symbols such that they necessarily contain excess aesthetic content. Therefore the aesthetic facets of power, justice or legitimation also require attention. These terms of reference result in the following array of questions for the conference:

1) Conditions of possibility for critique

Under what circumstances do practices of critique emerge? To what extent are unjust conditions relevant? How do specific normative orders, power structures and representations of them by themselves and others affect the emergence of critique? How can we apprehend the (im-)possibility of the critique of normative orders? Are there spaces of critique that lie beyond the reach of the criticized, or is critique perpetually condemned to aporetic relations?

2) Realization of critique

In what forms does critique become manifest? What social practices are connected with critique, and how do they relate to each other, not least with regard to their respective interpretations of social reality? How can we grasp practices of critique – conceptually as well as empirically? What role do representations of critique and the criticized play in terms of its realization? Do particular forms of articulation further legitimize relations of dominance? Who is able to and who is entitled to express critique?

3) Reactions to critique

What reactions to various practices of critique, such as social movements and theoretical interventions, can we observe? Do they lead to a stabilization of power structures through conservative retrenchment or to reflexive social change towards more just relations? How does the academic reconstruction of social struggles influence the reaction towards critique? How does the

representation or the mode in which orders are justified and critiqued affect the reproduction of injustice, oppression and violence?

Such questions shall be addressed from multidisciplinary perspectives at the international graduate conference "Practices of Critique" of the Frankfurt Cluster of Excellence "The Formation of Normative Orders" on the **5-7 December 2013**. We invite abstracts from novice researchers (max. four years subsequent to receiving a PhD) until **15 July 2013**. There are 23 panels (about half of them are in English) to which you may directly apply. You may also submit your abstract under the general conference theme should selecting a specific panel prove unfeasible. For further information concerning content and language of the panels please refer to the links below or visit the following website:

www.normativeorders.net/young-researchers-conference

Please email proposed contributions to **graduateconference@normativeorders.net**, including an **anonymized abstract and a short bio** in two separate documents (doc or rtf). The subject heading of the email should include the panel of choice. The length of abstracts should be **400 - 700 words**.

Child care services are available with advance registration. For further question on this and other issues, feel free to contact the organizers at the above email address. We are looking forward to your submissions!

The Panels

[\(Non-\)Compliance and Critique](#)

[Coping with critique: The reaction of international organizations to normative contestation](#)

[Crisis and critique in banking and finance](#)

[Critical Theory and Global Justice](#)

[Critique from beyond the Edge of the \(Legal\) Universe](#)

[Democracy in theory and practice - or both?](#)

[Die Kritik auf der Leinwand - Darstellungsformen von Rechtfertigung](#)

[Die Schönheit der Chance: Das Internet als Ort utopischer Praktiken](#)

[Dogmatik – Apologie oder Kritik von Normativität?](#)

[Freiheit und Kritik](#)

[Indeterminacy in law and Critical Legal Theory](#)

[Knowledge and Action](#)

[Kritik der politischen Kunst \(in Kooperation mit der HfG Offenbach\)](#)

[Kritische Rechtsbetrachtungen: Wohin zielt ihre Kritik und worauf zielt die Kritik an ihnen?](#)

[Normativität der Sozialkritik](#)

[Other Voices, Other Critique? Critical Knowledges Otherwise](#)

[Politics of Insecurity, Critique of Security](#)

[Politische Gewalt und Aufstände als fundamentale Systemkritik: Transnationale Reaktionen im langen 19. Jahrhundert](#)

[Von Shitstorms und Empörungswellen – Gründe und Abgründe der Internetkritik](#)

[Praktiken der Kritik nach dem Arabischen Frühling](#)

[Religion and Critique](#)

[Revolution and Reflection: 1789 and beyond](#)

[Transnationaler Konstitutionalismus zwischen Herrschaft und Kritik](#)

The Cluster of Excellence “The Formation of Normative Orders“

The Frankfurt Cluster of Excellence “The Formation of Normative Orders” researches societal transformations from the perspective of the emergence and validity of normative orders. These are understood as historically grounded “orders of justification” that determine the establishment and stabilization of rule and the distribution of opportunities. The research cluster further probes into the norms upon which such orders rest, how they emerge and change, and how they are and can be criticized or legitimized. Researchers from a wide variety of disciplines, such as philosophy, history, political science and legal studies, as well as anthropology, economics, theology and sociology cooperate within this research consortium. For more information, please visit www.normativeorders.net.

Call for Papers

Centrifugal Europe - Network meetings

Centrifugalism in Europe - Time for a new research agenda

Queen’s University Belfast

25 October 2013

We are currently calling for contributions to the workshop “**Centrifugalism in Europe – Time for a new research agenda**”. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, 25 October 2013, at Queen’s University Belfast, Northern Ireland and is open to members and non-members of the network.

This one-day workshop will give an opportunity to academics to present their work in progress, to network and to discuss funding opportunities for collaborative research. Everybody working on themes related to the broader objectives and research interests of the network is invited to send the title of paper, abstract of max. 100 words, name and affiliation to the network coordinator Dr Ada Regelmann, [a.regelmann \[at\] qub.ac.uk](mailto:a.regelmann@qub.ac.uk). **Deadline is 31 July 2013.**

The workshop programme will be advertised on the website in due course.

<https://sites.google.com/site/centrifugalism/home>

OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Applications

EURIAS Fellowship Programme

2014 – 2015

The European Institutes for Advanced Study (EURIAS) Fellowship Programme is an international researcher mobility programme offering 10-month residencies in one of the 16 participating Institutes: Berlin, Bologna, Brussels, Budapest, Cambridge, Delmenhorst, Freiburg, Helsinki, Jerusalem, Lyon, Marseille, Paris, Uppsala, Vienna, Wassenaar, Zürich. The Institutes for Advanced Study support the focused, self-directed work of outstanding researchers. The fellows benefit from the finest intellectual and research conditions and from the stimulating environment of a multi-disciplinary and international community of first-rate scholars.

EURIAS Fellowships are mainly offered in the fields of the humanities and social sciences but may also be granted to scholars in life and exact sciences, provided that their proposed research project does not require laboratory facilities and that it interfaces with humanities and social sciences. The diversity of the 16 participating IAS offers a wide range of possible research contexts in Europe for worldwide scholars. Applicants may select up to three IAS outside their country of nationality or residence as possible host institutions.

The Programme welcomes applications worldwide from promising young scholars as well as from leading senior researchers. The EURIAS selection process has proven to be highly competitive. To match the Programme standards, applicants have to submit a solid and innovative research proposal, to demonstrate the ability to forge beyond disciplinary specialisation, to show an international commitment as well as quality publications in high-impact venues.

For the 2014-2015 academic year, EURIAS offers 39 fellowships (20 junior and 19 senior positions).

All IAS have agreed on common standards, including the provision of a living allowance (in the range of € 26,000 for a junior fellow and € 38,000 for a senior fellow), accommodation (or a mobility allowance), a research budget, plus coverage of travel expenses.

APPLICATION

- Applications are submitted online via www.eurias-fp.eu, where, you will find detailed information regarding the content of the application, eligibility criteria, selection procedure.
- The deadline for applications is **July 5th, 2013**. Late applications will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

- Scientific assessment by two international referees
- Pre-selection by the EURIAS international Scientific Committee
- Final selection by the IAS Academic Boards
- Publication of results : January 2014

For further information on the Programme, please consult our website: www.eurias-fp.eu

For further information on the IAS and their specific working conditions: www.eurias-fp.eu/ias

Call for Applications

Individual Research Visits to EUROLAB, GESIS, Cologne, Germany

The “European Data Laboratory for Comparative Social Research – EUROLAB” is pleased to invite application for one month research visits. Individual researchers, who want to work on survey data stored in the GESIS Data Archive for the Social Sciences, may apply for support to access EUROLAB for maximum one month between November 2013 and March 2014. **The deadline for applications is 10th of August 2013.** An international selection panel will evaluate the applications on a competitive basis. The applications will be assessed depending on the scientific merit. Successful applicants will receive a travel grant that covers travel costs (economy class, up to 450 Euro) and accommodation.

EUROLAB is a research infrastructure for comparative social research, which offers on-site services to the scientific community. EUROLAB supports research projects with a comparative focus based on quantitative research methodology, facilitates research collaboration in comparative social research, fosters research networks and organizes symposia on relevant topics of social science research.

What is provided?

- On-site access to resources in comparative social research (survey data, including data with restricted access, library specialized on research methodology, statistical software)
- Methodological and substantive advice on research topic
- Practical and logistic support, partly financial support

Applications for self-funded research visits are accepted anytime. For more information on application procedure and on EUROLAB please visit: <http://www.gesis.org/eurolab>.