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The preceding ESA President Analia Torres already in 2010 addressed a letter to the Commission and we have consistently repeated this in our communications with them, together with other European learned societies.

This will make our attempts to influence the next framework programme calls much easier.

Pekka Sulkunen, ESA President.

**Humanities and social sciences to get own budget in Horizon 2020 By Inga Vesper, Research Europe Today
11-12-2012**

An additional societal challenge to provide funding for social sciences and humanities research is to be added to Horizon 2020, officials at member states and the Commission said.

The European Commission has made preparations to split the sixth challenge in Horizon 2020's societal challenges pillar-inclusive, innovative and secure societies-into two, creating one challenge for humanities and social challenges, and one for security research. The new, sixth challenge will be called Europe in a Changing World, and will include research on "inclusive, innovative and reflective societies", according to a Commission official.

These three fields would cover research into media, history, culture, philosophy, European identity and linguistics, the Commission official said. "The Council of Ministers and the European Parliament both wanted this, so we have plans to turn the six challenges into seven," they said.

The Commission's first proposal on Horizon 2020 contained no specific funding for humanities and social sciences, a fact that was widely criticised by researchers and national governments. German diplomats in the Council of Ministers fought hard to challenge the proposal, one person close to the negotiations said. In particular, Germany demanded the creation of the "reflective" part, which covers philosophy and history research, they said, as these are areas in which the country has a strong research profile.

This was confirmed by an official from the German government. "In the Council's deliberations on Horizon 2020 it was decided with strong input from Germany that the sixth societal challenge should be split," the official told Research Europe Today. He added that the decision by the Council to call for the establishment of this societal challenge had already been made in May.

The seventh societal challenge will be called Secure Societies, and will cover the "freedom and security of Europe and its citizens", according to the Commission's proposal. This will cover security and defence research, as well as some research related to politics and diplomacy.

No extra funding will be put forward for the additional societal challenge, instead the budget of the previous sixth challenge will be split between challenges six and seven.

The Commission official said that additional funding for humanities and social science would be spread out across all six challenges, but that the Commission was still undecided about how to do this. "It would be important to have input from the humanities community on this, otherwise their voice will not be heard," he warned.

Call for Papers

European Sociological Association 11th Conference

Crisis, Critique and Change

TORINO, 28-31 August 2013

++ Please find our all-inclusive 'Call for Papers' pdf document (120 pages) at
www.esa11thconference.eu ! ++

Which crisis? Whose critique? What changes? Making the world safe for banks is only one side of the coin. The present crisis is multi-faceted. It is not just a debt crisis, but also a political and a social crisis.

The debate calls for a sociological turn. Crises do not follow natural laws, they increase the viability of agency. A country is more than an economy. What are the historical roots and social effects of the financialization of the economy? Does the crisis of the Eurozone threaten the political existence of the EU? Will it push aside the social agenda of the European Union? The crisis is likely to produce seismic shifts in and for European sociology — across its substantive areas of research — from ageing, biographies, and families, all the way to religion, science, theory, and women's studies.

What is behind the crisis? Two processes are at work. First, there has been a systemic transformation driving the shift from public to private power and adapting the state to capital markets. But, second, there has been a proliferation of vital types of critique too. Think about the deepening of existing divides. The Occupy protests, the social uprising in the Arab Spring, the unrest in Greece, and discontent in other European countries are all indicative of a reconfiguration of the link between crisis and critique.

To foster an understanding of the crisis and the dual role of critique in interpreting and affecting changes, *European sociology* has to rely on (1) rediscovering its subject matter as being more than a technical order, as a social world that has a history and a place, and (2) a broad-ranging debate on consequent conceptual and empirical questions. Toward both ends, we cordially invite sociologists and social scientists from around the globe to join us in Turin — to attend the conference, to participate actively in the discussions, and to contribute their own work.

Abstract submission (online!) deadline: 1st February 2013

Abstract submission platform: <http://www.esa11thconference.eu>

If you have further questions on the conference, please visit the conference website.

For information on the Research Networks, visit: <http://www.europeansociology.org/>

CONFERENCES/CALLS FOR PAPERS

One International Relations or Many?

Multiple Worlds, Multiple Crises

8th Pan-European Conference on International Relations

Wednesday 18 – Saturday 21 September 2013, Warsaw, Poland

Organised by the Standing Group on International Relations in cooperation with the Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw and the

Polish Association for International Studies

Call for Paper and Panel Proposals

The conference consists of almost 50 sections on a wide range of topics; each section will comprise of either 5 or 10 panels. The sections are:

- Asian International Studies in Multiple Worlds
- Crises: The Post-Soviet Area
- Crises - Whose Crises? Autocratic Regimes and the (re-)construction of the 'World in Crisis'
- Crisis for Whom? Crisis of What? Crisis in Where? Ideas, Narrations and Discourses of "Crises", "Pre-Crises", and "Post-Crises"
- Critical Military Studies
- Critical Relations of International Relations and Islam
- Culture(s) in International Relations: Cultural Turn and Cultural Trap
- Democratizing World Society: Post-national Perspectives and Opposing Views
- Diplomatic Practice in a Crisis World
- English School
- European Foreign Policy
- EU as an International Security Provider: Theoretical, Empirical and Methodological Perspectives on actors, processes, outcomes, and impact
- EU External Action: Intersections with IR
- EU's International Role in Times of Crisis
- EU's Partnerships: Looking Backwards and Forward to Think Again
- European Studies After the Crisis: On the Outside Looking In
- Feminist Global Political Economy

- Global Affairs: Challenges to European Foreign Policy
- Global Biopolitics: History, Theory, Cases
- International Mass Media in (about) Crisis
- International Organizations in Times of Crisis
- Harnessing Globalization
- Historical International Relations
- Inequalities and Global Institutional Order
- International Futures
- Political Parties and Foreign Policy
- Precarity and the International
- Regional Integration and Crises - Regional Integration in Crisis? The Impact of Crises on Regional Integration in and outside of Europe
- Research Frontiers in the Study of International Governance
- Resilience: International Policies, Practices and Discourses
- Revisiting the European Security Strategy (ESS): Ten Years After
- Securitisation and Politicisation: Invocations of Crisis and Emergency
- Securitization Theory: A New Framework for Analysis
- Security Studies - Bridging Conflict Studies: How Civil and International Conflict Affect and Inform Each Other
- Science and Technology Studies (STS) meets International Relations (IR)
- Starting Spaces: Conceptual and Empirical challenges to International Relations
- State Identity Policies in Post-Crisis Period: Theories and Cases
- Studying World Heterogeneity as a Source of Multiple Crises and Multiple Approaches for IR
- The Arctic of Regions or Globalization - Arctic's International Relations
- The Financial Crisis and the Eurozone: International Political Economy in Question
- The Politics of Foreign Aid
- Understanding Cooperation in Peace Processes: Diversity of Actors, Unity of Action?
- Understanding the Euro Crisis
- Understanding the Multiple Crisis - Contributions from Global Political Ecology
- Supporting Professional Development of IR Scholars
- Cooperating Associations

For more information on these sections and their convenors see <http://www.8thpaneuropean.org/>. Please contact the section convenors on any question regarding their section. There will be no Open Section – all paper and panel proposals must fit into the sections listed.

All sections welcome individual paper proposals, most welcome complete panel proposals as well. Each 105-minute panel should comprise four to five papers plus discussant and chair. Proposals must be submitted via our online submission system at <https://www.conftool.pro/paneuropean2013/index.php?page=login>

For more information on the conference, please go to <http://www.8thpaneuropean.org/> or email europaenisa@gmail.com.

The closing date for paper and panel proposals is MIDNIGHT (CET) ON SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2013.

Pinar Bilgin (Bilkent) and Ian Bruff (Loughborough)

Programme Chairs

Call for Papers

International Conference 2013

Children Migrants and 3rd Culture Kids – Roots and Routes

7th – 9th June 2013

Jagiellonian University

Institute of of Sociology & Institute of Religious Studies ul. Grodzka 52, 31-044 Kraków, Poland

Although mobility and migrations have become one of the most prominent research topics in social sciences in the last few decades, the impact of migrations on children has not been thoroughly explored. Due to high mobility connected to globalization the number of migrants' children and third culture kids will be growing. During the conference we would like to analyze the experiences of children who had spent a significant part of their childhood and/or youth in other country than their parents' country of origin. As this multidimensional phenomenon should be approached from an interdisciplinary perspective, we would like to invite researchers and practitioners dealing with migration issues or working with migrants' children (or adults who had the experience of migration in their biography). The aim of the conference would be to understand the impact of very different forms of migrations (i.e. forced migrations, economic migrations, return migrations) on children, including long-term consequences. Aside the scientific significance of the conference, we hope that our analysis and discussions will also result in identifying the ways of helping those, for whom migration has been a difficult or traumatic experience.

Prof. dr hab. Halina Grzymała-Moszczyńska , Institute of Religious Studies
mgr Agnieszka Trąbka, Institute of Sociology

Papers and presentations might address (but need not be limited to) the following themes:

- Adaptation problems and potential ways of solving them
- Children in the context of religious education: theory & practice
- Identities of migrants' children
- Adult life of migrants' children
- Parenting in the process of migration
- The role of language, religion, gender and traditions

- The role of education system & specificity of international schools
- Unique resources and competences of migrants' children
- Legal and administrative issues of migrants' children
- Spirituality as an important resource for stability in the midst of changes.
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And might focus on the children of :

- Refugees
- Economic migrants
- Highly skilled migrants and expatriates
- Transnational company & government employees (Third Culture Kids)
- Return migrants

Please send abstracts (max. 300 words) to:
migrantschildren@gmail.com before 1st of March 2013

Further information can be obtained from the conference organizers.
 Please e-mail us on: migrantschildren@gmail.com

Important dates:

1st March 2013 – abstracts submission
 15th March 2013 – acceptance notification
 10th April 2013 – registration & fees
 7th - 9th June 2013 – conference

Conference fee:

EUR PLN
 80 320 Standard fee
 50 200 Phd students & candidates
 30 120 Students

Visit us on:

<http://migrantschildren.wordpress.com>

Contemporary Drug Problems

Announcement and Call for Papers

Complexity: Researching alcohol and other drugs in a multiple world

21-23 August, 2013

Aarhus University, Denmark

Deadline for abstract submission: 18 February, 2013

Hosted by *Contemporary Drug Problems*, the Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research (Aarhus University, Denmark), the National Drug Research Institute (Curtin University, Australia) and the Centre for Population Health (Burnet Institute, Australia), this conference will bring together leading international researchers in drug use and addiction studies from a range of research disciplines.

Conference theme

The last decade has seen the idea of complexity gain force in social science and epidemiological research. As social problems of all kinds prove less amenable to change than is sometimes suggested by the reductionist demands of orthodox positivist approaches, theory and method have turned to

ways of articulating the elusive, uncertain and complex. For some, such as the science and technology studies scholars Annemarie Mol and John Law (2002), complexity means multiplicity rather than unity, realities rather than reality, distinct but overlapping worlds, logics and orders. Implicated, too, are questions about the relation between order and chaos, and the validity of binaries of any kind, including that of simplicity and complexity itself. Certainly, Mol and Law see a necessary connection between complexity and simplification – research methods, they argue, must simplify if they are to enact order and make useful statements about issues. The trick is to remember that simplification is occurring, and to resist the urge to tidy it away or obscure it.

Issues of complexity, simplification and research method are of direct relevance to alcohol and other drug problems. Addiction, one of Western liberalism's most productive concepts, is both heavily contested and frequently taken for granted. Drugs, too, are seen to be self-evident (in their action in the body and role in addiction), yet 'behavioural addictions' such as gambling and overeating promise, via emerging neuroscientific understandings of brain chemistry, to remake the category of 'drugs' in policy, practice and popular culture. Diseases commonly associated with drug use – especially the bloodborne viruses HIV and hepatitis C – challenge simple epidemiological estimates of incidence and prevalence and straightforward understandings of the social, behavioural and biological dynamics of transmission. Quantitative methodologies wrestle with tensions between elaborative and parsimonious modelling, especially in relation to large populations conceived as a diversity of sub-groups. Retaining the complexity and richness of the data in research results while still drawing succinct and direct conclusions is a major challenge for both quantitative and qualitative approaches.

The demands of policy and service provision favour simplification, but many ask at what cost. Qualitative and quantitative research of all kinds is, it seems, implicated in these contemporary dilemmas of complexity and simplification.

This conference offers a forum in which the issues and dilemmas of complexity in alcohol and other drug research can be explored. It welcomes research based on quantitative and qualitative methods, and encourages innovative use of methods, concepts and theoretical approaches. Possible themes include:

- Changing meanings, definitions and measures of addiction
- The relationships between alcohol and other drug use and health and social phenomena
- Emerging drugs and conceptions of their effects
- Public opinion on illicit drug use, drinking or smoking
- Drug policy and the forces and assumptions that shape it
- Drugs and addiction in film, news and other media
- Models and practices of treatment and recovery
- Pedagogies of addiction and drugs in universities and schools
- Drugs in urban cultures and spaces
- Subjects and practices of harm reduction
- Global politics of drug production and consumption
- Complexity and method in the addiction and drug use field
- Validity and reliability in quantitative drug research
- Quantitative and qualitative theories of complexity and their uses in drug research

Conference dates and venue

The conference will be held on 21-23 August, 2013 at the Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research at Aarhus University in Denmark.

Further information on this venue will be available soon at <http://crf.au.dk/en/>.

Conference format

The conference will run over three days.

The program will feature a mix of plenary presentations and concurrent streams.

Presentations will run for 20 minutes to be followed by 10 minutes for questions and discussion.

Call for papers

Delegates are invited to submit abstracts of approximately 300 words to CDP@curtin.edu.au by 18 February, 2013. Participation is limited and preference will be given to abstracts that address the conference theme. Abstracts will be reviewed by the conference committee and delegates will be notified of the outcome of their submission by early March, 2013.

Conference publication

Following the conference, *Contemporary Drug Problems* will publish a special issue featuring selected papers from the conference. The journal publishes peer-reviewed social science research on alcohol and other psychoactive drugs, licit and illicit. The orientation of *Contemporary Drug Problems* is multidisciplinary and international; it is open to any research paper that contributes to social, cultural, historical or epidemiological knowledge and theory concerning drug use and related problems. While *Contemporary Drug Problems* publishes all types of social science research on alcohol and other drugs, it recognises that innovative or challenging research can sometimes struggle to find a suitable outlet. The journal therefore particularly welcomes original studies for which publication options are limited, including historical research, qualitative studies, and policy and legal analyses. In terms of readership,

Contemporary Drug Problems serves a burgeoning constituency of social researchers as well as policy makers and practitioners working in health, welfare, social services, public policy, criminal justice and law enforcement. Further information on the journal can be found at

<http://www.federallegalpublications.com/contemporary-drug-problems>

Further information

Future announcements will carry details of accommodation options, conference registration costs and other information for delegates.

All queries should be directed to Nicola Thomson, Editorial Assistant, *Contemporary Drug Problems*, at CDP@curtin.edu.au.

Call for Papers

Touring Consumption 2013

Touring in terms of travel, tourism or varying aspects of mobilities contribute substantially to particular conventions and rituals of consumer practices, especially with an eye towards the enactment of scripts. However, touring consumption delineates a kind of performance that is not only reproduced, but is productive and emergent in its own right. Hence, the more traditional conceptions of tourist, pilgrim, vagabond, refugee, expatriate, international student or business traveler are becoming more and more diffused with notions of what are considered local, regular or insider, and need to be re-examined in the light of a differentiated, complex and individualized everyday perspective. On the other hand, it is as important to consider a touristification of society in which touring as an everyday metaphor can be used to encapsulate new forms of mobilities as societal, economic, consumptive or scientific phenomena.

During the conference, we wish to engage 'Touring Consumption' through interdisciplinary and cross-methodological approaches that collapse the poles of materialities and discourses, exteriority and interiority, body and mind, interpretation and meaning, presence and representation, ethics and aesthetics, and form and performance.

Call for Papers

We invite academics with interdisciplinary backgrounds and practitioners open minded to critical approaches to participate in this conference. Speculative, conceptual, borderline and practical contributions are welcome. To participate in the conference, please submit an abstract of 300 to 500 words to: tc2013@karlshochschule.de

Submission deadline: Friday 15th February, 2013

We intend to publish the highest quality papers as either part of a Special Edition of the Journal of Consumer Culture to be published in 2015 (<http://joc.sagepub.com>) or in our book series "Management - Culture - Interpretation".

If you wish to be considered in one of the publications, please submit an extended abstract of a maximum of 1200 words to: tc2013@karlshochschule.de

Submission deadline: Friday 15th February, 2013

General Information

The conference will be held in Karlsruhe, Germany, Thursday 24th to Friday 25th October, 2013.

Conference Organizer

The conference is organized by Karlshochschule International University.

Conference Language

The conference language is English.

For further information, please check our conference website or contact the conference co-chairs:

Website: www.tc2013.org

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The 11th Cyprus Sociological Association Conference

Revisiting Sexualities in the 21st century

NICOSIA

CYPRUS

7-9 June 2013

CALL FOR PAPERS

Please note that only one paper or one poster per person can be submitted.

- Deadline for Submission of Abstract / Posters proposals: **Friday, February 1st, 2013**
- Answer from Academic Committee: **Friday, February 22nd, 2013**
- Acceptance Confirmation from Participant: **Wednesday, February 27th, 2013**
- Programme Publication: **Monday, March 11th, 2013**
- Submission of PowerPoint presentations: **Friday May 17th 2013**

The aim of this inter-disciplinary and cross-disciplinary conference is to provide an academic platform on which to initiate an open dialogue between academics, professionals, practitioners and activists in the field of human sexuality. We invite abstracts and posters related to the above topic from academic fields such as education, comparative studies, business studies, media and communications, law,

geography, art, literature, comparative literature, visual studies, psychology, sociology, anthropology, intercultural studies, women's studies, gender studies and history. Practitioners from varied professional backgrounds including nurses, teachers, social workers, counselors, doctors, as well as grassroots activists and artists are also welcome.

The conference committee welcomes abstracts for oral and/or poster presentations for the following themes:

- Technologies of sexualities
- The stratification of sexualities by class, race, gender, age and culture
- Queer theory and LGBT studies
- Sexualized identities
- Self, Selves, Sexuality, Body and Space
- Expressing sexuality through the arts
- Sexualized communities
- Sexuality & Religion/Spirituality
- Globalization of sexualities
- Representations, pornography and mass media communication of sexualities
- Sex work and sex tourism
- Diversification of sexualities
- Methodologies of sex research
- Politics of Sexualities
- Construction and impact of sexualities through HIV and AIDS
- The arts performing, reproducing and questioning sexual inequalities
- Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- Sexual Violence and Gender based violence
- Education of Sexuality
- Sexuality across the lifespan

All abstracts proposals (oral and/or poster presentations) are to be submitted using the online form. The language of the conference is English.

- Title
- Abstract – 200 words
- Biography – 100 words maximum
- Keywords – 5 maximum

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Access our online abstract submission form – www.sociology.org.cy

In celebration of the upcoming 20th anniversary of European Studies at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, the Institute of European Studies is organizing an international conference entitled

**„Whither Europe?
European integration in transformation”**

The conference will be held from 19th to 20th September 2013, and will be attended by a number of Polish and international experts, both academics and practitioners, in the field of European integration. The list of key-note speakers includes Prof. G. Delanty, Prof. J. Zielonka, Prof. K.

Wojtaszczyk, Prof. I. Goddeeris, Prof. V. Dujardin, Prof. H-J. Trenz, Prof. G. Rouet. We would be honoured to welcome you as a participant in this conference.

The conference will cover a wide range of themes, thus reflecting the interdisciplinary character of European research and the multifaceted nature of integration processes in Europe.

Issues that will be discussed during the conference include:

- external and internal political, economic and social challenges that shape the contemporary European integration process,
- influence of the recent Eurozone crisis on the future of the integration process,
- changes of the institutional and legal order of the European Union,
- problems of the construction and re-construction of European identity and the processes of Europeanisation,
- European migration processes and their influence on European integration.

All the above presented issues shall be examined from supranational, national as well as local and regional perspectives. We hope that this list of themes will be of interest to you and will encourage you to participate in our undertaking. The conference languages will be English and Polish. The most notable papers, converted by the authors into the articles, will be published in a special issue of the journal "Politeja".

Applications for the conference should be submitted by email to jorzech@ces.uj.edu.pl by January 20, 2013 using the [electronic form](#). The decision on the admission will be announced by February 15, 2013.

The conference fee is 100 EUR and covers conference materials, catering during coffee breaks, lunch and dinner on the first day of the conference as well as the cost of the post-conference publication. Information about the payment will be sent along with the notifications of admission.

ISCH COST Action IS1206

Dear Colleagues,

I'm delighted to inform you that the COST Committee of Senior Officials (=CSO) approved the proposal we submitted on **Femicide across Europe** on 21 November 2012 as COST Action IS1206 (http://www.cost.eu/domains_actions/isch/Actions/IS1206).

If this subject interests you and you feel we can try and make a difference, please don't hesitate to contact your respective COST National Coordinator (CNC, http://www.cost.eu/about_cost/who/%28type%29/31) as quick as possible in order to join our COST Action. We already have representatives from Portugal, Italy, Bosnia, UK and more. If you are intending to join, pls. just c.c. me.

Please do feel free to forward this letter, or place its content in the ESA newsletter or inform relevant RN lists, and apologies for cross-posting.

Best wishes,

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OPPORTUNITIES

STUDYING MEDIA SYSTEMS: ANGLO-SAXON, LUSOPHONE AND ASIAN MODELS

Spring School on the intersection of Political Economy of the Media and
Journalism Studies

2ND SPRING SCHOOL CECC-FCH-UCP
LISBON, 2-6 APRIL 2013

Lecturers:

Rasmus Kleis Nielsen – University of Oxford
Jonathan Hardy – University of East London
Anthony Fung, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Silvio Waisbord – George Washington University
Rita Figueiras and Nelson Ribeiro, Catholic University of Portugal

Organizers:

Rita Figueiras, Verónica Policarpo, Nelson Ribeiro

Call for Applications

In the last three decades, European integration has led to major changes in media systems with the harmonization of legislation among member states. Under this context, besides dismantling state intervention, liberalization, deregulation and marketization of the sector has been witnessed along with increasing concentration and the transnationalization of the forms of ownership.

The mostly English-speaking multi-sectorial and transnational conglomerates (Tunstall, 2008) have taken a dominant role in the production and distribution of content (Hardy, 2008), which has blurred the specific nuances of national media systems and led to the reduction of the heterogeneity of international media supply. However, as emphasized by Albarran and Chan-Olmsted (1998: 15), despite the trend towards the greater homogenization of Western media systems, there are political, economic, geographical and cultural specificities that must be addressed in the analysis of media markets. Dan Hallin and Paolo Mancini, in their seminal study of 2004, proposed media models structured on similar political-historical standards, which simultaneously provided homogeneity among a set of countries and heterogeneity to Western media geography. And more recently, the same authors have both expanded and nuanced their argument by analyzing non-Western media systems (Hallin and Mancini, 2012).

However, in the post-crisis global context of present time, the United States and the European countries are losing terrain where their traditional political, economic, and symbolic supremacy is concerned, whereas other countries outside the Western geography, such as China and Brazil, are increasing their importance in the international arena. These countries possess large economies and are becoming global leaders. At the same time, regional dominant nations are also acquiring economic supremacy in different areas of the world, e.g. Angola in Africa or South Korea in the Pacific.

Strong non-Western economies are affirming themselves in the globalized world which has opened the way for them to buy strategic companies in several countries. Media companies are being considered strategic assets in the global affirmation of emerging countries with autocratic political

regimes and this trend is introducing questions regarding how illiberal views on media articulate with Western culture's founding prerogatives of journalism.

This is the motto that inspires the core concept of the 2nd Spring School on **Studying Media Systems: Anglo-Saxon, Lusophone and Asian Models**, organized by the research line 'Media, Technology, Contexts' of the Research Centre for Communication and Culture (CECC), Catholic University of Portugal. The 2nd Spring School is founded on the intersection between Political Economy of the Media and Journalism Studies and it intends to address theoretical perspectives and empirical methodologies to research in an articulated fashion media ownership with news media production. Identifying how the different components of the media articulate as a financial business and a news media project, understood as simultaneously a reflection and a promoter of a particular political culture, will contribute to a more in-depth knowledge and also add complexity to the scientific debate on media and cultural systems.

Thematic sessions:

Day 1 (April 2nd)

The Impact of the Internet and Global Recession on Media Systems

Rasmus Kleis Nielsen – University of Oxford

Day 2 (April 3rd)

Western Media Systems

Jonathan Hardy – University of East London

Day 3 (April 4th):

Transnational Media Corporations in China and Asia

Anthony Fung, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Day 4 (April 5th)

Media Systems in Latin America

Silvio Waisbord – George Washington University

Day 5 (April 6th)

The Lusophone Media Systems: Alterations following the 2008 World Economic Crisis

Rita Figueiras and Nelson Ribeiro, Catholic University of Portugal

For Whom? The School is open to 20 PhD and Master students, post-docs and junior researchers from Communication Studies, and related areas, as well as all social scientists interested in the Political Economy of the Media or Communication Studies.

Where? In Lisbon, at the facilities of the Research Centre of Communication and Culture (CECC). CECC aims to bring together international key scholars in these fields of inquiry. Recent guests at our events include Barbie Zelizer, Lawrence Grossberg, François Jost, Michael Schudson, Michael Delli Carpini, Richard Grusin, Daniel Dayan, Charles Ess, Gianpietro Mazzoleni, Nick Couldry, James Curran. As in previous initiatives, CECC will provide an inspiring venue for fresh intellectual discussion during the upcoming Spring School on Media Systems: Anglo-Saxon, Lusophone and Asian Models. CECC is located at the Faculty of Human Sciences of the Catholic University of Portugal, in Lisbon. Elected by the British Academy of Urbanism The European City of the Year 2012, Lisbon is a vibrant place: <http://www.visitlisboa.com/Lisbon.aspx>

When? April 2012, from the 2nd to the 6th of April 2013. Participants are requested to arrive at 1st of April. Over 5 full days (Tuesday-Saturday) they will attend lectures and take part in discussion groups where they will present their research projects. The working language is English. All participants will receive a Certificate of Completion and will be awarded 3 ECTS.

How and when to apply? Applicants should send their Curriculum Vitae, a one-page cover letter of intentions, and a draft of their work in progress paper (7 000 characters maximum, references included) by email to Sonia Pereira, sonia.pereira@fch.lisboa.ucp.pt, until January 31st 2013. Candidates will be selected on the basis of the letter stating their motivations to take part in the Spring

School, the paper outlining their research projects and their CV. The organizing committee will notify all applicants until February 15th 2013.

Fee: The enrolment fee is 200 €, to be paid only on acceptance of the application. Registration is due by March 19th 2013. Late registrations: 300€ (after March 19th 2013). The Spring School will offer lunches and coffee breaks.

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Call for Applications

International Doctoral Program in Social Sciences 2013

The Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS) is calling for applications to its International Doctoral Program starting in October 2013.

Research proposals should relate to the comparative analysis of the following research areas and topics. The combination of areas and topics is welcome:

Inclusion

- Social inequality and well-being
- Social protest and social conflict
- Politics of migration
- Cultural diversity and collective identities
- Education, work, and life chances
- Urban inequalities and resourceful cities

Democracy

- Performance of mature and young democracies
- Processes of democratization, and the resilience of autocracy
- Challenges and vulnerabilities of multilevel polities
- Political competition, framing, and patterns of democratic decision-making
- Political institutions, political conflict, and the welfare state

BGSS is also calling for the **European PhD in Socio-Economic and Statistical Studies**, its interdisciplinary European doctoral program in cooperation with eight partner universities. Please consult www.europhd.org for further information.

Admission is based on academic excellence and is open to students with a Master's degree or equivalent in social sciences (sociology, political science, and neighboring disciplines). We expect high-level knowledge of current theoretical debates in the social sciences. Precondition for the application is the documentation of in-depth knowledge of quantitative or qualitative techniques of social research, the commitment to empirical research, and English proficiency at an academic level.

The BGSS can award a limited number of doctoral scholarships (up to 1200€/month for a maximum of 36 months). BGSS also accepts candidates that are applying for outside sources of funding, such as the DAAD and other individual fellowships from foundations.

Membership at the BGSS doctoral program is contingent on the successful completion of each year. The curriculum of the doctoral program can be found at www.bgss.hu-berlin.de/intdocprog/curriculum.

Applicants may submit their documents from **December 6 to January 6, 2013** via the BGSS online platform at www.bgss.hu-berlin.de.

Contact us via bgss@sowi.hu-berlin.de and www.bgss.hu-berlin.de

Please also note the ongoing CfA for the **European Doctoral Program III** coordinated by BGSS. For further information see EDPIII's call at www.edpiii.eu.

Researching Architecture and Society. What can a Sociology of Architecture learn from Science and Technology Studies?

Workshop of the Working Committee "Sociology of Architecture" of the DGS-sections Urban and Regional Sociology and Sociology of Culture in cooperation with the Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology (BGHS)

June 6-8, 2013, Bielefeld University, Germany

Call for Proposals

In recent years, researchers from social sciences, humanities, and cultural studies analyzed the relation between societies and their architecture (e.g. Yaneva and Guy 2008; Fischer und Delitz 2009; Delitz 2010). They discuss both theoretical concepts and problems of empirical research in this field. They show that within urban sociology and the sociology of architecture, the specific relations between objects and "the social", thus between non-human and human actors, and the focus on the constitutive role of materiality for social relations are new topics.

In contrast to this comparatively new approach, *Science and Technology Studies* (STS) analyzed the influence of materiality and non-human actors for a long time. E.g. authors of the so called laboratory studies analyzed the influence of the laboratory space and the scientific instruments and objects on the production of scientific knowledge (e.g. Latour and Woolgar 1979; Knorr Cetina 1981; Star 1995) and showed that technologies have "semiotic power" that enable them to influence the social (Bijker 1997). Others argue that technologies stabilize social organization (Beck 1996) while both human and non-human beings are interactionally and rhetorically re-classified so that the borders between human and non-human actors are challenged (Knorr Cetina 1999). Last but not least, one of the most prominent approaches, Actor-Network-Theory (ANT), conceptualizes the world as a network made of socio-material elements (Callon 1986; Latour 1988).

We start our workshop with the hypothesis that the STS-approach may be fruitful for urban sociology and the sociology of architecture and want to end with an answer to the following question: What can a theoretically and empirically ambitious sociology of architecture learn from STS?

Some authors already used the vocabulary of STS to analyze the relation between architecture and "the social" (e.g. Gieryn 2002; Hommels 2005; Yaneva 2005). Still, they focus on the influence architectonic objects have on the society. Some STS-ideas may broaden this perspective, because they claim a reciprocal influence of non-humans and the social world (Law 1987). Thus, the sociology of architecture emphasizes only one side of the relation between buildings and the society, whereas for STS this relationship is potentially symmetrical. How can this supposed symmetry, the mixing of social beings and technical artifacts, be fruitful for the sociology of architecture? Or is it better to speak just about their relations, like ANT-representants do? Furthermore, we ask if architectural objects are open for any possible use or if they allow only specific forms of use, with this being subject to a „located accountability“, as Suchman (2002) suggests.

This workshop calls for theoretical and empirical papers that analyze the architecture of societies and aim at including concepts and methods developed by STS.

A broad variety of questions are of interest:

- Which STS-concepts may be translated into questions of the sociology of architecture?

- Which conceptual modifications are necessary?
- What methodological consequences result from these modifications for the analysis of architecture and its relation to society?
- How can empirical studies include the possibility of reciprocal influences of buildings and society?
- What can the sociology of architecture learn from authors who criticize the inclusion of nonhuman actors (e.g. Collins 2010)?

We welcome papers dealing with one or more of these questions. Researchers from all qualification levels are welcome (graduate students, post-docs, professors).

We also plan a publication dealing with the question how urban sociology and the sociology of architecture may benefit from STS.

Proposals

- Write your proposals in English or German with no more than 400 words including a summary of your central arguments, research methods, and possible results of your paper.
- Please send the proposal to arch.sts.2013@gmail.com.
- Selection process: The papers will be selected in a two-step process, including double-blind reviews by urban sociologists and STS researchers.

Deadlines

- Submission Deadline: February 15, 2013, please send proposals to arch.sts.2013@gmail.com
- Notification of Acceptance: March 15, 2013
- Final Papers Due: May 15, 2013
- Workshop Date: June 6-8, 2013

Workshop Schedules

Start: June 6, 2013 public lecture in the evening Panel discussions until noon of June 8, 2013.

Organizers

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ECSR, Collegio Carlo Alberto and Milan-Turin

Joint Spring School on the Analysis of Educational Inequalities

Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, Italy, March the 18th- the 22nd, 2013

The topic for the first edition of the ECSR Spring School is “Analysis of educational Inequalities”.

The ECSR Spring School is promoted jointly with Collegio Carlo Alberto, the Graduate School in Social and Political studies of the University of Milan and the PhD Program in Sociology and Political studies of the University of Turin. It provides high-quality training on leading-edge theories and techniques in the analysis of educational opportunities. A limited number of doctoral students and young researchers will participate to a full-immersion course, including a) theoretical lessons on the key current issues in the field; b) practical training on data analysis; c) the opportunity to present their work and have it discussed by leading scholars in the field. The School is organized by Gabriele Ballarino (Milan), Filippo Barbera (Collegio Carlo Alberto and Turin University) and Fabrizio Bernardi (ECSR, EUI).

Faculty includes Gabriele Ballarino, Birgit Becker (Cologne), Fabrizio Bernardi, Hector Cebolla Boado (Madrid), Maarten Buis (WZB, Berlin), Janne Jonsson (Nuffield College/Stockholm), Ruud Luijkx (Tilburg) and Meir Yaish (Haifa).

Applications have to be sent by email (mito.school@unimi.it) by **January, the 15th**. They should include a) an abstract of the paper that will be presented (up to 500 words); b) a short summary of PhD thesis project or of current research (up to 3 pages); c) a brief cv (one page). Priority in admission will be given to students from Institutions that belong to the ECSR. Admission to the School is free of charge, and the selected applicants will receive full board for the whole working week in Turin. Travel expenses to Turin will not be covered.

For more information on the spring school you can write to mito.school@unimi.it

Rules and Guidelines for the submission of entries for the ECSR prize for “ECSR Dissertation of the Year”

The thesis must have been examined and been deemed to have passed between **1st January 2012** and **31st December 2012**. However, the doctorate need not have been officially conferred during this period.

Each ECSR full member institution can nominate **ONLY ONE** candidate for the prize. The candidacy must come via the ECSR Official Contact person or the Head of Department (or equivalent figure) of each member institution. Only full member institutions can nominate candidates for the prize, and the thesis nominated must have been submitted at that institution or at an affiliated university that grants the PhD.

The prize will be awarded to the best **theoretically based empirical study in sociology**.

Submissions for the Prize should be made in PDF format to ecsrphdprize@gmail.com by **1st February 2013**.

The submission must comprise (as three separate PDFs in attachment):

1. a letter from the Contact person or head of department of the member institution at which the doctorate was conferred;
2. an expanded 10-page abstract in English outlining the main arguments of the work. The abstract should outline:
 - the subject of the thesis;
 - its main findings and arguments;
 - its principal conclusions;
3. the table of contents of the thesis, in English.

These documents will be used to select a short-list (usually of not more than five candidates). The authors of the short-listed theses will be asked to provide an electronic copy of their complete thesis by the **15th of April 2013**, so that the Jury can make a decision regarding the assignation of the Prize.

The Jury

The shortlisting will be made by the Executive Board of the ECSR consortium. The selection among the short-listed theses will be made by a Jury that comprises a Chair (appointed among the members of the ECSR board) plus two external members appointed among the member institutions. Where there is a short-listed thesis in a language in which the members of the Jury lack appropriate competence, the ECSR Board will recruit an additional member with appropriate competence.

Prize Announcement

The winner of the prize will be announced by **the 30th of June 2013**. If it is deemed that no thesis reaches an acceptable standard, the committee may decline to award the prize in any given year. The successful candidate will be awarded a prize of €500. The candidate will receive the prize at the ECSR's Annual conference in 2013. Expenses to attend the prize giving will be paid for by the ECSR, who will arrange travel and accommodation.