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### Call for Research Stream Proposals

#### 11th ESA Conference, Turin, Italy, 2013

The next conference of the European Sociological Association will be held in Turin, Italy, from 28th to 31st August 2013. The conference theme is "Crisis, Critique and Change". The conference programme will include plenaries, semi-plenaries, special sessions and Research Network (RN) and Research Stream (RS) sessions.

Semi-plenaries and RN sessions will be proposed and organized by ESA Research Networks (coordinators will be invited separately by email). The number of regular RN sessions allocated to each RN will depend on the number of RN members in good standing.

While Research Networks anchor in specific fields of sociology, Research Streams offer the chance to focus more specifically on our conference theme as well as on new themes across the boundaries of the sociological subdisciplines. Some RS will continue their work from previous conferences; others will introduce new ideas to the conference programme.

We invite ESA members to submit proposals to organize "Research Stream" sessions. If you would like to propose a session, please download our MS Word "Call for Research Stream Proposals" form at <http://www.europeansociology.org/docs/conferences/turin/esa2013RSform.doc>. Proposals should include a "Description of the Research Stream" and a "General call for papers". Please submit your proposal (MS Word document) to the ESA secretary, [gisele.tchinda-esa@pouchet.cnrs.fr](mailto:gisele.tchinda-esa@pouchet.cnrs.fr). The submission deadline is **1st September 2012**.

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### CHALLENGES FOR HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE IN EUROPE

The Department of Culture and Global Studies (The research Group IHR) and the Department of Sociology and Social Work (The Research Group SAGA) at Aalborg University organizes, in collaboration with ESHMS and ISA RC 15, the **ESA RN16 Midterm Conference**.

**Chair of the ESA RN16:** Associate Professor of Sociology, Gunnar Scott Reinbacher

**Vice Chair of the ESA RN16:** Professor of Sociology, Ellen Annandale

**THE VENUE: AALBORG UNIVERSITY, DENMARK**

**THE DATES: 1-2 OF NOVEMBER 2012**

**KEY-NOTE SPEAKERS: PIET BRACKE & GUIDO GIARELLI**

The current climate of fiscal austerity across Europe poses significant challenges for the health of populations across Europe. Deteriorating social conditions make some groups of individuals especially vulnerable to illness and have the potential to exacerbate existing inequalities in health and access to healthcare. These challenges are occurring alongside health system reforms which are shifting the emphasis of healthcare from public provision towards a public private mix and the redefinition of the service user as a consumer and an emphasis on individual responsibility for health. The work of healthcare professionals is also undergoing significant change as their work comes under increased surveillance and monitoring, raising implications for relations with patients and for the kind of care that is provided and for the experience of patients.

'Challenges for health and healthcare in Europe' will address the health and healthcare challenges facing European countries today. Papers are welcome on a wide range of topics, as outlined in the themes below.

#### Themes

### ***Public health and attitudes to behaviour change***

Public health issues include: What are the challenges facing public health face today? How do socio-economic inequalities in health develop and what can be done to eliminate them? How should preventive initiatives be structured in order to have an effect on the population's behaviour? Where in the field between the individual and society should the responsibility for health be placed in order to be effective and ethical? We also welcome new approaches to public health such as the architectural approach to Behavioral change.

### ***Social pathologies***

How can we study the social pathologies of contemporary civilisation? How can we relate contemporary malaises, diseases, illnesses, anxieties and psycho-somatic syndromes to cultural pathologies of the social body? How are disorders of the collective *esprit de corps* of contemporary society manifested at the level of individual bodies, and how are the social body and bodies politic related to the hegemony of reductive biomedical and individual-psychological perspectives?

### ***Health communication***

In European societies where patients are increasingly regarded as consumers and are expected to behave as empowered citizens and to cooperate with professionals in taking responsibility of their own health, communication becomes an essential aspect of dealing with the challenges of health citizenship. How and in what ways is communication about health performed by and between different groups of citizens in public promotion and information systems as well as in different communities of practice in Europe? What is the impact of different communication processes on the perceptions and the behaviours of different social groups? How do professionals and patients in different health care settings deal with communication problems in culturally complex societies?

### ***Gender issues in health and healthcare***

How can gender patterns of health and illness be explained in European societies today? How does healthcare differ by gender? How do men and women and boys and girls experience their health? How useful are existing theoretical perspectives and what new perspectives are needed?

### ***Health inequalities across Europe***

How can health inequalities across Europe be understood and explained? How can health inequalities be measured and what are the challenges of this? Which are the barriers and challenges to decrease health inequality and what will happen to societies if health inequality stay stable or increase?

### ***Ageing and health***

Issues include: what are the implications of ageing populations for the provision of healthcare in European countries? How can cross-country comparisons aid our understanding? How do new family formations impact the informal care of older people? What promotes 'health ageing'?

### ***Financial austerity and new approaches to healthcare***

What is the impact of the financial crisis on health care in European countries? How is healthcare changing to deal with costs crises? What will be the impact on populations and different social groups? How are health professions responding to financial change and constraints?

### ***Chronic illness***

Chronic illness is a major subject of concern and problem in modern health care. We will address this subject in all its aspects: how can we avoid fragmented treatment and organize integrated patient pathways? How do today's highly specialized hospitals handle 'multi-chronic' patients? What dynamics and changes can be observed and analyzed across primary and secondary health care systems - across organizational interfaces in health care systems? Are there lessons to be learned from implementing 'patient-course-managers' and other formal structures, agreements etc.

### ***New health technologies of health***

How are new medical and health technologies influencing healthcare? In recent public Health Informatics' has been a major subject in health technology. How do new technologies such as genetic technologies, new surgical procedures etc influence the experience of illness and expectations of life in European countries today? Information and communication technology is offering new possibilities

and challenges to the health care systems and to privacy and legislation. What are the possibilities and challenges and how can they be researched?

### ***Research design, methodologies and methods in health research***

Research designs in interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research are very complex. Research in health and illness today's research calls for new methodologies and technologies. In intervention studies in communities we are using geographical information systems (GIS), in other studies GPS technologies and often we use very integrated methods, both quantitative and qualitative, to capture the complexity in research projects. How can we make sure, that these new technologies will increase validity? On what ontological and epistemological ground are we founding our new methods and designs in health research?

### ***Ethical and bioethical aspects of Health***

Health research in modern societies produces all manner of ethical and bioethical problems to be addressed both in science, in patient relations, in organisations and in society as a whole. Both individual and more structural considerations will be addressed at the conference.

### ***Open stream***

The open stream is intended for papers that deal with the overall topic of the conference but cannot be fitted into one of the above mentioned categories.

### ***PhD session***

The PhD session is intended for PhD students only as a meeting ground in which they can discuss different aspects with regard to their thesis.

### **Abstracts**

We invite abstracts of not more than 300 words related to any of the above themes to be submitted not later than **July 13th 2012**.

All abstracts will be subject to peer-review and should be sent to the following address:  
[esarn16@lists.hum.aau.dk](mailto:esarn16@lists.hum.aau.dk)

### **Proceedings**

An anthology based on papers delivered at the conference will be published. The anthology will be edited by:

- Professor of Sociology, Ellen Annandale
- Associate Professor of Sociology, Anders Petersen
- PhD. Student of Sociology, Betina Verwohlt

### **Conference fee**

Standard fee: 150 €

PhD. Students: 100 €

The fee includes coffee/tea, fruit and lunch on both days as well as conference dinner

### **New Deadlines**

Abstract: 23<sup>rd</sup> of July 2012 to the following address: [esarn16@lists.hum.aau.dk](mailto:esarn16@lists.hum.aau.dk)

Acceptance of paper: 30<sup>th</sup> of July 2012.

Registration: 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2012.

### **Tentative conference program**

#### **Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

10.00-12.00 Registration: Coffee and tea will be served

12.00-13.00 Lunch

- 13.00-14.30 Keynote speaker **Piet Bracke**: *“Population mental health and comparative health research”*
- 14.30-15.00 Coffee/tea break
- 15.00-18.30 Paper sessions
- 20.00 Conference dinner

**Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 09.00-12.00 Paper sessions
- 12.00-13.00 Lunch
- 13.00-14.30 Keynote speaker **Guido Giarelli**: *“The challenge of the Third sector: The role of civil society in health system reforms”*
- 14.30-15.00 Coffee/tea break
- 15.00-18.00 Paper sessions

The following website will be set up shortly: [www.esarn16.cgs.aau.dk](http://www.esarn16.cgs.aau.dk)

Yours sincerely - The Local Organizing Committee  
Chair: Associate Professor of Sociology, Anders Petersen  
Vice Chair: PhD. Student of Sociology, Betina Verwohlt

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**Communication, Crisis, and Critique in Contemporary Capitalism.**

**Conference of the European Sociological Association’s Research Network 18 - Sociology of Communications and Media Research**

**October 18-20, 2012. University of the Basque Country, Bilbao**

**Keynote Talk: Prof. Peter Golding (Northumbria University, UK) – Why a Sociologist should take Communications and Media Seriously**

**Abstract**

In the presentation of this paper, Peter Golding will reflect on why the study of communications and media demands the insights and methods of sociology, and why RN18 therefore is an appropriate network within the European Sociological Association. He will present reflections on how such key sociological concerns as inequality, identity, power, and change are at the heart of the questions we should be posing in addressing the nature and role of the media as institutions and communications as a social process. The paper will also address how far changes in the technologies of media and communications alter, or should alter, our approach to generating research and insight in this field.

*Peter Golding* is pro-vice chancellor of research & innovation at Northumbria University. He is founder and honorary chair of ESA RN18, an editor of the European Journal of Communication, and was Co-Chair of the European Science Foundation Programme “Changing Media, Changing Europe”. Peter

Golding's research interests are in media sociology generally, journalism, media political economy, social inequality, international communications, new media, and media constructs of public and social policy. See also: <http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/sd/academic/sass/about/media/staff/profpgolding/>

## Call for Papers

We are living in times of global capitalist crisis that require rethinking the ways we organize society, communication, the media, and our lives. The current crisis seems to a certain degree be different compared to previous ones, among other reasons due to the role of mediated communication and information in establishing/changing economic, political, and social relations as well as the crisis itself. The crisis can also be seen as crisis of what has been called consumer capitalism or informational capitalism. More precisely it has resulted on the one hand in a hyperneoliberal intensification of neo-conservative policies and on the other hand in the emergence of new popular movements that are critical of the commodification of everything and demand the strengthening of society's commons. The second movement has in the social sciences been accompanied by a renewed interest in critical studies, the critique and analysis of class and capitalism, and critical political economy. The overall goal of this conference is to foster scholarly presentations, networking, and exchange on the question of which transitions media and communication and media sociology are undergoing in contemporary society. The conference particularly welcomes contributions that are inspired by sociological theories, critical studies, and various strands and traditions of the critical study of media & society.

Questions that can be covered by presentations include, but are not limited to:

- \* What is a crisis? What forms of crisis are there? How do they relate to capitalism and communication?
- \* How have the media presented the crisis? Which similarities and differences in crisis reporting are there between different media (television, press, and new media) or between media in different countries?
- \* How has the crisis affected various media and cultural industries? What is the role of changing media technology in the economic crisis? How has the media economy changed since the start of the crisis in 2008? How have advertising investments, profits, market values, etc developed in the media economy since the start of the crisis? How has the global expansion of media industries been reshaped by the crisis and what is the future of global media and news agencies? What changes can be traced in the production of news and other media content? Are there changes in the nature of media products?
- \* What is the role of media and communication technologies in the financialization, acceleration, and globalization of the capitalist economy? How can a post-crisis media economy look like? How has advertising favoured a climate of private consumer debt?
- \* What are the ideological implications of the crisis for mediascapes? Which ideological discourses do companies, CEOs, managers, or neoliberal politicians use for justifying their interests, lay-offs, high bonuses, inequalities, etc and how are these discourses represented by the media or in strategic company reports? How are hyper-neoliberal crisis policy responses ("socialism for the rich and capitalism for the poor" in the form of bank bail outs and budget cuts in areas like welfare, education, social security, health care, etc) ideologically justified and how do the media represent such ideologies? What is the role of finance capital in the media and cultural industries? Which hegemonic, alternative, or contradictory interpretations and reception practices of media content that relates to the crisis are there? Which ideologies and myths underlie the capitalist crisis?
- \* What is the role of media, communication, critical journalism, and alternative media in contemporary uproars, riots, rebellions, social movements, protests, demonstrations, and revolutions?
- \* How do identities and mediated identities change in times of crisis? How should one think about the relationship of economy and culture in light of the capitalist crisis? What is the relationship of class and identities and of politics of redistribution and recognition today? How do we have to rethink and reshape the relation between political economy and cultural studies in the light of capitalist crisis in order to adequately study the media and communication?

\* How is the public sphere changing in the light of the global crisis? What are perspectives for politics, participation, and democracy today and how do these perspectives relate to the media and communication? Is the role of media in democracy changing? If so, how? Are media a distinct player in politics? If the established media form an estate of power in democracy, do we today need a new estate of power? If so, how could it look like?

\* What are the causes, realities, and consequences of the commodification of the communication commons? What are alternatives to the commodification of the communication commons? How can one strengthen and create public media and commons-based forms of communication? What are the relationships and differences between the commodity logic, the gift logic, and the logic of public goods and how do these logics shape the media?

\* How do contemporary societal trends, such as integration, diversity and conflicts in Europe and the world, transnationalism and networking, digitization, informatization, globalization, glocalization, prosumption, neoliberalism, privatization and commodification, migration, racism, changing gender relations, consumer and advertising culture, warfare, terrorism, the new imperialism, surveillance, social movement protests, global societal risks, the strengthening of right-wing extremist and fascist movements, or the anti-corporate movement and other movements, shape media and communication and how do media and communication in turn shape society in times of crisis and transition?

\* What are the tasks, roles, responsibilities, and identities of the sociology of media and communication in a society that is facing deep crisis? What is the actual or potential role of critique, ethics, struggles, counter-power, resistance, protest, civil society, and social movements in contemporary societies and contemporary communications?

\* What are the major trends that shape contemporary society and how are these trends related to mediated communication and knowledge production? In what society do we live? What society do we desire to have? What forms of media and communication do we find in contemporary society? What forms of media and communication do we desire and how must society change in order to achieve these goals?

\* What are the major trends in respect to crisis, communication, and critique in Europe? What are the major trends in respect to crisis, communication, and critique in other parts of the world?

\* How do different companies and organizations make use of different information transmission technologies? What is the role of high speed financial flows and associated transmission networks in the finance industry? How (in)visible are these flows?

## **Submission**

An abstract of 200-250 words should be sent to Dr. Romina Surugiu, University of Bucharest, at the following e-mail address: [bilbao.conference@yahoo.com](mailto:bilbao.conference@yahoo.com). Please insert the words Bilbao in the subject. The **deadline for abstract submission is July 20th, 2012.**

## **Conference Fee**

For members of ESA RN18: 35 Euros

For non-members of ESA RN18: 50 Euros

The fee will be collected from the participants at the registration in Bilbao.

You can become a member of ESA RN18 by joining the ESA and subscribing to the network. The network subscription fee is only 10 Euros for a 2-year period:

<http://www.europeansociology.org/member/>

Travel and accommodation support for a few PhD students will be available. This will not cover the whole costs, but part of them. Preference will be given to PhD students, who submit an abstract in order to give a presentation at the conference that well suits the overall conference topic. Furthermore preference will be given to PhD students from lower income countries (band 2 countries, see <http://www.europeansociology.org/member/>). If you are a PhD student and want to apply for travel support, then please indicate this in your abstract submission by adding the sentence "I want to apply

for travel and accommodation support". The notifications about travel support will be sent out together with the notifications of acceptance or rejection of presentations.

### **Conference venue**

Bizkaia Aretoa Auditorium  
University of the Basque Country  
Abandoibarra Avenue, 3  
48009 Bilbao  
<http://www.bizkaia.ehu.es/p209-sharethm/es/>

### **List of Accommodation Possibilities Recommended by the Local Host**

Walking distance from the conference venue:

\* Silken Gran Domine Bilbao

[www.hoteles-silken.com/gran-hotel-domine-bilbao/](http://www.hoteles-silken.com/gran-hotel-domine-bilbao/)

\* Miró Bilbao

[www.mirohotelbilbao.com/](http://www.mirohotelbilbao.com/)

\* Meliá Bilbao

<http://www.melia-bilbao.com/en/index.html>

5-10 min. by Tram:

\* Barceló Nervión Bilbao

<http://www.barcelo.com/BarceloHotels/es-ES/Hotels/Spain/Bilbao/Nervion/Home.htm>

\* Hotel Esperia Bilbao

[www.hesperia.es/Hesperia-Bilbao](http://www.hesperia.es/Hesperia-Bilbao)

\* Peiti Palace Arana Bilbao

[www.petitpalacearana.com/index.html](http://www.petitpalacearana.com/index.html)

\* Husa Jardines de Albia

[www.hotelhusaspajardinesdealbia.com/](http://www.hotelhusaspajardinesdealbia.com/)

\* Hotel Abando

[www.hotelabando.com/](http://www.hotelabando.com/)

You can check the availability and prices on this website:

<http://hotels.skyscanner.net/>

Enter "Bilbao, Spain" in the field "search field", specify the duration of the stay and then press the search button, which brings up a list of hotels and prices.



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## CONFERENCES/CALLS FOR PAPERS

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### Opportunities and Obstacles: Intra-EU Skilled Migration to the UK

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> September 2012

**Venue:** Broadway House, Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NQ

**Booking deadline:** 20.08.12

**Price:** Full delegate rate - £50, Concessionary Rate - £25 (Unemployed, Retired, Students)

The decisive moment in Intra-EU mobility rights came in November 1993 with the Maastricht Treaty, establishing the formal legal conditions for unhindered mobility of EU citizens. Within the context of EU mobility rights, it has been suggested that national borders are 'treated as if they have little or no significance for EU citizens other than as markers delineating locations on a map where languages tend to change' (Kennedy, 2008: 120). However, it has also been argued that there has been 'less migrational movement than expected by the architects of the European Union' (Verwiebe, et al, 2010: 276). Nonetheless, London has become a prime destination of European free movement (Favell, 2003). Amongst intra-EU migration to the UK and London, much attention has been focussed on the arrival of the lower-skilled, and in particular Eastern European economic migrants. In contrast, the mobilities of the skilled, and especially the highly skilled, have been far less visible.

Focusing on Intra-EU mobility, this seminar explores the patterns, rights, and opportunities of skilled migrants to the UK. In addition, drawing on both quantitative and qualitative data, the seminar also explores the barriers or obstacles which may continue to impact on the mobility of skilled migrants and their families.

#### Presentation topics:

- *Demographics of intra-EU migration to the UK* (Eamon Davern Jobcentreplus)
- *Patterns of Intra-EU skilled migration to the UK in the context of the economic downturn* (Dr. Madeleine Sumption – Migration Policy Institute, Washington DC)
- *Rights, entitlements and the law in relation to EU migrants* (Prof Louise Ackers, Liverpool University)
- *Family migration and Intra-EU mobility* (Prof Eleonore Kofman – Middlesex University)
- *Highly Skilled Migrants – the case of the French in London* (Dr. Jon Mulholland and Dr. Louise Ryan. Middlesex University)
- *Intra-EU mobility – the case of Health Workers* (Dr. Ruth Young – Kings College)
- *"Somehow something will work out" – Occupational pensions and highly skilled mobility in the EU* (Dr. Liz OLIVER – University of Leeds)

**Book a place:** - To book a place, please download and complete a registration form from [http://www.mdx.ac.uk/research/areas/social\\_policy/](http://www.mdx.ac.uk/research/areas/social_policy/) and send by 20.08.12 to:

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**The Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) organizes its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Sociology, 6-9 May 2013, Athens, Greece.**

**The conference website is: [www.atiner.gr/sociology.htm](http://www.atiner.gr/sociology.htm).**

The aim of the conference is to bring together scholars and students from all areas of Sociology, Social Work and other related fields. Theoretical and empirical research papers will be considered.

The registration fee is €300 (euro), covering access to all sessions, two lunches, coffee breaks and conference material. Special arrangements will be made with a local luxury hotel for a limited number of rooms at a special conference rate. In addition, a number of social events will be organized: A Greek night of entertainment with dinner, a special one-day cruise in the Greek islands, an archaeological tour of Athens and a one-day visit to Delphi. Details of the social program are available at <http://www.atiner.gr/2013/SOC-SOC.htm>

Please submit a 300-word abstract by **8 October 2012** via email, [atiner@atiner.gr](mailto:atiner@atiner.gr) to: Dr. Gregory A. Katsas, Head, Sociology Research Unit, ATINER and Associate Professor, The American College of Greece-Deree College, Greece or by regular mail to: ATINER, 8 Valaoritou Street, Kolonaki, 10671 Athens, Greece. Tel. **+ 30 210 363 4210** Fax: **+ 30 210 3634-209**. 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. Please use the abstract submitting form available at <http://www.atiner.gr/2013/FORM-SOC.doc>. Decisions are reached within 4 weeks.

If you want to participate without presenting a paper, i.e. organize a panel (session, mini conference), chair a session, review papers to be included in the conference proceedings or books, contribute to the editing of a book, or any other contribution, please send an email to **Dr. Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER** ([gtp@atiner.gr](mailto:gtp@atiner.gr)).

The Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) was established in 1995 as an independent academic association with the mission to become a forum, where academics and researchers - from all over the world - could meet in Athens and exchange ideas on their research and discuss the future developments of their discipline. Since 1995, ATINER has organized about 200 international conferences and events. It has also published about 150 [books](#). Academically, the Institute consists of four [research divisions](#) and twenty [research units](#). Each research unit organizes at least 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. Members can undertake a number of [academic activities](#).

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## Call for Papers

### Centre for Research on Families and Relationships 4th International Conference

**We are delighted to announce the Centre for Research on Families and Relationships 4th International Conference will take place in Edinburgh from Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th June 2013**

<http://www.crfr.ac.uk/events/crfrinternational/index.html>

Researching Families and Relationships: innovations in methods, theory and policy relevance 10th - 12th June 2013 John McIntyre Conference Centre, University of Edinburgh Full Registration Fee @ £325.00

The 4th international conference, hosted by CRFR, will explore ways in which research on and with children, families and relationships have been developed in new and innovative ways in recent years.

The call for abstracts is now open and closes on 2nd November 2012.

Abstracts are invited which address the conference themes. Abstracts will be considered for either an oral or poster presentation.

Theoretical, substantive and ethical challenges in children, families and relationships research. The impact of the digital age and access to resources across the world. The development of participatory, sensory and visual methods. Learning from the challenges of time and the life course. Innovations in understanding transnational families and relationships and addressing minority/majority worlds. Addressing issues of inequality. The role of families and relationships in big 'global' issues

<http://www.cfr.ac.uk/events/cfrinternational/abstracts.html>

The venue will be John McIntyre Conference Centre, which is an ideal conference venue, set in the heart of the beautiful city of Edinburgh, with accommodation on-site or within walking distance.

MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION:

<http://www.cfr.ac.uk/events/cfrinternational/index.html>

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**Call for Papers:  
Book chapters for the interdisciplinary volume**

**“Hip-Hop from the East of Europe”**

The book responds to the vivid development of hip-hop culture in the Eastern and Central and Eastern European states and shows how a universal model of hip-hop serves as a contextually situated platform of cultural exchange with a number of meaningful and important functions and implications. The volume takes up the challenge of showing how hip-hop became an intrinsic element of urban environments in this part of the world, what impact it has on the mainstream culture and what functions it serves in different contexts. The book's content, besides tracking hip-hop's development, exhibits and explains hip-hop's functions and receptions of hip-hop in the national cultures in the spheres such as lifestyles, social structure, politics or consumer trends.

The volume's aim is to collect notable works analyzing the genesis, dynamics and functioning of hip-hop culture in particular countries, regions and communities. The expected outcome of the publication is building a general understanding of categories employed in hip-hop in this part of the world as well as outlining particular national, regional and local variations of hip-hop culture.

We invite submissions regarding any aspect of broadly understood hip-hop culture from a range of scholars, notably in social/cultural anthropology, sociology, film and literary studies, political science, philosophy, education, popular culture and communication studies, who would be prepared to submit chapters that examine hip-hop in the former Eastern bloc. Submissions should include an analysis of a chosen aspect of hip-hop culture in any of the Eastern European states: the post-communist EU members, the Balkan states, Belarus, Russia, the Ukraine, Turkey or the Caucasus Republics. Papers regarding an analysis of a narrow aspect of particular national hip-hop variety as well as general overviews and international comparisons are welcome.

The volume will be structured in five sections around the broad general topics of:

- 1. Trajectories of national/regional/local hip-hop scenes;**
- 2. Social tensions and political postulates reflected in hip-hop discourse;**
- 3. Hip-hop as a vehicle of expression of alternative identities / ethnicities / lifestyles;**
- 4. Technology and digital media in the context of the development of hip-hop;**

## 5. Hip-hop as an industry: trends, markets, brands and consumer products;

Paper proposals that would fit into these sections would include essays that might refer to particular cases from the region (hip-hop variations) and for instance:

- investigate the current and historical conditions for the development of hip-hop;
- analyze hip-hop as a culture, for instance with an emphasis on particular meanings, behavioral norms or values;
- address the gender problems of hip-hop, such as the domination-driven masculinity, misogyny in lyrics, presence of feminine and feminist MCs;
- touch on issues connected to the representation and participation of sexual minorities in hip-hop;
- outline the representation and postulates of ethnic / national minorities;
- critically investigate the rise of hip-hoppers as local leaders and their activities outside the hip-hop context in the spheres such as charity work, civic initiatives or cooperation with NGOs;
- address the issue of politicization of hip-hop;
- assess hip-hoppers' postulates and attitudes in the context of mainstream politics;
- name the local conditions leading to popularity of a hip-hop lifestyle;
- outline the role and forms of spatial / local identity in hip hop music;
- debate the post-communist urban *milieu* as a place for a hip-hop production;
- analyze the controversies of authenticity ("true meaning" versus "sell-outs");
- evaluate the role of hip-hoppers' influence on the mainstream culture;
- discuss the role of the technological development such as transmission through internet video channels, social media, fan websites and internet forums;
- analyze entrepreneurial activities of MCs and a creation of "hip-hop industry";
- outline the role of "local" and "global" brands in building hip-hop identities;
- describe ethnographies of hip-hop scenes.

Abstracts for proposed book chapters should be up to 500 words. Authors are asked to include brief biographical details along with their proposals, including name, academic affiliation and previous publications. Graduate students are welcome and will be assisted in the writing process.

The volume will be published in a well-recognized publishing house.

Deadline for submissions is 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2012. Please submit proposals and queries to:

[mmiszczynski@ucsd.edu](mailto:mmiszczynski@ucsd.edu)

Milosz Miszczynski, Jagiellonian University, Poland / University of California, San Diego, USA

Timeline:

- proposals due September 1st 2012 (500 words)
- contributors notified and sent detailed feedback by September 15th 2012
- chapters due March 1st 2013 (between 5,000 and 9,000 words)
- edited full manuscript to publishers by July 2013
- book publication 2013/2014

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### Call for articles

on the topic of

**„Capitalism and Gender Justice“**

After the breakdown of real socialism, capitalism seemed to be the only promising economic and societal system and its triumph around the world seemed to be certain. Along with neo-liberalism there was a strengthening of both the globalization and flexibilization of capitalism which has since been labelled in the literature as, amongst others, transnational, post-fordistic and desorganized. Occasionally, we find hints at a change of the cultural bases of capitalism and a "new spirit of capitalism" was announced (Boltanski/Chiapello). Since the escalating turbulence on the financial markets more and more people have begun to see capitalism and associated institutions as being in a

crisis. Occasionally, contours of a post-capitalist “successor society” (Fraser) or a “post-scarcity society” (Giddens) are drawn, which admittedly do not promise to overcome each and every problem of capitalism, but do, at least, seem to be grounded more on equity and gender justice.

The planned topical issue will not focus primarily on balancing feminist critiques of capitalism and gender reflexive diagnoses of the manifold crises which are associated with the shapeshift of capitalism.

Instead, we ask especially for gender informed analyses of the connections between the transition of gender relations on the one hand and changes inside capitalist economic and societal systems which are caused by the transition of gender relations on the other. Thus, questions arise such as: Which productive and contra-productive effects for a gender just society are elicited by the interplay of recent gender equality politics on the social politics and social conditions as well as with the economic agents? How do feminist movements deal with, for example, the (still) dominant orientation on human capital or expectations of the “entrepreneurial self” (Bröckling) and which answers or visions do they provide? In how far do masculinities restructure themselves under conditions of more gender just capitalism and thereby contribute to a new order of gendered labor division?

With these questions we draw on an analytical perspective that understands the change of gender relations as a motor for transforming society and economy. We are interested in the submission of both theoretical reflections and empirical analyses of local as well as global developments.

### **Examples of possible topics:**

- How can conjunctions between the shapeshift of capitalism and feminist movements be understood? Is the “new spirit of capitalism” a feminist spirit? In how far do feminist critiques of capitalism contribute to restructuring capitalism?
- How and in how far does the transition of gender relations contribute to societal and economic changes? Are these changes gender just? Are they consistent with main features of capitalism or is more gender just capitalism a utopia?
- Does (more) gender just capitalism reinforce other existing inequalities? Does it perhaps produce new inequalities? Or does it generally reduce inequalities?
- How could a post-capitalist and gender just order of society and economics look like? Does it still need the category gender as a criterion for differentiation?

### **Our schedule**

We are currently switching to the editorial online system OJS. Therefore we would like to ask you to register as an author for the journal GENDER at [www.budrich-journals.de/index.php/gender](http://www.budrich-journals.de/index.php/gender) and turn in and upload your abstract to this address.

We are looking forward to receiving your abstract of no more than 2500 characters, in German or English, by **10th July 2012**. If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Dr. Heike Kahlert ([heike.kahlert@lmu.de](mailto:heike.kahlert@lmu.de)) or Dr. Sabine Schäfer ([sabine.schaefer@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:sabine.schaefer@uni-bielefeld.de)).

The procedure: If your abstract is assessed positively we will ask you to write an article of no more than 50,000 characters (including footnotes and space characters) by 31st October 2012. The article you have submitted will then be reviewed by the Editorial Board and anonymously by an external reviewer, before it is finally accepted. If you are an author from a non-German-speaking country, you are welcome to submit your article in English.

### **About Gender. Journal for Gender, Culture and Society**

The range of the journal extends from social to cultural topics – sociopolitical issues on equality and justice are addressed as well as issues of the orchestration and cultural interpretation of gender. The journal aims at a broad range of topics and academic disciplines, in which women, men, and gender issues are reflected. Following the multi-disciplinary setting of the journal, analyses are welcome from, i.e., sociology, pedagogy, political science, cultural science and history, which are adept to the interdisciplinary approach of gender studies. Furthermore, the analyses of local, regional and global impacts on gender relations are of interest.

GENDER. Journal for Gender, Culture and Society is published three times per annum, each with a thematic focus, and some 480 pages per year. Apart from the usual procedure of double-blind peer review, contributions within the thematic focus and a rubric of open contributions, contributions are also published regularly under the rubric of "From research, politics and practitioners" as well as proceedings and book reviews. We have started the processes of being listed in the international citation indexes. The journal is edited by Prof. Dr. Heike Kahlert, Dr. Beate Kortendiek, Prof. Dr. Sigrid Metz-Göckel, Dr. Sabine Schäfer and Prof. Dr. Anne Schlüter and published by Barbara Budrich Publishers.

#### **Further queries?**

For further information, please contact the editors of the "Capitalism and Gender Justice" issue, Prof. Dr. Heike Kahlert ([heike.kahlert@lmu.de](mailto:heike.kahlert@lmu.de)) or Dr. Sabine Schäfer ([sabine.schaefer@unibielefeld.de](mailto:sabine.schaefer@unibielefeld.de)). Our style sheet is available at <http://genderzeitschrift.de/pages/english/manuscripts.php>.

**We are looking forward to your contributions!**

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### **Acta Universitatis Sapientiae - Social Analysis**

#### **Call for Papers**

The Editorial Board of the *Acta Universitatis Sapientiae – Social Analysis* invites manuscript submissions for the fourth issue of the journal to be published in December 2012.

*Social Analysis* publishes original studies focused towards the analysis of various social phenomena and processes taking place in East-Central Europe. The journal seeks to provide a stance for comparative perspectives and multiple methodologies in the approaching of these themes.

The journal welcomes theoretical discussions, empirical studies, research notes and book reviews which investigate issues of social change and development, cultural reconfiguration and associated discourses in the context of East-Central Europe and its regions.

#### **A special section of our forthcoming issue is dedicated to anthropological approaches.**

The East-Central European region is usually approached through studies which analyze the nature of the communist past in terms of mentality, attitudes and behaviours, respectively the ways in which these patterns of the past survive after the regime change. We think that anthropological approaches should be oriented also towards the analysis of the region's everyday life. During the last two decades this world has witnessed a series of changes like the process of transition and Europeanisation, both associated with various types of crisis, deceptions and success. However, besides and beyond all these macro-level phenomena and processes, the region has developed 'all by itself' a way of life conduct in terms of surviving and transitioning strategies. Such micro-level processes which are frequently independent from the macro-level or are even antagonistic, provide conditions and frameworks for the everyday life of the citizens. As a consequence, we seek articles which provide in-depth analysis into the everyday life of East-Central European citizens through anthropological approaches centred around discourses, narratives and observations.

Besides this general topic, we particularly encourage those articles which are concerned with the problem of space and space-appropriation on various levels, from urban and rural communities to households. On the level of the everyday life the ways in which space is organized and transformed through symbolic contents and practices (e.g. spaces for memento, but also new spaces like shopping malls, etc.) is a very salient phenomenon throughout the region. Citizens are frequently facing two kinds of constraints which may be interpreted also as a result of their accentuated involvement in transnational flows, like migration: that of re-assuring the role of the past and tradition by accentuating

specific spaces and landscapes (e.g. parks of memorials, rural tourism, etc.) in parallel with seeking new ways for self- and community expression in the form of space rehabilitation, new spaces of consumerism (e.g. shopping malls), but also in the form of small scale, household-level redesigning and redecorating. Studies dealing with various anthropological approaches of space (e.g. the anthropology of commemoration, space appropriation, consumption, narratives and history of space, etc.) are thus particularly welcomed.

Contributors are kindly asked to submit their manuscripts electronically, to the e-mail address [acta-social@acta.sapientia.ro](mailto:acta-social@acta.sapientia.ro), no later than **September 30, 2012**.

*Acta Universitatis Sapientiae, Social Analysis* is a peer-reviewed journal. All submitted manuscripts are reviewed by two anonymous referees.

For questions regarding guidelines for manuscript preparation, please consult the website of the journal: <http://www.acta.sapientia.ro/acta-social/social-main.htm>

If you have any questions about the journal or about the reviewing process, please contact the Editorial Board of the *Social Analysis* at the address: [acta-social@acta.sapientia.ro](mailto:acta-social@acta.sapientia.ro), or write to the Editors at [la.nistor@gmail.com](mailto:la.nistor@gmail.com)

On behalf of the Editorial Board

Zoltán A. Biró

Laura Nistor



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## OPPORTUNITIES

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### GSSPS: OPEN Call for Application A.Y. 2012/2013

#### GSSPS – University of Milan ADMISSION TO Ph.D. PROGRAMS for Academic year 2012-2013

The University of Milan is pleased to announce that the Call for application for admission to the **Graduate School in Social and Political Sciences (GSSPS)** for the following Ph.D. Programs:

- Ph.D. in Labour Studies – Coordinator: Prof. Lorenzo Bordogna
- Ph.D. in Political Studies – Acting Coordinator Prof. Francesco Zucchini
- Ph.D. in Sociology – Coordinator: Prof. Luisa Leonini

is now available in Italian and in English here <http://www.unimi.it/ricerca/dottorati/56986.htm> .

Click here to read more about the GSSPS downloading the 2012 School brochure:  
[http://www.graduateschool.unimi.it/files/gssps\\_brochure\\_2012.pdf](http://www.graduateschool.unimi.it/files/gssps_brochure_2012.pdf)

For the academic year 2012/2013 the GSSPS will assign a total of 27 places, 14 with scholarship and 13 without scholarship.

14 places with scholarships will be assigned as follows:

Ph.D. in Labour Studies – 4 University of Milan scholarships  
Ph.D. in Political Studies – 5 University of Milan scholarships  
Ph.D. in Sociology – 4 University of Milan scholarships + 1 Centre for Study and Research on Women and Gender Differences <http://users2.unimi.it/DoDiGe/> (scholarship funded by "Structural Transformation to Achieve Gender Equality in Sciences - STAGES" - European FP7)

13 places without scholarship will be assigned as follows:

Ph.D. in Labour Studies – 4 places without scholarship  
Ph.D. in Political Studies – 5 places without scholarship  
Ph.D. in Sociology – 4 places without scholarship

All applications **must be submitted online via SIFA Servizi ON LINE**

[http://www.unimi.it/hpsifa/nonProfiledPage\\_100.html](http://www.unimi.it/hpsifa/nonProfiledPage_100.html)  
(*Servizi di Ammissione*)

**Deadline for Application is strictly 31st July 2012**

for further details please write to GSSPS Secretariat, University of Milan, via Pace 10, 20122 email

[graduate.school@unimi.it](mailto:graduate.school@unimi.it) or browse [http://www.graduateschool.unimi.it/call\\_2012\\_13.html](http://www.graduateschool.unimi.it/call_2012_13.html)

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## Fully-funded PhD Studentship

(Department of Sociology, University of Aberdeen and James Hutton Institute)

### Managing Farm Animal Disease:

#### The Sociology of Knowledges and Practices of Scottish Land Managers

We seek to recruit a PhD student who will adopt a qualitative research approach to sociologically explore the nature of land managers' knowledge, experiences and practices in relation to farm animal diseases in Scotland. The studentship is funded through the Centre of Excellence in Epidemiology, Population Health and Disease Control (EPIC) by the Scottish Government. The studentship will preferably begin **1<sup>st</sup> October 2012** or shortly thereafter.

Candidates should possess an undergraduate degree in sociology or a cognate discipline (e.g. anthropology, human geography), at 2.1 level or above, and a Masters degree in sociology or a cognate subject, preferably with Distinction. There should be a strong research methods component in the Masters degree, and the successful candidate must have advanced levels of familiarity with qualitative research methods. Given the nature of field research with land managers in Scotland, some travel will be involved. A driver's licence and willingness to work alone in rural contexts is thus important, as is regular attendance at academic events in Aberdeen.

The studentship is of 3 years duration, is worth £15,000 per annum, and covers tuition fees and living expenses. A further £4,500 is available to cover research expenses. Please note that candidates with Overseas fee status are welcome to apply but must understand that they will be liable to pay the difference in fees should they be successful. The studentship will be held within the Department of Sociology, and will lead to a PhD qualification in Sociology. The student will be expected to split his or her time between the Department of Sociology and the James Hutton Institute's Aberdeen site. The supervisory team will be Dr. Rhoda Wilkie (Sociology), Dr. Lee-Ann Sutherland (Hutton) and Prof. David Inglis (Sociology).

Can all interested applicants please complete the **online** postgraduate application form [www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply/](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/apply/) and submit the following documentation to Alyson Millar, Postgraduate and Research Senior Secretary, School of Social Sciences, Edward Wright Building, King's College, Aberdeen, AB24 3QY: degree transcripts, two academic references, and a Curriculum Vitae (of no more than 4 pages) with a covering letter to describe your specific interests in the study topic. Please include details of all modules of research training, relevant work experience, and if applicable, publications to date. If you have any queries about the application process please contact Mrs Millar: [a.millar@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:a.millar@abdn.ac.uk)

The **deadline** for receiving all application documentation is **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

For further information please visit the following websites: Dept. of Sociology (Aberdeen), at: [www.abdn.ac.uk/sociology/](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/sociology/); The James Hutton Institute, at: [www.hutton.ac.uk](http://www.hutton.ac.uk) ; and postgraduate tuition fees: [www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance.php](http://www.abdn.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance.php) If you would like more information about the studentship, please contact Rhoda Wilkie: [r.m.wilkie@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:r.m.wilkie@abdn.ac.uk) or Lee-Ann Sutherland: [lee-ann.sutherland@hutton.ac.uk](mailto:lee-ann.sutherland@hutton.ac.uk)