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European Sociological Association 11th Conference

TORINO, 28-31 August 2013

Call for Papers

Instructions

Authors are invited to submit their abstract either to the general session (open) or any specific session. Please submit each abstract only to **one** session. After abstract evaluation, coordinators will have the chance to transfer papers between sessions where applicable.

Abstracts should not exceed 1750 characters (including spaces, approximately 250 words). Each paper session will have the duration of 1.5 hours. Normally sessions will include 4 papers.

Abstracts **can only be submitted online** no later than **1st of February 2013** to the submission platform at: www.esa11thconference.eu. Abstracts sent by email cannot be accepted.

The information requested during abstract submission include: 1) name(s), affiliation(s) and email of all the author(s); 2) contact details of presenting author (postal address, and telephone in addition to email); 3) title of proposed presentation; 4) up to 4 keywords (optional).

Submitting authors will receive an email of acknowledgement of successful submission receipt. Abstracts will be peer-reviewed and selected for presentation by the relevant Research Network or Research Stream; the letter of notification will be sent by the conference software system in early April 2013. Each author cannot submit more than two abstracts (as first author).

Abstract submission 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/>

ESA PhD Workshop in Turin, 26 and 27 August 2013

Call for Papers

The ESA will offer a pre-conference PhD Workshop for doctoral students coming from European Universities. The PhD students who belong to ESA or will become members of ESA are welcomed to apply to the PhD Workshop. We will select 24 PhD students for the course. ESA will give funding to these selected students. The theme of the Workshop follows the theme of the conference **Crisis, Critique and Change**.

The PhD Workshop will offer high quality research training in the field of sociology and social sciences, competent and rigorous comments for the on-going research, possibilities for creating networks with other European doctoral students, grant covering most of the expenditures. The ESA PhD Workshops

are known for their relaxed and active atmosphere and intensive discussions. You are most welcome to apply to the PhD Workshop!

Participants will be selected following a peer-review process and on the basis of scientific excellence of their proposal, but a fair balance between different regions of Europe and areas of sociology will also be considered.

Guidelines for applications

For to apply to the PhD Workshop in Turin a PhD student needs to submit by 1st February

1) Abstract

Abstracts should not exceed 7000 characters (including spaces, approximately 1000 words). Make sure that the abstract includes description of the research project (no thematic restriction), phase of the research, to which University the dissertation will be delivered and name(s) of the supervisor(s)

2) CV (max. 3 pages)

Make sure that the CV includes a short description of your academic career, beginning of the doctoral studies, possibly publications, international experience and information about your ESA membership (e.g. ESA ID number or aim to become a member). All the participants of the PhD Workshop are expected to be ESA members.

Please note, if your abstract is selected for funding you must submit a full paper (about 7,000 words/ 50,000 characters) by 1st July to the workshop organizers. This is essential in order to make sure that participants get the most of this workshop; papers will be circulated in advance and allocated to discussants and the afternoon seminars. We kindly ask you to apply only if you accept these terms of conditions and are prepared to follow the guidelines and deadlines.

For more information, please visit the PhD Workshop section on the conference website:

<http://www.esa11thconference.eu>

Coordinator: Suvi Ronkainen suvi.ronkainen@ulapland.fi

Call for nominations

for the new ESA Executive Committee and the ESA President

The Nominations Committee launches broad consultations with National Associations, Research Networks, individuals or groups of members to find candidates for the new Executive Committee and the ESA President. We are looking for a good coverage of the candidates by geographic region (East-North-South-West). We also try to follow the gender balance as well as the representation of different fields of sociological knowledge.

We need between 24 and 28 candidatures to 14 places of the Executive Committee and between 2 and 4 candidatures for the Presidency of the ESA. Candidates for the Presidency should be nominated and seconded by members of the Executive Committee, and/or Co-ordinators of Research Networks and/or National Associations. Each candidature must be accompanied by a curriculum vitae (max 100 words) and a photograph.

Current ESA Executive Committee members that can be candidates for the 2nd round

1. Maria Carmela Agodi
2. Pertti Alasuutari
3. Ellen Annandale
4. Luis Baptista
5. Vincenzo Cicchelli
6. Ricca Edmondson
7. Robert Fine
8. Tally Katz-Gerro
9. Luigi Pellizzoni

10. Suvi Ronkainen
11. Anne Ryen
12. Georg Vobruba
13. Frank Welz

Please send proposals by e-mail to:
Elena Danilova
President of the Nominations Committee
endanilova@gmail.com

The deadline is **March 1st, 2013**.

The Nominations Committee

*Elena Danilova
Helena Carreiras
Roberto Cipriani
Ellen Kuhlmann*

RN 15 Mid-Term Seminar in Bilbao

“Towards a Supra-National Sociology at the beginning of the 21st century”

**21-22 March, 2013
Bilbao
(Basque Country - Spain)**

Organizers:

European Sociology Association RN 15 Global, Transnational and Cosmopolitan Sociology
<http://www.europeansociology.org/research-networks/rn15-global,-transnational-and-cosmopolitan-sociology.html>

University of the Basque Country (Faculty of Social and Communication Sciences and Department of Sociology)

Location:

School of Business Studies
(Elcano 21, 48008 Bilbao; at the centre of Bilbao)

Call for Abstracts / Papers:

We no longer inhabit, if we ever did, a world of separate national communities living side-by-side. Over last few decades, a sizeable body of cross-disciplinary research has focused on the development of a global society. In most fields of the social sciences, the analysis of supra, cross and transnational phenomena and dynamics are becoming increasingly relevant. For this seminar papers are invited to address the different supra-national dimensions in sociological analysis. Both theoretical and empirical papers, macro and micro approaches are welcome. Special attention is devoted to the specific analysis of the transnational, the global and the cosmopolitan issues in current sociology in the analysis of the new and emerging supra-national social realities, such as e.g. the dynamics of formation and diffusion of transnational ideas, institutions and practices in a broad range of areas: in social movements and civil societies, politics and policies, management and organisation, religion, and popular culture and the arts. Papers by PhD students are very welcome.

Key dates:

-Submission of abstracts (about 300 words): before 15th December, by sending to manuel.ahedo@ehu.es (Manuel Ahedo, Vice-Chair of the RN 15)

-Notification of decision on abstracts: by the 8th January.

For members of ESA RN15: 35 Euros

For non-members of ESA RN15: 50 Euros

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

You can become a member of ESA RN15 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>

Provisional Program		
		Key-note speaker
1 session (9-13.30)	Transnational Sociology	S. Quark
2 session (15-19.30)	Global Sociology	P. Daloz
3 session (9-13.30)	Cosmopolitan Sociology	R. Fine
Final Session (15-19.30)	Round-Table. Towards a supra-national sociology. Advances and issues.	

Topics of the key-note speakers:

Sigrid Quark, "A Sociology of Transnational Governance". Sigrid Quark is Professor in the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne (Germany), and member of the Board of the ASA RN on Global and Transnational Sociology.

Pascal Daloz, "Rethinking Social Distinction: Beyond national models of interpretation". Pascal Daloz is Head of Research at CNRS, MISHA, University of Strasbourg (France), and Coordinator of the ISA RN on Comparative Sociology.

Robert Fine, "A Cosmopolitan Sociology in the 21st. century: the case of Human Rights", Robert Fine is Emeritus Professor in Sociology in the University of Warwick (United Kingdom).

CONFERENCES/CALLS FOR PAPERS

8th Annual Conference of Albanian Institute of Sociology

International Conference: Democracy in Times of Turmoil; A multidimensional approach

**Durres -Albania
22-23 November 2013**

Organizers:

Albanian Institute of Sociology (AIS 8th Annual Conference)
Aleksander Moisiu University of Durres – Albania
Other partners (to be decided up to 30 march 2013)

Call for papers

Albanian Institute of Sociology (=Albanian Sociological Association); Regular and Collective Member of the International Sociological Association (ISA), European Sociological Association (ESA) and Balkan Sociological Forum (BSF), & Aleksander Moisiu University of Durres – Albania, invite scholars from all over the world to the International Conference, which will be held from 22 to 23 November 2013 in the city of Durres-Albania.

Conference themes:

I. Central Theme: "Democracy in Times of Turmoil; a multidimensional approach"

II. Other themes by Thematic Sections:

- TS 01:** Public Sphere, Communication, Culture and Arts
- TS 02:** Population & Migration
- TS 03:** Education
- TS 04:** Political Studies and Law Issues
- TS 05:** Religion, Collective Behavior & Social Movements
- TS 06:** Marriage & Family
- TS 07:** Integration and Globalization
- TS 08:** Childhood, Youth & Gender
- TS 09:** Organizations, professions and Work
- TS 10:** Theoretical, Comparative & Historical Studies
- TS 11:** Deviance & Social Control
- TS 12:** Ethnic Relations, Human Rights & Collective Goods
- TS 13:** Economy & Development
- TS 14:** Social Security & Public Health
- TS 15:** Technology & Innovations
- ST 16:** Students (BA, MA, PhD)

Place and time: Durres- Albania; 22-23 November 2013

Conference languages: English, Albanian or Italian

Publishing:

1. Proceedings (Program and Abstracts Book, organizers, Plenary sessions, Thematic sessions etc.);
2. In Special Issue of the journal "Social Studies" (scientific journal of AIS & Albanian University);

Deadlines:

10th of September 2013: Deadline for abstract submission

25th of September 2013: Deadline for the decisions of acceptance of the abstracts

15th of October 2012: Deadline for registration

1st of November 2012: Deadline for the Conference Program

Abstracts:

Languages: English (Only)

Length of the abstract: 150-200 words (included author/s name/s, the institution/s, and e-mail address/es)

Key words: 4-6

Tables, figures and references should not be included in abstracts.

How to present a paper:

1. Choose the Session (Thematic Sections: ST01 – ST16) to which you wish to participate;
2. Fill out the **Paper Proposal Form** and submit to the AIS Conference Secretary. Please don't submit more than two abstracts for the entire conference. In case when two abstracts are submitted those must not refer to a single Thematic Section;
3. Wait for the confirmation of abstract receipt. Those who do not receive confirmation within 10 days should contact the secretary of the conference;
4. Wait for the Acceptance Letter;
5. Contact with Secretary of the conference for the registration procedures;
6. Take the confirmation of the registration.

Accommodation and other details: to be announced before 20th of October 2013

Theme

The last decades have been characterized by dramatic changes in economic, political, social and technological dimensions. The economic crises, political and social movements as well as the asymmetric and contradictory development of the world have had a great impact on democracy and democratic institutions as well. Based on the latest issue of the Democracy Index, only 25 countries are "Full democracies", 53 "Flawed democracies", 37 "Hybrid regimes" and 52 countries with "Authoritarian regimes". But the defenders of each regime claim for their own as a democracy. The aim of this conference is to promote research activity, comparative analysis and debating about the democracy components, such as: Electoral process and pluralism, functioning of government, Political participation, Political culture, and Civil liberties. At the same time the scholars are invited to focus their academic activity and to submit papers on essential conditions for the implementation and sustainability of a democratic system; on relations between democracy and capitalism, on the impact of the fragmentation of the society, as a result of the modern technological change; the impact of the groups of interests on decision-making institutions; the relations between Democracy and Public Sphere, Civil Society and Social Institutions (family, education, religion); the link between democracy and legitimacy, etc.

Organizing Committee

Headed by:

Servet PËLLUMBI – Academic director of the Albanian Institute of Sociology

Mithat MEMA – Rector of the Aleksander Moisiu University of Durres-Albania

Secretary of the Conference:

Jonida LAMAJ - Albanian Institute of Sociology; University Marin Barleti, Tirana

Brunilda ZENELAGA – Aleksander Moisiu University of Durres-Albania; Academic Board of the Albanian Institute of Sociology

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We are looking forward to meeting you in Durres-Albania next November

Click [here](#) to download the Paper Proposal Form

International Conference

Wars for rights/Wars against rights? Globalization and crisis of democracy

March 25-26-27, 2013

Minori (Salerno) Amalfi Coast - Italy

CALL FOR PAPERS

Key words: Democracy, Global Crisis, Human Rights, Social Rights, Resistances

Paper submission and discussion relative to the following issues:

1) New Global Wars

From armed intervention in Kosovo in 1999, Afghanistan and Irak invasions, until to recent intervention in Libya, Western countries' wars found their reasons in the safeguard of human rights and democracy in the name of local populations. But, western ideology of humanitarian intervention and of wars for rights disguised a general strategy to pursue vital interests of western elites imposing neoliberal economic policies on a worldwide scale.

2) Transformation of labor relationships and global crisis

The enforcement of neoliberal economic policies on a local and global scale brought to a progressive erosion of social rights and a radical change of cities. The reshaping of the labor market and welfare system, the privatization of entire industrial sectors and huge diffusion of informal economy worsened the global living conditions. Moreover, these dynamics generated a vast displacement of the population managed through repressive security policies. The current economic and financial crisis has dramatically accelerated this process .

3) Popular Resistances

In this context of substantial global changes, new strategies of resistance developed on an international scale. From arab revolts in the last years to the ecological and street struggles to defend the land, the new social protests claim elementary social and democratic rights such as the right to work, to health, to education and to manage public resources.

Workshops languages: english - french - italian - spanish

We encourage researchers, doctoral candidates etc... to send us preferably in english (french, spanish and italian are accepted as well):

- personal data
- biographical sketch including institutional affiliation
- paper titles (max 20 words)
- paper abstracts (max 300 words)

The deadline for proposals submission is December 20, 2012. Email your proposals with your complete contact information to mdebiase@ulb.ac.be; g.d.c.@inwind.it; giovanni_dellacerra@hotmail.it

For other informations please contact the Organizational Committee
giovanni_dellacerra@hotmail.it - stef_ferr@libero.it - alf.porpora@gmail.com

CALL FOR PAPERS

Technology in the Age of Information

18th International Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Technology

ISEG, Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal

July 4-6, 2013

Special Corporate Workshop July 3, 2013

The School of Economics and Management (ISEG-UTL) and the SOCIUS research centre at the Technical University of Lisbon and the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon (ICS-UL) are organising the 18th Biennial International Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Technology (SPT), which will be held July 4 - 6, 2013, at the ISEG-UTL. On the early evening before, July 3 from 3-7 pm, the conference will also co-host a special corporate workshop.

The SPT 2013 theme is Technology in the Age of Information. A main aim of the conference is to encourage debate on the cultural, social, economic, political and ethical implications of advances in information and media technology. Digital networks and computerized technological systems have enlarged the domain of human technological action and responsibility, which raises new questions about the impacts of globalization and of the expanding information economy on the public and cultural spheres. A challenge facing the philosophy of technology and STS disciplines is to reflect upon our changed human condition and propose new ways to think through the quandaries technologies generate.

Reflecting on the emergence of information and communication technologies (ICTs), several questions may be raised: How do our lives change in an information society? What role do ICTs play in culture, politics, or social revolutions? How do ICTs shape the global economy? What new challenges do ICTs present to the public sphere and to individual privacy? How do ICTs affect human cognition and aesthetic sensibilities? How are ICT converging with nano and biotechnologies? Do ICTs stimulate ideas of new technological utopias? Many other topics can be addressed and are welcome!

As in previous SPT conferences, contributions from a variety of disciplines are encouraged. Bringing together scholars and practitioners from a wide spectrum of fields, who focus on understanding the relationship of technology and the human condition is a goal of the conference. Showcasing contributions from philosophers, social scientist, natural scientists, engineers, and policy makers, SPT conferences provide lively and thought-provoking interdisciplinary discussion.

The list of tracks outlined below is suggestive of the topics that will be considered, but does by no means restrict them:

- 1 – ICTs 1: globalization, informational economy, and commodification
- 2 – ICTs 2: control, discrimination, and surveillance
- 3 – ICTs 3: Webs, imaginaries, and utopias
- 4 – ICTs 4: new media, public sphere, and democracy
- 5 – ICTs 5: politics, alternatives and revolutions,
- 6 – Consumption and mobile lifestyles
- 7 – Informatics, nano- and bio-technological convergences
- 8 – Materiality and immateriality in the digital era
- 9 – Information and aesthetics
- 10 – Reflective practice and the ethics of complex, sociotechnical systems (Co-sponsored with Forum Philosophy, Engineering, and Technology; and Council of Engineering Systems)
- 11 – Philosophy of engineering and design
- 12 – Phenomenology of technology
- 13 – Ethics, politics, and the good life
- 14 – Environment, sustainability, and risks
- 15 – Technology, gender, and culture

- 16 – Technological Innovation
- 17 – Technology and critical thinking
- 18 – Philosophy of technology and social sciences

Submissions

Abstracts should be submitted by February 1, 2013. They must be between 500 and 750 words in length (references excluded) and submitted via email as embedded plain text or an attachment in RTF, WORD, or PDF format. Abstracts will be subject to blind refereeing. They should include the name(s) of author(s), affiliation(s), contact details and the paper title. They should also contain the number and name of the track to which the abstract is submitted. If an abstract does not seem to fit with any topic, simply note that with the submission. All submissions are welcome, and authors should not feel constrained by the topics.

Identification information will be then removed during the review process. For this reason, abstracts should not contain author-identifying references.

Authors of accepted abstracts are kindly invited to submit full versions of their papers (8,000-10,000 words) until May 31, 2013, for publication in a digital support (Pen Drive or CD-ROM) to be distributed to conference attendees. This Pen Drive/CD-ROM will also include the abstracts.

Proposals for panels should also be submitted by February 1, 2013. They will also be refereed. Panel proposals must be between 500 and 1,000 words in length, they must include a brief description of the general topic and an outline of the issues to be addressed, as well as a short biography of all the panelists.

Notification of acceptance for all submissions will be no later than March 8, 2013.

All submissions should be sent by email in Word or rtf format to spt2013@iseg.utl.pt (write “[your last name] SPT abstract OR Panel” in the subject line).

More information about the conference at <http://www.spt2013.com>

Keynote Speakers and Plenary Sessions: TBA

Important Dates

Deadline to submit abstracts and panel proposals is February 1, 2013.

Notification of Acceptance will be no later than March 8, 2013.

Deadline to submit final papers is May 31, 2013.

Conference is on July 4-6, 2013.

Additional Information

Corporate Workshop

With the topic, Connecting Technology and Responsibility, this corporate workshop will unite SPT 2013 and CEPE 2013 conferences participants in a stimulating debate with ICT companies regarding the potential ethical quandaries that their products raise. The corporate workshop will be held on July, 3rd, 2013, from 3 to 7 p.m. at ISEG. The keynote speaker of this Workshop will be Professor Simon Rogerson, De Montfort University, UK. Professor Rogerson will speak about his research on computing and social responsibility.

CEPE 2013 conference is hosted by UAL, July 1-3, 2013 with the topic Ambiguous Technologies: Philosophical Issues, Practical Solutions, Human Nature. CEPE is an important worldwide forum that debates ICT philosophical issues in society through the lens of information and computer ethics. See CEPE important dates for abstracts/papers at: <http://www.cepe2013.com/>

Important Note 1: To be a participant at this Corporate Workshop, you must be registered for SPT 2013 or CEPE 2013 conferences.

Important Note 2: Participants who attend both conferences will have reduced fees. More information about registration fees will soon be available on the conference website.

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**The SPRING 7th International Conference on
Knowledge Generation, Communication and Management: KGCM 2013**

In the context of

**The 4th International Multi-Conference on Complexity, Informatics and Cybernetics: IMCIC
2013**

March 19 - 22, 2013 ~ Orlando, Florida, USA

www.2013iisconferences.org/kgcm

Submission Deadline:

December 14th, 2012 (other deadlines are included in the conference web site)

Special Tracks

- Case Studies and Methodologies
- Interdisciplinary Research, Education, and Communication
- International Symposium on Integrating Research, Education, and Problem Solving
- Action Research and Action Learning
- Peer Reviewing

Information about the general topics can be found at the conference web site

Submissions for face-to-face and virtual presentations are both accepted.

Best papers will be published in the Journal of Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics (JSCI)

JSCI is indexed by Cabell, EBSCO, and DOAJ (Directory of Open Access Journals), as well as in Google Scholar. (All papers to be presented at the conference will be included in the conference printed and electronic proceedings)

Details about the following issues have also been included at the conference web site (URL given above):

- Pre- and post-conference virtual session
- Virtual participation
- Two-tier reviewing combining double-blind and non-blind methods
- Access to reviewers' comments and evaluation average
- Waiving the registration fee of effective invited session organizers
- Best papers awards

Possible deadlines extension and information about the events being organized for the IIS Summer Conference on July 9 - 12, 2013, in Orlando, Florida, USA, can be found at

<http://www.2013iisconferences.org/current-deadlines.asp>

Best regards,

KGCM 2013 Organizing Committee

1st International Scientific Seminar in Learning Sciences

Grounding best schools in cutting-edge research

February-May 2013

It is my pleasure to write to you to inform about the First International Scientific Seminar in Learning Sciences that will take place between February and May 2013 in the Faculty of Education at the Universitat Internacional de Catalunya (UIC), in Barcelona (Spain). The Seminar, entitled "Grounding Best Schools in Cutting Edge Research" will address the main research questions on interaction and learning that are being explored in the field of the learning sciences. These questions will be examined by the most influential researchers in this area worldwide, including Courtney Cazden (Harvard University), Anne Edwards (University of Oxford), Linda Hargreaves (University of Cambridge), Carol Lee (Northwestern University), Ramón Flecha and Marta Soler (University of Barcelona), Erica Halverson (University of Wisconsin-Madison), and Sandra Racionero (Universitat Internacional de Catalunya). The seminar will also include a session led by José María Delgado (University Pablo Olavide) on how latest research on neuroscience can inform the future of education.

The program of the First International Scientific Seminar in Learning Sciences, with the specific date and topic for each seminar, can be downloaded [here](#).

You can enroll in the seminar as a whole or in individual sessions by filling out the participation form which will be available soon at <http://www.uic.es/ca/educacio>

Also, do not hesitate to contact us if you have any query about the Scientific Seminar.

I look forward to seeing you in Barcelona to advance together the science of learning.

Best regards,

Sandra Racionero-Plaza, Ph.D.
Director of the International Scientific Seminar in Learning Sciences
Editor of the International Journal of Educational Psychology (IJEP) ijep.hipatiapress.com
Area of Educational Psychology. Faculty of Education.
Universitat Internacional de Catalunya

Call for Submissions

Special section on "societal change"

Edited by Colin Wayne Leach, Leda Blackwood, Andrew Livingstone

We invite submissions to a special section on "societal change" for the *Journal of Social and Political Psychology* -- a new, peer-reviewed, open-access journal published online by *PsychOpen* (<http://jspp.psychopen.eu>). Manuscripts can be theoretical articles, review articles, original research reports, replications and refinements, or commentaries. We are especially interested in submissions that reflect on the strengths and limits of traditional approaches to societal change in social and political psychology, such as work on collective action, social movements, prejudice, inequality, power, stigma, social identity, and ideology. In addition, we encourage submissions that offer innovative views and/or identify how the study of societal change might be enriched by other perspectives, within and outside of psychology and academia.

As a first step, potential contributors may submit a 1-page summary of their planned article by 15

December 2012. The special section editors will then invite full-length article submissions for peer review. The deadline for full submission of invited articles is 1 May 2013. All submissions may be made via the journal's on-line system: <http://jspp.psychopen.eu/author/submit/>

Important Dates:

- 15 December 2012: 1-page summary of proposed contribution due
- 10 January 2013: Invitations for full submissions
- 1 May 2013: Full submissions due

JSPP publishes articles at the intersection of social and political psychology that substantially advance the understanding of social problems, their reduction, and the promotion of social justice. JSPP publishes high-quality work,

- including high-quality work from different epistemological, methodological, theoretical, and cultural perspectives and from different regions across the globe;
- creatively stimulating academic scholarship through innovation, questioning of assumptions, critical analysis, controversy and debate;
- discussing ethical issues and implications for applications aimed at social betterment and the promotion of social justice (in education, policymaking, professional practice, and/or advocacy and social action).

JSPP is part of a larger movement of high-quality open-access journals that offer alternatives to commercial publications with restricted access. JSPP is published by PsychOpen (<http://www.psychopen.eu/>) and there are no fees to authors or readers.

OPPORTUNITIES

Call for Applications

Individual Research Visits to EUROLAB, GESIS, Cologne, Germany

The “European Data Laboratory for Comparative Social Research – EUROLAB” is pleased to invite application for one month research visits. Individual researchers, who want to work on survey data stored in the GESIS Data Archive for the Social Sciences, may apply for support to access EUROLAB for maximum one month between April and June 2013. **The deadline for applications is 15th of December 2012.** An international selection panel will evaluate the applications on a competitive basis. The applications will be assessed depending on the on scientific merit. Successful applicants will receive a travel grant that covers travel costs (economy class, up to 500 Euro) and accommodation.

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

What is provided?

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

For more information on application procedure and on EUROLAB please visit:
<http://www.gesis.org/eurolab>.

PhD Studentships for September 2013

Department of Employment and Learning (DEL)

School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work

Queens University Belfast

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofSociologySocialPolicySocialWork/NewsandEvents/#d.en.348739>

The School has four PhD studentships to allocate for 2013/14 and welcomes proposals on topics relating to the School’s research priorities and themes. These priorities and themes are reflected in the School’s research clusters and are as follows:

- (a) contemporary social issues and policy
- (b) family policy and child welfare
- (c) identities, lifestyle and culture
- (d) social divisions and conflict and

(e) life-course research.

Applicants are advised to explore the School's website to attain further details of the staff's research interests in the above areas.

Applicants must have a 2:1 undergraduate degree and a masters degree, preferably in a social science or cognate area. Training in research methods is also desirable. Selection will also include an interview. Applications will be appraised using the University's selection criteria.

For a full award (fees and stipend), applicants must have been resident in the UK for three years. Details of PhD studentships covering tuition fees and maintenance for home and EU students (subject to the Department for Employment and Learning UK residency rules), can be found [here](#). Successful applicants must meet the DEL criteria.

The deadline for application is 4.00pm on the 6th February 2013.

To apply, applicants should access the University's on-line [application system](#). A considered research proposal (1,500-2,000 words) must be attached to the application.