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Call for papers Conferences

Queer Again? Power, Politics and Ethics

Date: September 23-25, 2010

Site: Berlin, Germany

Organiser: The Department of English and American Studies and the Research Training Group "Gender as a Category of Knowledge", Humboldt University of Berlin

Topics: The following questions will be at the centre of attention: How can queer theory be situated in current academic and activist spheres? What does the focus on interdependent relationships (of sexuality, gender, race, ethnicity, class, age, (dis)ability etc.) mean for the formation of a queer ethics? How can we rethink concepts of temporality and generation or community? And what does queer mean in different geographical and temporal contexts? The panels will be organized along two thematic strands. The first, Affect, Space and Temporality, is concerned with the ethical and political potential of queer and the different political conceptions of queer that arise as a result. The second strand, Limits and Boundary Crossings, takes up current theoretical debates with regard to boundaries and crossings of these boundaries.

Language: English

Deadline: June 30, 2010

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(source: Internet)

Human Dignity and Poverty

Date: September 24-25, 2010

Site: Sibiu, Romania

Organiser: Institute for Ecumenical Research, "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu

Topics: This conference represents the conclusion of three-year interdisciplinary research project in Romania. The struggle against poverty is one of the biggest challenges in Europe as well. Poverty and human dignity interact with one another. Poverty restricts human dignity, whereas strengthening human dignity could also enable finding ways out of poverty. Thus, "human dignity" stands on the one hand for the respect that the society should show to each and every person, and on the other hand, it stands for the inner resources, which could be set free in each individual. At this conference, the organizers intend to present the results of a broader empirical research and to seek discussions with researchers who will present their own approach to this topic.

Language: German, English, Romanian

Deadline: July 25, 2010

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Dangerous Crossings: Politics at the Limits of the Human

Date: October 1-2, 2010

Site: Baltimore, USA

Organiser: The American Political Science Association (APSA)

Topics: Papers exploring the following or related questions are welcome: What is it to be human? What do humans do that other life does not? What are the limits of humanness? What "others" emerge outside those limits? Who or what is or can be rendered inhuman, how, and to what effect? Do rhetorics of humanism retain any political purchase? If not, what comes next? How does the shape of our politics and ethics change with our answers to these questions? Can we think of politics or ethics without an appeal to the human? Can there be nonhuman political life? How might these questions suggest new possibilities for thinking nature, animality, and technology? How does putting the figure of the human in question trouble or transform our theories of justice, inclusion, power, citizenship, and agency? What then becomes of human rights and humanitarianism?

Language: English

Deadline: June 15, 2010

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(source: Internet)

Institutions and Social Change(s) in Southern European Societies

Date: October 1-2, 2010

Site: Cascais, Portugal

Organiser: The European Sociological Association's Research Network on Political Sociology with the collaboration of the Portuguese Sociological Association (APS)

Topics: When compared with European societies North and West, Southern European countries are said to be not only lagging behind economic and socially, but also politically and in terms of good governance. To which extent are these views accurate, and to which extent are they new? Faced with the constraints of coping with accelerated modernisation and globalisation, have Southern societies - governments and civil society alike - failed to meet rapid social change in adapting to new needs in education, retraining, research, youth and women expectations, economic development, integration of immigrants, changing demographic structures, and institutional reforms? While proposing a focus on theme "Institutions and Social Change(s) in Southern European Societies", organizers will welcome other proposals including a comparative approach between Southern European countries or with other European countries and regions.

Language: The papers may be presented in English, French, Italian, Portuguese or Spanish

Fee: 30€

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(source: Internet)

Controlling Cityspaces – CEE Experiences

Date: October 14-15, 2010

Site: Krakow, Poland

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

Topics: The aim of the conference is to look at different manifestations of control of urban spaces in Central-Eastern European cities. The ambition of the organizers is to represent possibly wide range of problems and cases related to the control of the urban in the regional context. We are looking not only at spatial solutions, such as gated communities, but also at political and economical tools and strategies of control of the urban space. We are encouraging researchers of different disciplines to present their papers introducing connections between the control and lifestyles, economical and political strategies and power relations.

Language: English

Deadline: July 15, 2010

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(source: Internet)

Citizenship and Democracy: Membership, forms of participation, within and across European territories

Date: November 4-5, 2010

Site: Lille, France

Organiser: The European Sociological Association's Research Network on Political Sociology

Topics: The aim of this conference will be to establish the evolutions of the links between members of political communities, the territories of authority, the evolving forms of democracy, and the ways in which the political is

embedded in social, economic, and cultural contexts. In particular, the organizers encourage submission of abstracts on the following themes: 1) Territories and practiced citizenship from the local level to the transnational Euro-context: local democracy, urban segregation and citizenship; citizenship and the nation-state; supranational and transnational forms of citizenship, etc. 2) New forms of participative democracy and transformations of representative democracy: associations, interest groups, political networks, participation in the digital public sphere; political parties and the transformation of political cleavages in a European/global context, protest parties, electoral volatility and voting behavior, etc. 3) Migrants and citizenship in Europe: urban segregation and different spheres of citizenship for migrants; representation of migrants in national party systems; (dissociation of) citizenship and nationality, citizenship and the crisis of national integration models; transnational mobilization and citizenship. 4) Populism in Europe: populism, nationalism, euroscepticism, radical right parties in the new cleavage structure of national party systems, the electorate of radical right parties, etc.

Language: English

Deadline: June 15, 2010

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(source: Internet)

XVI International Conference "Kharkiv Sociological Readings": Sociology in a Changing World

Date: November 4-5, 2010

Site: Kharkiv, Ukraine

Organiser: School of Sociology, Kharkiv V.N. Karazin National University

Topics: The following themes of plenary sessions, panels, "round-tables" and workshops are planned within the frame of the conference: 1. Sociological Theory in Search of Explanations of the Contemporary World; 2. Social Inequalities undergoing Transformation Processes; 3. Social Policy and Social Security; 4. Identification Processes in Contemporary Ukraine; 5. Youth in the Globalizing World; 6. Socio-Cultural Dimension of Contemporary Society; 7. Contemporary Education: Mass Availability or Quality? The papers presented at the conference will be published in the conference volume "Methodology, Theory and Practice of Sociological Analysis of Contemporary Societies" before the conference. In order to publish the papers the organisers require a brief summary and the electronic version of the papers.

Language: Ukrainian, Russian, English

Fee: 40 Euro

Deadline: June 30, 2010

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Civil Society and NGOs in Europe and Russia: Responding to New Challenges and Opportunities

Date: November 12-14, 2010

Site: St. Petersburg, Russian Federation

Organiser: The Center for German and European Studies, St. Petersburg State University, in cooperation with the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation

Topics: The conference will reflect the new challenges NGOs are facing in the contemporary world both in Russia and European countries, the most significant and influential of which are produced by globalization and the decline of welfare states. Although both these processes present challenges to civil societies and citizens, they also provide new structure of opportunities, to increase self-help activities, self-organization and NGO and civil society development. Papers will be considered which seek to address topics related to the following questions: What are the main tendencies of NGO developments in a particular or different country(ies) from the perspective of your field of research? What theoretical approaches and models are appropriate and fruitful for research on NGOs? How can the decline of welfare states and other economic factors influence NGO development? What are the main consequences of transnationalization and globalization and other elements of contemporary politics for NGOs? In the framework of the Conference, it is planned to have two plenary sessions and four panels: Civil Society, Democracy and Social Capital: Mythos or Reality? NGOs in Politics: Interest Intermediation or Governance? Economy and Civil Society: Social Market Economy or Social Responsibility of Business? Solidarities and Internal Structure in NGOs: Voluntarism vs. Social Entrepreneurship?

Language: English

Deadline: June 15, 2010

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(source: Internet)

Spatial Economy for Society

Date: November 18-19, 2010

Site: Poznań, Poland

Organiser: The Institute of Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management, Adam Mickiewicz University and the Centre for Spatial and Socio-Economic Analyses

Topics: The main topics of the conference: Contemporary theoretical conceptions of spatial economy and their role in practical activity; Directions and methods of research in spatial economy; Present-day problems of development (including spatial development) of urban areas (cities - agglomerations - metropolises); Legal aspects of physical planning; Modelling of urban and regional development and its use in the practice of physical planning; Spatial and environmental conflicts in spatial economy; Social problems in physical planning; Social participation as a way of involving a local community in the planning of development; Role of co-operation and partnership in spatial economy; Management of urban and regional development: main problems and challenges, new tendencies; Local, regional and national planning: relations and interrelations among the various management levels; Monitoring and evaluation of local and regional development; Chief challenges facing the financing of urban development at a time of a global economic slowdown.

Language: English

Fee: 200€-250€

Deadline: June 30, 2010

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A New Region of Europe: Regional Development Paradigms in Baltic- Black Sea Intermarium

Date: November 26-27, 2010

Site: Vilnius, Lithuania

Organiser: European Humanities University, Vytautas Magnus University, Konrad Adenauer Foundation and Centre for Advanced Study and Education (CASE)

Topics: The aim of the conference is an attempt to answer the question, what represents "the new region of Europe" formed in the process of political and historical evolution on the territory between the Baltic and Black Seas. This space has new qualities of social and geographical environment that requires the development of special methods of deepening knowledge about social and political processes occurring here in the context of spatial planning as well as monitoring of the changes in social environment and human geography. Welcomed are submissions that address the following topics: Integration, intergovernmental and transboundary interactions in the region; The role of transport and infrastructure for the sustainable development and competitiveness of the Baltic-Black sea region; Energy security in the Baltic-Black Sea region: common challenges, energy cooperation and projects of common interest; Regional policy and space transformations in the states of the Baltic-Black Sea region of Europe; "United wider Europe": memory policy, migratory processes and transformation of citizenship institute in the states of Intermarium; Legal foundations of the system of international, transboundary relations and regional policy in Intermarium. As a result of the conference, a monograph will be published. Eligible participants: researchers and policy makers from all European countries, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia and Moldova.

Language: English and Russian

Fee: no fee; organizers cover provide the participants with accommodation and meals during the conference, as well as visa support if needed

Deadline: July 1, 2010

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(source: Internet)

Challenging Differences and Inequalities in Contemporary Societies

Date: December 1-3, 2010

Site: Antwerp, Belgium

Organiser: The Policy Research Centre on Equal Opportunities (PRCEO)

Topics: The second 'Equal is not enough' Conference seeks to contribute to the understanding of the causes, consequences and underlying dynamics of inequalities, as well as to the understanding of contemporary policies to combat them. In challenging differences and inequalities in contemporary societies, the conference addresses different grounds of inequality, such as gender, ethnicity, sexual preference, disability, class and age, and also focuses on the comparison and intersection that can be drawn between them. It does so in four different streams, paying particular attention to law, public policies, organisations and the life course as such.

Language: English

Deadline: ongoing

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18th Annual Conference on Marketing and Business Strategies for Central & Eastern Europe

Date: December 2-4, 2010

Site: Vienna, Austria

Organiser: Institute of International Business, Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration and Department of Marketing, DePaul University

Topics: A primary goal of the conference is to promote an international dialogue between decision makers, business and government leaders from countries in transition and Western developed countries. The conference will present information about the process of economic transformation in Central and Eastern Europe, the stimulation of entrepreneurial activity and will contribute to the theory of global marketing; in addition, management education issues will be addressed. A central question to be raised will be if, and eventually how, the concepts of marketing and other business disciplines can be adapted for the cultivation of markets in economies undergoing transition. Empirical research, case studies or discussion sessions are sought which address the following topics: Transition progress on the macro and micro level in CEE; Comparative analysis of conditions of market entry in CEE; Market entry through exports versus market via capital investment; Acquisitions as opposed to joint ventures in CEE; Joint Venture Management/Cultural conflicts and/or harmony of joint ventures; Management and Corporate governance in CEE; Human Resource Management; Competition Policy and competitive strategies in CEE; Consumer behavior and Marketing strategies to reach consumers in CEE; Industrial marketing and organizational buying behavior in CEE; Promotion/Advertising; Distribution and logistical strategies; Pricing and contractual policy; Financial strategies for opening Eastern European markets; Legal and tax issues; Central and Eastern Europe's role and its future in the EU; Case studies of experiences by western firms in CEE; Case studies of experiences of CEE companies in the process of transition.

Language: English

Deadline: September 15, 2010

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Challenging Orthodoxies – The Critical Governance Studies Conference 2010

Date: December 13-14, 2010

Site: Warwick, UK

Organiser: University of Warwick

Topics: The goal of the conference is to bring together scholars and critical practitioners challenging orthodoxies and developing critical approaches to the study and practice of governance. At a time of crisis and discontent, and with the renaissance of social critique, we believe that the conference is timely and will enhance critical governance research across the social sciences. The conference is cross-disciplinary and we encourage colleagues to submit abstracts on themes that might include, among others, critical approaches to the governance of citizens, space, money, networks, risk, security, science and The University. The conference theme is 'challenging orthodoxies' and we encourage colleagues to address it in their abstracts by describing a problematic orthodoxy, subjecting it to critical challenge and outlining new areas of inquiry and new social practices based on the critical approach. At the same time, we encourage people to interrogate the key terms, 'governance', 'orthodoxy' and 'critique'.

Language: English

Fee: 250£-300£

Deadline: October 31, 2010

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Red Strains: Music and Communism outside the Communist Bloc, 1945-1990

Date: January 13-15, 2011

Site: London, UK

Organiser: The British Academy, London, the University of Nottingham

Topics: The conference theme embraces distinct phases of the West's relationship with communism, including the 'cultural cold war' of the 1950s, the growing prominence of non-Soviet communist states (notably Vietnam, Cuba, China) in the 1960s, the industrial unrest and violent activism of the 1970s, and the impact of the decline and eventual collapse of Soviet bloc communism in the 1980s and beyond. It also spans geographical regions with distinctive histories of communism, including the McCarthyism and blacklisting of the United States, the rise to regional power of communist parties in France and Italy, and the prohibition of Communist Parties in Spain and West Germany. Proposals relating to communism in other non-communist states are also actively welcomed.

Language: English

Deadline: June 18, 2010

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(source: Internet)

2nd European Conference on Politics and Gender

Date: January 13-15, 2011

Site: Budapest, Hungary

Organiser: European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Standing Group on Gender and Politics

Topics: The sections are: Social Movements; States, Gendered Institutions & Public Policy; Political Representation; Research Methodologies and Methods; Violence, War and Security; Gender, Development and Democracy; Sexuality and the Body; Identity and Multiculturalism; Citizenship; European and International Governance. Participants are advised that they are limited to two submissions for the conference. Registration for the conference will be open in September 2010.

Language: English

Deadline: June 18, 2010

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4th Annual Conference on the Political Economy of International Organizations

Date: January 27-29, 2011

Site: Zurich, Switzerland

Organiser: The Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance (Princeton University), the Centre for Comparative and International Studies (ETH Zurich and University of Zurich) and the KOF Swiss Economic Institute (ETH Zurich)

Topics: The conference brings together economists, political scientists and other scholars to address political-economy issues related to international organizations such as the World Trade Organization, the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and the European Union, and also other international organizations that have yet received less attention in the academic literature.

Language: English

Deadline: September 30, 2010

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International Conference on Social Sciences

Date: October 7-8, 2011

Site: Izmir, Turkey

Organiser: The Social Sciences Research Society (SoSReS)

Topics: The conference topic areas especially focus on such disciplines as economics, business, corporate and public governance, political science, sociology etc. The aim of the conference is to bring together a wide audience of academicians, policy makers and practitioners around clearly circumscribed topics, engage participants in fruitful debate, and facilitate mutual understanding. An additional goal of the conference is to provide a place for academicians and professionals with inter-disciplinary/ multi-disciplinary interests related to social sciences to meet and interact with members inside and outside their own particular disciplines. The conference will result in a publication containing a selection of the papers that were presented at the conference.

Language: English

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(source: Internet)

Call for papers Workshops

Risky Profiles: Societal dimensions of forensic uses of DNA analysis

Date: July 2-3, 2010

Site: Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Organiser: The workshop is organised by Thomas Lemke (Goethe University Frankfurt am Main) and Barbara Prainsack (King's College London)

Topics: While the legal and criminological implications of forensic and police uses of DNA analysis and databasing have received ample attention in the last decade, their societal dimensions have not been systematically explored. Social science projects in this field are relatively scarce, and there is virtually no comparative social science research on this topic across countries. This workshop aims to fill this gap: Social scientists who pioneer(ed) work in this field will present their research projects and engage in a dialogue with an eminent molecular biologist in Portugal, António Amorim. A concluding round table discussion will be dedicated to explicating current challenges faced by social science research in the field of forensic DNA profiling and databasing.

Language: English

Fee: free

Deadline: June 15, 2010

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(source: Internet)

Workshop on Classical and Modern Elite Theory

Date: September 1-3, 2010

Site: Manchester, UK

Organiser: Manchester Metropolitan University, UK

Topics: This workshop deals with the tangle of normative and prescriptive issues arising from classical and modern elite theory. It aims to assemble a dozen scholars who (i) work on one or more of the classical elite theorists; (ii) grapple with analytical problems of classical and/or modern elite theory in general and the theory of democratic elitism in particular; (iii) tackle questions about elitism and the place of social and political elites in contemporary political theory. Questions to be addressed might be: 1. Does the concept of political elite have a core meaning? How should we distinguish political elite, political leadership, political class, oligarchy, etc.? Should we follow Pareto and Mosca and speak of "ruling elites"? 2. Do we need concepts of elites and leadership in political theory, especially democratic theory? Are they desirable, necessary, inescapable? Do we need concepts of authoritarian elites and leadership in order to amplify the roles of elites and leaders in democratic politics? 3. Are elites threats to democracy or protectors of it? What does contemporary democratic theory say about this? 4. Can mainstream liberal, deliberative, aggregative and participative theories of democracy accommodate concepts of elites and leadership or are they antithetical to such theories? 5. Is there an irreconcilable difference between the classical elitism of Pareto et al. and the post-1945 democratic elitism of Schumpeter, Sartori, Przeworski and others? 6. How should we assess the now routine references to elites and elitism that punctuate today's politics and political commentary? Do they signal a resurgent belief that democratic institutions are, à la Pareto and his fellow theorists, mostly a façade for elite rule? The Workshop will consist of four sessions, each three and a half hours in duration. A maximum of 12 papers can be accommodated.

Language: English

Deadline: June 30, 2010

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(source: e-mail from the convenors)

Mathematical Tools for Social Scientists

Date: September 20 – 24, 2010

Site: Cologne, Germany

Organiser: GESIS – Leibniz-Institute for the Social Sciences

Topics: The course "Mathematical Tools for Social Sciences" is targeted at social scientists who want to gain an understanding of contemporary methods of quantitative data analysis, but for this purpose need to acquire an understanding of advanced mathematical notations and their implementation in statistical software – or, who intend to refresh their knowledge in these topics. That is, the course aims to familiarize with the mathematical tools of matrix algebra and statistical computation and their application using the software package *R*. The course will help in preparing for the more specialist courses like GESIS Spring Seminar and other programs for post-graduates, but will also benefit all researchers who just want to keep up with recent developments in research methodology. The course will be organized as a mix of theory presentations and a hands-on-workshop. Topics will be: Notation and algebra of vectors and matrices; Probability distributions and random numbers; Geometry of linear regression and principal components; Derivatives of matrix and vector functions; Numerical solution of (non-linear) equations.

Language: English

Fee: 240,00 €

Deadline: ongoing

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Transnational family making: children, young people and migration

Date: April 6-12, 2011

Site: Florence, Italy

Organiser: The European University Institute and Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, 12th Mediterranean Research Meeting

Topics: Whilst children and young people are often at the core of the migration flows toward EU countries ('on the move', 'left behind' or as main 'rationale' for migration), they do not always receive the proper academic interest. This workshop aims to explore the migratory experiences of families (including children and young people) and to examine how policy-makers and service-providers assist children and families in this process. The workshop aims to bridge the gap between otherwise separated scholarships on immigration and emigration, by exploring the understanding of migration from home and host societies.

Language: English

Deadline: July 15, 2010

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Call for papers

Summer Schools

International Summer School "Metropolitan Studies": What makes a city a city? - Berlin between urbanity, fragmentation and micro-topias

Date: August 16-26, 2010

Site: Berlin, Germany

Organiser: The International Office at Humboldt – University, Berlin and the Georg Simmel Center for Metropolitan Studies.

Topics: The Summer School 2010 wants to explore the phenomenon of "city-making" both in theory and in practice. The leitmotif of the two-week course will be the assumption that Berlin is not one city, but lots of cities constituted by various fragments, partly interwoven and partly polarised in its social, historical, political, economic and formal dimensions. Therein small spaces are marked as particular environments. From different academic perspectives, the summer school will introduce various concepts of city and we will get to know governing instruments as well as experience social and architectural realities. The focus of this undertaking is the particular structure of the city of Berlin and its new and less manifest demarcation lines more than twenty years after German reunification. With the participation of professors, researchers, and urban activists, the course will integrate different concepts of what makes a city a city. Readings, site visits as well as interviews with stakeholders will support lectures and debates.

Language: English

Fee: 500€ - Students, Postgraduates, PhD candidates

Deadline: July 16, 2010

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(source: Internet)

Energy Security in the Baltic Sea Region in the 21st Century

Date: September 1-13, 2010

Site: Berlin, Germany

Organiser: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Københavns Universitet

Topics: The summer school at the Humboldt University in Berlin will deal with both aspects of global energy security from a European perspective. On the one hand, Europe is, apart from a few exceptions, a continent lacking in raw materials; for this reason the reliability of supply is, to a great degree, dependent on imports from third world countries. On the other hand, Europe is one of the world's regions with the highest consumption of energy; a result is, therefore, the special responsibility Europe holds in protecting the global environment. Europe as an example provides an excellent opportunity to study how the challenges of the 21st century – stable supply and ecological sustainability – can be brought into harmony with each other. This can be pursued on the macro- as well as on the micro-level. Energy Security – Status and Perspectives in the Countries of Europe: Energy Politics of the European Union; Energy and Environment; Europe's Far North as a Test Case for Energy Security in the 21st Century; Sustainability as a Challenge for City Development, Consumers and Producers

Language: English

Fee: 150€

Deadline: June 15, 2010

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Conflict Resolution in the European Neighbourhood. The South Caucasus from Comparative Perspective

Date: September 13-18, 2010

Site: Tbilisi, Georgia

Organiser: The Institute for Development and Peace (INEF), the Institute of Political Science/Chair of International Relations and Development Policy and the Institute for European Studies at the Tbilisi State University

Topics: The summer school is geared towards young researchers of the South Caucasus as the future opinion-makers and decision-makers of the region. This group assumes a key role since they may take a mediating function between state institutions, international actors and societal organisations in the transformation processes and conflict management in the region. In order to support these processes the summer school offers the opportunity to acquire and discuss the newest findings of peace, conflict, transformation and European studies with international experts. Besides roundtable discussions and working groups, the programme includes interactive training such as scenario analysis. The improvement of methodical and presentation skills is also addressed. Altogether, the following four subject areas will be covered: Conflict and Conflict Transformation; The Caucasus and Europe; Europeanization and European Neighbourhood Policy; Methods of Social Science, with a special emphasis on comparative case studies.

Language: English

Deadline: June 13, 2010

Contact:

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Summer School "Identity, Innovation and Aging"

Date: September 19-26, 2010

Site: Castle Oppurg, Thuringia, Germany

Organiser: The Graduate School "Human Behaviour in Social & Economic Change" at the University of Jena

Topics: The Summer School aims at addressing three core concepts in Social and Economic Change: Identity; Innovation and Aging. Leading international experts from psychology, sociology and economics as well as the Graduate School's faculty will give talks on selected related topics. Interdisciplinary groups of PhD students, advised by guests, faculty and post-docs, will work on one of the three topics in order to broaden their scientific horizon. The Graduate School promotes an open access Summer School, for which students from outside the Graduate School may apply for participation.

Language: English

Fee: for Non-GSBC-members, there is a fee of 200 €. Travel to Jena has also to be covered by the participants and/or their home institution.

Deadline: July 31, 2010

Contact: Katharina Stöbel, Graduate School "Human Behaviour in Social & Economic Change" & Center for Applied Developmental Science, Friedrich-Schiller-University Jena, Am Steiger 3, Haus 1, D - 07743 Jena

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Call for papers Journals

Corvinus Journal of Sociology and Social Policy (CJSSP)

Place of publication: Budapest, Hungary

Type of publication: print and online

Published by/ edited by: Institute of Sociology and Social Policy of Corvinus University of Budapest

Topics: Corvinus Journal of Sociology and Social Policy (CJSSP), a peer-reviewed journal of the Institute of Sociology and Social Policy of Corvinus University of Budapest invites papers and reviews from sociology, social policy and related fields. The journal is open to new problems, unusual perspectives, explorations and explanations of social and economic behavior, local society, or supranational challenges. Prospective papers cover a wide range of relevant social issues and special emphasis is given to topics like economic sociology, social transformation in Central and Eastern Europe, transnationalization and European integration, social impacts of the ICT, etc. The editors prefer theoretically grounded empirical research, comparative findings, logical arguments and careful methodological solutions.

Deadline: September 15, 2010. Contributions could be submitted electronically at <http://cjssp.uni-corvinus.hu>

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The Summer 2010 Issue of the Caucasian Review of International Affairs

Place of publication: Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Type of publication: online

Publication date: August 2010

Published by/ edited by: The Centre for European Studies, Azerbaijan

Topics: CRIA is particularly interested in papers on the following topics: Regional topics: Nagorno-Karabakh conflict; Turkish-Armenian rapprochement; Separatist conflicts in Georgia; Nabucco gas pipeline; European Union and the South Caucasus; European Neighbourhood Policy; NATO and South Caucasus; Russian policy towards the South Caucasus; Obama Administration and the South Caucasus; Situation in the North Caucasus; Different faces of Sufi Islam in the present-day North Caucasus; Israel and Jews in the South Caucasus; Foreign policy of Azerbaijan; Azerbaijan's relations with the Islamic world; Relations between Azerbaijan and Georgia; Relations between Azerbaijan and Iran; Azerbaijani community of Iran; Islam in Azerbaijan; Islam in the Caucasus; Foreign policy of Armenia; Iran-Armenia relations; Legal status of the Caspian Sea; Turkey's foreign policy; Turkey's accession to the EU; Iran-Turkey relations; Iran's nuclear program; New Islamic directions in Central Asia: internal and external dimensions; Kyrgyzstan: End of Revolution? Global and regional powers in Central Asia; Energy security in Central Asia; Water security in Central Asia; Ukraine's foreign policy under the new president; Moldova's foreign policy; GUAM and its future; Armenian Diaspora and lobby in the US; US missile defence shield in Eastern Europe; International relations and general topics: Theory of International Relations; Problems of the Modern International Law; International Law and current world politics; International Court of Justice and the separatist conflicts; US foreign policy; Russia's foreign policy; China's foreign policy; Foreign policy challenges for the European Union.

Deadline: June 15, 2010

Contact:

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Internet: http://www.cria-online.org/Call_for_Papers.html

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Grants/Jobs/Internships

Soros Global Supplementary Grant Program

Institution/Organiser: Open Society Institute

Kind of support/work: fellow

Topics: The Open Society Institute's Network Scholarship Programs (NSP) is pleased to offer supplementary grants to students from select countries of Eastern and Central Europe, the former Soviet Union, and Mongolia. The purpose of the program is to enable qualified students to pursue doctoral studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences at accredited universities in Europe. GSGP will provide supplemental funding for one year of study. Recipients of GSGP grants will have the option to re-apply for an additional two awards after the first year of the original grant. Applicants seeking grant renewals must submit a new application for the year for which they are re-applying. The maximum number of years a recipient may hold a GSGP grant is three. Grantees applying for their second or third awards will compete with the general pool of applicants each year. A second or third grant is therefore not guaranteed. Grants will be awarded on the basis of academic record, merit of the proposed study, applicant's long-term goals, and financial need. Grants are provided to help cover costs in only one of the following 3 categories: tuition and university fees; living expenses (such as medical insurance, books, or other academic material); or *transportation costs* (travel to/from university, conferences, etc.)

Eligibility: The Global Supplementary Grant Program (GSGP) is available to citizens of the following: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. Only students who have been accepted into a full-time doctoral (Ph.D.) program at an accredited university are eligible to apply.

Deadline: Applications for GSGP Europe: June 10, 2010

Contact: Global Supplementary Grant Program – Europe, Open Society Foundation, Scholarship Programs, Cambridge House, 100 Cambridge Grove, London W6 0LE, United Kingdom

Candidates are strongly encouraged to apply online using the Online Application System:
<https://oas.soros.org/oas>

Internet: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/scholarship/focus_areas/global_supplementary/guidelines
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The Master's Degree Studies in Political Science

Institution/Organiser: Institute of Political Science, Warsaw

Kind of support/work: Master's Degree Studies

Duration: 2 years

Site: Warsaw, Poland

Topics: Master's Degree Studies in Political Science are addressed to persons with a Bachelor's degree awarded upon completion of a Bachelor's degree program (undergraduate studies) in Poland or elsewhere. They are second-cycle graduate studies. The graduates will acquire in the intellectual qualifications necessary for analysing political problems from an international perspective. Thanks to skill building activities provided during course, they will be well trained in the art of communication, negotiation and persuasion. The particular emphasis is placed on issues concerning the European integration as well as Poland and East Europe.

Eligibility: In order to apply for admission apart from fluent English candidates should meet one of the following conditions: hold the Bachelor's degree in any area of studies in Poland or elsewhere, hold the Master's degree in any area of studies, in Poland or elsewhere

Deadline: July 5, 2010

Contact: Sławomir Wosiński, Institute of Political Science, Master's Degree Studies in Political Science, Nowy Świat 67, 00-927 Warsaw, Poland

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Young Eastern European Fellowship

Institution/Organiser: Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: October 2010 - June 2011

Site: Potsdam, Berlin

Topics: This fellowship will provide young scholars from East Central Europe and the former Soviet Union with an opportunity to pursue individual research while participating in the academic life of one of 's major historical research centres. Founded in 1996, the ZZf covers a broad scope of Contemporary European History with five research departments: Communism and Society; Economic and Social Changes in the 20th Century; Changing Concepts of the Political; Regimes of the Social Sphere. Urban Society, Welfare State and Rationalization in the 20th Century; Contemporary History of the Media and Information Society.

Eligibility: Applicants must have at least postdoctoral status with a significant academic record. They are expected to pursue their own research.

Deadline: June 12, 2010

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