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**Mid-term conference of the Research Network on Ageing in Europe – ESA RN 1**

**Ageing in the light of crises:**

**Economic crisis, demographic change, and the search for meaning**

**Conference at Umea University, Sweden, October 3-5, 2012**

**Call for papers**

**Ageing is often discussed in the context of crises**, both at individual and at societal level. People might, for example, experience age-related physical decline or change in social role as crises. Public and academic discourses frame as ‘crises’ issues in volunteering, pension sustainability, or health care demand and supply in the context of aging societies. Discussion of economic crises and demographic change often portrays ageing as a struggle with dwindling resources. Even highlighting what are intended to be positive approaches, such as active or successful aging, has been criticized as a potential source of individual crises, namely for those who, for a variety of reasons, are not easily classified as “productive” or “active”. But are these various linkages between aging and crises justified? Do they foster solutions or do they cause new crises?

This conference brings together scholars from across Europe to discuss developments in ageing and old age. Such developments could, **for example**, relate to:

- Older workers, retirement, and pensions
- Formal and informal care arrangements
- Active and productive aging
- Social inequalities and poverty in old age
- Effect of population ageing on generational solidarity and welfare states
- Effects of the economic crisis and of globalization on life-courses
- Images, attitudes, coping-strategies and ageing.

We welcome quantitative, qualitative and conceptual papers. Contributions from scholars in the early stages of their careers are very welcome.

You can **submit your abstract** of max. 200 words until June 15, 2012 via the conference homepage <http://eventus.trippus.se/crisis2012>.

The **conference fee** is 2500 SEK. Members of the Research Network on Ageing in Europe receive a reduced fee of 2000 SEK. The fee includes the conference material, the welcome reception, the conference dinner, two lunches and refreshments on all three days.

**Keynote speakers** are Sara Arber (Surrey University, UK), Stefan Svallfors (Umea University, Sweden), Harald Kuenemund (University of Vechta, Germany), and Ricca Edmondson (National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland).

For more information, visit the conference homepage or email Kathrin Komp: [kathrin.komp@soc.umu.se](mailto:kathrin.komp@soc.umu.se).

The Mid-term conference of the Research Network on Ageing in Europe is organized in cooperation with the Department of Sociology at Umea University, Sweden, and the Swedish Gerontological Society.

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**ESA Research Network 4. Sociology of Children and Childhood  
Mid-term Symposium  
June 18-20, 2012  
University of Jyväskylä, Finland**

**Call for Papers  
Sociology of Childhood – Theorising Childhood**

The Research Network, Sociology of Children and Childhood hereby announces the mid-term symposium which will take place in Jyväskylä (Finland) from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2012. The organisation of the symposium will be undertaken at the University of Jyväskylä.

The focus of the symposium will be on **theorising childhood**. There are a growing number of empirical sociological and interdisciplinary studies of children in a wide variety of contexts where children live their lives. This has moved from school-based studies to those of children's everyday lives in their homes, playgrounds, online, as well as at schools and nurseries. The overarching approach of the social studies of childhood has been to perceive the actions of children in terms of children's own competences and this has led to a number of ground breaking insights into the worlds of children and their viewpoints and perspectives on matters that were traditionally deemed 'beyond children's understanding'. However, with a few very notable exceptions, theorising these aspects has not followed to the extent of other sociological fields.

Although the focus of the symposium is around theorising childhood the papers for the sessions do not have to deal with the overall theme but is **open to all core areas of the sociology of childhood**. We invite experienced and young researchers from various disciplines sensitive to the sociology of childhood to participate. Although a particular focus to presentations and discussions will centre on theorising, participants are welcome to discuss also their implications for interdisciplinary work on childhood. Presentations can be related to the following areas:

1. 'Sociological classics' (Marx, Durkheim, Weber) - do they still matter?
2. Other classical theories of childhood and generation, such as Mannheim
3. New directions in sociological theory, such as network theories, normalisation processes, or the approaches of thinkers, such as Bourdieu, Foucault, Luhmann, Bauman, amongst others
4. The concept of spatiality in theorising childhood
5. How are rights, inequalities and injustices in childhood theorised?
6. How are theorisations around gender and ethnicity applied to children?
7. What is the role of theory in interdisciplinary work?
8. What are the questions of cultural identity and citizenship for children?

Please note there will be a conference fee to cover services (lunch, drinks, etc.) the number of delegates will also be restricted to 30 to enable discussion. The papers will be selected according to relevance to the theme of the symposium.

**Instructions**

The abstracts must be written in English, be at most 400 words, and include 3-5 keywords. Please submit your abstract and full contact details as electronic files **no later than the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012**. Send the abstract to Tom Cockburn ([t.d.cockburn@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:t.d.cockburn@bradford.ac.uk)). The deadline for notification for abstracts is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

For further details on the symposium please contact Tom Cockburn ([t.d.cockburn@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:t.d.cockburn@bradford.ac.uk)) on +44 1274 233517.

**Call for contributions**

**The walk of shame**

**Science Publishers, Inc. Hauppauge, N.Y., USA <http://www.novapublishers.com>**

A book edited by Dr. Mira Moshe\* and Dr. Nicoleta Corbu\*\*

Due to be published in 2013

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**Argument**

The term "walk of shame" is deeply rooted in the idea that shame is a difficult emotion stemming from a feeling of inferiority or social discomfort, which causes a person to wish to disappear, become invisible, be "swallowed up by the earth". However, sometimes exactly at such a moment of disgrace, individuals are publicly exposed to the full extent of their misery and must walk "the walk of shame" witnessed by family, friends and acquaintances. Shame, considered by some to have genetic origins, is an integral part of social circumstances and settings in accordance with a set of values, patterns of thought and the individual's physiological makeup. Shame is the result of familial, social and media processes. Thus the walk of shame does not take place privately behind closed doors, but on city sidewalks, in the workplace, in newspaper columns and on television and computer screens. It is not surprising, then, to discover that the tremendous power of shame has expropriated it from the individual's control in the private sphere to the public sector, creating a collective punishing mechanism whose goal is to warn against undesirable behavior. Indeed, a person's public humiliation is a form of punishment, a negative sanction leading to disgrace, debasement and mortification. Such an act has a physical dimension as well as a media-based one. The physical damage involves negating a person's degree of freedom. The media-based damage involves widely publicizing the individual's disgrace. In both dimensions this damage creates a social imbalance in which individuals lose their former standing, i.e., their place in the public sphere prior to being subjected to the sanction of shame. Thus the person finds himself/herself in thrall to an external force (whether physical or

media-based) whose goal is to further specific interests. It is not surprising, then, that in ancient Greece Zeus dispatched Hermes to apportion to all human beings an equal amount of justice and shame, in order to facilitate their organization into societies and nations. In the thousands of years that have passed since then, people have transformed their sense of morality and shame into a tool with which to repress others and gather ever greater power (as is evident from Michel Foucault's writings on this topic in his book *The history of sexuality*).

However, in recent years we are witness to yet another phenomenon: the disgraced individual's attempt to change "the walk of shame" into the "walk of fame", from an act of humiliation to an act of glorification, from downgrade to upgrade. No longer a shameful crawl through back alleys, we now have a well-planned, carefully timed and rehearsed parade along the main thoroughfare of popular media. The marcher is transformed from a victim thrown to the lions to entertain the masses into a gladiator fighting for his life, placing his fate in the hands of readers and viewers.

As a result, the blurring of boundaries between the private and public spheres, following the expansion of celebrity culture and the proliferation of reality TV refugees, as well as the phenomenon of politicians chasing television screen time, has become multicultural and international. IT societies, as well as traditional cultures around the globe, are witness to well-known private and public figures, CEOs of financial organizations and companies side by side with high ranking political leaders, MPs and heads of state walking the walk of shame through newspapers headlines, paparazzi shots and of course prime-time television. Past struggles to achieve privacy, most commonly the morning after a night out at a bar, nightclub or party, have been replaced by a mass targeting of the public eye, while the victim simultaneously blames the media, and the public, for contributing to his or her degradation. Hence, this call for papers is targeted at original texts portraying current permutations (both qualitative and quantitative) of the walk of shame. These could include a wide range of multi-dimensional media phenomena focusing on political aspects, national discourse, financial crises, security leaks, sex scandals, embezzlement, treason and other kinds of cultural configurations.

### **Target Audience**

The target audience of this book would include professionals and researchers working in the field of social sciences, encompassing education, political science, information and communications sciences, etc.

### **Submission procedure**

**General guidelines:** All entries must be written in American English and typed in double-spaced Microsoft Word format (Times New Roman 12 pt. font). Texts in PDF format will not be accepted.

**Proposals:** Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit a 700-word chapter proposal which clearly outlines the mission and concerns of his/her proposed chapter. Each proposal should address one of the topics mentioned above. Proposals should be sent directly to the editors ([moshe.corbu@gmail.com](mailto:moshe.corbu@gmail.com)) by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. A separate cover sheet should be provided stating the name(s), institutional affiliation(s) and e-mail address(es) of the author(s). Authors whose proposals are accepted will be notified by March 15th, 2012.

**Completed chapters:** These should be submitted on or before June 15th, 2012. They should constitute high-quality original papers of a theoretical or empirical nature that shed light upon and engage with the topic of "The Walk of Shame". The submitted chapters should elaborate on the ideas and topics that were presented in contributors' proposals. Manuscripts should be prepared in strict accordance with the guidelines of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (5<sup>th</sup> Edition). They should be a maximum of 9,000 words in length (including references, tables, figures, appendices and endnotes).

Contributors whose articles are accepted for publication will be obliged to sign a document specifying the publisher's terms and conditions, as well as a copyright agreement.

The fact that an abstract is accepted does not guarantee publication of the final manuscript. All chapters submitted will be judged on the basis of a double-blind reviewing process.

## Timetable

January 31st, 2012: Deadline for proposal submission  
March 31st, 2012: Notification of acceptance  
June 30th, 2012: Full chapter submission  
September 30th, 2012: Return of review results  
October 31st, 2012: Submission of completed chapters

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## **'Beyond Globalization? 'The 2nd International Conference of the**

### **Romanian Sociological Society**

**(RSS) [www.societateasociologilor.ro/en/conferences/conference2012](http://www.societateasociologilor.ro/en/conferences/conference2012)**

Period and location: May 31 – June 3rd 2012, University of Bucharest, Romania

Keynote speakers: Michael Burawoy, University of California, Berkeley; Jean Claude-Kaufmann (René Descartes University – Paris V)

Submit abstract to:

[conference2012@societateasociologilor.ro](mailto:conference2012@societateasociologilor.ro)

Deadline: February 1st, 2012

Organizer: Romanian Sociological Society,

[www.societateasociologilor.ro](http://www.societateasociologilor.ro).

Languages: English, French and Romanian

During the last decades the societies West and East, North and South have changed in important ways. Much of the post 1970s sociology sought to understand neoliberalism, the transformation of the welfare state, globalization, deindustrialization and the rise of high-tech sector, digital revolution and the rise of network society, deregulation of the financial sector, social movements or the post-communist transition.

The two epochal events of the last decade - 9/11 and the global financial crisis, along with longer term trends such as rise of 'post-carbon' society, social movements, health pandemics, immigration issues are in the process of creating new state responses and new structural relations between various social actors.

This conference will attempt to take stock of the closing of a historical cycle, which has changed sociology in important ways during the last 30 years and to understand emerging structures, actors and networks in the 21st Century. The conference seeks to explore which trends of neoliberalism and globalization will fade away and which will persist after the global economic crisis and the possible end of Washington consensus. We seek papers that broadly engage such themes.

The contributions may, but are not required to engage with the conference theme. Possible themes are:

- Micro-macro link
- Sociological methodology and the digital revolution
- Changing role of the state
- New power technologies
- Agency and structure
- Humans and non-human social actors
- Migration, ethnicity and transnationalism
- Space and social process
- Youth cultures
- Population and family processes
- Politics and society-Military, violence and society
- Education, culture and social inequalities-Consumption, shopping and society
- Mass-media processes and actors
- Technologies of Mobility

- Social policies and risks
- Organizations, institutions and work
- Individual and society-Historical sociology
- Sociological methodologies

Please send an abstract of 150 words maximum to:[conference2012@societateasociologilor.ro](mailto:conference2012@societateasociologilor.ro)  
or use the conferenceweb-address [www.societateasociologilor.ro/en/conferences/conference2012\\_by  
February 1st 2012](http://www.societateasociologilor.ro/en/conferences/conference2012_by_February_1st_2012).

For any inquiries please contact us at the same address.

The conference will be hosted by the Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest.

[www.societateasociologilor.ro/en/conferences/conference2012](http://www.societateasociologilor.ro/en/conferences/conference2012)

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**Ministry of Education, Science, Youth and Sport of Ukraine  
Youth Association "EUROCLUB"  
Institute for sociology, psychology and management  
Drahomanov National Pedagogical University**

14 International Scientific Conference  
«YOUTH UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF NEW SOCIAL PERSPECTIVE»,  
March 20-21, 2012, Kyiv  
(PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF ADDRESS/VENUE)

If you would like your research paper to be published in a collection of conference materials please send the application to the Organizing Committee together with the formatted text of the report/paper, no later than **February 1, 2012**.

**CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS**

Youth Association "EUROCLUB"; Institute for sociology, psychology and management of The Drahomanov National Pedagogical University

**CONFERENCE PANELS**

1. European Union - transformation process in Europe.
2. Youth subculture: the values and practices.
3. Self-actualization of personality at the turn of the century.
4. Young people in today's information environment.
5. Current issues of the young entrepreneurs.
6. Youth for the healthy nation.
7. Social inclusion of persons with special needs
8. Gender equality: creating the modern outlook.
9. Mobile social work with youth: optimizing the model.
10. Scientific inquiries.

**SCIENTIFIC REPORT FORMATTING**

Scientific reports of up to 10 pages should be attached to the application; font Times New Roman 12, spacing 1,5. Margins: left - 2,5 cm, right - 1 cm, upper – 2 cm, bottom - 2cm.

Before the text of the report, in the upper middle section of the sheet, indicate the panel you would like to participate; next line – the title of the report in capitals; third line – name of the author(s), institution where work/study and email address.

When writing the report please include the following aspects: scientific problem that is being researched, description of research methodology; indicate the main results and conclusions that will be presented and justified in the report.

Student reports must be **signed by supervising professor**.

Application together with report must be submitted to Organizers no later than February 1, 2012. Materials that fail to meet the requirements or submitted after the deadline will not be included in the conference agenda.

#### CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

Application should be submitted together with the report and have the following data: full name; full name of the institution; postal address, phone number, email; scientific degree or year of study (for students); title of the report; the panel you would like to participate.

#### ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

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**Call for papers: Emotions, Rationalities and Dynamics: uncertainties in crisis**  
**Dead line: December, 31**  
**Submissions at [www.aps.pt](http://www.aps.pt)**

The Research Committee *Sociology of Emotions (ST11)* is an initiative of a group of social sciences' researchers focusing on the growing complexity of the social world, and the multiple dimensions acting upon and/or influenced by social actors.

Our goal is to understand not only how emotions frame social action and interaction, but also, how the actor develops bonds to social and cultural structures and how these frame emotions.

The **6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Portuguese Sociological Association under the theme *Society, Crisis and Reconfigurations*, to be held between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2012, in Porto**, will gather researchers interested in discussing the role of social emotions in processes of social changes, specifically in the analysis of the economic and financial crisis, emergent social movements, reconfiguration of social institutions as well as how social actors experience these changes and act upon them.

It is our pleasure to invite you to submit (an) abstract(s) of your work on *Emotions, Rationalities and Dynamics: uncertainties in crisis*, specifically, but not exclusively, to the following topics:

- Juridical and social normativity: the unpredictability of social action and interaction in contexts of crisis;
- Observing social emotions: How to identify and measure;
- Emotions and violence: exploring emotional dimensions associated with violent contexts including gender violence;
- Economic crisis: rationalities and the emergence of new emotional processes;
- Emotions and new social movements: the inputs of sociology of emotions to the explanation and understanding of emerging social movements.

Co-ordinators:  
Jack Barbalet  
Manuel Lisboa  
Ana Roque Dantas

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Conference announcement and Call for Papers:

*International Conference: Intersectionality and the Spaces of Belonging*

28-29 June 2012  
Bangor University, UK

**Keynote Speakers:**

**Prof. Nira Yuval-Davis**, Director of the Research Centre on Migration, Refugees and Belonging, University of East London, UK

<http://www.uel.ac.uk/lss/staff/nirayuval-davis/>

Nira Yuval-Davis will speak on the subject of her recent book, *The Politics of Belonging. Intersectional Contestations*.

**Prof. Jie-Hyun Lim**, Director of the Research Institute of Comparative History and Culture, Hanyang University, Seoul, Korea/ Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin

<http://www.rich.ac/eng/institute/lim.php>

Jie-Hyun Lim will speak on his current research project, 'A transnational history of victimhood nationalism: national mourning and global accountability'.

**Dr Gurminder K. Bhambra**, Director of the Social Theory Centre, University of Warwick, UK

- <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/sociology/staff/academicstaff/bhambra/gurminderkbhambra/>

Gurminder K. Bhambra will speak on her current research on early African-American sociologists and their conceptions of identity, inequality, and social theory.

**Overview:**

Current debates on gender, nation, sexuality, religion and other categories of social divisions and belonging often address the relations between these categories with the term 'intersectionality': intersecting in an infinite variety of ways, each of these categories helps construct all the others. What we are, what we suffer, what we belong to, or what we long to be, is multifaceted and contradictory. Our longings, or aversions, are related to our belongings in but complicated and ambiguous ways, and what social group or category we belong to does not determine our political or cultural values, goals or dreams. And yet: the former inform the latter, if only to the extent that we do not wish to remain tomorrow what we are today. Nor do our positionings, situatedness and belongings simply add up to an 'identity' (a being so and not other) – as if my hold of 'ethnicity no. 7' plus 'gender no. 2' plus 'citizenship in state no. 11' *etcetera* could ever equate to exactly what 'I am': 'citizenship in state no. 11' does not mean the same depending on whether I am of this or that sex, or sexuality, or age, or ethnicity. These intersections complicate, perhaps thwart, any efforts to ground the cultural and political projects, coalitions, emancipation that we long for in the spaces (physical, virtual, rhetorical) we belong to.

The organisers welcome critical contributions on all aspects of 'spaces of belonging' under the perspective of the concept of intersectionality. Theoretically informed contributions from scholars in all disciplines in the social sciences and humanities, broadly conceived, are invited, as well as from social and community activists or artists.

Key themes of interest to the conference include, but are in no way limited to:

- Citizenship, cultural and state membership
- Nation, race, ethnicity, nationality
- Indigeneity
- Diasporas
- Religion
- Cosmopolitanism and human rights

- Longing and the non-space of utopia
- Majority-minority relations
- Class and belonging
- Sex, gender and sexuality
- Standpoints, dialogues and politics of recognition
- Virtual spaces of belonging
- Belonging, feeling, intimacy
- Belonging and equality
- Age-spaces and ability-spaces

**Abstract Submission:**

Please submit, by **January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012**, a proposal of between 300-500 words, including title and references, prepared for blind review, alongside a brief biographical note (max. 100 words), in separate electronic files to [\*\*berg@bangor.ac.uk\*\*](mailto:berg@bangor.ac.uk)

**Contacts for questions:**

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Dr. Robin Mann	<a href="mailto:r.mann@bangor.ac.uk"><u>r.mann@bangor.ac.uk</u></a>

A conference website containing programme and registration details will be launched in January 2012.

The conference is sponsored by the *Belonging and Ethnicity Research Group (BERG)*, the *Bangor University School of Social Sciences* and the *Wales Institute of Social and Economic Research Data and Methods (WISERD)*.

**Department of Sociology of Borderland of the Institute of Sociology, University of Wrocław  
and  
The Wrocław Branch of the Polish Sociological Association  
invite to participate in the international scientific conference**

**"POLISH NEIGHBOURHOODS – THE CZECH REPUBLIC"  
that is to be held 19–20.04.2012 in Wrocław.**

Although neighbourhoods are temporal phenomenon, one cannot but note that they set the social reality in order. Neighbours may not always be noticeable, yet they always are bearers of some emotional load. According to Richard Grathoff, "neighbours manifest themselves in a peculiar situation of intersubjectivity as the closest Others beyond the scope of the milieu. They delimit the milieu's borders and borderlands".

In November 1989, alongside the collapse of the Berlin wall, the process of the Polish contemporary neighbourhoods was initiated and it lasted until 1st January 1993. Thus for a few years (2009–2013) we are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the emergence of the Poland's seven new bordering states. This fact seems to entitle us for a deeper reflection, oriented mostly to social questions, over the two decades of these neighbourhoods functioning. A series of international scientific conferences is meant to make it happen, the first of which, regarding the Polish-Lithuanian neighbourhood, took place in 2011 (the book is forthcoming), while the second one is to be devoted to the Polish-Czech neighbourhood.

The vast material on the Polish borderlands – these bridges between the two states and their societies – that was able to be collected by the social researchers, makes one presume that the reflection on the Polish neighbourhoods will not be less fruitful. At the same time we hope that these findings will be welcomed not only by the Polish scientists, but also by the Lithuanian ones.

We would like to direct the problems of the conference to a wide group of scientists, but also journalists as well as other experts and representatives of the institutions dealing with the present, i.e. after 1989, face of the Polish-Czech neighbourhood seen through the prism of the social issues. Our ambition is to gather these people at the same time and site so that they could present their papers and exchange opinions. We plan that the meeting will be followed by a volume of reviewed articles. The organisers suggest that the papers presented relate to the following questions:

The organisers of the conference suggest that the papers presented relate to the following questions:

- social problems in the Polish-Czech transborderland;
- a social dimension of the Polish-Czech cooperation;
- the Poles' situation in Lithuania and the Lithuanians' situation in Poland;
- Poland and Poles' image in the Czech Republic as well as the Czech Republic's and Czechs' image in Poland;
- the Polish-Czech neighbourhood and the idea of Central Europe;
- the Polish plots in the Czech (and the Czech plots in the Polish) literature, art and film.

The conference is under the auspices of: Prof Zbigniew Kurcz  
Conference organisers: PhD Julita Makaro, PhD Marcin Dębicki  
Operating languages: Polish, English

Conference fee is **350 PLN (80–90 EUR)**, depending on the exchange rate) or **300 PLN (65–75 EUR)** for PhD students, and it includes: meals (19<sup>th</sup> April – dinner, the supper; 20<sup>th</sup> April – dinner), drinks during the conference, a night walk about Wrocław with a guide (18<sup>th</sup> April, i.e. the day before the conference). We plan to release the volume of the reviewed articles. The organisers are not instrumental in the obtention of accommodation.

The titles of the papers and abstracts (up to 1000 signs) need to be sent by **31st December 2011** to:  
Instytut Socjologii Uniwersytetu Wrocławskiego, ul. Koszarowa 3, 51-149 Wrocław  
or by e-mail at: [sasiedztwa@wp.pl](mailto:sasiedztwa@wp.pl)

We will let you know about the acceptance of the paper by **15th January 2012**. Application forms and other information about the conference can be found at <http://www.sociologia.uni.wroc.pl> then go for the column "AKTUALNOŚCI" and please open up the item "konferencja SAŚIEDZTWA III RP – CZECHY" (with the English version inside).

The conference fee should be directed to the bank account:  
Wydział Nauk Społecznych Uniwersytetu Wrocławskiego  
ul. Koszarowa 3, 51-149 Wrocław

**in PLN** – BZ WBK S.A. 4 O/Wrocław, ul. Kuźnicza 17/19, 50-950 Wrocław  
no.: 09 1090 2503 0000 0001 1110 6022

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## OPPORTUNITIES

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### ESRC DTC SCHOLARSHIPS

#### APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN.

The School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, University of Kent, is part of the ESRC South East Doctoral Training Centre (with Royal Holloway, Reading and Surrey) and invites applications from well qualified candidates who wish to study for a PhD in any relevant subject in either the Sociology or the Social Policy/Social Work pathways. Application forms are available on the School website <http://www.kent.ac.uk/sspsr/postgraduate/feesandfunds.html>

Ranking as one of the best UK centres of excellence in social science since research league tables began, every graduate student in SSPSSR benefits from a world class research culture, individually tailored supervision teams and research methods training opportunities. In addition to being part of the South East ESRC Doctoral Training Centre, we were in 2011 awarded a prestigious EU erasmus mundus graduate programme. With academic and professional seminar series, workshops, transferrable skills training, Advanced Fieldwork Groups, Advanced Study and Writing Scholarships, a dedicated Graduate School, and with the opportunity to work with dozens of internationally renowned academics, we provide a academic environment dedicated to helping our students realise their potential. As a signal of our commitment we will also be offering a number of School and University Scholarships to study with us for a PhD

Applicants for Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) studentships are expected to have an Upper Second or First Class undergraduate degree in a social science or related subject, or a Masters degree.

Studentships are available full-time for 3 years or 4 years, or part-time for 5 years:

3 year (+3) awards are for candidates who already have an ESRC-recognised Masters degree or a similar level of research methods training or experience 4 year (1+3) awards are for students to undertake the MSc in Social Research Methods or the MSc Criminology, Criminal Justice and Social Research followed by a 3 year PhD 5 year (part-time) awards are for candidates who wish to combine doctoral training with employment or other commitments.

Proposals are encouraged in any of the areas in which the School has expertise.

DTC studentships are worth £13,590 per annum (2011-12) and do not attract income tax or national insurance. EU nationals are eligible for DTC studentships if they have been resident in the UK for the preceding 3 years. For full details, see the ESRC's DTC guidance notes.

To apply for a DTC studentship in SSPSSR, you must complete the South East DTC application form by Friday 10th February 2012 (and have your referees send their references to us by that same deadline). Potential applicants should contact the School well ahead of that deadline to discuss their research proposal with possible supervisors. If you are unsure of possible supervisors, visit the Staff Expertise pages at <http://www.kent.ac.uk/sspsr/staff/index.html>

Applications should be sent to [K.Glezakou@kent.ac.uk](mailto:K.Glezakou@kent.ac.uk) by 4pm Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2012

Full details available shortly on

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