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Mid-term Conference 2012
European Sociological Association
RN03 BIOGRAPHICAL PERSPECTIVES ON EUROPEAN SOCIETIES
University of Lodz,
14th and 15th September 2012
Biographical Research: emotion, ethics & performative praxis
Call for Papers

Theoretical and methodological discussions in RN03 over recent years have focused upon: theoretical and applied biographical approaches; creative and innovative methodologies in biographical research such as sensory and visual approaches; memory and methodologies; with strong interest in applied biographical research too. The mid-term conference 2012 will examine questions of experience [emotion and ethics] and practice/performativity within these major areas of biographical research.

Biographical research is concerned most centrally with emotion and a number of members are currently concerned with issues of ethics and the application of biographical research to social policy as well as interventions in practice. RN03 mid-term conference 2012 will be held at the University of Lodz, September 14th and 15th 2012.

The mid-term conference in Lodz is planned in a format where RN03 members can take part in more in-depth discussions on the theme of *emotion, ethics and per formative praxis in biographical research*. The intention is to create space to allow for greater discussion and participatory exchange and for papers to stimulate discussion and reflection.

Papers are invited on the following themes and we welcome suggestions for further themes:

- Theme 1. Biography and Emotion
- Theme 2. Biography and Ethics
- Theme 3. Theorising biographical research at the intersections of emotion and ethics
- Theme 4. Visual and Performative methodologies: ethics, emotion and praxis
- Theme 5. Applying biographical research: interventions in policy and practice

Call for papers deadline: 30th April 2012

Abstracts

We invite colleagues from different countries and different disciplines of the social sciences to submit abstracts until **30th April 2012**. Please send your abstracts to:
europaebiographies.conference@durham.ac.uk

Expressions of interest for **research workshops** are welcome, with reference to the topic of the conference. **Poster presentations** and other forms of presentation are also welcome.

Book Launch: *The Evolution of European Identities: Biographical Approaches* edited by Robert Miller and published by Palgrave.

Conference Fee: Includes conference registration, lunches, refreshments and conference dinner: 50 Euros regular, 30 Euros for ESA members. Concession for PhD students.

Conference venue: Institute of Sociology, University of Lodz, Poland.

Registration/Accommodation: Registration will be available from May 2012 and up to June 30th 2012.

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CALL FOR PAPERS – Joint Conferences IREC 2012/ ESA RN 17

Challenges for Public and Private Sector

Industrial Relations and Unions

in times of Crisis and Austerity

September 5-7, 2012

CIES-ISCTE/IUL, Lisbon, Portugal

We are pleased to announce that in 2012 the annual **Industrial Relations in Europe Conference** (IREC) and the mid-term conference of the ESA Research Network “**Work, Employment and Industrial Relations**” (RN 17) will be jointly organized as back to back and complementary events at ISCTE-IUL in Lisbon, Portugal from September 5-7.

The IREC-ESA/RN 17 2012 joint-conference will consist of various plenary and track sessions focusing on the impacts of crisis and austerity upon the institutions and actors of European industrial relations systems in both the private and public sectors and the methodological issues involved in their study. We are interested in discussing the concrete impact of the crisis upon industrial relations systems in Europe and the comparative and methodological implications of these transformations. We are especially interested in highlighting the differential impacts of austerity upon public sector employment relations as well as the transformations within the private sector and the new links between labour and other social and political movements.

Call for Papers: IREC 2012/ESA RN 17

It is inevitable that the greatest recession in the post-war period will have tangible effects in the realm of employment relations at all levels. These effects are already visible in the world and in the concerns of many researchers in the field of industrial relations. The EU faces the double challenge of the international and European crisis and competition with emergent economies, in particular China. This has triggered policies promoting further deregulation of labour relations, in particular regarding wage policy, and consequently attempts to limit the autonomy of collective bargaining. There is an almost universal trend towards ‘lean’ public services and administration, accelerating recent tendencies towards New Public Management, bringing about significant transformations of employment relations in the public sector. However, while the initial target of current austerity measures is the welfare state and its pre-existing standards of labour relations, the crisis of the financial system has provided incentives and justification for more general transformations of industrial relations. This reality has been particularly strong in the ‘peripheral’ countries of the Euro (the ‘PIGS’), but has spilled over across Europe as a whole.

These significant and qualitatively new challenges to the institutions and actors of European industrial relations systems in both the private and public sectors will be the central focus of this year’s IREC conference.

- What is the concrete impact of the crisis upon industrial relations systems in Europe, and what are the comparative implications of these transformations?
- What are the differential impacts of austerity upon private and public sector employment and labour relations?
- To what extent have the crises accelerated transformations already in progress in European industrial relations, and to what extent have they spawned qualitatively new challenges?

- Have the crises accentuated the complex trends towards both convergence and divergence across European industrial relations?
- How are unions and employers' associations in the private and public sectors facing up to the varied challenges of current transformations?
- Are new forms of social movements and collective action around labour issues emerging in these crises? If so, which; and what, if any, are the emergent relationships between old and new forms of collective action?

We invite both junior and senior researchers in the diverse fields of industrial relations to submit high quality and innovative papers for presentation on these and other themes:

1. Industrial Relations and the Global Crisis of Capitalism: Issues in Theory and Research
2. Industrial relations and Unions in Public Employment
3. Changing forms of Industrial Relations Governance in the Private Sector
4. Survival or Renewal of Collective Bargaining and Social Dialogue in the Crisis
5. Trade Union Decline or Revitalization
6. Trade Unionism and Social and Political Movements
7. Industrial relations and the Attacks upon the Welfare State: What's left of the European Social Model?
8. European Works Councils and Trade Union Coordination in Europe

Research in the field of work, employment and industrial relations has to a significant extent been based upon a *methodological nationalism* where the nation state is taken as the dominant unit of analysis for understanding processes and outcomes. Nevertheless, the global, international and trans-national nature of the present economic crisis presents decisive challenges to such a methodology. If our understanding of work, employment and industrial relations is bound to nation states, how can we adequately analyze the trans-national phenomena peculiar to the current global economic crisis?

Following upon the thematic focus of the IREC, the ESA RN 17 seeks to deepen and advance debate regarding the advantages and disadvantages of "old" and "new" methodological approaches to the study of the transformation of work, employment and industrial relations. We therefore welcome papers representing different methodological angles that address current issues such as the following themes and questions:

Methodological crises in times of economic crisis?

1. Labour markets: segmentation and social inequalities
2. Restructuring and work organisation and workplace labour relations
3. Perspectives for the European social model and Europeanisation
4. Migration and its the impact on social policy and social exclusion
5. Industrial conflict and labour disputes: a comeback in times of the crisis?

We expect to receive theoretical and empirical (both qualitative and quantitative) papers. As in previous conferences, cross-national papers are especially welcome.

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The conferences will be hosted at ISCTE-Lisbon University Institute by the Centro de Investigação e de Estudos em Sociologia.

Paper proposals:

We are accepting abstracts of 250 words. Please seek to address the issues of the streams for the conferences and the proposal should indicate the appropriate stream.

Paper submissions and queries should be addressed to

IREC-RN17-2012.cies@iscte.pt or through the on-line submission process at

<http://conferencias.cies.iscte.pt/index.php/IREC2012/irec2012>

Deadlines:

April 30 > submission of abstract proposals

May 30 > acceptance of papers

June 15 > early registration and payment

August 1 > submission of papers

The 7th Interim Meeting ESA RN19 Sociology of Professions

University of Helsinki, Finland, 24-26 May 2012.

"Professions and Social Inequalities"

Local organisers: Elianne Riska and Sirpa Wrede

This interim meeting will focus on the complex processes of social change that are affecting the professions, with a special emphasis on the study of new social divisions. Globalization reaffirms and reshapes social divisions in society, creating a wider array of different logics used in ordering people in a hierarchical way. The increasing global movements of people often come to serve as a basis for hierarchies in labour markets, organisations and institutions. While new categories such as migrancy and ethnic minority position need to be considered in the analysis of professions and social inequality, attention to social class and gender has to be maintained. Intersectional approaches enable contextualised analyses and could promote new knowledge about the complex globalised dynamics of social inequality under the conditions of globalisation.

We invite papers that explore the role of professions in the social regulation of the new social inequality and how professions or professional systems themselves are changing under such conditions. This includes analyses of new and changing intersections between professional work and diverse forms of management and issues concerning leadership in professional organisations. Furthermore, papers that examine issues related to the professions' regulation of social inequality at the micro level are of special interest.

We invite papers addressing these and other issues related to changes in professionalism and professional groups either in a single country or occupation or in a comparative perspective. We especially encourage submissions from PhD students. The deadline for submitting an abstract of no more than 200 words is 30 November 2011. Abstracts are to be emailed to elianne.riska@helsinki.fi and sirpa.wrede@helsinki.fi. Please use message subject "Interim".

Curiosity and serendipity – a conference on qualitative methods in the social sciences

ESA Research Network 20 Midterm Conference, 20-21 September 2012, Lund, Sweden

Call for papers

Qualitative research today is firmly established in sociology and other social science disciplines. The sheer quantity of published work and 'method talk' about qualitative research is impressive. Yet even so, however precise the articulations of methodological techniques or criteria, they do not seem to suffice. New ways of analysing and theorizing also develop from exciting findings, surprising experiences in the field, or even the subtle metamorphoses of a given research project during its methodological journey.

The European Sociological Association's Research Network for Qualitative Methods (ESA RN20) welcomes you to a conference on the theme curiosity and serendipity. The aim is to further develop qualitative research as well as to encourage the momentum among qualitative researchers.

Keynote speakers are Paul Atkinson, Jaber F. Gubrium, Margarethe Kusenbach, Donileen Loseke, Thomas Luckmann, David Silverman and Malin Åkerström (see <http://www.esamidterm2012.se/invited-speakers/>).

You can submit your abstract via the website <http://www.esamidterm2012.se/>

Deadline for abstract submission: March 1.
Decision on accepted abstract: During April.
Registration will open February 1.
Deadline for earlybird registration: May 15.

Sessions: Archiving qualitative data, Comparative qualitative research, Contemporary ethnography, Discourse analysis, Ethical issues in qualitative research,
Ethnomethodology and conversation analysis, Gender in qualitative research, Making qualitative analysis credible, Narrative analysis, Qualitative criminology, Qualitative methods for the analysis of social problems, Qualitative methods for visual data, Qualitative research in intimate settings, Qualitative research in medical settings, Qualitative studies in service and commercial fields, Teaching qualitative methods, Volunteered papers: unspecified sessions.

Registration will be open from 1 February to 15 August 2012.

Prices (inc. VAT)

- Postgraduate research student: SEK 1900 (approx. €200)
- Early bird (until 15 May): SEK 2300 (approx. €250)
- Regular SEK 3300 (approx. €350)
- Conference dinner (20 Sept.) SEK 300 (approx. €32)

The conference fee includes all events (4 keynote speeches, 15 sessions, MTA-session) a welcome reception on the Wednesday night (19 September), and lunch, beverages, coffee, etc. on both days (20–21 September). The price of the conference dinner is heavily subsidized.

Local organizing committee:

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Research Network 33, Women's and Gender Studies

Mid-term conference at LUMSA University Rome (Italy)

15th and 16th of November 2012 Gender, Justice and Tradition

Until more or less one decade ago, sociological theory understood secularization as the process by which the spheres of social life were emptied of religion. In the Western world, modernity and secularization fostered a society based on humanism and democracy, thus more open to women's rights and recognizing the importance of women's role in the public sphere. In the last decades, gender studies have challenged the idea that modernity is the result of the workings of a neutral subject, but they have not opposed secularization theory. It is understood that modernity and secularization have championed women's emancipation. Gender justice, i.e., the norm of universal respect embodied in a gendered identity, disputes neutral justice but basically accepts the neutrality of the public sphere. It is guaranteed by liberal traditions that no oppression of women can be justified in the name of any religious tradition. European secularism, however, in some cases goes far beyond this critique and discriminates against forms of religious everyday-life practice of celebrating, praying and dressing which can also be understood as forms of gendered "domestic religion". We want to discuss –among others- whether this gender blindness in liberal theory leads to a necessary rethinking of contemporary responses to cultural and religious diversity.

In more recent years, sociological theory has tried to reshape diversity with the notion of "multiple modernities". In different countries and communities, modernity comes with a variety of cultural agendas which are very pluralistic. The RN33 midterm Conference will debate these topics from a

theoretical and empirical standpoint. We are interested in understanding if and how women and men actually experience and live traditions; how they perceive themselves and define their social and gender identities as part of secular or religious communities. We want to grasp if, when and how they re-inscribe identities within communities and when and how they oppose these communities in order to obtain more freedom and a greater degree of emancipation.

Topics of the parallel sessions (list to be completed in due time).

- From Tradition to Modernity: Young Women's Transitional Lives in Europe.
- Multiple Modernities, Multiple Masculinities?
- Gender and Social Belonging: Between Modernity and Tradition
- Experiences of Injustice and Subalternity as Sources of the Demand for Gender Justice
- Migration, Traditionality and Gender Justice

Abstract Format and Submission

Abstracts should be about 300 words, with title, email address and authors name(s) and affiliation(s). Send them to Consuelo Corradi (e-mail: corradic@tin.it) and Ursula Apitzsch (e-mail: apitzsch@soz.uni-frankfurt.de) and Marie-Thérèse Letablier marie-therese.letablier@univ-paris1.fr

Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline: April 15, 2012
 Notification of acceptance: June, 1st, 2012
 Deadline for Registration: June 30, 2012

Conference Fees

Fees for the conference will be kept at a minimum (estimated at 40 Euro for students, 50 Euros for other ESA members to 70 euros for NON ESA participants). The conference fee will include the conference dinner and the coffee breaks Detailed information will be communicated by the Organising Committee in due time.

Organising Committee

Ursula Apitzsch and Marie-Thérèse Letablier (Co-Chairs, ESA RN 33), with Consuelo Corradi and Donatella Pacelli (LUMSA)

Proposed Timetable of the Conference

Thursday Nov. 15, 2012		Friday Nov 16, 2012	
2.30 pm	On-site registration starts		
3 pm approx.	Welcoming Address and introduction by Consuelo Corradi, LUMSA, and Ursula Apitzsch, Chair RN 33	9 am to 1pm 3.30 to 5 pm 5 to 6 pm	Parallel sessions
4.00 pm	Coffee break		
4.30 pm to 6.00 pm	Plenary Session (speakers to be decided)		RN 33 Business meeting
8.00 pm	Conference Dinner	12.00-13.30 pm	Election of Chair and new Board

CONFERENCES/CALLS FOR PAPERS

The Identities and Modernities in Europe (IME) project, funded by the European Commission under the 7th Programme Framework, is holding a public discussion event on 29th February 2012 at European Commission Representation in Belgium, Rue Archimede 73, 1000 Brussels.

The IME consortium has captured the current state of European identities and found what we call 'moments of European identities'. The major findings from IME research, including various manifestations of European identities, their relationship to social cohesion, higher education, cultural diplomacy, will be discussed at this event 'Who needs European identities today?'

Please register at

<http://identityandmodernities.eventbrite.com/>

All enquiries to Dr Atsuko Ichijo (a.ichijo@kingston.ac.uk)

The 'Identities and Modernities in Europe' (IME) project, funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme, is holding its final conference on Wednesday 28th March 2012.

IME Final Conference 'Identities and Modernities in Europe'

Wednesday, 28 March 2012

Royal Kingston Suite, Antoinette Hotel, Kingston

1. The place of Religion in education; Discussant: Simon Barrow (Ekklesia)
2. Bologna Process as modernisation and Europeanisation
3. Opposition to Europe
4. Catching up with Europe; Discussant: Dr Radu Cinpoes
5. Crisis of representation
6. Methodological reflection; Discussant: Dr Lyudmila Nurse (ENRI-East)
7. Insights from ENRI-East – Dr Lyudmila Nurse
8. 'Cultural and legal logics of religion and secularization in Europe' - Dr Prakash Shah (RELIGARE, Queen Mary, University of London)

There is no registration fee but registration is essential due to the limited number of places. To register, please visit <http://imefinalconference.eventbrite.com/>. Enquiries to Dr Atsuko Ichijo (a.ichijo@kingston.ac.uk)

CALL FOR PAPERS
First announcement
WCSA World Complexity Science Academy
www.wcsaglobal.org
IIIConference
MAPPING SYSTEMIC KNOWLEDGE
November 18th-19th, 2012 Vienna, Austria
Hotel Am Konzerthaus
Am Heumarkt 35-37, 1030 Vienna

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The focus of this conference is on the epistemological, theoretical, methodological, technical and practical contributions that the systemic approach has made to disciplinary and interdisciplinare perspectives (sociology, management, engineering, biology, economics, mathematics, statistics, etc.), which are rooted in the systemic approach itself, and which have developed theories and methods and which concern the complexity of these perspectives.

The aim of the conference then is to letter different strands, trends, methods, and case studies of the systemic vision to emerge also drawing a net of venues in the world where the systemic thinking is strong and/or growing.

The official language of the conference is English, and the conference is divided into four panels, two panels per day, with each panel lasting about 3 hours.
Panel speakers are limited to 10 minutes for their presentations and 10 minutes for a roundtable debate of their presentations with the chairperson and the public.

The conference is divided into four panels:

- I Systemic Theories
- II Systemic Paradigms
- III Systemic Methodologies and Techniques
- IV Systemic Applied Research and Case Studies

Conference Proceedings:

Submission of an abstract with a minimum of 300 and maximum of 500 words

Abstract submission Deadline: April 2, 2012

Feedback on abstract from the CPC: April 30, 2012

Announcement of the Official Conference Program: before July 31, 2012

Speakers registration by payment of Conference Registration Fee: before October 10, 2012

Conference Registration Fees - in euro - for the speakers

WCSA Member Senior 60
WCSA Member Junior 40
Not WCSA Member Senior 100
Not WCSA Member Junior 70

Registration before September 1, 2012

WCSA Member Senior 50
WCSA Member Junior 30
Not WCSA Member Senior 85
Not WCSA Member Junior 60
Junior means aged under 30, senior means aged 30 or over

Abstract must be sent by email to profpitasi@gmail.com, and the subject of the email must be: WCSA 2012

Each abstract should include the speaker(s) first and last name, associated academic/institutional entity (for example: University of Vienna), academic/institutional rank (for example: assistant professor) and contact information (email, phone number, webpage, fax number and postal address)

Abstract submission Deadline: April 2, 2012

In cases of a co-authored submissions, please specify the principal speaker who will also serve as contact. Please note, if this is not specified, the submitted co-authored abstract will not be considered.

Post Conference Publication Proceedings

Shortly after the conference, the CPC will call on the speakers to send a copy of the full version of the paper they delivered at the conference. the deadline for the speakers to submit their full papers for consideration will be January 31, 2013.

Call for papers

One-day Conference Associations and Science Lisbon, 11th June 2012

Scientific associations are among the most under-studied subjects in the sociology of science. Although being part of the array of institutions that participate in the Mode 2 production of knowledge, their role in contemporary science is seldom discussed. Scientific societies, professional associations, non-profit organisations devoted to promoting public understanding of science, there is a multitude of associations, some new, some centuries old, some national, some international, that can fit the label of scientific associations. Their involvement in issues such as the development of scientific disciplines, scientific publication, research ethics, policy advice, career advancement, or knowledge dissemination needs to be addressed.

This one-day conference aims discuss the final results of a research project concerning scientific associations but also to give an opportunity for other researchers to present their work in this and other connected areas. Papers from an historical, sociological, or anthropological (or other sciences) perspective are welcome. Please send an abstract (200 words max) until the 20th of March to ana.delicado@ics.ul.pt.

Project SOSCI Scientific Societies in Contemporary Science, PTDC/CS-ECS/101592/2008
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<http://www.socsci.ics.ul.pt/english>

ECSR/EQUALSOC Conference: Economic change, Equality of life and Social cohesion, September 24-26, 2012 Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden

Call for papers

Submission deadline: April 15, 2012

ESCR and EQUALSOC network invite abstract submissions for their first joint inter disciplinary conference to be held in September 24-26 in Stockholm. The theme of the conference is "Economic change, Equality of life and Social cohesion". The central emphasis is on cross-national and cross-temporal research on issues such as inequality, mobility, the changing patterns of work and family formation and the increasing role of multiculturalism. The analysis of how change in such respects influences the conditions for women and men, social classes and ethnic groups is particularly important.

Besides plenary lectures by specially invited keynote speakers the conference offers a possibility to present papers in parallel sessions on a wide range of topics:

- I) *Employment and Labour market research:*
- II) *Patterns of family formation, marital dissolution and gendered division of housework:*
- III) *The intersection between family and work:*
- IV) *The dynamics of poverty, deprivation and economic vulnerability:*
- V) *Social stratification and intergenerational transmission of inequality:*
- VI) *Social and cultural differentiations: contextual effects on social inequality:*
- VII) *Welfare states, civic society, trust and social cohesion*

In addition to regular paper sessions, we plan to host a poster session. We encourage registrants to express an interest in participating in this poster session.

Paper and poster submissions should consist of an abstract of 300 words maximum. Please submit abstracts via email as an attached word or pdf-file to: magnus.nermo@sofi.su.se

About the organizers

The European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR) promotes sociological research in Europe, in particular by encouraging co-operation between research centres. Membership is open to research institutes and University Departments in all European countries. ECSR organises yearly conferences, annual workshops for graduate students, and an annual Graduate School. The European Sociological Review is the official journal of the Consortium. More information available on the website <http://www.rug.nl/soc/ecsr>

Equalsoc is a collaboration between 13 European Institutes rooted in a Network of Excellence funded under the 6th Framework Programme of the European Commission. The network mobilizes and develops research expertise from Economics, Social policy, Sociology and Political Science across Europe, and bridges European research on income inequality, employment, social mobility, educational inequality, social trust and associability, family, social networks, and social-cultural inequalities. The network is co-organiser of the ECSR/Equalsoc annual Summer School in Trento, and a Methodology workshop in Oxford. More information available on the website <http://www.equalsoc.org>

ENERGY & SOCIETY

The conference will be held at the Instituto de Ciências Sociais (University of Lisbon), Lisbon, Portugal, on March 22-24, 2012.

Contemporary challenges of climate change, increased global energy demand and depletion of hydrocarbon resources have placed energy issues at the centre of political debate. In this context, it is timely and urgent to address social aspects of energy consumption and production. Yet, to date the social sciences have been slow to respond in addressing the range of important questions and issues regarding energy. This conference aims to bring together the state-of-the-art research and thinking in this area, providing insights that may contribute to a better understanding of these questions.

Bringing together scholars from Europe and elsewhere that are interested and/or currently working on social aspects of energy issues, this conference intends to promote the formal constitution of the international network "**Energy and Society**" founded in 2010 by researchers in this emerging field of study. The conference also intends to provide an opportunity for researchers to connect with others interested in international research and collaboration in this area.

The event will feature a keynote speech by the distinguished Prof. Harold Wilhite, from the University of Oslo. In addition to thematic panels of regular paper presentations, the program will include a session for debating the development of the role of social sciences in this field. The conference will also include a general meeting of the Network Energy & Society.

Abstract submission was open until November 20, 2011. Notifications of acceptance took place in December 2011. Authors from 24 countries submitted 116 abstracts to the conference.

Interested participants are invited to register by sending an e-mail to ana.horta@ics.ul.pt. The registration deadline for presenters is January 31, 2012. Participants simply attending the conference may register until March 19.

All participants will be required to pay a registration fee. The fee includes conference materials, participation certificate, lunch at the second day and coffee breaks. There will be an optional conference dinner on the second day.

Conference fees:

Registration until January 31: 30 euros

Registration after January 31: 50 euros

ESA members (registered until January 31): 25 euros

ESA members (registered after January 31): 40 euros

Optional conference dinner on the second day (registration until March 22): 20 euros

Venue:

The conference will take place on the Instituto de Ciências Sociais, in the campus of the University of Lisbon, located close to the city centre. Click here to see how to get to ICS: <http://www.ics.ul.pt/instituto/?ctmid=5&mnid=1&ln=e&mm=2>

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Campbell Collaboration Colloquium Copenhagen 2012

We are pleased to announce that the 12th Annual Colloquium of the Campbell Collaboration will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The Colloquium is the Campbell Collaboration's main annual event, held this year May 29-31 2012. The three days will be devoted to systematic reviews in the fields of social welfare, education, criminal & justice and international development. Each year, the Colloquium attracts researchers from around the world who are interested in systematic reviews of social interventions. This year's program features a wide variety of well-known plenary speakers, beginning and advanced training in systematic review methods by leading experts in the field, and detailed presentations of Campbell Collaboration systematic reviews.

For more information about the plenary speakers, the training sessions, and of course how to register visit our website: <http://www.sfi.dk/ccc2012>

Important dates

15. March: Closure of early bird registration

29-31. May: Colloquium is held in Copenhagen

Contact

If you have any questions regarding the Colloquium do not hesitate to contact us.

E-mail: colloquium@sfi.dk

Chair of Sociology of Culture and Szczecin division of the Polish Sociological Association invite for the Second International Conference:

**„Nations, Regions, Organizations – Cultures of Trust”,
22-23 October 2012 in Szczecin**

The intensification of social life in a globalizing world uncovers the growth in the deficit of trust, fundamental reconstruction of the mechanisms of creating the culture of trust. In order to analyse this field the research among the students of five postcommunist countries was conducted (over 5 thousands of respondents). During the conference the results of the research will be discussed, as well as the differences between partners of the project in interpretation of them – representatives of various national sociological schools.

In order to discover new ways of constructing social trust social practices will be analysed in which the trust is manifested.

The conference will be accompanied by Workshops (within the frames of the project – Social Trust – Between Knowledge and Practices) to make a review of new perspectives for the development of the theory and practice of social trust.

The conference will focus on the analysis of the role of nations, regions and organizations in building the culture of trust as a key element of social capital, seeking the possibilities of associating various interpretations in contemporary and in the contemporary – postmodern, postindustrial, network and risk society. Moreover we suggest the following topics:

- Differences in national cultures of trust – methodology of analysis
- Archetypes and modernity in the culture of trust
- Mediation in communication and trust
- Cultures of trust in risk society
- Glocalization and the renaissance of regional cultures of trust
- Correlations of social stratification and construction of trust areas

- Trust in economic, social, political crisis situation.
- Influence of knowledge on management and the development of networks of trust
- Migrations and deconstruction of social trust
- Trust and intimacy and dignity
- Alterglobalization organizations as creators of particular cultures of trust
- Global culture of trust as a useful utopy
- Social and artistic interventions in public space and trust

Important dates and deadlines:

15 June 2012 – registration forms with abstracts

30 June 2012 – organizers' information about the acceptance of the paper

15 July 2012 – deadline for payment of conference fee

30 November 2012 – deadline for sending the paper to be published (provided the reviewer's decision is positive)

Registration form and any other information available at: <http://www.us.szc.pl/nro>

Please transfer the conference fee to:

Uniwersytet Szczeciński
al. Papieża Jana Pawła II 22a
70-453 Szczecin

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CALL FOR PAPERS

No 1 SOCIOLOGÍA HISTÓRICA (HISTORICAL SOCIOLOGY).

"THE ARAB SPRING"

From the Editorial Board of the new journal of social sciences, Sociología histórica (SH), we call for articles for our first monographic number that will be devoted to analyze the processes of social change that are taking place in Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Libya, Syria and other countries of the region, in other words, what is being called "the Arab Spring" or "the Arab Awakening" from January 2011 on.

Sociología histórica is a new scientific journal that tries to recover the historical dimension for sociological studies and understands sociology as a science that looks after processes of social change first and foremost, that is to say, has a fundamental temporal dimension. Furthermore, Sociología histórica upholds theoretical, methodological and narrative pluralism in social scientific research.

Selection criteria for articles:

1. We are seeking both case and comparative studies.

2. We aim to receive appropriate studies for the journal identity, with historical perspective, directed toward hypothesis about how revolutionary episodes (where they took or are taking place) have been growing in the fullness of time; toward the social, political and intellectual roots of protest, mobilization and political change.

3. We pursue articles with theoretical depth. The journal will publish the studies that intend to apply and contrast sociological theories with the analyzed processes of social change: sociological theories

of revolution, theories of collective action, processes of democratization, ?Waves? of democratization, theories of political contention, and so on.

4. We are interested in articles offering analyses from different approaches and stressing the importance of different aspects:
processes of economic modernization, secularization, sociology of religion, processes of intellectual and literary change, political sociology, military sociology, etc.

5. Abstracts and proposals must be submitted by February 29 2012.
Proposals must be brief and explaining if they are focused on a case study or a comparative study, which case or cases, what theoretical perspective they will take and what hypothesis they aim to confirm or refute.

6. For those selected proposals, due date for final submissions (in Microsoft Word or OpenOffice) is June 30, 2012. Editorial management will be made through the journal website (<http://revistas.um.es/sh/index>), authors must be registered and follow the website indications for sending the manuscripts. Articles will go through a standard blind peer review process as a requirement for publication in the first issue of Sociología Histórica to appear in 2012.

7. Articles in Spanish, English, French and Portuguese are welcome.
Articles will be published in their original language and translated into Spanish.

8. Submissions should be sent electronically to (rsh@um.es) with the subject line: SH First Issue Submission. Questions about appropriate topics and methodology should be directed to the Editorial Board or the Editor of the journal (rsh@um.es)

The Editorial Board of Sociología Histórica <http://revistas.um.es/sh/index>

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Acta Universitatis Sapientiae

Social Analysis

Call for Papers

The Editorial Board of the **Acta Universitatis Sapientiae Social Analysis** invites manuscript submissions for the journal's third issue to be published in July, 2012.

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

In accordance with the above determination, the third issue of the journal welcomes theoretical discussions, empirical studies, research notes and book reviews which investigate issues of social

change and development, cultural reconfiguration and associated discourses in the context of East-Central Europe and its regions.

Contributors are kindly asked to submit their manuscripts for the third issue electronically, to the e-mail address acta-social@acta.sapientia.ro, by **April 10, 2012**.

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

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

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

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OPPORTUNITIES

Fully Funded PhD Studentship – Department of Sociology, University of Leicester

The Department of Sociology is seeking applicants for a 3 year full-time funded studentship (covering fees and stipend) leading to a PhD. The studentship is for full-time study only and the successful applicant will be expected to commence their studies in September 2012 or as soon as possible thereafter. UK/EU Applicants only.

Research Areas: We are particularly interested in applicants who wish to work in the areas of [Civil Society](#) and/or [Wellbeing and Health](#), though those with other interests are strongly encouraged to apply.

Entry Requirements: Applicants must have a good first degree and have completed, or be due to complete by October 2012, a Masters degree in Sociology or related social science subject.

Closing Date for Applications: March 16th 2012

For further information and how to apply:
<http://www2.le.ac.uk/study/research/funding/sociology>

Contact for Informal Enquiries: Professor Ellen Annandale eca7@le.ac.uk

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 may apply for support to access the EUROLAB for maximum one month between September 2012 and December 2012. GESIS covers travel costs (economy class, up to 500 Euro) and accommodation. **The deadline for applications is 15th of April 2012.** An international selection panel will evaluate the applications on a competitive basis. The applications will be assessed depending on the on scientific merit.

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, 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 (data, including data with restricted access, library, 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/en/institute/competence-centers/european-data-laboratory>.

Accepting applications

MSc in European Employment Studies Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy, Trinity College Dublin

The MSc in European Employment Studies at Trinity College Dublin's Employment Research Centre is the fruit of collaboration between Trinity, one of Europe's leading research universities, and the Economic and Social Research Institute, a policy oriented research institute of international repute.

Unique in Europe, this new and vibrant MSc fills a gap in postgraduate training in one of the most dynamic and relevant areas of policy: employment. Ireland, a country, which has experienced extreme shifts in employment and changes in socio-economic governance, provides a stimulating context for the in-depth study of employment in Europe.

Our aim is to provide students with the knowledge and qualification to compete for jobs in local, national and international employment focused organisations, including government departments and agencies, vocational training organisations, trade unions, employer associations, think tanks, EuroFound, the ILO and the OECD.

The course begins in September each year and consists of mandatory modules covering the development and regulation of work and employment in Europe as well as courses in research design and methods. Additionally, students can choose from a variety of elective modules on specific topics. Modules include:

- Work and employment in Europe
- Work, skills and education
- Inequality and discrimination in the workplace
- Industrial relations and employment policy in Europe
- Employment policy in Ireland
- Active labour market policies in Europe
- Management of labour migration
- Social research methods
- Designing research in employment studies
- Applied regression analysis

For further information on the programme and how to apply please consult:

<http://www.tcd.ie/ERC/MSc/index.php>

For informal enquiries please contact:

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GESIS - Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences offers a new research methods training opportunity:

The 1st GESIS Summer School in Survey Methodology www.gesis.org/summerschool

This event is designed for doctoral students and junior researchers who wish to conduct their own survey, improve their understanding of the generation and quality of existing survey data, or engage in methodological research. It will take place from August 9 to 25, 2012 at the University of Cologne, Germany.

The programme includes refresher courses, main courses around 10 themes, a stimulating evening as well as a social programme. The main course themes are:

1. Questionnaire Design
2. Complex Survey Sampling
3. Measurement, Interview and Data Quality

4. Mail Surveys
5. Web Surveys
6. Mixed Methods
7. Vignette Analysis
8. Nonresponse
9. Cross-National Comparative Surveys
10. Translation and Harmonisation in Cross-National Surveys

Online application has started, so please go to our website for further information, a pdf brochure, and access to the application system. Also check out our facebook page!