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**1<sup>st</sup> Balkans Forum of Social Sciences (BFSS)  
(the founding meeting)**

**"Sociology and Social Sciences in Balkans: Experiences, Problems and Challenges"**

**Tirana-Albania  
22 November 2011**

**(parallel with the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Albanian Institute of Sociology)**

Based on the initiatives and with the support of International Sociological Association (ISA), and with the personal encouragement of Prof. Michael BURAWOY, President of ISA;

based on the Memorandum of Understanding of European Sociological Association and National Associations (Paris, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010), that "... It is important to create a Social Science Forum where scientists could bring together researchers and policy makers with the aim of exchanging ideas that might be crucial in the difficult moments in which we are living";

regarding the need for a Balkans integration in the European perspective, and the specific problems of Western Balkan Countries in the difficult road to democracy, progress, and EU integration;

regarding the need for the developing of sociology and other social sciences, and increasing the impact of social sciences in the progress of Balkan Countries;

considering the associations of sociologists and other social scholars, the faculties of social sciences and the departments of these sciences as key actors for research and innovation in Balkans;

considering the leading role of ESA and ISA for the developing sociology and social sciences in Balkans region;

Albanian Institute of Sociology (i.e. Albanian Sociological Association), regular and collective member of International Sociological Association (ISA) and European Sociological Association (ESA) invites:

the representatives of National Associations of sociologists and other social scholars from Balkan countries;

the representatives of Social Sciences Faculties and respective Departments of the Universities of Balkan Countries, and ;

Social scholars of Balkan countries;

to the (founding) **1<sup>st</sup> Balkans Forum of Social Sciences (BFSS)**, which will take place from 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2011 in Tirana-Albania.

**The aim of BFSS is:**

- Promoting National Associations (NAs) of Sociology and other social sciences in Balkans;  
- institutionalization of the cooperation between NAs, sociologists and other social scholars of Balkan region;

- helping the development of sociology and other social sciences in this region;

- stressing the disciplinary identity and the intellectual tradition of sociology and other social sciences;

- improving communication among sociologists and other social scholars of Balkan countries;

- providing a more substantial cooperation between associations, institutions and networks of Balkan countries;

- making social sciences more visible to policy makers of Balkans countries;

- identifying the common problems of Balkans countries and developing supra-national research networks;

- changing information, studies, databases as well as scholars and students;

**the methods of work:**

- establishing a permanent cooperation between the existing National Sociologic Associations, promoting the creation of national sociological associations in the other Balkans countries, and promoting their membership in ESA and ISA;

- establishing a permanent cooperation between the existing Faculties and Departments of Social Sciences of the universities of Balkan Countries;
- organizing each year of "The Balkans Forum of Social Sciences"; by turn in each country;
- having spaces in journals, newsletters, websites etc., for advertising the activities of each other;

All this have to be part of a Memorandum of Understanding which will be signed in the founding meeting.

Note: a group with the representatives of each Balkan country can function as a 'Committee of BFSS', with an elected President of BFSS (rotation system; from one to next Forum);

**The invited countries (in alphabetic order):**

[Albania](#); [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#); [Bulgaria](#); [Croatia](#); [Greece](#); FYROM; Kosovo; [Montenegro](#); [Romania](#); [Serbia](#); [Slovenia](#); [Turkey](#);

**Place and time:** Tirana-Albania, 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2011;

**Deadline for the registration:** 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2011

**Note:** There is no fee of participation

**On behalf of Organizing Committee:**

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**Changing Images of Ageing – International Perspectives for a Future-Oriented Policy on Senior Citizens and Generations**

**12 December 2011 in Berlin, Germany**

Successful policies for all generations need to be based on reliable knowledge about the living conditions of those involved. The German Government Reports on the Elderly provide such a foundation, notably the latest and sixth report with its focus on images of ageing. At the conference, high ranking experts from various fields and countries will discuss the instruments and themes of reporting on matters related to the elderly. Special attention will be paid to the role of images of ageing in the working environment and on consumer markets.

We would like to cordially invite you to this conference. You can download the conference programme (German/English) and register for the conference on the following website:

[www.konferenz-altersbilder.de/konferenz-altersbilder.html?&L=1](http://www.konferenz-altersbilder.de/konferenz-altersbilder.html?&L=1)

The website provides additional information on the conference as well as on the German Government Reports on the Elderly.

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## Call for Abstracts

### Institutional Ethnography A New International Sociological Association Thematic Group

In 2011 the International Sociological Association established Institutional Ethnography as a thematic group (TG06), and now it solicits abstracts for our inaugural sessions that will be held in conjunction with the ISA Forum of Sociology in **Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 1-4, 2012**. Sessions are being organized on the following topics:

- Puzzles and Challenges in Institutional Ethnography Research
- The Social Organization of Knowledge
- New Directions in Institutional Ethnography Research
- Researching and Working in the Community
- Transnational Ruling Relations
- Social Justice and Institutional Ethnography

Descriptions of the Thematic Group on Institutional Ethnography (TG06) and these sessions can be found online by going to <http://www.isa-sociology.org/tg06.htm>. Click on "Call for Papers" to read the session descriptions and [ISA website platform](#) to submit an abstract electronically. The deadline for submissions is December 15, 2011. For membership in the Thematic Group go to [http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb\\_i/](http://www.isa-sociology.org/memb_i/).

Institutional ethnography is an alternative sociology founded by Dorothy E. Smith that examines social relations and social institutions from the standpoint of the experiences of particular, active subjects. It is distinct from other sociological modes of investigation in that it is not under the direction or conceptual control of any sociological theory; rather, inquiry begins in and remains in the social world in which we live. The aims of institutional ethnography investigations are threefold. The first is to discover how it is that day in and day out we put together our social world, including how our local everyday activities are linked to and coordinated by social relations that are not entirely visible from any one location. The second aim is to develop new ways of discovering ruling relations that are consistent with the materialist social ontology of institutional ethnography. The third aim is to build knowledge of institutional processes in general. This work involves an examination of studies done in varied institutional settings and drawing out those relations and social processes that are commonly found across institutions. Throughout institutional ethnography investigations, however, the focus is on the material world: what people are doing, with whom they are doing it, and the conditions under which their activities are carried out. Institutional ethnography investigations are not limited to any specific substantive area of research or professional practice.

For more information about the Thematic Group on Institutional Ethnography, contact its President, Alison I. Griffith, York University, Canada, at [agriffith@edu.yorku.ca](mailto:agriffith@edu.yorku.ca).

For information about the sessions at the Forum of Sociology, contact the Programme Coordinator, Paul C. Luken, University of West Georgia, USA, at [pluken@westga.edu](mailto:pluken@westga.edu).

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## Call for papers

### IPSA Madrid: Territorial Interests and Policy Communities

July 8 to 12, 2012

We strongly invite you to submit an abstract to the Panel on Territorial Interests and Policy Communities. The aim of this panel is to discuss papers analysing the configuration of territorial

interests and the formation of territorial policy communities. This involves bringing together the literature in regionalism and in public policy studies.

Please find detailed information on the Panel in the following link:

<http://www.ipso.org/my-ipso/events/madrid2012/panel/territorial-interests-and-policy-communities-1>

Prof. Michael Keating (University of Aberdeen) and Iván Medina (Autonomous University of Barcelona)

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Living together 'in' diversity. National societies in the multicultural age

Central European University, Budapest, 21-22 May 2012

#### INTRODUCTION

Contemporary European societies have been recently characterized as having entered the age of 'super-diversity'. Migratory flows in particular have contributed to this transformation, due to the heterogeneous ethno-cultural, and religious background of present migrants, as well as their social status, age, and mobility patterns. Among the effects this transformation has brought about is the increased challenge posed to the constitutive principle of the nation-state, i.e., the assumption that identity (nation) and politics (state) can and should be mutually constituent and spatially congruent. Thus, unsurprisingly, many states have started perceiving diversity as a 'problem', potentially threatening national unity, while anti-immigration and xenophobic attitudes have experienced a rapid surge.

Existing scholarship has offered insightful critical analyses of this 'backlash against diversity', documenting the rise of repressive state measures designed to limit access of new migrants to the national territory and citizenship. Other scholars have instead moved away from the idea of the nation-state, proposing either post-national solutions, which decouple the cultural (nation) from the political (state), or transnational paradigms, which implicitly discard the focus on the nation-state as not only obsolete but also politically questionable. Yet, despite important insights from this scholarship, social and political life continues to remain largely structured by discourses, resources and institutions articulated at the national scale.

#### AIM

It is therefore the aim of the proposed conference to explore how 'living together in diversity' is imagined, narrated, organized, justified, and practiced within contemporary national societies. With the stress on 'in' rather than 'with' diversity we want to move away from reifying the dominant 'majority' society perspective, which assumes diversity as something 'carried' solely by immigrants and something that the 'native' society has to cope with. Some of the questions that we are interested in are:

- What makes multicultural societies circumscribed by state borders cohere together?
- What are the ways in which the nation becomes re-signified to accommodate the ethno-cultural diversity of its populace?
- How do migrants position themselves in national narratives and political structures?
- What alternative modes and models of belonging are at work within present national societies?
- In which ways does the national continue to feature as a site of attachment?
- Is it necessary to have some form of common identification at the national scale to have functioning states in the first place?

Although we acknowledge that these questions are inescapably normative in character, we particularly welcome empirically-informed work. The privileged level of analysis we are interested in is the national

scale, but papers focusing on sub-national and supra-national scales can also be welcomed inasmuch as they can offer insights regarding how living together in diversity works at the national scale. Regionally, the conference will focus on Europe, but contributions discussing other geographical contexts are also welcomed.

## DEADLINES

All potential participants are invited to submit an abstract (250-300 words) to Tatiana Matejskova ([MatejskovaT@ceu.hu](mailto:MatejskovaT@ceu.hu)) by December 31st, 2011. By January 31st, 2012 participants will be informed about the acceptance of their papers. Confirmation of participation and payment of the conference fee will be due on February 28th, 2012. The conference fee of 60 Euros will cover refreshments, lunches and conference materials.

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

One of the most immediate outcomes of the conference is the publication of a selection of papers in form of both an edited book with a major publishing company and a special issue to be submitted to a leading cross-disciplinary international journal. On the longer term, the conference also aims to consolidate the collaboration among the participants in form of a cross-disciplinary research network, which might lead to collective research projects to be funded by the EU and other external bodies.

## LOCAL INFORMATION

The Central European University is located in the historic centre of Budapest (Nador utca, 9 – 1051 Budapest). Accommodation will be available at several hotels in the vicinity of the CEU at a discount price (e.g. 50-80 Euros/night for a 3\* hotel; 60-110 Euros/night for a 4\* hotel, for single rooms). Cheaper accommodation can also be available at the CEU dormitory (single and double rooms available). Budapest can be reached, among others, by train (<http://www.mav.hu/english/index.php>) and air (<http://www.bud.hu/english>). Participants might also consider Vienna's airport, which is connected to Budapest by bus and train (travelling time about 3 hours).

## SPONSORSHIP

The Conference is sponsored by the following CEU departments and academic units:

- Department of International Relations and European Studies
- Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- Nationalism Studies Program
- Center for Policy Studies
- Center for Environment and Security

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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**ISORECEA** in cooperation with “**Petre Andrei**” University of Iași

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**10<sup>th</sup> ISORECEA conference**

**RELIGION AND POWER RELATIONS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

**Iași, Romania, April 19-21, 2012**

Religious changes in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) have been studied extensively during the past twenty years from different points of view, such as: the revitalization of religion, new social and political roles of religion, the position of different religions in society, (re)secularization as a part of modernization, and the Europeanization process of former communist societies, religions and values, etc. However, there is a challenge to rethink religious changes in connection with the concept of power, which has been increasingly employed as an explorative concept in the social sciences. The role of religion in individual life or, more importantly, the meaning and use of religion by individuals is difficult to understand without relation to the concept of power. Religion can also inspire social processes, but the modern social arena is crowded with different agents, different positions, interests and strategies of acting, and the different networks inside which they operate. Some fundamental questions are: “What are the positions of different religious communities within modern social arenas?”, “How do various social and political powers (mis)use religions?”, and “How do religions mis(use) their power?”.

The Conference organizers invite you to address such questions and propose your paper in line with the Conference title, particularly in relation to **the following subthemes**:

- Religion and empowerment
- Religion and power: institutional vs. individual perspectives
- Power in relation to majority and minority religions
- Religion, power, and gender
- Religion, power and well-being
- Democratization, the restructuring of power, and religiosity in CEE
- Religion and secular power
- Religious practice among different confessional traditions
- State control and religions in CEE

Please submit a **250-300 words abstract** of your presentation to the e-mail: [isorecea2012@gmail.com](mailto:isorecea2012@gmail.com) by **November 15, 2011**. If you are interested in another topics related to the study of religion in CEE, we encourage you to organize a session/panel. In this case, please submit a **200-300 words proposal** to the same email address.

### Key dates

Submission of proposals – November 15, 2011  
Notification of acceptance – December 15, 2011  
Registration for the conference – January 15, 2012  
Final programme – February 15, 2012

### Fees

Please, note that in order to present a paper you need to be a member of ISORECEA for the years **2012-2013**. The amount of membership fees for two years and conference fees is as follows (in EURO):

<u>List of Countries*</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
Membership fee	60	40	20
Conference fee (including membership fee)	140 (of which 60 is the membership fee)	100 (of which 40 is the membership fee)	60 (of which 20 is the membership fee)
Conference fee for non-members**	160	120	80
Conference fee (including membership fee for students and unemployed)	50 (of which 20 is the membership fee)	30 (of which 12 is the membership fee)	20 (of which 8 is the membership fee)
Conference fee for non-members students and unemployed**	80	60	40
Retired	50% (each category)		
Conference fee paid on the spot	25% higher (each category)		

\* This is according to the Table of Economies used by the International Sociological Association:

[http://www.isa-sociology.org/table\\_c.htm](http://www.isa-sociology.org/table_c.htm)

\*\* This refers to those who do not present a paper.

Those ISORECEA members who are willing to present a paper at the Iași conference and have their membership fee paid for 2011-2012 will need to pay half of the listed membership amounts, in order to have their membership fee paid also for 2013.

Payment details (account number, etc.) as well as the information about accommodation and conference venue will be given in the second half of December. In case of any earlier questions, please send a message to: [isorecea2012@gmail.com](mailto:isorecea2012@gmail.com). For any further information about ISORECEA please visit the website: <http://www.isorecea.net/> or contact Dorota Hall, General Secretary: [dhall@ifispan.waw.pl](mailto:dhall@ifispan.waw.pl).

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## VII PORTUGUESE SOCIOLOGICAL CONGRESS - JUNE 2012

### SOCIETY, CRISIS AND SOCIAL RECONFIGURATIONS

#### 1ST CALL FOR PAPERS

Within the contemporary world, especially on the last decades, social change processes with unprecedented extents are marching on. Portuguese society is not an exception to that pattern, marked by intensity, volatility and, in many cases, with difficult enlightenment. Notwithstanding enduring and immobility should not be neglected.

The so called financial crises, highly covered and with a large impact worldwide but also at a national, regional and local, exposes and dazzles the existence of deep reconfiguration processes at the core of primordial social institutions; education, work, family, justice, economy and science. But this crisis is, after all, a total social phenomenon, necessary to shed light on through an acute sociological reflection, aiming towards surpassing clues in a emancipator way. Borrowing from Michael Burawoy, the President of the International Sociological Association and first key speaker of the VII Portuguese Sociological Congress, this congress's main appeal should be the recognition of the sociological science as a critic yet constructive interpellation towards society.

The Scientific community is, nowadays, facing a high stake risk: to let its analytical autonomy walk lamely hence subscribing aprioristic and conventional assumptions from the common sense or embrace its design of understanding and explaining the complex social reality, not as a supportive narrative but manly as critical and constructive one.

For more than 25 years, Portuguese sociologists have been present at the Portuguese Sociological Association Congresses, contributing for the gathering of irrefutable scientific quality, long side with high participation levels and always undertaking its ethical and professional responsibilities facing the collective.

The VII Portuguese Sociological Congress, taking place at Oporto University during the 20 and 23 of June of 2012, enrolls in the described scientific and civil tradition giving the opportunity to demonstrate the communities' vitality and the exercise of sociological reflection regarding deep societal changes.

Accordingly, this will be the first congress that focuses on the organizational dynamic of the Association's Thematic Groups (similar to Research Committees). Therefore the multiple working sessions will be organized, when possible, by the Thematic Groups, created between 2008 and 2011 but also contemplating other thematic areas hallowed in previous congresses. Depending on the presentation of a proposal by the associates, other working groups can be created.

**All information regarding registration for the VII Portuguese Sociological Congress can be found at the APS site at: <http://www.aps.pt>**

**We invite you to submit a paper/abstract.**

Please be aware about the deadlines.

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#### Call for Abstracts

##### **RC14 Main theme: Justice and Democracy in the Contemporary Culture**

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**RC14 (Sociology of Communication, Knowledge and Culture)** is entitled to organize 14 sessions and proposes 13 scientific sessions ( six in English, two in French, and in five in Spanish in order to

permit the scientific expression in the three official ISA languages) and a session for a Business Meeting; RC14 also participates in 3 joint sessions. More precisely, the proposed topics handle with RC14 interests in accordance with the Forum main topic: Social Justice and Democratization.

#### **A) RC 14 Sessions in English**

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Due to economic, political, social and technological transformations the communicative system of the “globalized” society is of big importance in framing concepts and ideas ; the media are the forum of social representations, discourses and narrations and an important host of the contemporary ideas and myths (including ideas of democracy and justice –or injustice), expressing the characteristics of the contemporary culture.

Attention will be given to issues such as the relationship between culture (consumer culture) and market (which transforms art into business and often usurps creative freedom), the role of cultural industries and of new media as well as the “construction” of the contemporary knowledge (in a sense “technically diverted”). An interesting issue to investigate, concerns the subjectivity of the individual actor involved in the constitution of social justice.

What are the epistemological challenges to be faced by Sociology, in the sense of rethinking the concepts of “justice” and “democracy” in the contemporary culture(s)?

Indicative topics for the sessions in English are the following:

- 1) "Media, Cultural Diversity and Identity Transformations in a Global World**
- 2) “New Media, Democracy and Social Justice**
- 3) “Cultural industries”, New Media and Art in the Global World**
- 4) Consumer culture and social issues**
- 5) Knowledge, social theory and post-colonialism: rethinking the meanings of social justice and democratization** (chair: R. Horiguchi, Kinki University, Japan, [ryoichi.horiguchi@gmail.com](mailto:ryoichi.horiguchi@gmail.com))
- 6) Phenomenology of Social Justice** (chairs: J. Dreher, Konstanz, Germany, H. Santos, Pontifícia Universidade do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, [hermilio@pucrs.br](mailto:hermilio@pucrs.br), D. López Buenos Aires, Argentina)

#### **B) RC14 Sessions in French (7+8)**

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**Les imaginaires de la démocratie dans une modernité en mutation: images, textes, supports.**

La démocratie est un sujet complexe: à l' âge contemporain il ne s'agit plus de « la démocratie » mais d'une multitude d'imaginaires démocratiques; la démocratie est en question et sa forme, résulte plus par les suggestions des médias que par les définitions normatives.

Les sessions en français proposent des analyses de discours politiques, sociaux, (médiatiques et ordinaires) concernant la « démocratisation » ainsi que les « histoires » (storytellings) des médias, révélant l'imaginaire contemporain autour des notions telles que la démocratie et la justice.

#### **C) RC 14 Sessions in Spanish**

(Coordinators: Elias Said Hung, – Universidad del Norte (Colombia) [saide@uninorte.edu.co](mailto:saide@uninorte.edu.co) José Antonio Ruiz San Román, – Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain [jars@ccinf.ucm.es](mailto:jars@ccinf.ucm.es))

En los últimos años hemos apreciado la expansión de las redes sociales y los diferentes escenarios digitales. El concepto de ciudadanía resulta clave para analizar las transformaciones relacionadas con la globalización y las TIC. La democracia se transforma y estudia en los entornos digitales. Se plantean prácticas democráticas sin la mediación temporal, espacial o física. Las TIC pueden ser herramienta privilegiada para la lucha contra la pobreza o para nuevas formas de opresión. La responsabilidad social de las organizaciones encuentra desafíos globales y locales. Los jóvenes y los medios de comunicación son protagonistas principales de estos procesos de transformación. Reflexiones teóricas, investigaciones empíricas y estudios de casos relevantes para la sociología de la comunicación son bienvenidos, con el fin de contribuir a la mejor comprensión de los procesos cambio social.

## **9) Redes y transformaciones sociales**

### **10) Ciudadanía digital, e-democracia y e-competencia en las sociedades contemporáneas.**

### **11) Desarrollo social y cooperación 2.0.**

### **12) Jóvenes y comunicación**

### **13) Responsabilidad Social, participación y medios de comunicación**

### **14) Business Meeting**

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## **RC14 participation to Joint Sessions:**

### **1) Joint session RC13 (host committee), RC14 & RC23**

**Leisure in the Computer Age: Emerging Patterns of Communication and Electronic Community** (I. Modi [iiiss2005modi@yahoo.co.in](mailto:iiiss2005modi@yahoo.co.in) & RC14 member to be given later on)

### **2) Joint session RC25 (host committee) & RC14 Language and Discourse in Online Social Media.**

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### **3) Joint session RC 33 (host committee) & RC14**

#### **Videography and the analysis of visual knowledge and culture**

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## **Submissions**

Please submit an abstract online to the conference website created by ISA (from August 25<sup>th</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup> 2011) and please **send a copy of the abstract 1) to the program coordinator and 2) to the coordinators (chairs) of the sessions which interest you.** Please note that only abstracts submitted online can be incorporated in the sessions, and no changes/updates to the submitted abstract will be allowed. It is the author's responsibility to submit a correct abstract – any errors in spelling, grammar, or scientific fact will be reproduced as typed by the author.

### **Deadlines:**

Submission of abstracts (with copy to the persons responsible for different sessions and coordinators) December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Notification of authors

January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012

Registration for the Conference

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### Further Information

On the Conference: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/buenos-aires-2012/>

On ISA: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/>

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## Call for Abstracts for a Special Issue of Children, Youth and Environment ([www.colorado.edu/journals/cye/](http://www.colorado.edu/journals/cye/)) due out Fall 2012

### “Children, Violence, Community and the Physical Environment”

Guest Editor, Kevin Lalor, Centre for Social and Educational Research (CSER), Department of Social Sciences, Dublin Institute of Technology

#### Key words

Children, youth, violence, community, place, physical environments, harmful environments, on-line environments, child friendly environments, environmental psychology, design and violence, children's freedom of movement.

#### Aims

The aim of this issue is to explore the influence of the community and physical environment / place on violence against children. Violence and abuse of children have received much attention from researchers and policymakers in recent times. However, the physical environment in which violence occurs is not often a focus. This special issue of *Children, Youth and Environments* shall examine the interplay between the communities in which children live, the physical parameters of these environments and the nature and incidence of violence experienced by children and young people - that is, the socio-ecological factors which moderate or aggravate violence against children. The primary aim shall be to examine the physical environment in which community relations occur and the effect these have on violence against children / youth, or the creation of places of refuge and healing.

All papers should concern themselves with aspects of place. They should make clear how children enact their lives in particular places and how specific place-related characteristics affect their safety.

#### Expressions of interest

One-page abstracts of your paper ideas (up to 200 words) should be sent by November 30, 2011 to Kevin Lalor <[kevin.lalor@dit.ie](mailto:kevin.lalor@dit.ie)> and copied to [cye@colorado.edu](mailto:cye@colorado.edu)

Further details at: <http://www.dit.ie/cser/news/media/>

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## Call for Nominations

### Research Committee 16: Sociological Theory of the International Sociological Association

#### Best Junior Theorist Paper in Sociological Theory Award

RC16 invites nominations for the Best Junior Theorist Paper in Sociological Theory Award, which will be awarded at the 2012 Mid-term conference of RC16, to be held in Trento, Italy, 28-29<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The award is granted to the best paper in sociological theory authored by one or more theorists submitted to the competition.

It is intended to provide motivation and recognition to a promising young scholar in the field of sociological theory, as well as to encourage growing graduate student interest and participation in the ISA and RC16.

The award consists of a certificate with a citation and the travel costs (up to a maximum of \$750) of the winner(s) to attend the mid-term conference of RC16. The winner(s) will present his/her (or their) joint work during a special session of the mid-term conference of RC16.

In order to be eligible for the award, the candidate(s) must be younger than 35 years. The submitted paper must have been published or accepted for publication no more than three years prior to its nomination or submission. Papers can only be authored by one or more young theorists; those co-authored with tenured faculty members at a degree granting institution are not eligible.

The paper can be in any of the three official languages of the ISA (English, French, and Spanish), to a maximum length of 10,000 words. The winner(s) must be a member (or members) of both the IS and RC16 at the time of receiving the award, and attend the mid-term conference of RC16 to accept the award.

Nominations and self-nominations are both encouraged.

Please send (or have arranged to be sent) an electronic copy of the paper by November 30th, 2011 to [rc16juniorprize@soc.unitn.it](mailto:rc16juniorprize@soc.unitn.it) as well as to the members of the selection committee: Giampaolo Baiocchi ([gianpaolo\\_baiocchi@brown.edu](mailto:gianpaolo_baiocchi@brown.edu)), Sang-Jin Han ([hansjin@snu.ac.kr](mailto:hansjin@snu.ac.kr)) and Giuseppe Sciortino ([giuseppe.sciortino@unitn.it](mailto:giuseppe.sciortino@unitn.it)).

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## OPPORTUNITIES

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### JOP OPPORTUNITY

The University of Helsinki is a multidisciplinary research university which ranks among the leading universities in the world and the top ten universities in Europe. Some 36,000 students are currently pursuing an undergraduate or postgraduate degree at the University, which employs a staff of 8,600. The University's current annual budget is EUR 600 million.

The University of Helsinki has introduced a

#### TENURE TRACK

for teaching and research personnel, intended to increase the predictability, competitiveness and attractiveness of academic careers while promoting internationalisation at the University.

The University employs talented, motivated academics who have completed their doctoral degree three to seven years ago and have since accrued academic and other relevant qualifications. Successful applicants will be employed as assistant professors. The duration of the employment contract will be two to five years, depending on the appointee's background and experience. If the appointee produces successful work which fulfils pre-determined criteria, employment may be continued with a second fixed-term contract, after which the appointee may receive a permanent position as professor.

The academic qualifications and teaching experience of applicants will be considered when making the selection. Additional merit will be granted for working outside Finland and other international experience, as well as experience in acquiring research funding.

The Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Helsinki is announcing one open tenure-track position associated with

#### STUDIES IN SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND SOCIAL CHANGE

The Faculty of Social Sciences is the leading Finnish institute for social scientific research and education, and the most diverse faculty in its field in Finland (<http://www.helsinki.fi/socialsciences/>). The position will be at the Department of Social Research, the disciplines of which include sociology, social psychology, social work, communication, statistics and social policy ([www.helsinki.fi/socialresearch/](http://www.helsinki.fi/socialresearch/)). The assistant professorship in studies in social structure and social change studies will be within the discipline of sociology.

The appointee must have a background in sociological research and empirical analysis related to the structure of modern society and social change in ways relevant to Finnish society. The appointee must have published his or her work in international journals and will be expected to manage research projects in sociology as well as acquire external funding for them.

The duties of the assistant professor include research, teaching, thesis and dissertation supervision, administrative and support activities along with community relations in his or her specialist field. In addition, the appointee must also provide teaching in other fields related to sociology, especially methodology. The academic qualifications and teaching experience of applicants will be considered when making the selection. Prior research experience supplementing or linked with one or more of the core competence areas of the discipline (<http://www.helsinki.fi/socialresearch/studies/sociology.htm>) will be seen as an asset. In addition, international experience and experience in acquiring research funding will also be considered an advantage.

The starting salary for the position will be EUR 4,000–4,900 per month, depending on the applicant's qualifications and work experience.

Applications must be accompanied by the following English-language enclosures: a CV, a list of publications, a report on experience and merits relevant to the assessment of the applicant's teaching

skills as well as other documents that may be relevant to the selection; or, alternatively, an English-language academic portfolio containing the above-mentioned documents and information (for instructions, see <http://www.helsinki.fi/academic-portfolio>). In addition, applicants are expected to enclose with their application an English-language report (max. two pages) on how they intend to develop research in the field, if appointed.

Applicants must enclose with their application ten publications of their choosing. The publications thus submitted must be indicated on the enclosed list of publications, for example by circling the number of the relevant publication. The publications must be submitted to the Faculty of Social Sciences, P.O. Box 54 (Unioninkatu 37), 00014 University of Helsinki, Finland.

Applications addressed to the Faculty of Social Sciences must be delivered, together with the required enclosures, to the following address: Registry of the University of Helsinki, P.O. Box 33 (Yliopistonkatu 4), 00014 University of Helsinki, Finland, or emailed to [hy-kirjaamo@helsinki.fi](mailto:hy-kirjaamo@helsinki.fi). The closing date for applications is 12 October 2011 at 15.45 local Helsinki time.

Further information about the position may be obtained from Professor Matti Kortteinen, [matti.kortteinen@helsinki.fi](mailto:matti.kortteinen@helsinki.fi), tel. +358 9 191 24782.

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### **Call for Proposals - Workshop "Gender and Far Right Politics in Europe"**

**27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> of September 2012**

#### **Georg-Simon-Ohm-University of Applied Sciences Nürnberg (Germany)**

We invite applications to present a paper at a workshop on Gender and Far Right Politics in Europe to be held in September 2012 at Nürnberg (Germany). The Workshop aims to bring together scientists of all career stages and/or critical activists, journalists and practitioners from different European countries who did research on aspects of the named topic. Submissions could refer to the following aspects (all or parts or additional ones):

**A. Women/men within the far right**

- quantitative shares of women/men at diverse dimensions of far right activities (hate crimes, elections etc.)
- preferred issues and ways of activity
- women's organisations
- social networking
- social resources and backgrounds
- international connections
- effects of women's presence in the far right (within the scene)

**B. Gender specific attempts to infiltrate civil society**

- improving public image of the far right
- community activism
- educational system and social work
- using of social media and virtual media
- antifeminism as a strategy

**C. Ideology**

- narrative strategies
- dealing with the past
- gender ideologies
- role of intellectuals and churches

#### D. Motivations

- findings on reasons and ways to become a member of the far right
- criticism of traditional explanatory of political science

#### E. Countermeasures and preventive measures

- sensitivity for gender perspectives on the far right at diverse actors (police, courts, media, social work, school, ...)

#### F. Researching in the field of gender and right wing extremism

- approaching and entering the field of research
- field-experiences
- getting out of the field of research

We like to encourage especially submissions with comparative perspectives on two or more countries, but also submissions which cover the situation in just one country.

Interested persons should submit a short CV and a half- to one-page description of the issue they would like to present at the workshop. These should be sent to

[Ohm-GenderFarRightEurope@ohm-hochschule.de](mailto:Ohm-GenderFarRightEurope@ohm-hochschule.de)

between 1<sup>st</sup> of October and **30<sup>th</sup> of November 2011**. Applicants will be notified of decisions in **January 2012**. The organizers will cover transportation and accommodation costs (in whole or partly), provided that the applications for funds will be successful.

Prof. Dr. Andrea Petö, Central European University Budapest (Hu)

Prof. Dr. Michaela Köttig, University of Applied Sciences Frankfurt a.M. (Ger)

Prof. Dr. Renate Bitzan, Georg-Simon-Ohm-University of Appl. Sciences Nürnberg (Ger).