

Social Science News

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Hertie School SP3: Extinction

Publication date: Fall 2012, issue thirteen

Published by: Hertie School of Governance

Topics: The latest edition of Schlossplatz³ the Hertie School's student magazine, explores Extinction, with a contribution by Joseph H.H. Weiler, interviews with Michèle Lamont and Andreas Rinke and several articles by Hertie School students: States, societies and cultures seem to be in a whirlwind of crises, plagued by recurring challenges, but absent of viable, sustainable solutions. Are our economic, political and social structures capable of handling the problems of our era, or are these very foundations on the brink of extinction? In this issue, SP³ considers present conflicts, the role of nation states in the international arena, the structure and processes of democracy and the legitimacy of the European construct.

Contact:

Internet: <http://www.hertie-school.org/campus/sp3-student-magazine>

(source: Internet)

Article: "Tradition with a New Identity: Thomist Engagement with Non-Christian Thought as a Model for the New Comparative Theology in Europe"

Edited by: Martin Ganeri

Published by: Heythrop College, University of London

ISSN: 2077-1444

Publication date: November 6, 2012

Topics: This paper aims to retrieve the Thomist engagement with non-Christian thought as a model for contemporary comparative theology that also addresses these concerns. The paper outlines Aquinas' understanding of Christian theology's engagement with non-Christian thought as being one of transformation, using the Biblical image of water changing into wine to illustrate what is involved. The paper points to historical examples of Thomist encounters with Indian thought and suggests some new applications. Using the Thomist model for contemporary comparative theology is a case of tradition coming to have a new identity, one that balances learning with challenge and transformation, one that bridges the divide between the academic and the ecclesial exercise of theology.

Contact:

Internet: <http://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/3/4/1054>

(source: Internet)

"Capitalism, Socialism, Ecology"

Edited by: André Gorz

Published by: Verso Books

Pages: 160

ISBN: 9781781680261

Publication date: January 2013

Topics: In this major new book, Andre Gorz expands on the political implications of his prescient and influential Paths to Paradise and Critique of Economic Reason. Against the background of technological developments which have transformed the nature of work and the structure of the workforce, Gorz explores the new political agendas facing both left and right. Each is in disarray: the right, torn between the demands of capital and the 'traditional values' of its supporters, can only offer illusory solutions, while the left either capitulates to these or remains tempted by regressive, 'fundamentalist' projects inappropriate to complex modern societies. Identifying the grave risks posed by a dual society with a hyperactive minority of full-time workers confronting a silenced majority who are, at best, precariously employed, Gorz proposes a new definition of a key social conflict within Western societies in terms of the distribution of work and the form and content of non-working time.

Contact:

Internet: <http://www.versobooks.com/books/1134-capitalism-socialism-ecology>

(source: Internet)

Call for papers Conferences

2013 Mustang International Academic Conference

Date: February 21-23, 2013

Site: Las Vegas, Nevada, US

Organiser: Mustang Journals Inc.

Topics: The Conference will provide a friendly and supportive environment for new and established academicians an opportunity to share their research and works in progress with members inside and outside their disciplines.

The Conference and the Journals invite submissions in all business and social science disciplines, including accounting, anthropology, business, finance, communication, criminology, cultural studies, economics, management, international business, marketing, history, political sciences, psychology, sociology, social work, business ethics, and business law, in all areas domestic and international. Pedagogy, case studies, teaching notes, book reviews, cross-disciplinary studies, and papers with student co-authors are especially welcome.

Language: English

Fee: 375 \$

Deadline: January 15, 2013

Contact: PO Box 2193, Edmond OK 73083

Tel.: +1 580 512 78 77

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Internet: <http://mustangjournals.com/Vegas2013conference.html>

(source: Internet)

The Political Games: The Olympic Agenda

Date: March 22, 2013

Site: St. Petersburg, Russia

Organiser: Department of Comparative Political Studies of the North-West Institute of Management of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, St. Petersburg (Russia)

Topics: The interdisciplinary conference aims at the discussion of the political aspects of the Olympic movement with the focus on the organization of the 2014 Olympic Games in Sochi. The conference will present the results of research of international and Russian political scientists, sociologists, historians, and cultural scientists in the following fields: "The History of the Olympic Games and Olympic movement", "The Olympic governance and management", "The 2014 Olympic Games in Sochi".

Language: English and Russian

Fee: The organizer will partly or fully cover the travel and accommodation expenses of the accepted participants.

Deadline: January 15, 2013. The applications for the conference must include a short CV (no more than 1 page) and a paper abstract (up to 300 words) and should be sent to

E-mail: fspi@szu.ru

Internet: www.fspi.szu.ru

(source: e-mail from the organizers)

"Politics in Crisis?" An interdisciplinary postgraduate conference on international relations, international political economy, international political theory and British politics

Date: April 26-27, 2013

Site: Nottingham, UK

Organiser: University of Nottingham

Topics: Theme 1: International Relations/International Political Economy. The panels organised under the broad aegis of IR and IPE aim to provide insights into the ways in which such rethinking can be conceptualised in relation to the existing social, economic and political structures. Theme 2: International Political Theory. This conference presents a major opportunity for postgraduates working in the interdisciplinary field of international political theory to discuss the past, present and future questions and challenges of this burgeoning area of study. Theme 3: British Politics in the Age of Austerity. This panel aims to explore British Politics in this age of social unrest, financial retrenchment, coalition party politics and economic uncertainty. It is an opportunity to examine the plethora of questions that challenge the academic community, journalists, politicians and the British public alike.

Language: English

Deadline: February 8, 2013

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Internet: <http://nottingham.ac.uk/politics/research/politics-in-crisis/index.aspx>

(source: Internet)

International Critical Tourism Studies Conference: "Tourism Critical Practice: Activating Dreams into Action"

Date: June 25-28, 2013

Site: Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina

Organiser: CTS

Topics: The fifth conference in the series focuses on (if there is indeed a more accepting attitude developing in tourism towards critical studies) whether and how the 'production and promotion of social change' can be facilitated and achieved. In this context the organisers invite scholars from tourism studies and the wider social sciences to explore the potential of critical practice and activism in academia, and the role of the academic community in achieving social change. Papers and offers to lead interactive workshops on the following themes are welcome: Critical action in the classroom: Critical pedagogies in tourism, hospitality and events education; Envisioning the future of tourism, hospitality and events education; Fostering critical and socially active attitudes in students. Tourism and its potential as a social force: Social justice, exclusion and social inequality; "Worldmaking" and the transformation of places and cultures; Empowerment, developing sustainable communities and creative / social entrepreneurship; Postcolonial readings of tourism; Tourism and its relation to gender, class, race, sexuality, ethnicity and disability. Critical tourism research practices: Innovative and critical research methods; Positionality and the emotional dynamics of research; Academic freedom. Critical scholarship in action: The relationship between academia and activism; Impacts of and empowerment through critical research; Public evaluation and dissemination of critical research.

Language: English

Fee: 495 €

Deadline: January 31, 2013; Abstracts should be sent to cts@surrey.ac.uk and must include: author(s), affiliation(s), a summary of the research aims, approach and key arguments/findings

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(source: Internet)

Fifth Conference of the European Survey Research Association (ESRA)

Date: July 15-19, 2013

Site: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Organiser: ESRA

Topics: Paper proposals are invited in any area of survey methodology, or in substantive applications of survey research. The organisers particularly welcome submissions in the following areas: Sampling and sample design; Web surveys; Unit Nonresponse and attrition; Item nonresponse; Weighting and imputation; Question testing and piloting; Survey mode; Data linkage; Collection and analysis of biological data; Measurement error; Interviewer effects; Election polling and public opinion; Survey analysis techniques; Methods for cross-national data collection and analysis; Paradata and fieldwork; Longitudinal surveys; Data archiving; Substantive applications.

Language: English

Deadline: January 13, 2013

Contact: ESRA

E-mail: conference@europeansurveyresearch.org

Internet: http://www.europeansurveyresearch.org/conf/ESRA_Call_for_papers.pdf

(source: Internet)

18th International Conference of the Society for Philosophy and Technology

Date: July 4-6, 2013

Site: Lisbon, Portugal

Organiser: The School of Economics and Management (ISEG-UTL) and the SOCIUS research centre at the Technical University of Lisbon and the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon (ICS-UL)

Topics: The SPT 2013 theme is Technology in the Age of Information. A main aim of the conference is to encourage debate on the cultural, social, economic, political and ethical implications of advances in information and media technology. Digital networks and computerised technological systems have enlarged the domain of human technological action and responsibility, which raises new questions about the impacts of globalisation and of the expanding information economy on the public and cultural spheres. A challenge facing the philosophy of technology and STS disciplines is to reflect upon our changed human condition and propose new ways to think through the quandaries technologies generate. Reflecting on the emergence of information and communication technologies (ICTs), several questions may be raised: How do our lives change in an information society? What role do ICTs play in culture, politics, or social revolutions? How do ICTs shape the global economy? What new challenges do ICTs present to the public sphere and to individual privacy? How do ICTs affect human cognition and aesthetic sensibilities? How are ICT converging with nano and biotechnologies? Do ICTs stimulate ideas of new technological utopias? Many other topics can be addressed and are welcome!

Language: English

Deadline: February 1, 2013

Contact:

E-mail: spt2013@iseq.utl.pt

Internet: http://www.spt2013.com/spt2013_cfp.asp

(source: Internet)

Eighth International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences

Date: July 30-August 1, 2013

Site: Prague, Czech Republic

Organiser: Common Ground Publishing

Topics: The International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences examines the nature of disciplinary practices, and the interdisciplinary practices that arise in the context of "real world" applications. It also interrogates what constitutes "science" in a social context, and the connections between the social and other sciences. The focus of papers ranges from the finely grained and empirical (research practices and results exemplifying one or more disciplines), to wide-ranging multi-disciplinary and transdisciplinary practices, to perspectives on knowledge and method. The organisers are inviting proposals for paper presentations, workshops/interactive sessions, posters/exhibits, or colloquia. Virtual participation is available for those who are unable to attend the conference in person. Proposals for virtual presentations may be submitted at any time, up to the start of the conference.

Language: English

Fee: 200 – 550 \$

Deadline: January 8, 2013

Contact: contact form may be found at the conference website:

Internet: <http://thesocialsciences.com/the-conference/call-for-papers>

(source: Internet)

World Social Science Forum: "Social transformation and the digital age"

Date: October 13-15, 2013

Site: Montréal, Canada

Organiser: International Social Science Council (ISSC) and International Political Science Association (IPSA)

Topics: The WSSF will address positive uses of digital technologies, but will also pay attention to the negative and potentially dangerous uses and consequences, and to the unintended and ambivalent outcomes. Four assumptions underpin the conference ambitions: Technology matters. How does the design of technology affect possibilities for engagement and participation by different groups within society? Digital technologies are not magic boxes – they have been designed (though not always deliberately) to facilitate some forms of interaction and to make others more difficult; History matters. What can we learn from previous socio-technical transformations? Digital technologies have been accompanied by promises that they would eliminate repetitive, boring and tedious work, and would improve access to information and entertainment, as well as the quality of social justice and democracy. Many of these same hopes and fears were expressed in relation to the printing press, telegraph and television; Methods and theories matter. How do digital technologies affect the ways in which researchers define categories, record data, and conduct their analyses? What does this mean for the research questions that can be asked as well as the answers that can be given? Digital technologies open up new possibilities for interdisciplinary and international collaboration, and for new forms of engagement with stakeholders; Individuals and communities matter. The means by which individuals and communities think about themselves and construct their identities and activities are being reconfigured in the digital age. Is this this assumption valid? Are individuals and communities also influencing digital developments? What kinds of technologies can be developed to support the needs of people today and in the future?

Language: English

Deadline: January 15, 2013

Contact:

E-mail: info@wssf2013.org

Internet: <http://www.wssf2013.org>

(source: Internet)

The Impact of the Fiscal Crisis on Public Administration

Date: May 3-4, 2013

Site: Tallinn, Estonia

Organiser: The Ragnar Nurkse School of Innovation and Governance at Tallinn University of Technology and the journal Halduskultuur – Administrative Culture

Topics: The aim of the conference is to discuss the governmental decision-making process during the crisis as well as the shifts in governance and public administration which the crisis brought about. In more detail, the aim is to discuss whether the fiscal crisis has led to fundamental (systemic) changes or small and incremental shifts in existing public administration patterns. Has the crisis brought about a shift towards more centralised or decentralised modes of governance? Have there been attempts to strengthen strategic planning, performance management and performance budgeting in order to cope with crisis effects? Are governments interested in making more extensive use of contracting out? Has the crisis affected autonomy and control of public sector organisations? Have there been changes in modes of coordination? How has the crisis affected human resource management? The organisers are inviting papers which deal with the empirical issues outlined above, with a special focus on governmental decision-making and the respective impact of the crisis on public administration.

Language: English

Deadline: January 31, 2013; Abstract proposals, no longer than 1,000 words, should be sent to Professor Tiina Randma-Liiv at tiina.randma-liiv@ttu.ee

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(source: e-mail from the organisers)

ESA 2013 conference, Sessions RN21 "Quantitative Methods"

Date: August 28-31, 2013

Site: Torino, Italy

Organiser: ESA and Department of Culture, Politics and Society, University of Turin

Topics: The Quantitative Methods Research Network (RN21) of the European Sociological Association (ESA) brings together social scientists with a research interest in quantitative methodology and empirical research, including survey research, mixed methods, experimental methods, causal inference, simulation, statistical techniques, comparative methods, and others. The theme of the 11th conference of the European Sociological Association (ESA) is "Crisis, Critique and Change." In accordance with this thematic RN21 especially invites papers on quantitative approaches on the contemporary economic crisis and on crisis and change in quantitative methodology. Submissions on all quantitative issues, but especially encourage paper presentations on one of the following topics are welcome: Measurement Quality and Measurement Equivalence; Standardizing Variables for Cross-National Survey Research; Experimental Methods and Simulation in Sociological Research; Methods and Applications of Social Network Analysis; Mixing Methods: Moving Beyond the Quantitative-Qualitative Divide; Teaching Quantitative Methods; Quantitative Methods (open).

Language: English

Fee: ESA members: 80 - 250 €; non ESA members: 120 - 420 €

Deadline: February 1, 2013; the submission platform at: www.esa11thconference.eu; Abstracts sent by email cannot be accepted

Contact: ESA RN21 coordinator Henning Best; Organising secretary

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Internet: <http://www.esa11thconference.eu>

(source: e-mail from the organisers)

ECAS 2013 5th European Conference on African Studies: "African dynamics in a multipolar world"

Date: June 26-28, 2013

Site: Lisbon, Portugal

Organiser: The Center of African Studies of the University Institute of Lisbon

Topics: ECAS 2013 will discuss three aspects of this new configuration and its effects on African societies: political challenges, economic and development changes and social creativity. The conference's main focus will be the contemporary period, while taking into account the historical dimension of these issues. ECAS 2013 will be open to scholars from all over the world and the call for panels is open to disciplines and methodological approaches representing the Social Sciences and Humanities. The organisers strongly encourage panels including researchers from different universities and institutions. Panels are entirely free to choose their subjects but are especially welcome if their subjects are related to the general theme of the conference. As a rule, panels are expected to consist of four papers, with a chair and a discussant. Larger panels may be accommodated over more than one session.

Language: English

Deadline: January 16, 2013

Contact: Center of African Studies - ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon

E-mail: ecas2013@nomadit.co.uk

Internet: <http://cea.iscte.pt/ecas2013/index.shtml>

(source: Internet)

RC43 Conference: "At home with the housing market"

Date: July 10-12, 2013

Site: Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Organiser: Research Committee on Housing and the Built Environment

Topics: This conference explores the dynamic interaction between homes and (housing) markets over time and across different socio-economic contexts. There are various ways of thinking about the idea of "being at home" in this regard. First are the connections between homes as places, spaces and objects of family and social life, as well as housing commodities that circulate on, and are subject to, fickle and dispassionate markets. Second is the significance of the shift from pre- to post-crisis conditions and how the housing market has been experienced in different cities, regions and countries. The RC43 encourages cross-disciplinary debate and welcomes housing research papers from all social science disciplines. The organisers invite both panel session proposals and individual abstracts related to the following themes: The social and cultural implications of housing markets; The political economy of housing and home; Housing policy responses and the crisis; Comparative contexts: diversity, variety and/or convergence; Housing, policy and society; Family, housing, and (inter)generational issues; Citizenship, ex/inclusion and participation; The structural crises of housing markets.

Language: English

Fee: Early-bird fee: 125 - 250 €; late-comer fee: 165 - 290 €

Deadline: January 19, 2013

Contact: Centre for Urban Studies, Plantage Muidergracht 14, 1018 TV Amsterdam, the Netherlands

E-mail: RC43-2013-fmg@uva.nl

Internet: <http://rc43-conference.uva.nl/call>
(source: Internet)

WORK - Continuities and Disruptions in Modern Life

Date: August 21-23, 2013

Site: Turku, Finland

Organiser: Turku Center for Labour Studies at the University of Turku

Topics: The theme of the conference, Work - Continuities and Disruptions in Modern Life invites research papers and presentations on the many aspects of work, working life and work systems. The aim of the conference is to bring together researchers with different disciplinary backgrounds interested in any aspects of the work and working life. Topics of interest include but are not limited to: Continuities and disruptions of work; Organising work, working organisations; Work and family; Work and careers; Shadow work, shadow labour markets; Migration and work; Public sector work and welfare society; Decency at work, wellbeing at work; Changing employment relations; Gendering work, gendered work; The place of theory in working life research; Health and work, wellbeing at work; Legal aspects of work; Education and work; History of working life; Leadership and innovation ; Open streams.

Language: English

Deadline: January 15, 2013

Contact: Congress Office, University of Turku, FI-20014 Turun yliopisto, Finland

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Fax: +358 (0)2 333 50 08

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Internet: <http://work2013.utu.fi/papers>

(source: Internet)

6th Annual Graduate Conference in Political Theory

Date: April 5-6, 2013

Site: Princeton University, New Jersey, US

Organiser: The Committee for the Graduate Conference in Political Theory at Princeton University

Topics: The Committee for the Graduate Conference in Political Theory at Princeton University welcomes papers addressing any topic in political theory, political philosophy, or the history of political thought. The conference offers graduate students from across institutions a unique opportunity to present and critique new work. Each session, led by a discussant from Princeton, will focus exclusively on one paper and will feature an extensive question and answer period with Princeton faculty and graduate students.

Language: English

Deadline: January 11, 2013

Contact:

E-mail: polthry@princeton.edu

Internet: <http://www.princeton.edu/politicaltheory/call-for-papers>

(source: Internet)

Third Annual Radical Democracy Conference

Date: March 16, 2013

Site: New York City, US

Organiser: The Department of Politics at the New School for Social Research

Topics: The Department of Politics at The New School for Social Research is sponsoring a graduate student conference interrogating the concept, history, practices and implications of radical democracy. The organisers strive to assess its legacy from ancient to contemporary radical democratic theory, as well as explore the work of theorists such as Abensour, Arendt, Badiou, Castoriadis, Laclau, Mouffe, Negri, Rancière, and Wolin. The organisers invite you to submit abstracts on any theme pertaining to the history, meaning, development, application, or critique of the concept of radical democracy; they also encourage discussions about methodology and the study of radical democratic movements. Topics may include but are not limited to: Indigenous democratic movements; Contemporary radical social struggles; Radical democracy and the 2012 elections; Promises, limits and critiques of the concept of radical democracy; Philosophical foundations of radical democracy; Engendering radical democracy: race, ethnicity, gender and sexuality; Technology and the mediums of radical democracy; Comparative approaches to democracy; Relationship of radical democracy and key concepts in political theory: anarchism and communism; neo-republicanism; direct democracy; state and nation; consensus and conflict; capitalism; imperialism; liberalism; dictatorship and tyranny; resistance and violence; revolution and reform.

Language: English

Deadline: January 15, 2013; Please submit your paper or panel abstracts to: radicaldemocracy@newschool.edu

Contact:

E-mail: radicaldemocracy@newschool.edu

Internet: http://www.radicaldemocracy.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/RD_CfP_2013.pdf

(source: Internet)

UACES conference: "EU Performance in Central and Eastern Europe"

Date: September 2-4, 2013

Site: Leeds, UK

Organiser: Loughborough University

Topics: This panel aims to evaluate EU performance internally and externally. Measuring performance in terms of inputs and outputs is vital for understanding what the EU has achieved in relation to its new member-states (MS) as well as in relation to its immediate neighbours. Acknowledging the difficulties of defining performance, this panel conceptualises performance in broader terms, incorporating both process and outcome performance (Gunter & Thompson, 2010); or – internal and external performance. The panel therefore aims to attract papers that will correspond and address the questions relevant to the internal and external dimensions of performance that will be discussed during the following two sessions: Session 1: Internal Performance. Internal performance refers to the internal operations of an actor. This level of analysis focuses closely on internal EU mechanisms and policies and understands performance in terms of efficiency. Session 2: External Performance. External performance then looks at the external operation of an actor and analyses the EU's ability to achieve specific outcomes outside its borders. It evaluates the EU's outputs and understands performance in terms of effectiveness. The contributions for the panel can have a qualitative, quantitative research design or a mixed method approach. They may also be issue-based, country-specific or entail a cross-country analysis in the study of the new MS on the one hand, and the EU's Eastern neighbours on the other. Papers that embrace an innovative conceptual approach and/or bring genuine empirical evidence are particularly welcomed. The call for papers is open to both established researchers/academics, early career as well as postgraduate researchers.

Language: English

Deadline: January 9, 2013

Contact: Neculai-Cristian Surubaru (Session 1), Postgraduate Researcher; Dorina Baltag (Session 2), Marie Curie early stage researcher, Loughborough University

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(source: e-mail from the organisers)

First International Conference on Public Policy

Date: June 26-28, 2013

Site: Grenoble, France

Organiser: Sciences Po Grenoble; IPSA AISP; ENTPE

Topics: The aim of this conference is to bring together researchers from all over the world with an interest on public policy, to reinforce the exchanges between them and to participate to the update production of knowledge. Public policy has become an established focus of scholarly attention over the last 50 years. Participants have come from a range of disciplines, including political science, public administration, geography, sociology, economics and law among others and have been involved in a variety of inter and multi-disciplinary areas. This conference proposes to join all researchers who work on public policy among their approaches and topics. During this conference, opportunities will be provided for both junior and senior researchers to present and discuss new research, theoretical, conceptual and methodological insights and empirical findings through a system of panels and workshops with audience participation and to discuss some common papers by a system of conference speakers and plenary discussions.

Language: English

Fee: Participants: 140 - 170 €; Ph.D. Students: 90 - 105 €

Deadline: February 1, 2013

Contact:

E-mail: icpublicpolicy@gmail.com

Internet: <http://icpp2013.sciencesconf.org>

(source: Internet)

International conference for economists in academia and policy: "Economics for a Better World"

Date: July 3-5, 2013

Site: Paris, France

Organiser: The Open University, the OECD and the University of Oxford

Topics: The 2013 OECD-Universities Joint Conference will be informed by the work done over the past decade by economists, statisticians and social analysts to develop broad measures of well-being, and touch on some of the well-being dimensions included in recent OECD reports on the subject. The conference will feature roundtables, plenary sessions and contributed research papers on the wide range of issues that matter to the economics of human well-being. It will include three major strands: policy and empirical economics; economic theory; and econometrics. The conference may also include sessions on other relevant social sciences.

Language: English

Deadline: January 15, 2013

Contact: Conference administration

E-mail: oxcon09@gmail.com

Internet: <http://www.open.ac.uk/socialsciences/welfareeconomicstheory>

(source: Internet)

Fourth European Network for Social and Emotional Competence (ENSEC) Conference

Date: July 3-7, 2013

Site: Zagreb, Croatia

Organiser: ENSEC in collaboration with University of Zagreb, Faculty of Teacher Education

Topics: The theme of the 2013 conference is "Social and emotional competence in a changing world". The conference will address many of the major issues that face us currently, locate - and contextualise theory and practice and provide an opportunity for theoretical discussion and dissemination of research in this field. The themes are: Children's Rights; Active Participation of Children and Young People; Peer Relationships in Childhood and Adolescence; Supporting Early Years: Education and Social Care; Children and Young People in the Criminal Justice System; Children and Young People in Complex/Changing Families; Looked After Children and Young People; Inter-professional Working; Supporting Children and Young People with Mental Health Difficulties; Promotion of Children and Young People's Mental Health; Risk and Resilience; Children and Young People's Positive Development; Positive Education; Engaging the Heart in Education; Children and Young People from Minority Cultures; Researching Social and Emotional Competence: Measuring its Impact; Evidence Based Social and Emotional Competence Programmes; The Role of the School in Developing Social and Emotional Competence; Children and Young People as Researchers; The Positive and Negative Impact of the New Technologies on Children and Young People; Bullying and Cyberbullying at School, College and University; Emerging Issues in the 21st Century.

Language: English

Fee: 400 – 450 €; Student: 300 – 350 €

Deadline: January 15, 2013

Contact:

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Internet: <https://www.quovadis.hr/ensec2013/index.php?page=call-for-papers>

(source: Internet)

Call for papers Workshops

Looking after your research data: Introduction to research data management

Date: 20-22 March 2013,

Site: Cologne, Germany

Organiser: International Data Infrastructure, GESIS Cologne

Target groups: social science researchers working with qualitative or quantitative data (principal Investigators, researchers' parts of project teams, individual researchers, and PhD students)

Topic: Good research data management practice minimizes the risk of data loss, ensures research integrity and facilitates replication; it enhances data security, research efficiency and reliability, and over the long-term, saves time and resources. Moreover, data management planning and data re-use is increasingly a requirement of funding organizations. The workshop sessions include a basic conception of data management, advice on writing a data management plan, licensing data for reuse or to reuse, consent and ethics for data reuse, file formats, documentation and metadata, data storage, back-up and security, data management in collaborative research, and archiving your data. The workshop promotes an interactive hands-on approach to looking after your research data and encourages discussion amongst participants on sharing problems and experiences.

Language: English

Fee: Regular: 180 EUR, PhD Students: 120 EUR

Deadline: February 3, 2013. Early applications are encouraged; there are only 20 available seats.

Further details and application form available from the website.

Internet: <http://www.gesis.org/veranstaltungen/gesis-workshops/introduction-to-research-data-management-for-social-scientists/>

(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Ph. D dissertation workshop in global/international political economy

Date: April 25-26, 2013

Site: Waterloo, Canada

Organiser: Balsillie School of International Affairs

Topics: The workshop will give Ph.D. students the opportunity to present their work in progress to an interdisciplinary audience of faculty and doctoral students. Students will present either a version of their dissertation proposal or a version of a draft thesis chapter. All participants (students and faculty) will read all of the submitted papers in advance. Half an hour will be devoted to each paper on each day of the workshop. On the first day, each paper will be introduced by a student discussant, and there will then be open discussion of the paper; the author will not be permitted to speak. On the second day, the author will lead off the discussion with a response to the previous day's comments and critiques, and then the floor will be opened. Faculty will participate in the discussion on both days, but students will be encouraged to take the lead. The workshop will thus give students the opportunity to get feedback on their own work, to gain experience of discussing the work of others, and to make connections with students and faculty at other universities.

Language: English

Deadline: January 15, 2013

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Internet: <http://www.ipsa.org/news/event/ph-d-dissertation-workshop-globalinternational-political-economy>

(source: Internet)

Religion, Law and Policy Making: European Norms and National Practices in Eastern Europe and the Russian Federation

Date: June 13-14, 2013

Site: Tartu, Estonia

Organiser: Center for EU-Russia Studies (CEURUS), University of Tartu, Estonia

Topics: The Center for EU-Russia Studies (CEURUS) at the University of Tartu is inviting paper proposals for the 2nd International Workshop on Religion and Politics, aimed at advancing the multidisciplinary study of the linkages between "religion, policies and law" in Central and Eastern Europe. Papers are invited from established scholars as well as from PhD students and scholars at the early stages of their careers. Scholars from CIS and post-communist member states of the EU are particularly welcome. Empirical, methodological, and theoretical, as well as interdisciplinary, comparative and case studies are welcomed. Case studies have to be analytical, empirical data-based analyses and must relate the case study to international norms or broader theoretical frameworks.

Language: English

Deadline: February 11, 2013

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Internet: <http://ceurus.ut.ee/conferences/call-for-papers-religion-and-politics-workshop>

(source: Internet)

Tourism in the Network Society: Computer-Mediated Hospitality and the Transformation of Urban Tourism and Travel Practice

Date: April 5-6, 2013

Site: Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Organiser: The Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands and the Tourism-Contact-Culture Research Network (TOCUCO)

Topics: The aim of the workshop is to explore the societal transformations induced by such computer-mediated hospitality and tourism, to analyse the ideological underpinnings of different online communities, and to assess their potentials and limits in generating new forms of cosmopolitanism in practice. The focus on computer-mediated hospitality also offers a privileged entrance to a broader study on the emergence and organization of computer-mediated communication, online communities and contemporary network society. Topic 1: Methodologies to study trans-cultural mobilities. Which methodologies can be used to approach network society through the specific prism of computer mediated hospitality platforms? Topic 2: Hospitality and society. How do computer-mediated hospitality transform actual travel and hospitality practice, in particular the means by which hosts and guest get in contact, generate trust and manage their interactions?; Topic 3: Policy and management. From a practitioner's perspective, what are the practical and technological aspects of developing, managing and also policing tourism and hospitality websites and related online communities (e.g. issues of netiquette, trust, net knowledge and community motivation; use of new technologies, software, Smartphone apps)?; Topic 4: Self, other and place. How do computer-mediated hospitality platforms enable different actors to participate in the processes of cultural representation and the (re-)production of social identities at various scales?

Language: English

Deadline: January 15, 2013

E-mail: tourism.networksociety.2013@gmail.com

Internet: <https://sites.google.com/site/tourismcontactculture/events/amsterdam>

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ScienceSoft Workshop on Persistent Identifiers for Software Objects

Date: January 30, 2013

Site: Zurich, Switzerland

Organiser: ScienceSoft

Topics: ScienceSoft is investigating the feasibility of establishing an open source community dedicated to software and services for scientific research and contribute to the establishment of global knowledge networks in science. The ScienceSoft Persistent Identifiers Workshop brings together leading experts in the field of identification of digital objects like persons, software, data and publications, and those leveraging these in their domains. This workshop looks at the current landscape of persistent identifiers, trends and issues with current implementations and policies. This event will feature presentations from Black Duck/Ohloh.net, ORCID, OpenAIREPlus, PaNData, the UK SSI and other experts. A discussion will take place on how to integrate software information in digital knowledge networks and what is required to make it happen.

Language: English

Deadline: January 28, 2013

E-mail: emi-po@cern.ch

Internet: <https://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?oww=True&confId=218386>

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Call for papers Journals

London Security Policy Study: Protests and Uprising

Type of publication: online

Publication date: 2013 (Vol. 8; No. 3; ISSN: 1750-0060)

Published by/ edited by: Institute of Security Policy

Topics: Analysis needs to focus on the following issues: the uprising and post-uprising city; State responses, resilience, resistance; protest spaces and camps; transnational geographies of uprisings; experimental urban politics; tactics, relationships, and discourses of uprising; security discourses during and after uprising; everyday practices of security in the wake of uprising; uprising and post-uprising geopolitical imaginations; sovereignty and territory in the age of uprising.

Deadline: January 15, 2013

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Internet: <http://www.ipsa.org/news/call-for-paper/journal-london-security-policy-study>

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Special Issue: "Islamist Spring? Islamists and the State: New Paradigms and Engagements"

Place of publication: US

Type of publication: print

Publication date: July 2013

Published by/ edited by: The Association of Muslim Social Scientists of North America and the International Institute of Islamic Thought

Topics: This raises a number of important and urgent questions about the new rise of Islamism. Are these the same old Islamist parties, or have they changed? Are they destined to monopolise governance, or do they form an integral part of an emerging democratic – even a post-Islamist political order? How do the ascendant Islamist parties and groups see the role of the state in their Islamising projects? How do the competing and rival Islamist groups relate to each other and to the wider political spectrum? Which visions are more likely to dominate and flourish, and how stable will the emerging political order be? A special issue dedicated to the theme of "Islamists and the State" will allow for a timely reflection on the accomplishments and challenges of these times. The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences invites: Research papers (from the various disciplines of the social sciences and humanities), which reflect on all aspects of the theme of Islamists and the state are welcomed; Book reviews on relevant books are also welcomed; Shorter reflection pieces of two thousand to three thousand words are also invited.

Deadline: January 15, 2013

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RSC, Research in Social Change

Place of publication: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Type of publication: print

Publication date: January/ May/ September 2013

Published by/ edited by: School of Advanced Social Studies in Nova Gorica, Slovenia

Topics: The primary focus of the RSC Journal is to bridge the gap between theoretical approaches in social sciences and applicability of research. The RSC Journal introduces new themes in the field of social sciences, mostly those arising from existing world order (globalization, increased mobility, multiculturalism and multiethnicity, complexity, risk and consumption). The RSC Journal opens space for contemporary theoretical discourses and practical solutions from the whole spectre of social sciences and humanities. The RSC Journal also publishes thematic issues, dealing with specific themes from different points of viewing or disciplines. By doing this, the RSC Journal makes a valid contribution towards interdisciplinary understanding of social phenomena and presents different approaches towards solving them. The RSC Journal covers contemporary topics from the fields of history, pedagogy and educational sciences, migrations and mobility, science and technology, anthropology, economy, political sciences, gambling studies, cultural studies and other applicative areas. Themes raised by RSC are new, relevant and therefore contribute towards positioning the Journal in the international space. In order to ensure the academic standard of all published articles, the latter, before being officially accepted for publication, are anonymously reviewed by an independent reviewer from the respective field.

Deadline: ongoing

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Grants/Jobs/Internships

International Doctoral Program in Social Sciences

Institution/Organiser: Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS)

Kind of support/work: doctoral program

Duration: start in October 2013

Site: Berlin, Germany

Topics: Research proposals should relate to the comparative analysis of the following research areas and topics. The combination of areas and topics is welcome: Inclusion: Social inequality and well-being; Social protest and social conflict; Politics of migration; Cultural diversity and collective identities; Education, work, and life chances; Urban inequalities and resourceful cities. Democracy: Performance of mature and young democracies; Processes of democratization, and the resilience of autocracy; Challenges and vulnerabilities of multilevel polities; Political competition, framing, and patterns of democratic decision- making; Political institutions, political conflict, and the welfare state.

Eligibility: BGSS expect high-level knowledge of current theoretical debates in the social sciences. Precondition for the application is the documentation of in-depth knowledge of quantitative or qualitative techniques of social research, the commitment to empirical research, and English proficiency at an academic level.

Deadline: January 6, 2013; Applicants may submit their documents via the BGSS online platform at: http://www2.hu-berlin.de/hgs_bewerbung/school/bgss

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Postdoctoral Fellowships at the MPIfG

Institution/Organiser: Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG)

Kind of support/work: fellowship

Duration: start on October 1, 2013, and will be awarded for one year

Site: Cologne, Germany

Topics: The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) provides an attractive environment for postdoctoral researchers. It offers up to four postdoctoral fellowships a year. During their tenure fellows are expected to reside in Cologne and participate in the intellectual life of the institute. Postdoctoral fellows may do research on a topic of their choice. Their projects should relate to the substantive concerns of the institute's research program. The MPIfG conducts advanced basic research on the governance of modern societies. It aims to develop an empirically based theory of the social and political foundations of modern economies by investigating the interrelation between social, economic and political action. Building on the disciplinary traditions of sociology and political science, the institute's research program aims to combine and develop the approaches of new economic sociology and comparative political economy. Projects at the institute are clustered in four research areas: Sociology of Markets (led by Jens Beckert, director at MPIfG); Institutional Change in Contemporary Capitalism (led by Wolfgang Streeck, director at MPIfG); European Liberalization Policies (independent research group led by Martin Höpner); Institution Building across Borders (independent research group led by Sigrid Quack).

Eligibility: Applicants must hold a PhD degree in political science, sociology, organisation studies or related fields. Degrees must be received by August 2013 at the latest.

Deadline: January 31, 2013; please submit your application for admission to the MPIfG Postdoctoral Program online

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