

# Social Science News

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## Information/News

### **New Issue of the Visegrad Insight: The Rise and Fall of Middle Class**

**Published by:** Res Publica Foundation

**Publication date:** September 2012

**Topics:** The second issue of Visegrad Insight "Rise and Fall of Middle Class" launches this September in print and on-line at [www.visegradinsight.eu](http://www.visegradinsight.eu). In an attempt to portrait the middle class in Central Europe, renowned academics, writers and intellectuals from the region and beyond discuss its roots and possible scenarios for the future. Street protesters and bank executives, literary awards recipients and aspiring political representatives of the contemporary middle classes are all in focus. In this issue: Péter Nádas questions the links of middle class and democracy. The U.S.-based intelligence unit Stratfor reports on geopolitical outcomes of bank acquisition in the region. Rudolf Chmel examines the conditions of solidarity in times of crisis. Timothy Garton Ash discusses the horizons of European imagination. Plus an extensive coverage on the relations with the USA and China, Central European book awards overview and much more.

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### **Euxeinos 7 on Corruption and Informal Practices in Russia**

**Edited by:** Ulrich Schmid, Maria Tagangaeva

**Published by:** Center for Governance and Culture in Europe, University of St. Gallen

**ISSN:** 2296-0708

**Topics:** Euxeinos 7 on Corruption and Informal Practices in Russia is now available online. Guest Editor Ulrich Schmid (St.Gallen). You can access it by visiting the website.

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## Call for papers

### Conferences

#### **The mobile interface and social change. Embodied spaces and locative technologies**

**Date:** December 5-6, 2012

**Site:** Rome, Italy

**Organiser:** "Sapienza", University of Rome

**Topics:** The aim of this 2-days Conference is to highlight, by the body, the emerging methodologies and applications in the study of mobile media time-space and with particular attention to: understand locative media in terms of embodied experience; draw the context in which methods are used as well as the tacit assumptions that shape research questions; focus on case studies illustrating how individuals, groups, and institutions have used mobile media to toy with or alter their physical surroundings. The organisers want to explore how, in everyday life, a number of dimensions of time and space are being newly reconstructed through the use of mobile communications technologies. The conference should be a starting point of long-term grounded research on the Socio-Technical Shaping of Mobile Multimedia Communications. The conference will offer a review and critique of some of the major sociological approaches to understanding time and space. This review entails a discussion of how social practices and institutions are maintained and/or transformed via mobile technologies. Ethnographic data will be used to explore emerging mobile temporalities. Three inter-connected domains in mobile time are proposed: 1. rhythms of mobile use; 2. rhythms of mobile use in everyday life; 3. rhythms of mobility and institutional change (discourses, representations, schemas). Each entails a relational ontology of the constitution of social actors, spaces and meanings. Theoretical as well as empirical presentations are welcome, especially work relating to micro-interactive research on the sociology of embodiment. Specifically, papers, power point presentations, and work in progress are invited on the following topics: Embodied Spaces and Locative Technologies; The Sensory

Inscribed Body; Mobility Capital and Performed Movement-Space; Synchronous and Asynchronous Maps of the Mobile Interface; The Rhythms of Mobile Use; The Rhythms of Mobile Use in Everyday Life; The Rhythms of Mobility and Institutional Change; The Contours of Contemporary Media and Culture.

**Language:** English

**Fee:** to be announced

**Deadline:** October 15, 2012

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**Internet:** <http://www.isa-sociology.org/conference.php?t=671>

(source: Internet)

## Prague Christmas Conference (4. International Academic Conference)

**Date:** December 4-7, 2012

**Site:** Prague, Czech Republic

**Organiser:** International Institute of Social and Economic Sciences

**Topics:** You are invited to present your research work under one of the following conference tracks: Business and Economics; Social Sciences and Humanities; Teaching and Education; Health, Environment and Welfare; IT for Business; Law in Society.

**Language:** English

**Fee:** 270 – 350 €; per additional paper if presenting more than one paper at the conference: 100 €

**Deadline:** November 4, 2012

**Contact:** IISES

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**Internet:** <http://www.iises.net/conferences/prague-christmas-conference-december-4-7-2012/>

(source: Internet)

## The International Symposium on Society, Tourism, Education and Politics

**Date:** January 26-28, 2013

**Site:** Bangkok, Thailand

**Organiser:** ISSTEP

**Topics:** 2013 ISSTEP is inviting professors, researchers, graduate students, academics and any other interested parties to join the International Symposium on Society, Technology, Education and Politics. This symposium is organized around four broad themes concerning Society, Technology, Education, and Politics. The organisers welcome papers from professors, post-doctorate researchers, independent researchers, and diplomats.

**Language:** English

**Fee:** Author: 400 – 500 \$; Audience: 250 – 300 \$

**Deadline:** October 15, 2012; Online submission system: <http://www.isstep.org/registration.asp>

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(source: Internet)

## 2nd Global Conference: Sins, Vices and Virtues

**Date:** March 13-15, 2013

**Site:** Lisbon, Portugal

**Organiser:** Inter-Disciplinary.Net

**Topics:** The genealogy of the idea of sin or religious transgression around the world; Anthropology of transgression; Sinful/Transgressive actions, evil thoughts, religious taboos in Christian and non-Christian cultures; What are the pre-Islam Arabic ideas of sin? How do these influence Islamic thought and how do they shape or not shape fundamentalist Islamic political thought?; Lexicon of sinfulness/transgression and virtuousness in Christian and non-Christian cultures; Social functions of sins and virtues; Modern sins and vices: Individual and social; religious and secular; intercultural; Social 'sins': 'Institutional' and 'structural'; their social ramifications; '-isms' in religious and spiritual discourse; Communal versus individual sins/transgressions: Do societies sin? How are societies; policing them?; The concept of sin or spiritual transgression/deviation and philosophy; The notions of 'sins', vices and virtues on the political arena (secular morality or no morality); Psychology of sin ('sinful' or 'abnormal?'); the concept of sin after Darwin, Nietzsche and Freud); Emotions and moral decision-making; How to represent evil and morality in art: Representation of sins and sinners, vices, transgressions and virtues in art, literature, movies in Christian and non-Christian cultures; Genderisation of sins, vices and virtues in Christian and non-Christian cultures; Ideology of sin/religious transgression and technological progress: G/god or the Machine; 'sins' of productive necessity; Theologies and Nature: Environmental studies and the notions of 'sin', transgression and virtue; Sins/Vices and/in the Media (i.e. advertising); Medieval crusades and modern (holy) wars; Sinless, non-transgressive life in 21st century: Possibility or wishful thinking?; Fear of the confessional or 'McDonaldisation' of spiritual life; is confession needed at all?; Public and penitential practices across the ages and cultures; Punishment for sin/transgression and rewarding virtue across the ages and cultures: individual and collective; Visions of Hell, Paradise and other afterlife Realms across cultures; Virtues in the modern times; virtues in a modern man.

**Language:** English

**Fee:** 285 £

**Deadline:** October 12, 2013

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## **2nd Global Conference: Celebrity**

**Date:** March 10-12, 2013

**Site:** Lisbon, Portugal

**Organiser:** Inter-Disciplinary.Net

**Topics:** The organisers encourage both an in-depth criticism of the state of contemporary culture as well as a legitimate recognition of celebrities' cultural value. Scholars, artists, writers, media representatives, sociologists, psychologists, anthropologists, and medical and law specialists are invited to send papers, reports, research studies, work-in-progress, works of art, workshops and pre-formed panels are invited on issues related to the following themes: Definitions of celebrity-hood, stardom, fame, iconicity, charisma, uniqueness/singularity, mass culture/pop-culture, popularity, across cultures; The history of celebrity: the idols in the past and now; From zero to hero: 'ordinary celebrities'; The modern celebrity culture: its status, benefits, etc.; Ideological conditions of celebrity culture; Celebrities as commodities; Representation of celebrities; 'celebrification' processes; The making of the 'star'; Celebrity and identity formation; authenticity; national identity; Celebrities: empowerment or objectification; self-fashioning (public vs private self); Celebrities and the discourse on the body; Celebrities and fashion; Celebrity culture and the audience (i.e. fandom; celebrity worship; stalking; role models; franchising); Good and bad PR; Celebrities as cultural fabrications; Celebrity and power; political function of celebrity status; Politics and celebrities; celebrities in politics; politicisation of celebrity; Mass media and the formation of celebrity culture; Rhetoric of fame; Celebrity in the media: news, shows, tabloids; Celebrity and the law, accountability, morality, crime, transgressions; Celebrity status and gender; Notorious celebrity/fame: The anti-heroes and anti-stars; Ethics of fame; Celebrities and their personnel; Child celebrities: Too young for fame?; Celebrity status as a burden; The weight of stardom; Forgotten celebrities: What happens when fame disappears? Celebrities and ageing; Posthumous fame; Unwanted fame; Intercultural perspective on celebrity: i.e. Bollywood vs Hollywood; (Post)colonialism and celebrity; Celebrity as 'Other'; (Auto)biographies of/by stars and idols: (self-) representation, truth/biofiction; Celebrity as educators; their positive impact; celebrities and humanitarian actions; awareness-raising; Celebrity confessional literature; Self-help books by celebrities; Teaching about celebrity culture.

**Language:** English

**Fee:** 285 £

**Deadline:** October 12, 2012

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## **International Conference on Development-Induced Displacement and Resettlement: Bridging Research and Practice, Filling the Knowledge Gaps**

**Date:** March 22-23, 2013

**Site:** Oxford, UK

**Organiser:** Oxford University

**Topics:** International Conference on Development-induced Displacement and Resettlement aims to revive the discussions on DIDR and to facilitate critical engagement with the current impasse. It will facilitate cross-communication between different stakeholders, disciplines and perspectives; and will seek to bridge research and practice with a view to fill the knowledge gaps and move the DIDR studies forward. The conference invites papers that will contribute to reviving the discussions on development-induced displacement and resettlement. In view of the conference theme, "bridging research and practice, filling the knowledge gaps", papers facilitating cross-communications between different stakeholders, disciplines and perspectives are very much welcome. As a forum for critical reflections on the current practice and policies, the conference encourages presenters to engage in discussions on the least studied aspects and unanswered questions of DIDR. How much is enough to compensate an oustee for example, or what is a successful resettlement? How do we define the affected populations in the urban? How can we "re"settle mobile populations that are not settled in the first place? Should the affected people have the right to veto the projects?

**Language:** English

**Fee:** 150 £; Student/concession: 75 £

**Deadline:** October 31, 2012

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**Internet:** <http://www.didrconference.org/>

(source: Internet)

### **Sri Lankans on the Move: An International Conference on Migration (ICSOM)**

**Date:** January 23-25, 2013

**Site:** Colombo, Sri Lanka

**Organiser:** National Science Foundation (NSF)

**Topics:** The Conference aims to bring in a corpus of multidisciplinary scholars to present their work on migration, and to make sense of this complicated landscape. The outcomes of the Conference will feed into the discourse on migration and policy analysis and programme development. National Science Foundation invites scholars, researchers and practitioners to submit paper proposals on the following thematic areas: Conceptual and theoretical issues and historical trends; Migration and development; Diaspora, political refugees, irregular migration and citizenship issues; Migration and health; Migration and education; Social impact of migration; Economic implications of migration; Migration policies and governance.

**Language:** English

**Fee:** 60 – 150 \$; Sri Lanka participants: 5000 LKR

**Deadline:** October 15, 2012; Full papers should be submitted to the Conference Secretariat: [icsom@nsf.ac.lk](mailto:icsom@nsf.ac.lk)

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### **International conference Transnational Spaces and Gender**

**Date:** April 4-5, 2013

**Site:** Paderborn, Germany

**Organiser:** Institute for Human Sciences, Sociology

**Topics:** The conference moves beyond previous research approaches and examines the implications of social transformation processes not only for the field of principles, norms, institutions, practices and symbolic representations but also for the research areas of work and organisation, where the gendered division of work, relations of dependency and social and symbolic processes of exchange are questioned. The transnational perspective that is increasingly expanding into gender research additionally demands theoretical, methodological and methodical reflexions. The interactions between transnational networking and (trans)local gender arrangements need to be explored from an intersectional perspective, i.e. concerning their interconnection with other categories and inequalities, such as ethnicity, class and sexual orientation. The following questions should be guiding the conference: To what extent is the emergence of transnational spaces at the economic and political level related to gender arrangements at the national and regional level?; How are gender orders reproduced, modified or even dissolved by everyday transnational interactions between men and women?; How can the category of gender be systematically integrated (theoretically, methodologically and methodically) into the analysis of transnational processes? The conference focuses on three thematic priorities within which these questions should be investigated. These are: The field of norms, normalisation and identities; The field of work and organisations; The field of knowledge and knowledge production.

**Language:** English

**Deadline:** October 31, 2012

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### **(AABSS) American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences Sixteenth Annual Meeting**

**Date:** February 14-15, 2013

**Site:** Las Vegas, Nevada, US

**Organiser:** AABSS

**Topics:** The annual meeting offers a collegial forum for participants to share research, ideas for professional development, and academic concerns in all areas of the Behavioral and Social Sciences. Student participation is encouraged. Paper presentations or workshops that deal with the broad range of subject matter of relevance to behavioral and social scientists are encouraged. Suitable subject areas include: emerging themes and trends in disciplines; research in the behavioral/social sciences; issues in teaching; curriculum development; workshops on teaching and other skills; technology as a pedagogical tool; faculty and administrative concerns; working with students; international/global concerns; racial/ethnic/gender/disability issues; health and well-being; round table discussions of timely topics.

**Language:** English

**Fee:** Active Professional: 230 – 255 \$; Student: 125 – 150 \$; Retired: 115 – 145 \$

**Deadline:** October 26, 2012

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#### **4th International Conference: "Researching Families and Relationships: innovations in methods, theory and policy"**

**Date:** June 10-12, 2013

**Site:** Edinburgh, UK

**Organiser:** Centre for research on families and relationships (CRFR)

**Topics:** The conference will explore ways in which research on and with children, families and relationships have been developed in new and innovative ways in recent years. Themes could include: How have researchers met difficult theoretical, substantive or ethical challenges? How have methods been taken forward in the digital age and in the context of unequal access to resources across the globe? How have participatory, sensory and visual methods been developed? What have we learned from new approaches to the challenges of time and the life course? Where are the key innovations in understanding transnational families and relationships, international comparison and addressing minority (rich, high carbon footprint) and majority (poor, low carbon footprint) worlds? How can we address issues of inequalities, especially where these intersect? How are researchers analysing the part played by families and relationships in big 'global' issues such as climate change?

**Language:** English

**Fee:** 325 £

**Deadline:** November 2, 2012

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#### **14th Global Conference: Perspectives on Evil and Human Wickedness**

**Date:** March 10-12, 2013

**Site:** Lisbon, Portugal

**Organiser:** Inter-Disciplinary.Net

**Topics:** This inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary conference seeks to examine and explore issues surrounding evil and human wickedness. Contributions may be: papers, panels, workshops, reports; case studies; performance pieces; dramatic readings; poetic renditions; short stories; creative writings; works of art; works of music. The organisers will also consider other forms of contribution. Successful proposals will normally be given a 20 minute presentation space. Perspectives are sought from all academic disciplines along with, for example, those working in the caring professions, journalism, the media, the military, prison services, politics, psychiatry and other work-related, ngo and vocational areas. Key themes for reflection may include, but are not limited to: what is evil? the nature and sources of evil and human wickedness; evil animals? Wicked creatures?; the places and spaces of evil; crimes, criminals and justice; psychopathic behaviour – mad or bad?; villains, wicked characters and heroes; vice and virtue; choice, responsibility, and diminished responsibility; social and cultural reactions to evil and human wickedness; political evils; evil, power and the state; evil and gender; evil and the feminine; evil children; hell, hells, damnation: evil and the afterlife; the portrayal of evil and human wickedness in the media and popular culture; suffering in literature and film; individual acts of evil, group violence, holocaust and genocide; obligations of bystanders; terrorism, war, ethnic cleansing; fear, terror, horror; the search for meaning and sense in evil and human wickedness; the nature and tasks of theodicy; religious understandings of evil and human wickedness; postmodern approaches to evil and human wickedness; ecocriticism, evil and suffering; evil and the use/abuse of technology; evil in cyberspace.

**Language:** English

**Fee:** 285 £

**Deadline:** October 12, 2012

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#### **1st Global Conference : "Opportunity in Crisis: Finding Benefits in Difficult Life Events"**

**Date:** February 7-9, 2013

**Site:** Sydney, Australia

**Organiser:** Inter-Disciplinary.Net

**Topics:** The conference is part of the Persons programme of research projects. It aims to bring together people from different areas and interests to share ideas and explore various discussions which are innovative and exciting. Participants in this project are encouraged to explore the notion that crises can provide opportunities for significant growth in areas of organisational management and planning, professional development and education, as well as those situations that influence psychological and spiritual well-being. In addition, this project invites a critical examination of those approaches, roles, skills, and conditions of relationship that make agency possible, establish collaboration, and assist in mutually helpful outcomes. Consequently, the organisers warmly invite professional practitioners, educators, planners, theoreticians, artists, and writers to present and reflect upon their work in this key area of emerging research and practice. Presentations, performances, papers, art-pieces, workshops, and pre-formed panels are invited on any of the following themes: The roles of crisis and opportunity in human development and across the life-span; The development of crisis theory; Case studies in crisis management and organisational change – examining and balancing proactive and reactive strategies; Critical issues in the management of crisis; The relationship between crisis and opportunities – crises that create opportunities, and opportunities that precipitate crises; Cultural perceptions of crisis and opportunity; Representations of crisis and

opportunity in literature, the arts and in the media; Crisis, opportunity and psycho-spiritual development; Philosophical, ethical, and legal issues in crisis and opportunity; Learning from global crises and opportunities.

**Language:** English

**Fee:** 285 £

**Deadline:** October 19, 2012

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## 2013 Bangkok International Conference on Social Science

**Date:** January 25-27, 2013

**Site:** Bangkok, Thailand

**Organiser:** BICSS

**Topics:** 2013 Bangkok International Conference on Social Science aims to provide a forum for researchers, practitioners, and professionals from the industry, academia and government to discourse on research and development, professional practice in social science. It is one of the leading international conferences for presenting novel and fundamental advances in the fields of social science. It also serves to foster communication among researchers and practitioners working in a wide variety of scientific areas with a common interest in improving social science. Proposals must be linked to one of the following themes: Communication, Culture, Economics, Education, Finance, Law, Management, Politics, Psychology and Society.

**Language:** English

**Fee:** 400 – 450 \$

**Deadline:** October 15, 2012

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(source: Internet)

## 5th Central and Eastern European Forum for Young Legal, Political and Social Theorists

**Date:** May 3-4, 2013

**Site:** Greifswald; Germany

**Organiser:** Department of Political and Communication Science, University of Greifswald

**Topics:** The CEE Forum is a platform for young legal, political and social theorists who come from, currently study or work in Central and Eastern Europe or have a research interest in the region. The regional boundaries are understood widely. The target audiences of the conference are young researchers, especially doctoral students and post-docs, without a specific age limit. As in the previous Forums, the conference will be organised in three concurrent panels and will put its special emphasis on two major general topics. 1) Separation of Powers & Constitutional Review. Two core elements of modern constitutional democracies: separation of powers and constitutional review will be discussed in the first panel. These ideas are of enduring timeliness in legal and political theory. The organisers especially welcome submissions to answer the following questions: Is the separation of powers still applicable to the complexity of modern polities or is it of mere historical importance? How is this principle realised in the governmental system of the European Union? What is the exact meaning of the term separation and its manifold synonyms and alternatives? What is the "nature" of constitutional review: Is it jurisdiction, politics in the cloak of the law, something in between or even something totally different? What are the borders of constitutional review? How does the relationship between separation of powers and constitutional review look like: What is (or should be) the place of constitutional review in a power-separating order? Is it a part or the top of the judiciary or an own branch? 2) Constitutional Rights & Obligations. The second panel is dedicated to constitutional rights and obligations. Most modern constitutions provide basic rights and freedoms for individuals and/or groups in order to protect them against encroachments by the state. Additionally, there is some general consent in constitutional theory, which fundamental rights a constitution should at least guarantee. In contrast, obligations are much rarer in the constitutional landscape. Even basic necessities like tax paying are often not elevated to constitutional status. The following questions will be discussed: Should constitutions incorporate obligations or do obligations systematically violate the basic principles of liberal and democratic policies? How are constitutional obligations related to constitutional rights – both normatively and empirically? In particular, how do obligations influence liberty rights? Finally, which perspective do concurrent theories of democracy take on constitutional obligations, for instance on the idea of compulsory voting? 3) Open Panel. In order to meet the diverse interests of the Forum's participants from different disciplines, the third panel will be open to all interesting topics from the vast area of legal, political and social theory.

**Language:** English

**Fee:** 50 €

**Deadline:** December 31, 2012; Abstracts should be submitted in the available application form and sent to: [cee-forum2013@uni-greifswald.de](mailto:cee-forum2013@uni-greifswald.de).

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**213 Annual Meeting of the Industrial Relations in Europe Conference: "Labour relations still in crisis: bargaining, politics, institutions, and labour relations in Europe"**

**Date:** September 12-14, 2013

**Site:** Bucharest, Romania

**Organiser:** SNSPA (Bucharest National School of Political Studies), Department of Political Science, in collaboration with the Median Research Centre-MRC, Bucharest

**Topics:** The following questions, as well as other important questions that fit the workshop, will be addressed at the Conference: How do European Unions approach the new social risks? What is the extent of the labour market fragmentation in EU? Do the political conflicts, concerning the welfare state, institutional and economic reforms, involve trade unions and firms? In what degree have European trade unions been affected by the economic crisis? Did the East and Central European countries produce labour relations' models different from other EU countries? How do we measure the new developments in labour relations? IREC 2013 welcomes theoretical and empirical paper proposals that offer analyses of the stances of social actors concerning the economic decisions in the EU, the interaction at the national level, between unions, firms, government and political parties, as well as on the various models of European tackling of mobility and flexibility of labour markets, the relations between union and employers membership, leadership, the values attitudes and interests of individuals, last but not least, the analysis of East Central European models of labour relations and capitalist development.

**Language:** English

**Fee:** 150 – 200 €; Graduate students: 50 – 100 €

**Deadline:** December 28, 2012; Proposals should be sent to: [admuntean@gmail.com](mailto:admuntean@gmail.com)

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## Call for papers

Journals

### Studies of Transition States and Societies

**Place of publication:** Tallinn, Estonia

**Type of publication:** online

**Publication date:** Spring 2013

**Published by/ edited by:** Tallinn University Institute of Political Science and Governance and Tallinn University Institute of International and Social Studies

**Topics:** "Studies of Transition States and Societies" (STSS) aims to promote interdisciplinary exchange between scholars in all major subfields of sociology and political science. The substantive focus of the journal is on the transitional societies, particularly on the societal and political changes in postcommunist countries. Conceptually speaking, this journal seeks to challenge the teleological understanding of transition processes that is based on dichotomous classifications (traditions vs. modernism, democracy vs. totalitarianism, nation-states vs. multiculturalism, etc.), placing emphasis instead on holistic approaches and gradational units of analysis. The editors are now looking for articles to be published in their Spring issue (2013). The editors would be happy to receive articles from a wide range of disciplines but would give preferences to empirically based case studies from the former socialist region (spanning from Eastern Europe to China) focusing on civil society as an instrument of social and political transformation.

**Deadline:** December 10, 2012

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(source: e-mail from the editors)

### Studies of Changing Societies (SCS Journal)

**Place of publication:** Kharkiv; Ukraine

**Type of publication:** online

**Publication date:** December 2012 (Second issue; ISSN 2225-2215)

**Edited by:** Olga Guzhva, Dr. Mikhail Beznosov, Dr. Roman Sheiko

**Topics:** The goal of SCS Journal is to contribute to the understanding of current and historical trends of social change in contemporary world. The articles will deal with questions related to the political, economic, social, legal, and cultural changes and policies aimed to facilitation of prevention of those changes, and the relationship between various social institutions and society. The journal's goal is to foster debate on the many aspects of social changes that are of interest to policy-makers, administrators and journalists, international organizations personnel, as well as to students and college professors, social scientists and different sub-fields professionals (academics and researchers), PhD students, and administrators practitioners.

**Deadline:** October 15, 2012

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### **Journal of Social Science Education (JSSE): Post-Communist Citizenship**

**Place of publication:** Bielefeld, Germany

**Type of publication:** online

**Publication date:** 2013 (Volume 12, Number 4, © JSSE 2013, ISSN 1618-5293)

**Published by/ edited by:** Bielefeld University, Faculty of Sociology

**Topics:** The Journal of Social Science Education will publish a special issue „Post-Communist Citizenship“ in 2013. It will reflect on dynamics in practices of citizenship across post-communist states with particular focus on countries which have experienced considerable institutional changes as a result of state building. The editors are specifically interested in comparative studies of societies that saw practices of citizenship changing since early 1990s as a result of border changes (including territorial adjustment and dissolution of socialist federations), population dynamics (both demographic, as a result of in and out migration, and resettlement after warfare) and amendments to their citizenship regimes (issuing passports to an ethnic kin folk and provisions for extraterritorial citizenship). Selection of key issues to be discussed: Conceptual and theoretical changes of focus in understanding the post-communist citizenship; Institutional/legal developments of citizenship in the post-communist countries with a focus on controversies; The role of transformation processes for the citizenship practices in those countries; Practices of citizenship and social coherence in the countries in question; Citizenship and civic education (the role of the education system vis-à-vis citizenship); Post-communist citizenship and nationalism (Is there a ‘crisis of the hyphen’ in post-communist countries?); Power and citizenship in the post-communist countries (the role of inequality and class stratification); The impact of external actors such as the Russian Federation, the U.S. or the EU on the citizenship practices in post-communist countries.

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## **Call for papers**

Publications

### **Annual Review of the Sociology of Religion: Sociology and Monasticism**

**Type of publication:** print/ or online

**Publication date:** 2014 (Issue number 5)

**Edited by:** Isabelle Jonveaux (University of Graz), Enzo Pace (University of Padua) and Stefania Palmisano (University of Turin)

**Topics:** With the aim of collecting articles by the leading sociologists at present doing fieldwork research on monasticism, the editors are seeking contributions which offer an overview of work-in-progress in this area. The objective is to publicize a little-known field of the sociology of religion and to provide it with new legitimacy. Possible topics include: Varieties of monasticism; Monasticism and economics; New forms of monasticism; Monasticism and vocations (recruiting); Monastic novitiates; New monastic foundations in so-called developing countries; Extra-European Christian monasticism; Social/religious role of monasticism; Monasticism and religious hierarchy.

**Deadline:** October 15, 2012

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### **Social Media, Politics and the State 2013: Edited Collection: Social Media, Politics and the State: Protests, Revolutions, Riots, Crime, and Policing in the Age**

**Type of publication:** print/ or online

**Published by/ edited by:** Daniel Trottier and Christian Fuchs

**Topics:** The focus of this collected volume is to seek contributions that give a realistic assessment of the relationship between various forms of collective action (e.g. the Arab spring, the Occupy movement, contemporary student protests, contemporary social movements in Greece, Spain, and other countries, Anonymous, WikiLeaks, various forms of terrorism, various forms of crime, various forms of political activism, etc.) and state power (the police, various political regimes, intelligence, the state-industrial surveillance complex, the neoliberal regime of governance, etc.) on social media. The editors are explicitly neither interested in contributions that tell readers which great opportunities or threats various forms of collective action on social media pose, nor in contributions that focus on opportunities or threats posed by various forms of state action on social media. They are rather exclusively interested in contributions that address how collective action and state power are related and conflict as two-sides of social media power, and how power and counter-power are distributed in this relationship. The editors

are compiling a collection of research papers that address one or more of the following issues: Social media and the Arab Spring, and related regime conflicts; Social media and the Occupy movement; Social media and student protests / austerity protests; Social media and riots / social unrest in urban areas; Social media and political protests and activism; Social media and marginal political groups; Social media, right-wing extremism, and fascism; Social media and religious violence; Social media and organized crime; Social media and policing; Social media and police violence; Social media and the state-industrial surveillance complex; Social media and Anonymous; Social media and WikiLeaks.

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## Grants/Jobs/Internships

### Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program

**Institution/Organiser:** National Endowment for Democracy (NED)

**Kind of support/work:** fellowship

**Duration:** Spring 2014 Session: March 1 to July 31, 2014

**Site:** Washington, US

**Topics:** The Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program is an international exchange program that offers practitioners, scholars, and journalists from around the world the opportunity to spend five months at the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), in Washington DC, in order to undertake independent research on democratic challenges worldwide. The program runs two five-month fellowship sessions per year, during which fellows are expected to work full time on their projects. Practitioners focus on strategies and best practices for strengthening democracy in their country of interest; scholars conduct original research for publication. Projects may address the economic, political, social, legal, or cultural aspects of democratic development and include a range of methodologies and approaches. The program hosts an active calendar of events, including an introduction to NED and its partner institutions. Fellows are expected to present their work and prepare a written product during their stay.

**Eligibility:** The fellowship is intended primarily for individuals from developing and aspiring democracies. Distinguished scholars from the United States and other established democracies are eligible to apply. Practitioners and journalists should have substantial work experience in their fields, while scholars are expected to have a Ph.D., or academic equivalent, at the time of application. The program does not support professional training, fieldwork, or students working toward a degree, nor does it provide funding to implement projects in the field. A working knowledge of English is required for participation in the program.

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### PhD fellowships in Population studies

**Institution/Organiser:** Office for Population Studies, Masaryk University

**Kind of support/work:** fellowship

**Duration:** up to 4 years

**Site:** Brno, Czech Republic

**Topics:** Candidates working on issues related to core research areas of the Office for population studies – population ageing and/or families in transition – are strongly encouraged to apply. The following research areas are going to be given preference in the evaluation process: Population ageing and the labor market, Grand-parenting and intergenerational exchange, Family forms and family relationships in ageing populations, Social inequalities in later life, Transitions in family life (with emphasis on the transition to parenthood), New family forms, The role of the family in the reproduction of social inequalities. Comparative projects are desirable.

**Fellowship:** The total financial compensation paid to the fellow is 16000 CZK per month (approx. 620 € by current exchange rate; fellowships are tax-free according to Czech legislation). The fellowship is for one year, renewable – upon evaluation of the fellow's performance – for up to 4 years, i.e. for the entire standard duration of the Ph.D. studies. Fellows must be enrolled in the Sociology Ph.D. program while receiving the fellowship Full or partial tuition waivers are available upon successful completion of the first semester.

**Application procedure:** Candidates submit their Ph.D. application in the standard manner (details about Ph.D. admission procedures can be found at <http://www.fss.muni.cz/en/site/studium/doktorske/programy>) and express their interest in this fellowship by sending a copy of their dissertation project with a brief explanation to Lenka Kratochvílová ([lkratoch@fss.muni.cz](mailto:lkratoch@fss.muni.cz)) at the same time as they apply for admission into the Ph.D. program. The Sociology doctorate program at Masaryk University is conducted entirely in English.

**Deadline:** November 30, 2012; for fellowships commencing in February 2013

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## Professor of Sociology

**Institution/Organiser:** School of Sociology, Social Policy and Social Work

**Kind of support/work:** job

**Site:** Belfast, UK

**Topics:** Job purpose: To provide intellectual leadership for the discipline of Sociology within a multidisciplinary School, to raise the international profile of research, and to enhance teaching and research across priority themes as identified in University strategic planning. Major Duties: 1. Research: Undertake research of a quality that is internationally excellent in terms of originality, significance and rigour; Sustain an extensive track record of published research findings by publishing in refereed journals and in peer-reviewed monographs, and presenting at national/international conferences; Develop innovative research proposals and lead funding bids; Provide supervision of part-time and full-time research students; Develop strategies to attract research students; Contribute to the research priorities of the School and University; Provide research leadership that will enhance the international reputation of Sociology; Direct, coach and develop research staff, where appropriate. 2. Teaching: Develop the teaching activities of the School by pursuing new and innovative teaching approaches, and delivering a range of teaching and assessment activities including lectures and seminars, and setting, marking and providing feedback (formative and summative) on coursework and exams, particularly in the field of his/her specialisation; Lead and contribute to the enhancement of quality teaching within the School, ensuring that course design and delivery comply with the appropriate benchmarks and regulations; Develop and advise others on learning and teaching tasks and methods; Act as internal examiner for undergraduate and postgraduate students. 3. Administration/Contribution to the Community: Contribute significantly to the development and running of the School by taking on appropriate School managerial and co-ordinating roles. 4. Planning and Organising: Plan, set and deliver research and teaching objectives for appropriate groups of staff; Prepare, review and provide feedback on research proposals for external funding; Be involved in strategic planning for the School and contribute, where appropriate, to the University's strategic planning process; Contribute to the management of quality, audit and other external assessments. 5. Resource Management Responsibilities. 6. Internal and External

**Eligibility:** Essential Criteria: Primary degree in one of the Social Sciences; PhD in Sociology; A sustained record of research publications of international excellence; Proven track record of attracting and supervising research students; Evidence of major collaborative research activities including securing grant income; Evidence of research impact.; Proven ability to deliver high quality teaching at all levels; Experience of curriculum development; Evidence of strategic academic leadership in research, programme development, teaching and management; A clear vision on future research and development plans and how they would benefit Sociology within the University; Evidence of ability to strengthen the reputation of Sociology and the School's national and international networks; Must demonstrate evidence of ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of specialist and non-specialist audiences; Must demonstrate evidence of ability to present academic material clearly and effectively; Evidence of good interpersonal skills and the ability to work both independently and as part of a team; Evidence of leadership qualities. Desirable criteria: Membership of Higher Education Academy (or equivalent); Experience of raising the public profile of Sociology; Record of work with interdisciplinary teams; Research field that builds on established strengths in the School and University.

**Deadline:** October 12, 2012

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