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Constrained, pragmatic pro-democratic appraising constitutional review courts in post-Soviet politics

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Abstract: This paper conceptualizes the behavior of higher courts in the politics of former Soviet republics and attempts to set up a framework for the study of democratic contributions by post-Soviet constitutional courts. Although political expediency is noted to be the central driving force behind the judges' decisions in politically sensitive cases, as courts are subject to different constraints from quasi-autocratic executives, it is argued that constitutional review tribunals are generally pro-democratic in their political orientation and that they can become the allies of pro-democratic parties in transitional periods of elite change. To support this proposition, this paper proceeds from a series of theoretical arguments to empirical observation of judicial behavior in times of political uncertainty, the latter being a perfect test for probing the political orientation of the courts.

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Call for papers Conferences

Chains of Migration: Migration and Identity in the Postyugoslav Countries

Date: March 25-26, 2011

Site: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Organiser: The conference is organized as the final output of an international research and networking project: Challenging Identity Normativity, funded by the Austrian Science and Research Liaison Office Ljubljana (ASO), coordinated by the Faculty for Social Work at the University of Ljubljana.

Topics: The conference will bring together researchers and academics from cooperating institutions from Austria, Macedonia, Kosovo and Slovenia, as well as invited academics from the international arena. This international, inter-institutional, interdisciplinary (anthropological, sociological, social work) approaches will attempt to reach various audiences and reach high scientific as well as applicative (educational) impact. The main goal of the conference is to raise some pertinent questions in social sciences and humanities on the topic of migration and identities. 'Chains of migrations' articulates the multilayered social-political-economic reasons and effects of migration paths in/from the Balkans, especially: the continuity of migrations, serial migration, politics of monitoring migration, forced and undocumented migration etc. The papers at the conference would in part attempt to answer: how do chains of migration affect identity formation; what are the key markers of migration identities and how do they change, how do (returning) migrants influence social and economic changes, how does gender function in migration patterns, how to develop affirmative migration identities, empowerment policies and inclusion, etc. In relation to the recent research on identity politics in the region and the fact that we live in times of identities and of migrations, we would like to discuss the policies/politics of belonging, especially the frame of the complex 'migrant-subject'.

Language: English

Deadline: ongoing

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Legal, political and economic initiatives towards Europe of knowledge

Date: April 15, 2011

Site: Kaunas, Lithuania

Organiser: Kaunas University of Technology, Institute of Europe

Topics: The aims of the conference are aspects of legal, political and economic initiatives towards Europe of knowledge as well as to highlight other actual problems concerning development of European Union. Themes include: Development of Common Market; Economic and financial recovery; Research, Education and Innovation in Knowledge Triangle; Regional Policy development; The Northern Dimension Policy; Climate change and sustainable development; Perspectives of EU initiatives on: Research Strategy for Growth, Development of Entrepreneurial Business, Cancun Agreement, Digital Agenda for Europe, Innovation Union.

Language: English

Deadline: March 10, 2011

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 (source: Internet)

Gender Map of Central and Eastern Europe

Date: April 21-22, 2011

Site: Sumy, Ukraine

Organiser: Sumy State University, Faculty of Humanities, Department of Sociology, Politology and Psychology; Sumy Gender Resource Center with support of Equal Opportunities and Women's Rights in Ukraine, Programme UNDP

Topics: Sections of the Conference: Gender structure of authorities in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and influence of third sector; Legal aspects of gender policy; Socio-economic and demographic factors of changes in gender structure of labor force and migration flows; Family, children and work: how social (gender) roles have changed? The Organizing committee invites scientists, experts and organizations interested in gender issues.

Language: Ukrainian, Russian or English

Fee: 100 UAH (10 €)

Deadline: ongoing

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(source: e-mail from the organizer)

The 2011 ASA Spring Methodology Conference at Tilburg University

Date: May 18-20, 2011

Site: Tilburg, the Netherlands

Organiser: the Department of Methodology and Statistics at Tilburg University, the Netherlands

Topics: The conference deals with statistical contributions, applications of quantitative methods, methodological work on for example causality, and qualitative and mixed methods.

Language: English

Fee: 50€

Deadline: April 1, 2011

Contact:

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Internet: <http://www.tilburguniversity.edu/about-tilburg-university/schools/socialsciences/departments/methodology/conferences/asa>

(source: Internet)

17th Annual Conference of the Hungarian Political Science Association: Structures and Futures of Europe

Date: May 20-21, 2011

Site: Budapest, Hungary

Organiser: Hungarian Political Science Association

Topics: European political structures are facing new challenges. The Lisbon Treaty, after so many setbacks, has come into force in a period when the economic crisis has threatened the EU's most widely known project, the Eurozone. The effective coordination of national economic policies appears to be more necessary than ever, but it is unclear what new forms of cooperation will emerge among governments, community institutions and markets. Enlargement continues to pose a challenge, while the integration of the new members is, in many respects, still rather a hope than a reality. The EU provides economic and political stability in its close neighborhood, but failure to increase its competitiveness raises questions about its global relevance. The political and academic debates concerning the "democratic deficit" focus the attention on the issue of legitimacy in a multilevel political system, without, however, producing a coherent set of institutional reforms. Given this context, and given the Hungarian presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Hungarian PSA's Annual Meeting this year focuses on European integration, broadly conceived. The panels will cluster into five sections: forms of governance, responses to crisis, political actors, Europe in the world and open section. The last section welcomes proposal from all areas of political science.

Language: English

Fee: includes lunch, dinner, two receptions and an organized tour to the Hungarian Parliament: 80 €, for students 20 €

Deadline: March 15, 2011

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(source: Internet)

New Frontiers in European Studies: UACES Student Forum 12th Annual Conference

Date: June 20- July 1, 2011

Site: Guildford, UK

Organiser: UACES Student Forum

Topics: This two-day conference aims to provide a friendly environment in which postgraduate students can gain experience of presenting research and develop contacts with other researchers in their field. The conference is aimed at research students of all levels and proposals are welcome from students working in the field of European Studies within various disciplines. Postgraduate students may propose a conference paper individually using the Paper Submission Form. Proposals that are accepted will be organised into research panels by the Student Forum Committee.

Language: English

Fee: There is no registration fee to attend the conference but delegates would be expected to pay for a conference dinner on the 30th June (optional to attend) with a budget of about £25.

Deadline: March 15, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Social inequality and mobility in the life-course: Causes and consequences of social stratification

Date: July 7-9, 2011

Site: Mannheim, Germany

Organiser: the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research

Topics: The organizers invite social scientists to contribute to the conference. Papers should focus on one of the following topics regarding social stratification: Early childhood and pre-school education; General secondary and tertiary education; Vocational education and lifelong learning; Labour markets and occupational careers; Intergenerational transfer of resources and family transitions; Social inequality in old age and retirement; Social inequality and social participation.

Language: English

Fee: 60€

Deadline: April 10, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Understanding the Social World Conference 2011

Date: July 13-15, 2011

Site: Huddersfield, UK

Organiser: the Centre for Research in the Social Sciences

Topics: The conference builds on the success of previous Understanding the Social World conferences held in 1995 and 2001, which supported the development of critical interdisciplinary scholarship. The conference will provide a forum for critical thinking across a range of disciplines, with a view to informing the development of the Social Sciences over the coming period. The organizers invite contributions that speak to the following indicative themes: The Social Sciences in crisis; Identities and social change; Conflict transformations; (Inter) nationalism; Social movements; Sexualities and Genders; Crime; Religion and secularism; Health and (dis)ability; Methodology.

Language: English

Fee: 275-300£

Deadline: March 18, 2011

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(source: Internet)

1991 – 2011. 20 Years of Independence of Post-Soviet Countries

Date: July 15-18, 2011

Site: Warsaw, Poland

Organiser: The Centre for East European Studies of the University of Warsaw

Topics: The Purpose and the main focus of the Eighth Warsaw East European Conference will be put on the two decades since 1991, which marked the demise of the Soviet Union. We continue debate on transformation in politics and policies, in economics, international relations and in culture of the post-Soviet republics. The transformations that occurred since then constitute the essence of 'a post-Soviet dispensation'. We will focus on the reality of post-communism and try to answer the question whether avowed purpose of creating democracy in the post-Soviet countries has transformed the way politics and society operate throughout the region. The general topics, which are going to be discussed in panels during the WEEC, are: Economic Transformation of Post-Communist Countries - Success or Failure? Between Democracy and Authoritarianism. Politics Transformation in

the Post-Communist Countries; Between Global and Local. Problems of Identity in Post-Communist Times; 1991 - New Words in the Geopolitical Lexicon: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan; Power Security of East Central Europe. Economic and Geopolitical Dimensions; Culture and Science in Countries Arisen From Soviet Union Collapse.

Language: English

Fee: 10-80€

Deadline: April 15, 2011

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(source: Internet)

The 7th Conference of the Media Psychology Division: "Cognitive and Emotional Involvement during Media Reception"

Date: August 10-11, 2011

Site: Bremen, Germany

Organiser: German Psychological Society

Topics: The focus theme of the conference is „Cognitive and emotional involvement during media reception“. By suggesting a focus theme the organizers aim at concentrating results, advancing theoretical development in this area and fostering exchange with other subfields in psychology and with neighbouring disciplines. Irrespective of the focus theme, contributions from all areas of media psychology are welcome.

Language: English

Deadline: ongoing

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Globalizing Cultures, Identities and Lifestyles

Date: September 7-9, 2011

Site: Manchester, UK

Organiser: The Global Studies Association

Topics: The organizers are strongly interested in papers that explore the limits to developing a global consciousness or varieties of cosmopolitanism as outcomes of global cultural experiences and/or which critique concepts in this field. Although the primary emphasis here is on cultural experiences, the papers which explore how exposure to globalizing work are also welcome, religious or political practices are changing people's identities. Possible Directions and Themes: The migration and /or cross fertilization of sport practices, institutions and celebrities across cultural and national boundaries and their impact on the socio-cultural life of groups; The diffusion, role and take-up of globalizing health practices on the everyday lives of ordinary people and the mechanisms through which this occurs; How different kinds of skilled transnational migrants are influenced by and in turn shape the dominant cultural, political and other forms evident in the host society; How poor economic migrants, who retain strong ties to their societies and cultures of birth, nevertheless forge multiple identities through engagements with members of the host society or with migrants from societies different from their own; The borrowing, mixing and/or hybridization of genres, styles or practices across ethnic/national borders in any field of the arts, film, music, literature, theatre, dance etc. – and the origins, vehicles and outcomes of and for such cultural mobilities; Becoming or being cosmopolitan through engaging in globalizing leisure or lifestyle practices; Travel and tourism as paths into global lifestyles and the encountering the cultural other; Globalizing lifestyles and identities and their possible links to the expression of varying forms of political protest.

Language: English

Deadline: May 31, 2011

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10th Chemnitz East Forum: "Management and participation in CEE countries"

Date: September 14-16, 2011

Site: Chemnitz, Germany

Organiser: The Chemnitz East Forum

Topics: The Chemnitz East Forum provides a platform for researchers studying management and organizational processes in transformational contexts of Central and East European (CEE) countries. The 10th biennial conference will particularly address the issues of participation in CEE management. We would like to invite research papers exploring any aspects of participation with respect to management in CEE countries. We prefer theory-based empirical studies, grounded in any methodological tradition (qualitative as well as quantitative). We also welcome purely conceptual contributions, papers dealing with methodological issues or questions of research policy. The

conference topics include but are not limited to: Models of worker participation and industrial democracy in CEE countries: Institutional path dependencies or revolutions? Status of employee participation in HRM practices; Cultures of participation vs. cultures of authoritarianism in CEE companies; Participative leadership in CEE management: a new myth? To participate or not to participate: Attitudes of workers towards participation; Participation of employees and corporate social responsibility; Participation in management research: Who does the research on CEE management? Who publishes where? Who reads what (if at all)?

Language: English

Deadline: March 14, 2011

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(source: Internet)

The 6th Annual Research Conference "Homelessness, Migration and Demographic Change in Europe"

Date: September 16, 2011

Site: Pisa, Italy

Organiser: FEANTSA's European Observatory on Homelessness, the European Network for Housing Research Working Group on Welfare Policy, Homelessness and Social Exclusion and the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Pisa

Topics: The organisers welcome in particular interdisciplinary (e.g. sociology, public administration, housing studies, social policy, geography) papers that comparatively explore the scale, trends and nature of migrant homelessness across different EU countries and/or regions, with a specific emphasis in Southern Europe. The Conference will also encourage contributions focussing on hidden forms of migrant homelessness (namely those that particularly affect undocumented migrants, immigrant women and children fleeing domestic violence situations and failed asylum seekers), on the situation of migrants resorting to low-threshold homelessness services or those dealing with the persistence of increased risks of homelessness among certain ethnic and cultural minorities and on conflict dynamics in urban settings and "social mediation" strategies. The conference will present an opportunity to explore how best to manage the tensions that can arise when homeless migrants appear in established communities. We are also interested in papers that may positively contribute to overcoming definition and measurement related problems identified in this specific area, as well as emerging innovative responses for addressing migrant homelessness. The conference will also include open sessions for which we welcome comparative papers on other relevant aspects of homelessness.

Language: English

Deadline: March 25, 2011. Please submit an abstract in English (max. 300 words). Successful conference submissions will be notified by 7th May 2010. Power point presentations will be due by 29th July 2010. Submissions and further enquiries should be directed to research@feantsa.org

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(source: e-mail from the organisers)

6th Annual South East European Doctoral Student Conference

Date: September 19-20, 2011

Site: Thessaloniki, Greece

Organiser: South East European Research Centre

Topics: The aim of the conference is to further facilitate the exchange of knowledge between young researchers and to consolidate the established network of scholars currently undertaking research in South East Europe. Having identified academic isolation as a problem that many doctoral students face today, DSC 2011 aims to bring researchers together with the purpose of establishing collaborative links between disciplines, for testing the ground with innovative ideas and for engaging the wider academic community. The Conference is open to young researchers currently undertaking doctoral study, or in the early years of their research career (up to 2 years following the award of their PhD degree). It has an inter-disciplinary focus. More information on the topic areas covered by the conference can be found on the page that follows. All papers presented at the Conference will be evaluated by an expert panel of academics and other PhD Conference participants. Each presentation will be followed by questions from the audience and comments/feedback from the panel members. The accepted submissions will be included in the Proceedings. In addition, there will be a general discussion session guided by the panel discussants and participants, addressing various issues on PhD work and the experience of carrying out research. There will also be a number of general presentations focusing on useful skills development for doctoral students. The research areas the papers should be addressed to are the following: Research Track 1 (RT1): Enterprise, Innovation & Development; Research Track 2 (RT2): Information and Communication Technologies; Research Track 3 (RT3): Society and Human Development; Psychology, Politics, Sociology and Education.

Language: English

Fee: 50€

Deadline: RT2 Abstract submission: 4th March 2011; RT1, RT3 Abstract submission: 1st April 2011; RT2, Full paper submission: 1st April 2011

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Multiculturalism, Conflict and Belonging

Date: September 22-25, 2011

Site: Oxford, UK

Organiser: The conference is part of the Diversity and Recognition research projects, which in turn belong to the At the Interface programmes of Inter-Disciplinary.Net.

Topics: This multi-disciplinary project seeks to explore the new and prominent place that the idea of culture has for the construction of identity and the implications of this for social membership in contemporary societies. In particular, the project will assess the context of major world transformations, for example, new forms of migration and the massive movements of people across the globe, as well as the impact of globalisation on tensions, conflicts and on the sense of rootedness and belonging. Looking to encourage innovative trans-disciplinary dialogues, the organizers warmly welcome papers from all disciplines, professions and vocations which struggle to understand what it means for people, the world over, to forge identities in rapidly changing national, social and cultural contexts. Papers, workshops and presentations are invited on any of the following themes: Challenging Old Concepts of Self and Other; Nations, Nationhood and Nationalisms; Institutions, Organizations and Social Movements; Persons, Personhood and the Inter-Personal; Media and Artistic Representations; Transnational Cultural Interlacing of Contemporary Life; New Concepts, New Forms of Inclusion.

Language: English

Deadline: March 25, 2011

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Internet: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/at-the-interface/diversity-recognition/multiculturalism-conflict-and-belonging/call-for-papers>

(source: Internet)

Young People in the Balkans as Actors of Social Integration

Date: September 30- October 01, 2011

Site: Belgrade, Serbia

Organiser: Institute for Sociological Research at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

Topics: The conference aims at discovering the role, in the broadest terms, which young people from different Balkan countries play in processes of social dis/integration within particular society, the region, and Europe. The conference aims at covering the broad range of interdisciplinary topics, related to both normative and action level of young people's lives. Maintenance and travel costs for invited foreign participants will be covered by the organizers. The conference will be in English and there will be no fee charge. Conference participants are required to submit an abstract up to 250 words along with their affiliation and contact details via email.

Language: English

Deadline: June 1, 2011

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(source: e-mail from the organizer)

European Social Science History Conference

Date: April 11-14, 2012

Site: Glasgow University, Scotland, UK

Organiser: The International Institute of Social History (IISH), an institute of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts & Sciences

Topics: The ESSHC aims at bringing together scholars interested in explaining historical phenomena using the methods of the social sciences. The conference is characterized by a lively exchange in many small groups, rather than by formal plenary sessions. The conference is organized in 28 networks which cover a variety of topics. It welcomes papers and sessions on any topic and any historical period.

Language: English

Fee: 90-200€

Deadline: May 1, 2011

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(source: Internet)

Call for papers Workshops

Ethnicity and Power: International Conflicts, Terrorism and New Threats for Global Security

Date: May 12-15, 2011

Site: Yalta, Ukraine

Organiser: Norway Humanist Association and Taurida National University Named after V.I.Vernadsky (Ukraine), Network of Cultural Exchange and Interethnic Trust (Ukraine).

Topics: The discourse shall include the following topics: New threats for security and the geopolitical risks in the conditions of globalization of cultural environment; Regional, national, international and global security: ethnopolitical dimension; International relations in conditions of forming the new world order; Islamic fundamentalism and new challenges to the European identity; Modern terrorism: reasons, tendencies, specific features; Ethnic and regional elites as actors of geopolitical processes; Political myths and ethnocultural stereotypes; Religious and ethnic identities as objects for manipulative technologies; Defense of ethnic minorities rights: the European standards and the post-Soviet reality; International conflicts management: problems of theory and practice; Mechanisms of forming the interethnic and interconfessional tolerance; The strategy and tactics of ethnopolitical management; The role of mass-media in forming of ethnopolitical culture of a society; Ethnicity, social networks and social capital; Sustainable development as a problem of a multiethnic civil society; Linguistic aspects of intercultural communications. The round table of the experts "Islamic factor and new threats for global security" will take place at the time of Workshop.

Language: English, Ukrainian, Russian

Fee: 50€

Deadline: April 15, 2011

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

The Netzerken Workshop

Date: May 26-29, 2011

Site: Leipzig, Germany

Organiser: The FTF (Forum Tsiganologische Forschung)

Topics: This year, the NETZWERKEN workshop offers "open space" to introduce, present and discuss individual topics. Participants can either subscribe contributions beforehand or spontaneously initiate them during the workshop. These contributions can contain short keynote speeches, mini seminars, film discussions, multimedia presentations, discussions of research projects etc. We will be happy to assist you with the preparation and execution of your plans and ideas. In addition, the workshop wishes to foster the reflection on Roma/Gypsy Studies more intensively. The following presentations are determined so far: Ethics in research; Surveys of regional Tsiganologien.

Language: English

Fee: 15 €

Deadline: March 31, 2011

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Call for papers Summer Schools

Graduate Course "Divided Societies: Research, Methodology, Ethics"

Date: April 16-21, 2011

Site: Dubrovnik, Croatia

Organiser: IUC, Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik

Topics: Divided Societies is a graduate course that will in 2011 enter its fifteenth year. This year's subtitle 'Research, Methodology, Ethics' focuses the course on theoretical, methodological, ethical and practical issues of research in divided societies. These issues are always present in designing and carrying out research as well as in its presentation and dissemination, already as preliminary questions, but are seldom given adequate scholarly attention. In the traditional view of social sciences, every research requires a firm theoretical basis and a clearly defined (preferably disciplinary) methodological framework that should follow prescribed ethical principles. However, the success of research on complex phenomena such as ethnicity and divided societies to a large extent depends on the combination of different theoretical frameworks, the utilization of several disciplinary and inter-disciplinary approaches and methodologies, as well as on the complex ethical issues that do not only take into account the research process, but also the possible impacts of the research process and results in a given environment. These issues will be addressed by the course that is an eight-day, interdisciplinary workshop combining conference-oriented presentation of scholarly research with an intensive and rigorous academic program for graduate and advanced undergraduate students. In addition, the course offers personal inter-cultural

experience of students and faculty from other contexts in the unforgettable setting of a city that was itself the target of a destructive conflict. Application is available online: <http://www.iuc.hr/programme-application-form.php?progType=course&progId=618>

Language: English

Deadline: ongoing

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Internet: <http://www.iuc.hr/course-details.php?id=618>

(source: Internet)

The 2011 IIR Summer Seminar "History & Philosophy of International Relations"

Date: June 29 - July 4, 2011

Site: Island of Tinos, Greece

Organiser: the Institute of International Relations (IIR) of Panteion University of Athens

Topics: The discipline of IR has been deeply divided on many theoretical issues throughout its history. Many of these debates have been linked to developments in the philosophy of social sciences. Indeed, to slightly paraphrase Lakatos's felicitous observation, "philosophy of IR without history of IR is empty; history of IR without philosophy of IR is blind". This remark captures accurately the aim of this seminar, whose purpose is twofold: a) to provide an overview of the state-of-the-art in IR theory; and b) to maintain a focus on the flow of theoretical ideas in the history of IR and connect this evolution with issues in the philosophy of social sciences in a synthetic and accessible way.

Language: English

Fee: 300€

Deadline: April 22, 2011

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Call for papers

Journals

Research and Discussion (R&D) Journal

Place of publication: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Type of publication: print and online

Publication date: June 2011

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

Topics: The primary focus of the R&D Journal is to enable full disciplinary pluralism by publishing articles in sociology, humanities, economics, law, public administration, management, political science, communication and other related fields. Therefore, R&D Journal introduces new themes in the field of social sciences and welcomes theoretical as well as quantitative and qualitative empirical and applicative contributions from well established researchers as well as young prospective authors. The R&D Journal strives for innovative approaches that are aimed at exploring complex issues in various fields of social sciences and humanities. The R&D Journal also publishes thematic issues, dealing with specific themes from different points of viewing or disciplines. By doing this, the R&D Journal makes a valid contribution towards interdisciplinary understanding of social phenomena and presents different approaches towards solving them. 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: April 25, 2011

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(source: e-mail from the Managing Editor)

Grants/Jobs/Internships

Master and PhD programmes in Political Science at Central European University (CEU) 2011/2012

Institution/Organiser: Political Science Department, CEU

Site: Budapest, Hungary

Topics: The Political Science Department of the Central European University offers a PhD, a one-year MA, and a two-year MA program in Political Science. The 1-year MA program and the PhD program are accredited in the US; the 2-year MA program has a European accreditation. CEU offers scholarships that cover all tuition fees and a generous living allowance for both Master (1 year and 2 year) and PhD studies. The Department of Political Science at Central European University focuses on several areas of political science, with a special emphasis on comparative politics. The curriculum examines questions of political theory, democratization, constitutional politics, political economy, mass media, electoral behavior, party politics, research methodology and European politics. Next to the international core faculty, courses at the department are offered by distinguished visiting professors.

Eligibility: Future Applicants will find the information they need at www.ceu.hu/polsci. Detailed description of the general applications requirements at www.ceu.hu/admissions/requirements.

Language: English

Deadline: March 14, 2011, for applicant who have proof of English proficiency

Contact:

E-mail: polsci@ceu.hu

Internet: <http://web.ceu.hu/polsci/>

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Chair in Sociology

Institution/Organiser: The European University Institute (EUI)

Kind of support/work: job

Duration: Contract is for five years, renewable for further three years.

Site: San Domenico di Fiesole, Italy

Topics: The European University Institute (EUI) is looking for candidates with a distinguished record of scholarly publications and experience in postgraduate teaching and doctoral supervision, to fill a chair in sociology (SPS8). Candidates with an interest in comparative sociology, comparative social structure, welfare state and/or population are particularly encouraged to apply.

Deadline: March 25, 2011

Contact: Director of the Academic Service, Dr. Andreas Frijdal, European University Institute, Via dei Roccettini 9, I-50014 San Domenico di Fiesole, Italy

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Bronisław Geremek Fellowships 2011 - 2012

Institution/Organiser: The Bronisław Geremek Fellowship program

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: ten months from September 2011 - June 2012

Site: Vienna, Austria

Topics: The Bronisław Geremek Fellowship program is to foster study and reflection of Polish national heritage in the context of European tradition. The fellowship enables young Polish doctoral or post-doctoral researchers to become members of the international, multidisciplinary scholarly community of the IWM to work on a research project of their choice. The fellowship is open to all academic disciplines in the humanities and social sciences; research proposals related to one of the IWM's main fields are strongly encouraged. The Bronisław Geremek Fellows will be invited to spend the academic year 2011/12 at the IWM to pursue their research projects while working in residence. The fellows will receive a stipend in the amount of € 2.000 per month to cover accommodation, living expenses, travel, health insurance and incidentals during the stay in Vienna. Furthermore, the IWM will provide a personal office, IT infrastructure, access to the internet, in-house research facilities and other relevant sources in Vienna. The fellows will participate in the scholarly community and activities of the Institute.

Eligibility: Candidates for the Bronisław Geremek Fellowship: must currently pursue a doctoral degree or have recently obtained a Ph.D. in any discipline in the humanities or social sciences; must be Polish citizens or permanently reside in Poland; must not be older than 35 years.

Deadline: April 1, 2011

Contact: Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Fellowship Coordinator, Spittelauer Lände 3, 1090 Wien, Austria

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Institution/Organiser: The Center for Global Politics at the Freie Universität Berlin

Site: Berlin, Germany

Topics: The Center for Global Politics at the Freie Universität Berlin offers two international M.A. programs: International Relations Online and East European Studies Online are both arranged as blended-learning study

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Deadline: April 30, 2011

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