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EDITORIAL

In 1999, eight years have passed since the first publication of Newsletter. Meanwhile, it is regularly subscribed by 854 people. That is the assessment so far. Now, let us take a look ahead: We would like to inform you here on the expanded service programme envisaged by the GESIS branch, which will provide you with new information and communication opportunities.

From this issue of Newsletter information on social science data sources from Eastern Europe will be expanded systematically. It is planned to include information on data archives/data sources into the data bank on Eastern European institutions. In addition, in the future you shall easily find links to social science data from Eastern Europe in the Internet Clearing House of the GESIS Branch Office, which will enable you in getting the specific information you require. A collection of URLs on electoral research in Eastern Europe is already available under http://www.berlin.iz-soz.de/navigation/socsci/archives/index.htm#EasternEurope.

Moreover, we will open the Internet Clearing House to your active participation. From this early summer on you can directly feed the Clearing House with URLs you found in the Internet. Our aim is to provide you with the facility of a central store and access place for accidentally or systematically found Eastern European social science Internet addresses. The Clearing House shall become the place where all relevant information converge and then be accessible to the public. Thus, the community of Eastern European researchers can jointly set up a fund of useful Internet sources that are provided, updated, maintained and archived by the GESIS Branch Office as your service institution.

Another new project in support of communication shall start first for the Berlin-Brandenburg region next April. The GESIS Branch Office, in co-operation with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde (German Society on Eastern European Research), will build a commented E-mail list service in order to promote the mutual perception and co-operation and thus synergies in Berlin-Brandenburg, a concentration place of activities on Eastern Europe.

The same aim at national level serves the cooperation with the editorial board of the “Osteuropa” journal which began with the number 1/1999 issue. The GESIS Branch Office compiles a section “Osteuropa Mitteilungen” (Information on Eastern Europe) which informs the readers on current affairs of the German-speaking social sciences four times a year. Here you can read about German-
speaking research institutions and projects, but also get information about sponsorships and grants as well as Internet references.

The Newsletter "Social Sciences in Eastern Europe," according to its name, will focus on the coverage of Eastern European social sciences and will occasionally report about Western activities outside Germany.

The information on Eastern Europe compiled in data bases by the GESIS Branch Office shall be gradually made searchable via the Internet. As of April 1999, you can selective search in the data bases for social science research projects in Eastern Europe. As of the beginning of the year 2000, the descriptions of East European institutions will be available as a data base via the Internet as well.

In order to systematically expand and keep updated the collection of projects in Eastern Europe, we will conduct the hitherto written surveys also as permanent surveys via the Internet.

According to the patterns of the Internet surveys on German research projects for the FORIS data base, all Eastern European social scientists can then feed the data base on research projects with information about their ongoing, planned and finished projects and/or update these information via the Internet. However, as long as the personal access to the Internet is rather restrictive for Eastern European scientists, we will still conduct written surveys in certain periods of time.

Last but not least, we would like to inform you on a publication project that we will approach in 1999. The way East Europeans regard issues like the European question and the European integration is widely unknown in the West. Thus, we, together with Eastern European scientists, plan to provide a survey of major researches and their outcomes in the field of European research in Eastern Europe.

This outline of already started or planned projects of the GESIS Branch Office will hopefully stimulate your interest not only in participating and using the new possibilities but also in putting questions to us. We are looking forward to your response and remain with best wishes

Yours editorial board

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- Regularities of economic development;
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- Efficient development of the industrial potential;
- Free-market infrastructure;
- Economics;
- Ecological and economic problems.

Research areas: Theoretical foundations of economics; national economy; the economy of the environment; economic transformation; financial markets; economic policy; economic sectors and market structures.

Publications: The institute publishes numerous monographs, working papers and anthologies.

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**BULGARIA**

**Data Sources**

Vitosha Research

Vitosha Research (VR) is a social and market research agency and the survey research unit of the Center for the Study of Democracy. Since conducting the first independent pre-election and post-election surveys in 1990, VR provides custom-made solutions to the research needs of its clients, which include leading US and European firms and international organizations. VR has a national interviewer network consisting of about 400 interviewers. This network is regionally based and covers all administrative regions of the country. Besides consumer and market research VR provides also results of public opinion polls and social research. Key results of the following research projects are available:
• Initial Attitudes towards Mass Privatisation - November 1995
• The Audience of Vitosha-Atlantic Radio Network - November 1995
• Public Opinion on Non-Governmental Organizations in Bulgaria (December 1996)
• Public Perceptions of Social Justice - December 1996
• Perceptions of Corruption - April 1997
• The Elite and Its Attitude towards NGOs (May 1997)
• Problems of Not-For-Profit Organizations in Bulgaria (June 1997)
• Attitudes of Bulgarians towards Corruption (March, 1997 - September, 1997).

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CZECH REPUBLIC

Data Sources

Sociological Data Archive in Prague

A new source of social science data, the Sociological Data Archive (SDA), was founded in the Institute of Sociology, at the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic in Prague. Its foundation was realized in the framework of the Social Trends Project, which received financial support from the Grant Agency of the Czech Republic. The SDA has been opened to the public since September 1998. The Social Trends Project is due to end in 1998, but the archive will remain, as a publicly accessible facility, within the Institute of Sociology, which guarantees its continued existence. For the period 1999 – 2000, a grant application for financial support for further development of the archive was submitted to the Grant Agency of the Czech Republic.

The basic aims of the archive are to store data files from sociological research projects, systematically process, document, and classify these files, protect them from possible damage and make them accessible for secondary usage. The archive has solid computing and data storage equipment, as well as rules and mechanisms necessary for processing, obtaining and supplying data, and the basis of a data collection. All of that has been provided within the Social Trends Project. The Institute of Sociology provides institutional support for the archive. In the near future it is planned to establish a specialized team of archivists, to process the large quantity of data from earlier research projects, to update the hardware, and to develop the services supplied by the archive (analytical work, publications, etc.). In connection with further development, the archive will also apply for its inclusion to international cooperation activities of social data archives (CESSDA - Council of European Social Science Data Archives, etc.).

A special information and data providing system is available on the SDA Web server (http://archiv.soc.cas.cz/). The Web site offers:
• an overview of stored data files with searching capabilities,
• basic information about the collections and their variables,
• the possibility of on-line obtaining questionnaires and/or codebooks,
• the possibility of ordering data files via the electronic order form,
• the possibility of on-line obtaining selected data for educational purposes.

The Internet access to the archive began in September, 1998. During the following month the system was tested and registered to main search engines on the Web and some virtual libraries. The information is periodically updated, but because of the relatively fast growth of the data collection, the overview of archived files on the Internet is not always complete. Certain materials are electronically not accessible.

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Organization: Monitor formalised its activity with the aim of offering possibilities for the people taking part in the local political, economic and social life to make well-based decisions and reach the best possible solutions for the people involved by using the methodology of the social sciences.  
Main fields: Monitor Institute carries out surveys, target-group and consumers’ habit examinations, conducts public opinion polls, gives socio-political and PR advices to local governments, for local and regional newspapers and television companies. Within a complex service the resulting data is processed for being suitable for the multifunctional usage, and setting up developmental conceptions.  
Research projects:  
- Local government public opinion polls  
- Small town researches  
- Youth researches  
- City marketing researches  
- Local media researches  
- Local "omnibus" researches  
- NGO map  
The programme consists of three different parts: NGO researches, making up an NGO register and an NGO database, producing electronic and written publications. Collection of information on profiles of the NGO-s running in the settlements, their level of development, their social basis, their current characteristics, their network and relations.

**Recent publications**

**Budapest Working Papers on the Labour Market**  
The Institute for Economy of The Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Center for Industrial Research) publishes in co-operation with the University of Economics in Budapest a new series since 1998. Annually ten-twelve books in English and Hungarian have been scheduled. Up till now two editions have been published:  
- Gabor, R. Instvan: Internal vs. occupational labour market: a neglected dimension of Hungary’s postsocialist transformation  
  Budapest, 1998, Numbers 1. - 30 S.  
- Micklewright, John; Nagy, Gyula: The implications of exhausting unemployment insurance entitlement in Hungary  
  Budapest, 1998, Numbers 2. - 31 S.

**LATVIA**

**Data Sources**

Latvian Social Science Data Archive  
The Latvian Social Science Data Archive (LSZDA) is funded by the Latvian Council of Science (Social development and social security program through Grant 93.330) and was founded in October, 1996.  
The Archive has the following objectives:  
- acquisition and long-term preservation of standardized and processed social science data, which describe Latvia or social investigators who study Latvia  
- facilitate the development of Latvian social sciences and provide open and equitable access to the results of researches, promote disseminating data and its documentation  
- make data easily available for secondary analyses, increase the quality of researches and credibility of research results  
- supply information services for teaching activities in social sciences  
- promote better utilization of finance resources assigned to the investigation.  
At the same time the Archive has to provide access to data archives of foreign countries for Latvia’s scientists and other interested persons from one side and from the another side it has to help foreign archives, investigators and other interested persons to obtain information about Latvia and her social sciences.  
In addition to these objectives it is envisaged that in the future the Archive will promote consultation and training on data documentation and processing, as well as on analytic techniques and on problems of sampling.  
The data in the Archive is accessible to interested persons in Latvia and abroad who respect its conditions of use. To realize this task a considerable amount of information will be furnished in English. Restriction on information
will be permitted only to ensure observation of scientific ethical norms, or scientists' copyright, or to observe data depositors' requirements. The term „data“ refers to macro economic time series, opinion polls, autobiographies, statistical data collections, bibliographical information, and individual documents. Data of the Archive describes different aspects of social and economic life of Latvia over a long period of time. The following data sets are available at the present:

- Latvian social scientists' CVs and descriptions of social research institutes
- Bibliographical data which includes the following categories: Newspapers, Journals, Books
- Publications Archive (publication annotations and full text)
- Studies description file
- Codebook
- Frequency file
- Data sets

All descriptions of collections and data search systems are offered in Latvian and English versions.

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POLAND

Data Sources

Press Track Study

SMG/KRC Poland Media is a privately-owned market research institute. The experiences gathered during eight years of continuous activity in Central Europe have enabled SMG/KRC to adapt standard market research techniques to the specific conditions of the developing free market economy. The most commonly used techniques of SMG/KRC are continuous large-scale quantitative studies such as the omnibus survey, studies of press readership and radio audience, cyclical surveys of mothers of young children, the advertising tracking program and regular tracking.

The PRESS-TRACK is the main press readership survey and started in January 1995 on the initiative of the three main national newspapers (Gazeta, Super express and Rzeczpospolita). In mid 1994, a consortium of the largest national daily newspapers announced an open tender to organize a press readership survey on a sample of 20,000 respondents during one year. The twelve largest research organizations operating in Poland submitted tenders. The SMG/KRC Poland Institute was appointed to execute the project by a council of experts elected from the publisher representatives and an independent arbiter from the Institute of Social Studies at the University of Warsaw. Six months later, the group of sponsors widened the Advertising Press Association, including both Polish and foreign publishers of weekly and monthly magazines. Shortly afterwards, the association of media planning departments of advertising agencies also announced a tender for organizing a year-long press readership study. At present SMG/KRC is conducting the Press-Track 99 (sample: n=36,000).

The results of the study are distributed in the form of quarterly reports and a monthly updated database, supplemented by specially designed software (Readership Analyst for Windows) which allows data analysis and preliminary media planning. The quality of Press-Track is controlled by an independent committee, comprised of scientists from the Institute for Social Studies at the University of Warsaw. The committee publishes its findings in a quarterly bulletin.

From the very beginning of the Press-Track project SMG/KRC was fully committed to developing a software for readership analysis and media planning. In early 1995 a first version of Readership Analyst was prepared. Since then new versions of software have been developed every quarter. The 1998 version makes it possible to:

- analyze readership figures in different target groups
- describe the demographic and psychographic structure of readers
- construct media plans and calculate major indicators for a campaign

To evaluate the software a free demo version is available via the Internet.
(http://www.smkgrc.pl/i-research.html)

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Historical development: The IMEMO, founded by the Russian Academy of Sciences, is a non-profit organisation and acts within the Charter of the Russian Academy of Sciences.
Staff: 448
Financing: The sources of funding are the federal budget, federal programs of the Russian Federation, grants from state scientific foundations, grants and subsidies from international and foreign non-profit organisations, fees for contracts for scientific work and voluntary donations and contributions.
Departments:
- Department for contemporary theories of the market economy;
- Department for global economic problems and external economic policies;
- Centre for comparative socio-economic and socio-political research;
- Centre for industrial and investment policies;
- Department for innovative policies and management;
- Centre for research on transitional economy;
- Centre for North American research;
- Centre for European research;
- Centre for Asian-Pacific research;
- Centre for comparative research on Russia and the Third World;
- Centre for political and military prognosis;
- Department for international political problems;
- Department for strategic analysis;
- Centre for agribusiness research.
Main fields: IMEMO also takes an active part in:
- expert consulting on legislation, state policies, entrepreneurial strategies and world market research;
- preparation and publication of theoretical and applied studies, manuals, scientific journals and surveys of enterprises' activities;
- organising conferences, seminars and the implementation of international scientific projects.
Research: The Institute of World Economy and International Relations conducts research on the following subjects:
- global contemporary problems; analysis and prognosis of world economic dynamics and socio-economic development; economic theory; theory of international relations; theory of social and political processes; international comparative studies; economic and social developments in the USA, Japan, the countries of Europe and the Third World; international political research; military-strategic research; research on the economic, social and political problems of the transition period in Russia and its position in the world.
Publications/ Papers: The Institute publishes around 40 monographic research papers a year and a large number of working papers. IMEMO's publications also include:
- The monthly periodical "World Economy and International Relations" and the review "Economics and Politics of Russia and the near-abroad States";
- The quarterly periodical "The Russian Economic Barometer" which contains answers to questionnaires and analyses of the economic behaviour of representative groups of Russian enterprises;
Co-operations: The Institute has long-standing connections with major scientific-analytical centres in the USA, Japan, Germany, Great Britain, France, South Korea, China, Finland, Switzerland, Sweden, Austria, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Hungary, Poland and other countries. In Russia it conducts an active and creative exchange with other institutes of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Higher Economic School, the Institute of Economic Problems of the Transition Period, the Moscow and St. Petersburg State Universities, the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, the Academy of the Economy, a/o. IMEMO is cooperating partner of the International Relations and Security Network ISN. ISN is an electronic clearinghouse for resources and institutions in the field of international relations and security studies. It is run by the Center for Security Policy and Control Research at the ETH (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology,
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Main fields: Since 1992, the Foundation has conducted numerous all-Russian representative polls, including weekly ones, among the urban and rural populations, based on a network of own branches and permanent partners almost throughout the entire territory of Russia.
Surveys: The Foundation carries out comprehensive studies for most of the electoral campaigns in Russia, among them the 1995 parliamentary campaign and that for the presidential election in 1996, and a number of electoral campaigns in Russian regions between 1996 and 1998. By population surveys, group and depth interviews the whole range of problems before an election, the development of electoral forecasts, prognozes of electoral outcomes, electoral programmes and assessments of political leaders and movements are examined. The sociological research methodology is also actively applied in the investigation of the marketing area, where the following tasks are solved: evaluation of the extent, the structure and the factors of potential demand; counseling of the preparation of advertisement activities and their evaluation, etc.
Publications: Information bulletins are published on a regular basis, reflecting the behavioural analysis of readers, listeners and audience.

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• I.Bushmarine: Anomalies of the Russian Labor Market

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• E.Bragina: Developing World: Going Right

L.Levina: Modern Market Society: Instruments of Management
Data Sources

The Center of Sociological Studies and Opinion Polls of St. Petersburg State University

The Center for Sociological Studies and Opinion Polls (CSSU) was established in 1995 as a research department of the Faculty of Sociology. The Center organizes and realizes research projects, sociological surveys and public opinion polls on social, economic and political problems of Russia, especially of the St.-Petersburg region. Research programs are conducted by the CSSU’s staff in cooperation with various departments and chairs of the Faculty of Sociology. The main fields of research are:

- social and political aspects of the establishing market relations in Russia’s urban and rural areas;
- the social situation and problems of wealth and poverty in Russia;
- social and political tension in modern and postmodern societies;
- values and value orientations in the transforming Russia;
- transformation of the Russian elite;
- public opinion in the new Russia.

Besides research the Center also has a teaching function. It provides students with theoretical knowledge and trains them in conducting empirical sociological studies and public opinion polls.

During 1995-1997 the Center realized 12 empirical surveys. Among those are:

The social and political situation in the rural areas of the St.-Petersburg region.
**Survey period:** March 1996.
*Universe Sampled:* The population of twenty districts of the St.-Petersburg region.
*Sample Size:* 1200
*Fieldwork Method:* Face-to-face interview

The most popular persons in St.-Petersburg (in cooperation with the Institute of Social and Economic Problems of the Russian Academy of Sciences)
*Universe Sampled:* The population of St.-Petersburg.
*Sample Size:* 1100
*Fieldwork Method:* Telephone survey.

Industry, market and political/sociological study of the problems of the economic reforms and their social consequences for the St.-Petersburg industry
**Survey period:** November 1995
*Universe Sampled:* Workers and engineers of plants and factories of St.-Petersburg
*Sample Size:* 1100
*Fieldwork Method:* questionnaire survey

The quality of life of the St.-Petersburg population - 97
**Survey period:** March 1997.
*Universe Sampled:* The population of St.-Petersburg
*Sample Size:* 1200
*Fieldwork Method:* Face-to-face interview

Political orientation in St. Petersburg
**Survey period:** April-May 1997
*Universe Sampled:* The population of St.-Petersburg
*Sample Size:* 1200
*Fieldwork Method:* Face-to-face interview

Public attitudes towards the housing reform in St. Petersburg (in cooperation with the Institute of Social and Economic Problems of the Russian Academy of Sciences)
**Survey period:** June 1997
*Universe Sampled:* The population of St.-Petersburg
*Sample Size:* 1200
*Fieldwork Method:* Telephone survey.

The quality of life of the St. Petersburg population - 98
**Survey period:** April 1998
*Universe Sampled:* The population of St.-Petersburg
*Sample Size:* 1100
*Fieldwork Method:* Face-to-face interview

The results of the surveys and other empirical data are available at the CSSU archives. In 1999 the CSSU plans to conduct public opinion polls and sociological surveys on:

- the pre-electoral situation in St.-Petersburg and north-west Russia;
- the political culture of urban population;
- the quality of life of the St.-Petersburg population;
- wealth and poverty in St.-Petersburg;
- values and value orientations in the post-totalitarian society;
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Main fields: The European Institute for Communication and Culture (Euricom) is a non-profit organisation registered under Slovenian law, whose purpose is to further research and publication in the general areas of mass communication, media studies, and cultural studies. Euricom is particularly concerned with the relationship of the mass media to issues of democracy and democratisation. The activities of the Institute include:

- research in the field of communication and culture
- organisation of Communication and Culture Colloquia and educational programs in the field of communication and culture
- publications
- consultancies on problems of communications development
- organising networks to link researchers, research users, and experts in the field of communication and culture.

Publications/Papers: The Institute publishes the quarterly journal „Javnost -The Public“. The major part of issues is devoted to a specific theme, while the remainder of the issue is revered for manuscripts centred on general topics.

Events: In 1994, Euricom assisted the World Association for Christian Communication to organise a conference on Ethno-Religious Nationalist Conflicts and the Media. In 1995, Euricom was one of the main organisers of the IAMCR conference „Communication Beyond the Nation-State“.

Data Sources

Social Science Data Archive

The Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana established the Slovene Social Science Data Archive in 1997. The Social Science Data archive is currently subsidized by the contract from the Slovene Ministry of Science and Technology.

The Social Science Archive serves users from Slovenia and other countries that seek the existing data sets, derived mainly from social science research. The main aim of the Archive is to provide the scientific information infrastructure for research and education. The Archive makes the data from Slovenia available to the international community. The main data collection about Slovenian society is the Slovene Public Opinion survey (SJMM), which has been conducting since 1968. It is executed under auspices of the Public Opinion and Mass Communications Center (CJMMKI). In 1991 beginning with the Religion module it participates in the International Social Survey Program (ISSP). CJMM has done two waves of the World Values Survey (WVS) and is engaged in other international comparative projects. There are approximately 10 to 20 other surveys per year done in Slovenia including some governmental and other non-academic surveys, which could be of interest for secondary use. There are also some data sets available resulting from samples on the territory of the former Yugoslavia.

The Archive

- is ensuring that data are preserved from damage;
- prepares the study descriptions for information and retrieval;
- checks the study documentation and arranges the data in a form suitable for secondary analysis. Usually these are computer files containing the survey data that are ready for statistical analysis;
- provides particular known data sets and additional documentation to the user (on request);
- cooperates with other data archives throughout the world and, through reciprocal arrangements, supports the international exchange of data;
- The Archive staff and people around it can provide the expertise and consultation from the field of social science methodology;
**Data Holdings**

- Data from research or other sources, interesting for secondary analysis;
- The special emphasis is on data sets, which can be used for description or explanation of Slovenian society. It acquires the unique data sets from research done in Slovenia or data sets from other countries, which can be used in comparative analysis.

**Depositing Rules**

The principal investigator deposits the data set on its own wish or responding to the user request. On return they are provided with the assistance in preparation and description of the data set. They are entitled to unlimited numbers of copies. The Archive keeps track of use and citation in the articles based on deposited data. Each user of the data set is obliged to respect the conditions placed on a data access by the original data collectors and the standard rules of access set by the Archive.

**Fee**

The archive is offering its services free of charge for the scientific and educational community in Slovenia, except the direct expenses for the material. Other users are expected to follow the regulations, specified by the depositor and the Archive.

**Cooperation**

The Slovenian Social Science Data Archive is establishing contacts with the neighborhood archives to become familiar with the archiving duties and plan to apply for the CESSDA (Council of European Social Science Data Archives) and IFDO (International Federation of Data Organizations) membership. So it will have an easy access to the data sets from other countries and share them with domestic researchers and public.

For detailed information, please see:
http://rcul.uni-lj.si/~fd_adp/index.htm

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**Western Europe**

**Scientific Networks**

**ECSA-NET**

An interactive communication network for academics working in the field of European Integration Studies

ECSA-NET is the instrument provided by the European Commission in collaboration with ECSA (The European Community Studies Association) specifically aimed at dissemination information among academics dealing with European Integration.

The members of ECSA (currently 34 national associations for the study of the European Community in the EU Member States and Non Member Countries representing more than 5,000 professors and researchers) are directly involved in gathering and up-dating the information available on ECSA-Net.

A network of national ECSA-Net correspondents is working closely with the European Commission to ensure the efficient functioning of the system and in particular to control the accuracy of the information for which they are responsible before it is directed to the different databases.

1. European Community Studies Association
   - National Associations and their members, their newsletters, recent publications
   - Information on ECSA activities

2. Euristote
   - Archive database containing more than 22,000 references to university research on European Integration published before 1995
   - New database on university research published after 1995 or ongoing (updated by national associations and their members)

3. Postgraduate degrees in European Integration
   - The Postgraduate degrees in European Integration in the Universities of the EU Member States and in some universities of Non Member Countries

4. Universities/Research Institutes
   - Universities, research institutes and European documentation centres in the EU Member States and Non Member Countries
   - Integrated database of Universities

5. Who is Who in European Integration Studies
   - Search by name or discipline
• Each entry will be comprised of name, academic discipline, work address, degrees awarded, publications, courses on European Integration issues and research activities (up-dated by national associations)

6. Calendar/ECSA News
• Calendar of conferences, seminars, workshops, etc. (up-dated by national associations)

7. European University News

Source: http://www.ecsanet.org

Recent acquisitions
Department Information Transfer Eastern Europe

(in Russian)
• Socio-Cultural Processes in Russia at the Threshold of the 21st Century in the Context of Social Changes. - Moscow: Institute of Sociology, Russian Academy of Sciences. 1998. 76 pages;

(in English)
• Mansurov, V. (Hrsg.): Russian Sociology Today (abstracts of reports submitted by Russian sociologists to the ISA XIV World Congress of Sociology). - Moscow: Institute of Sociology, Russian Academy of Sciences. 150 pages.

Information Dissemination and Access in Russia and Eastern Europe
Problems and Solutions in East and West.

Edited by Rachel Walker and Marcia Freed Taylor

This book is the outcome of a workshop on scientific information dissemination and access in Russia and Eastern Europe that took place at Essex University from 15-19th August 1997. The workshop was funded by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and by the Ford Foundation Moscow. The aim of the workshop was to promote a meta-discussion across both geographic and functional boundaries about issues and access to, and the dissemination of machine-readable data at both the international and national levels, but focusing on the transitional societies and on social science data in particular, both broadly defined.

The volume consists of 24 chapters, a list of contributors and participants of the workshop and an index. The first chapter provides an overview of access and dissemination issues and of where the situation currently stands in East and West. Chapters 2 to 8 deal with data access and dissemination from a West European perspective. Chapters 9 to 15 explore the problems of data acquisition and data access from the Russian perspective in ways that make it quite clear that Russian priorities are somewhat different. Chapters 16 to 21 examine data access and dissemination from an Eastern European perspective. Chapters 22 and 23 both provide analyses of technical issues underpinning dissemination, offering in the latter case a technical solution to the problems of data access and dissemination in countries where a developed telecommunications infrastructure is lacking. The final chapter summarises the experiences encompassed by the book and examines possible ways forward.
**CONFERENCES**

**Announcement**

International conference "Totalitarianism and Its Coping"

**Date:** April 1999  
**Conference site:** Moscow  
**Organiser:** Institute of World History at the Russian Academy of Sciences  
**Contact:**  
Institute of World History  
Russian Academy of Sciences  
Leninskie prospekt 32a  
117993 Moscow  
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**Announcement**

Universities between Church, State and Nation: Socio-Historical and Political Developments in Central and Eastern Europe

**Date:** 07.-09.04.1999  
**Conference site:** Marburg  
**Organiser:** Herder-Institut Marburg e.V.  
**Contact:** Dr. Peter Wörster  
Herder-Institut Marburg e.V.  
Gisonenweg 5-7  
35037 Marburg  
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**Internet:** http://www.uni-marburg.de/herder-institut/tagungshp.html

**Announcement**

Media Ownership and Control in East-Central Europe. EURICOM-WACC Colloquium

**Date:** 08.-10.04.1999  
**Conference site:** Piran, Slowenien  
**Organiser:** European Institute for Communication and Culture; World Association for Christian Communication  
**Contact:** With the end of the communist utopia at the turn of the 1980's, East-Central European countries have been undergoing fundamental changes - in politics, economy, as well as social consciousness. The media followed suit: A few thousand newspapers and magazines changed their owners, many went out of business and even more new ones were launched. Dozens of commercial radio and TV stations have appeared on the market. This region has the richest experience of democratisation and the impact on the mass media. The questions of commercialisation, ideologicalisation, objectivism, politicisation, private ownership, monopoly, state control, the role of church and, generally, the relationship between the mass media and democracy are the themes to be addressed.  
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**Announcement**

Long-term Structural Changes in the Transformation Countries of South-Eastern Europe.  
International symposium on contemporary research  
**Date:** 12.-14.04.1999  
**Conference site:** München-Nymphenburg  
**Organiser:** Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft; Center for European and Russian Studies, Univ. of California; Carl-Friedrich von Siemens-Stiftung; Studiengesellschaft für Fragen mittel- und osteuropäischer Partnerschaft  
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Widenmayerstr. 49  
80538 München  
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**Announcement**

Foreign and Security Policy in Central and Eastern Europe and in "CIS".  
Seminar  
**Date:** 12.-16.04.1999  
**Conference site:** Brühl  
**Organiser:** Ost-West-Kolleg der Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung  
**Contact:** Dr. Monika Henningsen  
Willy-Brandt-Str. 1  
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**Announcement**

**Rethinking Identities: State, Nation, Culture**  
ASN Fourth Annual Conference  

**Date:** 15.-17.04.1999  
**Conference site:** New York, USA, International Affairs Building, Columbia University  
**Organiser:** Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)  

The central theme of the 1999 Convention will revolve around questions of identities in East-Central Europe and the post-Soviet Union. Special considerations will be given to interdisciplinary panel proposals.  

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**Announcement**

**Cultural Relations between Germany and Latvia: Seminar**  

**Date:** 16-18 April 1999  
**Conference site:** Lübeck  
**Organiser:** Baltic Sea Academy Travemünde  
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**Announcement**

**Prussian-Latvia: Past and New Cultural Approaches of a European Integration**  

**Date:** 23.-24.04.1999  
**Conference site:** Lubmin, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern  

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**Organiser:** Deutsch-Litauische Literarische Gesellschaft e.V.  
**Contact:** Deutsch-Litauische Literarische Gesellschaft e.V.  
Makarenkostr. 22  
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Tel.: 03834-81 64 34

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**Announcement**

**Poland Today. Society. Culture. Seminar**  

**Date:** 23.-25.04.1999  
**Conference site:** Lübeck  
**Organiser:** Ostsee-Akademie Travemünde  
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**Announcement**

**Enabling the Information Society in the Baltic Sea Region (Balance 99)**  
2nd Baltic and North European Conference on Economic Integration  

**Date:** 28.-30.04.1999  
**Conference site:** Hamburg  
**Organiser:** Pro Baltica Forum, Haus Rissen, AIESEC  

The rapid changes in modern information technology and new forms of communication are expected to have an important impact on further the development of the region. As with every new trend, establishing the Information Society offers not only economic, social and political chances but also implies a new need for orientation, analysis and transformation of society.  

**Themenschwerpunkte:**  
- Information Society: What is it, what can it be in the future  
- Electronic Commerce: Chances, obstacles, risks, existing technical infrastructure  
- Virtual Company: How to get ready for the Information Society  
- Modern technical infrastructure: Precondition for development  
- Enabling the information society in the Baltic Sea Region: A sound legal and technical framework as prerequisite for the Information Society
Announcement

The Northern Dimension of the European Union.
Symposium
Date: 23-24 April 1999
Conference site: Berlin
Organiser: Finland Institute at Berlin
The symposium shall deal with the general prospects and conditions of a co-operation between the EU and Russia and the Baltic states, particularly in the fields of economy, energy and environment. Numerous renowned researchers and politicians from Germany, Finland and Russia will come to Berlin to commonly discuss these topics.
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Internet: http://www.finnland-institut.de

Announcement

Marital Behaviour of the Russian Population
Date: April 1999
Conference site: Moscow
Organiser: Institute of Sociology at the Russian Academy of Sciences
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ul. Krzhizhanovskogo 24/35, k. 5
117259 Moscow B-259
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Announcement

Reconstruction in Bosnia-Herzegovina
International conference
Date: 03.-04.05.1999
Conference site: Bonn, Wissenschaftszentrum
Organiser: Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft
Contact: Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft
Widenmayerstr. 49
80538 München
Tel.: 089-21 2154-0

Announcement

Qualification and Information Meeting of the Association of Libraries and Documentation Centres of the Research on Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe (ABDOS)
Date: 10-13 May 1999
Conference site: Zagreb, Croatia
Organiser: ABDOS in co-operation with the Zagreb National and University Library and the Croatian Union of Libraries
Contact: ABDOS c/o Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin Osteuropa-Abteilung
Dr. Franz Görner
10772 Berlin
Tel.: 030-266-24-29
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Announcement

Poles, Lithuanians and Germans as Minorities.
An international seminar
Date: 16.-19.05.1999
Conference site: Lübeck, Ostsee-Akademie Travemünde
Organiser: Ostsee-Akademie Travemünde, Pommern-Zentrum; European Centre for Minority Issues, Flensburg
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23570 Lübeck
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Announcement

The Transformation Process in Eastern Europe and International Economic and Financial Organisations
Date: 16.-21.05.1999
Conference site: Brühl
Organiser: Ost-West-Kolleg der Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung
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Announcement

Diasporas and Ethnic Migrants in 20th Century Europe

Date: 20.-22.05.1999  
Conference site: Berlin, Humboldt-Universität  
Organiser: Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HUB), Lehrstuhl Bevölkerungswissenschaft  
Contact: Rainer Ohliger, Prof. Rainer Münz  
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10999 Berlin  
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Internet: http://www.demographie.de/ethnic

Announcement

Women’s Political Representation in Eastern Europe: Ten Years After the Fall

Date: 28.-29.05.1999  
Conference site: Bergen, Norwegen  
Organiser: University of Bergen, Department of Administration, Department of Comparative Politics  
Topics: The purpose of the conference is to discuss women's representation and access to political power in Eastern Europe after the dramatic changes of the past decade:  
• Testing theories developed in Western countries to explain the success (or failure) of women to gain political office  
• Description of the role political institutions, political culture, parties, movements etc. have in determining the level of women’s representation  
• Theoretical explanations based in the Eastern European context for variations in the success women have had in winning representation  
• Consideration of the effects of Communist ideology concerning women on their ability to acquire political power; the role of post-Communist Socialist parties in women’s issues  
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Announcement

Federalism and Social Conflicts

Date: May 1999  
Conference site: Moscow  
Organiser: Institute of Sociology at the Russian Academy of Sciences  
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Announcement

Desired and Expected Changes in the National Education System

Date: May 1999  
Conference site: Moscow  
Organiser: Institute of Sociology at the Russian Academy of Sciences  
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Announcement

Human Rights as a Strategic Factor in the Constant Development of Society

Date: May 1999  
Conference site: Moscow  
Organiser: Institute of State and Law at the Russian Academy of Sciences  
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Institute of State and Law  
Russian Academy of Sciences  
ul. Znamenka 10  
119841 Moscow G-19  
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Announcement

Education for New Journalism

Fourth International Conference Information Technology and Journalism

Date: 26-29 of May, 1999  
Conference site: Dubrovnik  
Organiser: Inter University Center  
Topics:  
• Changes in the preparation and production of printed publications and consequences of these trends on the education of future journalists
• Web journalism: what should be taken over from "old" journalism, the most important new skills and know-how
• Information technology and audio visual media
• Review of Web technologies (multimedia, browsers, search engines, protocols, languages, etc.) for preparing interactive journals
• Internet and communication: from mass communication to individual and customized information
• Dynamic documents: how to collect and organize them
• Distance learning - new ways of education and specialization for journalists
• Changes in curriculum at journalist schools in the world

Fundamental questions to be raised:
• Content of new journals
• Structure and organization of new journals
• Layout and creativity in new journals

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**Announcement**

**Culture-sensitive management - a challenge of the 21st century**

Date: 07.-10.06.1999
Conference site: Österreich
Organiser: Institut für den Donauraum und Mitteleuropa (IDM)
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**Announcement**

**Central and Eastern Europe and the European Integration: Political and Economic Aspects**

Date: 07.-11.06.1999
Conference site: Brühl, Ost-West-Kolleg
Organiser: Ost-West-Kolleg der Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung
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**Announcement**

**The Role of Myth in Albania in History and Development**

Date: 11.-13.06.1999
Conference site: London, Großbritannien
Organiser: The School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES)
Contact: Stephanie Schwandner-Sievers, SSEES
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Internet: http://www.ssees.ac.uk/conf2.htm

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**Announcement**

**Extreme Situations: Conflicts and Social Harmony**

Date: 12-13 June 1999
Conference site: Moscow
Organiser: Institute of Sociology at the Russian Academy of Sciences; Russian Sociological Society
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**Announcement**

**Romania under Transition – From Transformation to Integration.**
An international meeting

Date: 14-16 June 1999
Conference site: Tutzing, Bavaria
Organiser: Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft (Society of South-Eastern European Studies); Evangelische Akademie Tutzing (Protestant Academy Tutzing)
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Announcement

Society and Sociology: Development Strategies – All-Russian Sociological Congress

Date: 23-26 June 1999
Conference site: St. Petersburg
Organiser: Faculty of Sociology at the St. Petersburg State University; Russian Sociological Society; Institute of Sociology at the Russian Academy of Sciences; and others
Main topics:
• Russian society: models of social development;
• Society as a social structure;
• Social structure and social stratification;
• Social institutes and processes;
• Culture and personality;
• Modern sociological ideas;
• Russian sociology and the international scientific community;
• State of affairs and role of sociology in Russian society.
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Announcement

Multi-National Russia at the Threshold to the New Millennium

3rd Congress of Ethnographers and Anthropologists

Date: June 1999
Conference site: Moscow
Organiser: Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology at the Russian Academy of Sciences; Society of Russian Ethnographers and Anthropologists; Moscow branch of the Scientific Society of Ethnographers and Anthropologists
Main topics: The role of ethnic factors in Russia
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Announcement

Brühl Meeting of Young Scientists Specialised on Eastern European Studies

Date: 24-26 June 1999
Conference site: Brühl, Ost-West Kolleg/OWK (East-West College)
Organiser: Bundesinstitut für ostwissenschaftliche und internationale Studien/BIOst (Federal Institute on Eastern and International Studies); Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde e.V./DGO (German Society on Eastern European Studies); Ost-West Kolleg of the Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung (Federal Centre for Political Education)
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Announcement

Democracy and Human Rights in Multi-ethnic Societies - Seminar

Date: July 5-9, 1999
Conference site: Konjic, Bosnia
Organiser: Institute for Strengthening Democracy
Contact: Institute for Strengthening Democracy
Prof. Dzemal Sokolovic
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Announcement

Value Orientations, Authoritarianism, and the Understanding of Pluralist Democracy

Summer School for Ph.D. Students in the framework of the Programme „Political Culture and Democratization in Postcommunist Societies“ sponsored by the Volkswagen-Foundation

Date: 11.-24.07.1999
Conference site: Tübingen
Organiser: International Center for Academic Collaboration at the University of Tübingen.
Topics: Democratic political cultures and civil societies are necessary for the growth and consolidation of democratic structures in post-communist Central and Eastern Europe. Yet, authoritarian, populist or nationalist tendencies are still alive, political indifference is widespread, and active political participation needs to be extended. Well aware of considerable differences on the national and the subnational level, we need to assess the scope and quality
of democratic changes in the „subjective dimension of the political system“ as part of a more comprehensive transformation of society. We will choose an interdisciplinary approach, based on theoretical and methodological pluralism, in case of empirical studies open to both quantitative and qualitative methods. 20 Ph.D. students from Central and Eastern Europe, Western Europe and the U.S. can participate who have a diploma or an M.A. in the Social Sciences. The selection process will be based on the applicant’s outline of his/her dissertation project. Besides this outline (4-5 pages applicants need a letter of reference from the supervisor(s), good proficiency in English and completely filled in registration forms. The International Center will assume the costs for room and board and provide the travel costs. Registration forms and further information are available via Internet or at the Center’s Office: International Center for Academic Collaboration University of Tübingen Wilhelmstr. 20 B 72074 Tübingen Tel.: 07071-297-7352/4156 Fax: 07071-29-5989 e-mail: iz@uni-tuebingen.de Internet: http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/IZ

Crossborder co-operation and regional transformation in Central and Eastern Europe

The Institut für Regionalentwicklung und Strukturplanung/IRS (Institute of Regional Development and Structural Planning), together with the Institute of European and Regional Development (EUROREG) at the University of Warsaw and the Polish branch of the Regional Studies Association, held an international conference on questions of cross-border interaction in Central and Eastern Europe in Zamosc (Poland), 24-27 September 1998. Twenty-four contributions shed light on the multifaceted area of cross-border research. Two comparative studies on border regions in Hungary and Poland were presented. In addition, case studies on the socio-economic alignment of the border regions of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia and Poland with those of the relevant EU neighbours Austria, Italy and Germany were also discussed. There were also reports about two scarcely noticed European border regions – Hungary-Croatia and Estonia-Russia. Several presentations dealt with the Polish-Ukrainian border region and its economic prospects. The attendance of Ukrainian scientists made it possible to get a picture of the country’s crisis and the difficult conditions for doing research and teaching. In the Ukraine, the people’s hopes are resting on the European Union and on joining it. The establishment and possible use of Euroregions were much disputed. Above all the significance of local contexts for efficient economic cross-border relations and regional political initiatives were central themes. The model of Euroregions which shall be implemented now at Poland’s eastern border can only bear fruits if firmly grounded in local elites. The European integration discourse and EU funds won’t be enough for successful Euroregions along the future external border of the EU. The importance of this future border of the EU became obvious during a visit to the neighbouring Ukrainian city of L’viv. (Also see the abridged version of the conference report by Dr. James Scott and Martin Wilke in IRS aktuell, 21-22/January 1999: 11f.)

Kharkov Sociological Lectures – 98

The traditional scientific conference “Kharkov Sociological Lectures” was again held on 10/11 December 1998 under the auspices of the Faculty of Sociology at the Kharkov State University. The conference coincided with the celebrations of the Kharkov sociology – the 25th anniversary of the Sociological Laboratory of the Kharkov State University. The Sociological Laboratory was the first scientific sociological institution of the Ukraine. (The Institute of Sociology of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences was founded only in 1966.) On that occasion, not only renown sociologists from all sociological centres of the Ukraine but also from many CIS countries came together: the director of the Institute of Sociology at the Russian Academy of Sciences, Prof. V.A. Yadov; the vice-president of the Interdisciplinary Centre of Social Sciences and Member of the Academy, Prof. T.I. Zaslavskaya; the director of the Centre for Political and Economic Research at the Belarus Academy of Sciences, Prof. D.G. Rotman, and many others. The following contributions were given on the first day:

- Possibilities of Solving the Polyparadigm of Sociology (Prof. V.A. Yadov, director of the Institute of Sociology at the Russian Academy of Sciences);
- Transformation Processes in the Social Structure of Today’s Russia (Prof. T.I. Zaslavskaya, Member of the Academy, vice-president of the Interdisciplinary Centre of Social Sciences);
Changes in the Macro-Social Structure of the Ukraine (Prof. V.E. Khmelko, head of the chair of sociology at the university "Kiev-Mohyla Academy");

- Government Guidelines for the Study of Sociology (Prof. V.I. Volovitch, dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and Psychology at the Kiev State University);
- Social Information and Regional Policy (Prof. V.S. Bakirov, rector of the Kharkov State University);
- Trends of Social Mobility in Modern Ukraine (Prof. S.A. Makeev, deputy director of the Institute of Sociology at the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences);
- Political Priorities of the Population in the Post-Soviet States (Prof. D.G. Rotman, director of the Centre for Political and Economic Research at the Belarus Academy of Sciences);
- Social Dynamics of the Educational System (Prof. A.A. Ovsjanikov, head of the chair of sociology at the International University, Moscow);
- Education Reform in the Ukraine: Conceptual Bases, Principles, Problems (Prof. V.I. Astachova, rector of the Ukrainian People's Academy);
- Profanating as a Socio-Cultural Phenomenon (Prof. Y.I. Yakovenko, head of the chair of sociology at the Kiev State University);
- Past, Present and Future in the Evaluation of the Population (Prof. I.M. Popova, State University of Odessa);
- Electronic Mass Media in the Electoral Campaign: A Sociological Analysis (Dr. V.N. Nikolajevskij, dean of the Faculty of Sociology at the Kharkov State University);
- Political Orientations of Social Groups in Russia (Prof. A.A. Iudin, head of the chair of sociology at the Nizhegorodsk State University, Russia).

On the second day, six sections discussed the problems raised in the main contributions of the day before as well as other topical issues:

- Methodological and Theoretical Problems of the Sociological Analysis of Transformation Processes. Chair: Member of the Academy Prof. T.I. Zaslavskaya;
- Problems of the Social Policy in Protecting the Population Socially. Chair: Prof. A.I. Andrijutschenko;
- Diverting Behaviour. Chair: Prof. V.A. Sobolev;
- Youth and Education. Chair: Lecturer L.G. Sukuryanskaya;
- Evaluation of the Public Opinion during Elections: Political Orientations of Social Groups. Chair: Prof. D.G. Rotman;
- Problems of Sociological Training. Chair: Prof. V.I. Volovitch.

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- Since the autumn of 1998 the Institute of Sociology at the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow has its own homepage http://www.isras.rssi.ru/. There you will find information on the history, structure and main research areas of the institute as well as on current events. At present, the homepage is only in Russian.
- The following Russian journals, leading in the field of sociology, are present in the Internet since the end of 1998 (current tables of contents and, partly, full text articles can be read):
  - Sociological Studies (Soziologiceskie issledovanija) – http://www.nir.ru/soio/scipubl/socis.htm
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