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## ALBANIA

### Scientific institution

#### Albanian Institute of National Affairs

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**Year of foundation:** 2001

**Organization:** The Institute is an independent non-profit, non-partisan public policy organization.

**Departments:**

- National Security Policies
- Social Affairs
- Law and Administrative Affairs
- International Relations
- National Heritage

**Main fields:** The Albanian Institute of National Affairs is an independent research and study institution (think tanks). INA stimulates research, study, analysis and discussion of the major national and international issues and events. It aims at the consolidation of democratic principles, development of the society and institutions in Albania, national security, social and economical development of the country, human rights and the European integration of Albania.

**Research:** INA is interested in research of: National security; Consolidation of the Public institutions; European Integration; International Relations; National and South-East European Cultural Heritage; Creation of a new political elite; Combat against terrorism and organized crime; Peace and Conflict Resolution; Human Security issues.

**Publications/ papers:** The INA publishes once in a year the "Special Report". This report contains the actual problems of the Albanian democracy, the political developments, the national security, the judicial power, the civil society and the Media. INA plans to produce a quarterly journal under the title "The National Interest".

**Events:** The Annual National Policy Conference will be organized every year. It will focus on internal problems and issues of Albania in different fields of life.

## AZERBAIJAN

### Scientific institution

#### The International Center for Social Research (ICSR)

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**Year of foundation:** Founded in 1996 as a group of scholars-activists, ICSR was legally registered by the Ministry of Justice of Azerbaijan Republic in October 2000.

**Main fields:** The International Center for Social Research (ICSR) is an independent, non-governmental, non-partisan, non-political and non-profit organization of local scholars and specialists aimed to promote research on and serious examination of problems of social-political and economical life in Azerbaijan. The ICSR is established to provide research, educational and organizational background for social-economic and democratic reforms, and sustainable development in Azerbaijan. The focus of activities:

- development and implementation of research projects on the broad range of social-economic and political issues;
- consultancy and informational services for organizations and specialists;
- organization and conduction of trainings, conferences, seminars, workshops for scholars, NGOs activists and teachers;
- carrying out sociological, impact assessment and social marketing researches;
- development of curricula and trainings programmes on social sciences and humanities;
- publishing books, brochures and articles on various topics.

**Current and completed research projects:**

- Generations and Gender Survey (GGS) in Azerbaijan  
Generations and Gender Programme (GGP), Population Activities Unit (PAU), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), 2007-2008
- European Values Study (EVS) in Azerbaijan  
European Values Study (EVS) Foundation, 2006-2008
- World Values Survey in Azerbaijan  
World Values Survey Association (WVSA), 2006
- Perception of Social Risks and Threats  
International Research Agency "The Euro-

- Asian Monitor”, A Fifth Wave of Comparative Public Opinion Surveys, 2006
- Community Development Activity (CDA) Baseline Survey CHF International/Azerbaijan, USAID, 2006
  - 2005 NGO Sustainability Index Assessment USAID START (Strategic Technical Assistance for Results with Training) Participant Training Project, World Learning/Azerbaijan, 2005
  - Conducting a National Exit Poll for 2005 Azerbaijan Parliamentary Elections USAID, PA Government Services Inc. (USA), Subcontractor, October- November, 2005
  - Increasing Capacity of Civil Society in Azerbaijan through its Participation in the Development of the Civil Society Index CIVICUS (World Alliance for Citizen Participation) “Civil Society Index” (CSI) action-research project implementation in Azerbaijan, supported by the Eurasia Foundation, Open Society Institute - Azerbaijan, US Embassy Democracy Commission Small Grants Program and CIVICUS, 2004-2005
  - School of Tolerance: Education of Youth for Interethnic Respect, Confidence and Mutual Understanding Confidence-Building Measures (CBM) Programme, Council of Europe/Conseil de l'Europe, 2005-2006
  - On a Way to the European Integration: Assistance to Reforms in the Sphere of Higher Education in the Countries of the South Caucasus within the Framework of Bologna Process Contact Grant, South Caucasus Cooperation Program, The Eurasia Foundation, 2005
  - Conducting Grass-Roots Dialog - Local Forums in the Regions of Azerbaijan UNIFEM, UNDP – Azerbaijan, 2005
  - Culturally Appropriate Information, Education, Communication (IEC) for HIV/AIDS Prevention in the Caucasus Countries Culture and Development Section, Division of Cultural Policies and Intercultural Dialogue, UNESCO, 2004-2005
  - Political Trust and Political Participation amongst Young People from Ethnic Minorities in the NIS and EU: A Social Psychological Investigation INTAS Ref. Nr. 03-51-3123, 2004-2007.
- Surveys:** ICSR conducts sociological surveys on a broad range of social issues using various methods (both quantitative and qualitative) of the data collection. The fieldwork team is represented by professional supervisors and a group of trained interviewers located in Baku and in the regions of Azerbaijan.
- Training courses:** “Interethnic Tolerance and Youth” in Baku, August 18-21, 2005; Ganja,

September 8-11, 2005; Sheki, October 15-18, 2005; Guba, December 2-5, 2005; Lankaran, December 17-20, 2005, “School of Tolerance: Education of Youth for Interethnic Respect, Confidence and Mutual Understanding”, Confidence-Building Measures (CBM) Programme, Council of Europe/Conseil de l'Europe, 2005-2006.

**Seminars:** “Increasing Capacity of Civil Society in Azerbaijan” in Baku, 30 November-1 December, 2004; Agstafa, 4-5 December, 2004; Masalli-Lankaran, 8-9 January, 2005; Ali-Bayramli, 5-6 February, 2005; Mingachevir, 26-27 February, 2005; Agdash-Geychay, 4-5 March, 2005; CIVICUS (World Alliance for Citizen Participation) “Civil Society Index” (CSI) action-research project implementation in Azerbaijan, supported by the Eurasia Foundation, Open Society Institute - Azerbaijan, US Embassy Democracy Commission Small Grants Program and CIVICUS, 2004-2005.

**Co-operations:** ICSR has close research contacts with multiple Universities, research centres and institutions in the U.S.A., Canada, Western and Eastern Europe, Japan, and CIS countries. ICSR fellows were awarded research grants from Soros and MacArthur Foundations, implemented research projects for the World Bank, UNICEF, UNDP, and other international organizations.

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**Staff:** 235

**Faculties:**

- Political Administration (Philosophy and Social Psychology, International Relations and Foreign Policy, Political Science and Political Administration, History of State Policy in Azerbaijan and Social and Political movements)
- State Administration (The Basis on the Organisation of Civil Service, Theory and Practice of State Regulation of Market Economy, General and Special Management, Organisation of Civil Service, Computer technology in Public

Administration, Juridical Ensurance of Public Administration)

- Professional Development and Further Training

**Main fields:** The Academy of Public Administration is an educational training centre for postgraduate students.

**Research topics:**

- Democratization of political administration in transition period in Azerbaijan
- Experience of state organisation and public administration in Azerbaijan
- Foreign policy of Azerbaijan in modern time
- Conceptual basis of state regulation of economy
- Peculiarities of state and municipal administration in transition period in Azerbaijan.

## BULGARIA

### Recent publications

Publications of the members of the Bulgarian European Community Studies Association (BECSA- <http://www.becsa.org/>) in the field of European integration and Bulgarian-EU relations in 2006 (The language of publication is indicated in brackets, if different from Bulgarian):

- Andreev, Svetlozar and Dimitar Betchev (2006): Top-Down vs. Bottom-Up Aspects of the EU Institution Building Strategies in the Western Balkans, in: MARTON, Silvia (ed.), Europe in its Making, Bucharest: Institute European publication. (in English)
- Borissova, Olga (ed.) (2006): Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund of the European Union – Reference Book, American University in Bulgaria, Sofia, September 2006 (in Bulgarian)
- Borissova, Olga and Maneva, G.(ed.) (2006): Public Procurement and the Rules of Origin in Strengthening the Capacity for Implementation and Enforcement of the Public Procurement Acquis, Seminar Proceedings, American University in Bulgaria, Sofia, October 2006, (in English and in Bulgarian)
- Chankov, Georgi (2006): The role of the TNC in the international economic relations and the consequences for the new EU-members, University of National and World Economy - Sofia
- Georgieva, Emiliya (2006): Challenges for Bulgaria's economy in the process of the country's accession to the EU (2004-2007), in: Bulgaria's European integration – lessons and challenges, volume of conference papers, "Stopanstvo" publishing house, Sofia, 2006

- Georgieva, Svetlana, Staevska, V. (2006): Institutional Resources for Political Interaction in Bulgaria in the Light of Euro-integration in 2005. Collection Book with Results from "New Research Fields and New Approaches in Sociology" Project (Doctorate Empiric Research and Practice), financial support by Open Society Institute – Sofia
- Kolarova, Romyana (2006): State of Local Democracy in Bulgaria (co-author), in: Gabor Soos (ed.), State of Local Democracy in East and Central Europe, Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative, Open Society Institute, 2006 (in English)
- Kostov, Boris (2006): Reforming the Bulgarian security sector – the impact of NATO and EU accession, Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski Publishing house, Sofia, 2006
- Naydenov, Mihail (2006): The European Union as a Global Geopolitical Actor?, *journal "Geopolitika"*, published by the Bulgarian Geopolitical Society, No. 5, September 2006, pp. 70-76.
- Shopov, Vladimir (2006): Nationalist Rhetoric Will Have More Listeners...and Consequences, available at: <http://www.politiki.bg>, Publication of Open Society Institute, Issue 10 / 2006, Sofia
- Shopov, Vladimir (2006): The Populist Leader: Closer to the People, Closer to the Institutions", *Foreign Policy Magazine (Bulgarian Edition)*, Issue January / February 2006, Sofia
- Shopov, Vladimir; Harbova, Antonina; Lessenski, Marin (2006): The Process of Decentralization in Macedonia: Prospects for Ethnic Conflict Mitigation, Enhanced Representation, Institutional Efficiency and Accountability, Publication of the Institute for Regional and International Studies, Sofia, Bulgaria and the Institute for Democracy, Solidarity and Civil Society, Skopje, Macedonia, 2006, (in English)
- Simeonov, Kaloyan (2006): Social Preparedness in Bulgaria on the road towards the Eurozone, *Journal "Economic Alternatives"*, University of National and World Economy Publishing house – Sofia, issue 1/2006, pp. 83-95
- Tacheva, Svetlana (2006): Opportunities for Political Interaction in Bulgaria in the Light of Euro-integration. Dynamics in the Use of Euro-integration in the Pre-election Agendas of United Democratic Forces (UDF), National Movement Simeon The Second (NMSS), Movement for Rights and Freedom (MRF) and Coalition for Bulgaria (KB), Which Took Part in the 2001 and 2005 Elections in Bulgaria (Content Analysis of the Pre-election Agendas), Sofia University Yearbook, Book Sociology, Volume 56, Sofia
- Tacheva, Svetlana (2006): Changes in the Attitude towards the Euro-integration of Bulgaria in the Pre-election Agendas of the Major Parties and Coalitions, Which Took

Part in the 2005 Elections, Sofia University Yearbook, Book European Studies ( to be printed), Sofia, September 2006

## CROATIA

### Portal

#### HRCAK - Portal of scientific journals of Croatia

Link: <http://hrcak.srce.hr/index.php?lang=en>

Geographic coverage: National scope

Subjects: All disciplines

Description: HRCAK is the central portal of Croatian scientific journals. Hrcak offers the access to the journals following the Open Access Initiative. The founder of HRCAK is the Croatian Information and Documentation Society (<http://www.hidd.hr/>)

Contents: Journals: 140 (with 45 social sciences journals); Issues: 1167; Articles without full text: 2089; Articles with full text: 10844.

Languages: Croatian, English

Access: Free of charge

### Recent publication

- Švob-Đokić, N. (Ed.), 2007: *The Creative City: Crossing Visions and New Realities in the Region*. Zagreb: Institute for International Relations, (Culturelink Joint Publications Series; 11) 251 pp.

## CZECH REPUBLIC

### Scientific institution

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Management: Stojanov, Robert (director)

Year of foundation: 2007

Organization: The Institute for Migration and Development Research (IMDR) has been established as a research institute at the European Polytechnic Institute in Kunovice.

**Research:** IMDR is a rather young institute which was founded in February 2007. In the long-term outlook, IMDR research activities will focus on relations between development and migration at the macro-, meso- and micro-scale. In the short-term outlook, the following research domains are regarded as principal:

- Causes of migration (focused on the Czech Republic);
- Environmental changes with focus on development capacities, security issues and adaptation mechanisms;
- Environmental factors of migration with focus on particular regions;
- Relations between intraurban migration and local development;
- Theories of development in theoretical and practical dimension;
- Efficiency of programs and projects realized in the framework of official development assistance.

IMDR is open to all forms of cooperation with Czech and foreign institutions concerned with the interest domains.

**Events:** On September 4–5, 2007 IMDR organizes a conference on Migration and Development in Ostrava, Czech Republic (see conference announcements).

### Portal

#### Migration Online

Links:

<http://www.migrationonline.cz> (English version)

<http://www.migraceonline.cz/> (Czech version)

Geographic coverage: Czech Republic and countries of Central and Eastern Europe

Subject: Migration issues

Description: This Internet portal was founded by the Multicultural Center Prague in June 2004 and is supported by the Open Society Fund Prague. The goal of the portal is to provide up-to-date and high-quality information, feature-interesting opinions about the phenomenon of migration and related issues and to promote dialogue and international comparisons in the field of migration. The website offers both original and republished analyses, interviews, research reports and other information thus mapping large scales of migration processes in the region. It is divided into the following categories: Articles, Interviews, Reviews, Research reports and studies. From 2007, the portal has a new design, functions and updated contents. There are two new themes online that have been supported by the EU within the "How many paths to Florence?" project: 1. Economic Development, Social Welfare and Citizenship; 2. Political Economy of Migration and Mobility in the EU. Two other longer-running themes are:

Gender and Migration; Refugees in Central and Eastern Europe.

**Language:** English and Czech

**Access:** Publicly available resources

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#### Journal description

#### Media Studies. Czech and Slovak Quarterly for Critical Media Inquiry

Mediální studia. Český a slovenský čtvrtletník pro kritickou reflexi médií

**Place of publication:** Brno

**Publication dates:** since 2006, quarterly

**Published by:** Syndicate of Journalists of the Czech Republic and selected university departments in the Czech and Slovak Republic

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**Editor-in-chief:** Lenka Waschková Císařová

**Subject area:** Media Studies is a reviewed professional journal aiming at publishing authorial theoretical and empirical papers in the sphere of media studies and journalism. The project follows publishing Revue for Media, the only magazine in the Czech Republic which, over the past five years, has focused on popularising scientific research in the domain of media studies and journalism. In cooperation with the Revue for Media, the Syndicate of Journalists of the Czech Republic has decided to create, from the originally popularising quarterly, a professional journal, taking into account all requisites and standards.

**Headings:** Research Studies; Theoretical Papers; Student Papers; Essays; Reviews; Research Reports; News

Three issues per year are published in Czech, each winter issue is published in English. Each paper contains English and Czech summaries.

#### Journal description

#### Czech Economic Review / Acta Universitatis Carolinae Oeconomica

**Place of publication:** Prague

**Publication dates:** since 2007, three times a year (occasionally since 1998)

**Published by:** Charles University, Institute of Economic Studies

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**Subject area:** Economics. Czech Economic Review/ AUCO is a peer reviewed journal, published three times a year since 2007. It was published occasionally since 1998, but since 2007 it has required the journal status. Papers are distributed via the Institute of Economic Studies website. A limited number of printed copies is available to authors and upon request. The journal is published in English.

#### Journal description

#### Central European Journal of Public Policy

**Place of publication:** Prague

**Publication dates:** since 2007, biannually

**Published by:** Center for Social and Economic Strategies (CESES), Charles University in cooperation with the Institute of Public Policy at Comenius University (Slovakia), Association MUTUA (Czech Republic) and CINEFOGO – Network of Excellence.

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**Editor-in-Chief:** Martin Nekola

**Subject area:** Social Sciences, Public Policy  
The Central European Journal of Public Policy (CEJPP) is a new peer-reviewed electronic journal (first issue June 2007). The aim of CEJPP is to provide academic scholars and professionals in different policy fields with the latest theoretical and methodological advancements in public policy supported by sound empirical research. CEJPP addresses all topics of public policy including civil society, social services and healthcare, environmental protection, education, labour market, immigration, security, public financing and budgeting, administrative reform, performance measurements, governance and others. Although the journal focuses primarily upon Central Europe, relevant contributions from other geographical areas are also encouraged in order to enhance public policy research in Central Europe. Potential sections for each

journal issue include: public policy theory; empirical public policy research; methodological approaches to policy research; teaching public policy analysis; student's work and book reviews. The journal is published in English.

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**Historical development:** The youngest faculty of Tallinn University – Faculty of Social Sciences – was founded with the aim of developing a unit teaching social sciences and carrying out research. The faculty has developed into an important research centre of social sciences, which unites a considerable part of social scientists of Tallinn.

Staff: 84 employees

**Departments/research groups/centres/working groups:**

- Dept. of Information Sciences
- Dept. of Government
- Dept. of Sociology
- Dept. of Psychology
- Dept. of Advertising and Imagology
- Dept. of Social Work
- Environmental Psychology and Sociology Research Unit
- Graduate School of Social Sciences

**Main fields:** The Faculty mission in general is to promote increasing social competence and socially centred attitudes, values and strategies in Estonian society at large; to study the social problems of Estonian society within an international academic context.

**Research:** There are two target financed research projects and two grants financed by the Estonian Science Foundation (2007).

**Target financed topics:**

- Sustainable development as regulative idea and form of science (Prof. Mati Heidmets)
- Cultural factor as guarantee of sustainable development of Estonian society in the circumstances of global risk society (ass. Prof. Aili Aarelaid-Tart)

**Grants of Estonian Science Foundation:**

- Analysis of institutional administration and management of Estonian administrative reforms (Prof. Georg Sootla)
- Differences and changes of value systems of cultural areas around the Baltic sea during 1990s (ass. Prof. Aili Aarelaid-Tart)

**Publications/ papers:**

**Teaching:** Teaching takes place at bachelor, master and doctoral levels. The faculty offers courses in information sciences, public administration, social work, sociology, advertising and media, as well as Master's and Doctoral degree courses in psychology, sociology, social work, information sciences, philosophy, public administration, political science and demography. The aim is to provide higher degree courses in all basic human and social sciences and offer an additional qualification in sociology.

### Online publications

Fulltext publications in English (2006-2007) in Trames – Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences published by the Estonian Academy of Sciences and Tartu University, Editor: Urmas Sutrop:

- Kulno Türk, Tõnu Roolaht. The appraisal and compensation of the academic staff in Estonian public and private universities: a comparative analysis  
<http://www.kirj.ee/trames/trames-2007-2-8.pdf>
- Ivan Svetlik, Tõnu Kaarelson, Ruth Alas, Andrej Kohont. The development of the personnel function in transition countries: Slovenian and Estonian experience.  
<http://www.kirj.ee/trames/trames-2007-1-3.pdf>
- Kristina Lindemann. The impact of objective characteristics on subjective social position.  
<http://www.kirj.ee/trames/trames-2007-1-4.pdf>
- Marii Paškov. The changes in attitudes towards justice in Estonian society during the period of 1991-2005  
<http://www.kirj.ee/trames/trames-2006-4-4.pdf>
- Tarmo Strenze. Who gets ahead in Estonia and America? A comparative analysis of mental ability and social origin as determinants of success.  
<http://www.kirj.ee/trames/trames-2006-3-3.pdf>
- Airi Värnik, Kairi Kõlves, Merike Sisask, Algi Samm, and Danuta Wasserman. Suicide mortality and political transition: Russians in Estonia compared to that of the Estonians in Estonia and to the population of Russia.  
<http://www.kirj.ee/trames/trames-2006-3-5.pdf>

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**Management:** Dunya, Pal Dr. (director)

**Year of foundation:** 2007

**Historical development:** The HIIA was founded by the Hungarian government and is the successor of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies of Laszlo Teleki Institute.

**Staff:** 11 researchers

**Research topics:**

- Security policy in a changing European environment;
- From Europe to EU-rope. National and community policies;
- Regions out of Europe: the Far East, the Middle East;
- Russia and Central Europe;
- Hungary and its neighbours: Geopolitical fault-lines in Central Europe;
- National identity and foreign policy;
- Culture as a dimension of foreign policy - cultural foreign policy and its options after the East-West conflict.

**Publications/ papers:** The HIIA publishes the quarterly journal Foreign Policy Review in Hungarian language (and two issues in English language).

### Scientific institution

#### EIKKA - European Youth Research and Organisation Developing and Communication Centre

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Internet: <http://www.youthresearch.hu/eikka.php>

**Management:** Gabor, Kalman (president)

**Year of foundation:** 2005

**Staff:** 5 researchers

**Organization:** EIKKA (European Youth Research and Organisation Developing and

Communication Centre) is a workshop focusing on the Social Sciences.

**Main fields:** The centre aims

- to aid research into the European regional social environment of young people and to assist and organise youth research projects,
- to do sociological research into the system of education (before and after EU accession), the world of labour, democratic social practices, group initiatives, healthy lifestyles (life planning, career planning, career models), protection of the environment and tendencies in environmental training,
- to organise and back up the professional training of young researchers and experts so that they can find their way within Hungarian and international scientific life,
- to organise conferences, debates, lectures, conversations and training programs on youth research and its scientific environment,
- to organise and back up the communicating of youth research both in Hungary and abroad, and to strengthen the scientific position of youth research,
- to build up a national, scientific/information service, which will enable experts and organisations to make use of the benefits of the EU membership of Hungary.

**Publications:** The centre publishes a series "Ifjúsági korszakváltás" (Youth Epoch Changing) with the latest works on youth sociology and sociography, important international studies in Hungarian, and important Hungarian studies existing in a foreign language. The series is the result of cooperation between the Institute of Higher Education Research, the Institute of Sociology (Hungarian Academy of Sciences) and Belvedere publishing house.

**Co-operations:** Strategic partners: Institute for Higher Education Research, Hungarian Academy of Sciences - Institute of Sociology, Department of Youth Research, University of Szeged (Szeged, Hungary), Babes-Bolyai University (Cluj, Romania).

### Online publications

Working Papers of the Institute for Political Science of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (in English), at

<http://www.mtapti.hu/?page=downloadable&mid=4&lang=eng>

- Kelemen, E. (ed.): *Rural Goods and Services and their Role in Improving Rural-Urban Relationship*. Working Papers (10) 2006/8. - 60 p.

- Szabó, M. (Ed.): *On Politics: Rhetoric, Discourse and Concept*. Working Papers (9) 2006/7. - 46 p.
- Gorlach, K.; Kovách, I. (ed.): *Innovation and Sustainability in Central Europe*. Working Papers (8) 2006/6. - 155 p.
- Gorlach, K.; Kovách, I. (ed.): *Local Food Production, Non-Agricultural Economies and Knowledge Dynamics in Rural Sustainable Development*. Working Papers (7) 2006/5. - 99 p.
- Kovách, I.; Majerov, V. (ed.): *Civil Society and Demography in Rural Central Europe*. Working Papers (6) 2006/4. - 89 p.
- Gorlach, K.; Kovách, I. (ed.): *Land Use, Nature Conservation and Biodiversity in Central Europe*. Working Papers (5) 2006/3. - 152 p.
- Szűcs, Z.G.: *Politics of Time. Questions of Political Conceptualisation of History*. Working Papers (4) 2006/2. - 25 p.
- *Partnerships and friendships*. Utasi, A.: Social solidarity and integration in Hungary: Aspects of confidential relationships. Utasi, A.; Páthy, A.; Hári, P.: International trends of relationships in the last fifteen years. Working Papers (3) 2006/1. - 48 p.

#### Journal description

#### Commentary: Community, Tradition, Freedom

Kommentár: közösség, hagyomány, szabadság:

**Place of publication:** Budapest

**Publication dates:** since 2006 bimonthly

**Published by:** Kommentár Foundation  
Baross u. 28

1085 Budapest

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**E-mail:** [titkarsag@kommentar.info.hu](mailto:titkarsag@kommentar.info.hu)

**Internet:** <http://www.kommentar.info.hu/>

**Editor- in-chief:** Ablonczy, Balázs

**Subject area:** Culture and politics

**Headings:** Discussion; Total Past; Prominent Hungarians; Knowledge, Theory; Workshop; Domestic Observer; Recensor; Review.

The journal appears in Hungarian.

**Contents of 1 (2006) 6 as an example:**

*Article:*

- Horkay Hörcher, F.: The living philosophy – In memoriam György Bence (1941-2006)

*Over the Border*

- Bardi, N.: The need as a chance. Is it possible to think about the policy related to the Hungarian people as a special field? (part 2)

#### Total Past

- Lukacs, M.: On the State Office for Religious Issues. The activity of János Virág, a commissioner in county Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén (1952-1955)

- Kendeffy, Á.: Was János Kádár a nice comrade or a Shakespearean hero? Interview with the British historian, Roger Gough

#### Prominent Hungarians

- Novak, A.: János Asbóth in the discussions on the official acceptance of the Jewish religion at the end of the 19th-century Hungary

#### Knowledge, theory

- Bartus, G.: About the mysterious concept of sustainable development
- Lang, B.: Genuine pseudo-science

#### Workshop

- Bekes, M.: The possibility of Reform-Conservatism

- Fodor, G.: Voegelin for Beginners. A guide to Eric Voegelin's political philosophy

#### Domestic Observer

Pesti, S.: A crisis of Hungarian democracy (?)

- Egedy, G.: Thoughts on political obedience

#### Recensor

- Mike, K.: Intellectual counter-balance: The Independent Review. A Journal of Political Economy

#### Reviews

#### Recent publications

- Bayer, J.; Jensen, J. (Ed.), 2007: *From Transition to Globalization: New Challenges for Politics, the Media and Society*.

Budapest: Institute of Political Science of Hungarian Academy of Sciences. – 275 p.

- Fritz, Verena, 2007: *State-Building. A comparative study of Ukraine, Lithuania, Belarus, and Russia*.

Budapest: CEU Press, 384 p.

## LATVIA

### Research project

The Baltic Institute for Social Sciences (<http://www.bszi.lv/>) conducted the study "Integration practice and perspectives" (2006) with the financial assistance of the European Union and the Republic of Latvia focused on the processes of integration in society and the main integration agents. There were five areas of research which help to study the main integration agents:

- The role of the press in constructing collective identities
- A study of the dynamics of political integration
- The NGO sector as an agent for public integration
- The positions of the political elite vis-à-vis issues of public integration
- A study of the processes of public integration.

Fulltext in English is available at

[http://www.bszi.lv/downloads/resources/integracijas\\_prakse/brosura\\_EN.pdf](http://www.bszi.lv/downloads/resources/integracijas_prakse/brosura_EN.pdf)

## LITHUANIA

### Scientific institution

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**Management:** Zukauskas, Pranas Prof. Dr. (dean), [p.zukauskas@evf.vdu.lt](mailto:p.zukauskas@evf.vdu.lt)

**Departments:**

- Dept. of Management
- Dept. of Economics
- Dept. of Finance
- Business Consulting and Continuous Education Centre

**Research:** The current research program is entitled "Innovation Changes in Economics and Management under the European Integration Process". The main issues of the program are: globalization of economic processes, creation of the system of business infrastructure, development of Lithuanian finance system and its designing. The faculty staff takes part in the

project financed by Lithuanian Science and Study Fund entitled "Organization and Management of Knowledge Society's Formation Process: Research, Programming and Designing".

**Publications/ papers:** The Faculty publishes a scientific, reviewed in three databases journal "Organisation Management: Systematic Research".

**Services:** The Faculty has a Business Consultation and Postgraduate Studies' Center. It provides a wide range of services for business organizations. The Center offers consultations and advice on many areas of business management: arranging investment projects, developing a firm's strategy, investigating market opportunities, improving personnel management, reorganizing finance and accounting systems along with organizational structures, etc.

## MACEDONIA

### Scientific institution

#### Institute for Strategic Research and Education (ISIE)

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**Management:** Dokmanovic, Miso (president)

**Year of foundation:** 2004

**Staff:** 15 staff member

**Main tasks:**

- Initiating research activities covering the strategic problems in Macedonia and the broader region with the emphasis on the legal and the economic system.
- Initiating discussions about the security issues and prevention of conflicts in the Macedonia and the broader region.
- Continuous education and training for the young population.
- Becoming involved in the projects within the NATO, EU, OSCE and UN.
- Promoting the protection of the human rights and interethnic tolerance.
- Engagement in activities promoting the civil society in Macedonia.

**Research projects:**

2007

- Ohrid Training for Balkan Case Challenge Participants from Macedonia

2006

- National Security Strategy from the View of the Civil Society A Contribution for a Regional Security Strategy
- Decision Making Process in the European Union
- National Assessment Report on the Level of Democratization of the Republic of Macedonia
- The History and the Perspectives of the Macedonian - Greek Dispute over the Name 2005
- The Role of Financial Intelligence Units in Prevention of Money Laundering

**Publications/ papers:**

Regional Security Strategy from the Perspective of the Civil Society, 2006; Decision making procedures in the European Union, 2005 by Julija Brsakoska – Bazerkoska.

**Scientific institution**

**Centre for Psychosocial and Crisis Action (CPCA)**

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Internet: <http://www.cPCA.org.mk/default-en.asp>

**Year of foundation:** 2001

**Staff:** The Centre has 5 full-time employees and a number of associates (with professionals from the areas of psychology, education, social policy and health).

**Organization:** The Centre became in 2001 independent and was transformed into a private, independent professional agency.

**Departments:** The Centre is organized in three separate units: Research Centre, the Institute for Development, Youth Culture and Initiatives (IRKIM) and Psychological Youth Counselling (since 2001)

**Main fields:** The Centre conducts and organises the following activities:

- Research in the areas of health and health promotion, risk behaviour in young people, post-traumatic stress, psychological stability, children's rights etc.
- Training in the areas of: mental and emotional health; psychological stress, crisis and trauma; psychosocial and crisis intervention; education; health promotion and health education; preparation and evaluation of psychosocial projects and programmes etc.
- Psychosocial and crisis actions in a community affected by acute or prolonged crises (conflict and post-conflict community, multiethnic or marginal groups, or

organizations under risk – schools, informal groups)

- Psychological help and support to individuals (children, young people, parents, teachers etc. – psychological counselling and psychotherapy) or to groups that have experienced traumatic stress (psycho-education, consultations, debriefing)
- Consultations and supervision for experts, professionals, semi-professionals, volunteers (facilitators) and organizations providing help
- Publishing – professional literature and working materials: books, manuals, collections and magazines, brochures, as well as studies/articles published in other publications.

**Research projects:**

- "National Study on Health behavior in school-aged children - HBSC" (2005-2006, 2001-2002, 1997-1998)
- "Children and Youth Organizations – Action Projects" (2003 - 2004) – Data base compiled as part of the Project: „Safe School in a Community Under Risk“
- "Technical-Technological and Spatial Conditions in the Tetovo Primary Schools" (2003)
- "Safe School – Violence Free School" (2003)
- "Post traumatic stress reactions and feeling of safety in Tetovo primary schools' children", (2002)
- "School Violence", (2002)
- "Psycho-social needs and the ability of Macedonian schools to manage crisis situations" (1999)
- "Evaluation of the post-traumatic stress reactions in pupils and teachers of the J.B. Tito Primary School in the village of Zhirovnica" (1999)
- "The Position and Needs of Kosovo Refugees in the collective centres in the Republic of Macedonia" (1999)
- "Styles of children education and care in Macedonian, Albanian and Roma families in the Republic of Macedonia“

**Scientific institution**

**Center for Economic Analyses**

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**Management:** Nikolov, Marjan (president)

**Year of foundation:** 2004

**Founder members:** The Center for Economic Analyses is a think tank, founded by Macedonian economists.

**Main fields:** CEA's mission is to continuously research the economic development and economic policy in the Republic of Macedonia and offer policy relevant recommendations and solutions"

**Research projects:**

- Competitiveness report prepared by CEA for the NCEC;
- Toward sustainable think tank (2006-2008);
- Local government borrowing;
- Monitoring of transparency in the privatization process of the electric power company of Macedonia;
- Preparation of comments to the new EBRD strategy based on the 2004 strategy;
- Improving municipal budget management in Macedonia;
- Identification and measuring of the transaction costs in the Macedonian economy;
- Credit expansion in the region;
- Publishing a Journal of Economics (on-going);
- Follow up on the USAID's Fiscal Reform Project activities (on-going).

**Publications/ papers:** CEA offers online-papers and series: Quarterly Economic Monitor, Journal of Economics (biannually). [http://www.cea.org.mk/Documents/CEA\\_Journal\\_of\\_Economics\\_1.pdf](http://www.cea.org.mk/Documents/CEA_Journal_of_Economics_1.pdf)

**Services:** The web site <http://www.lsg-data.org.mk> is a contribution of CEA to the space of information about Macedonian Local Self Governments (LSG). The database contains general information about the basic LSG regulations and links to decentralization sites.

**POLAND**

**Scientific institution**

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Faculty of Psychology  
Center for Research on Prejudice**

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**Internet:** <http://cbu.psychologia.pl/index.html>

**Management:** Kofta, Mirosław (director)  
**Staff:** 22 researchers in cooperation with the Faculty of Psychology  
**Main fields:**

- Interdisciplinary research on prejudice, xenophobia, conflicts, as well as openness in intergroup relations.
- Training for scientists, with a particular emphasis on doctoral studies.
- Organisation of discussion meetings.

**Research:**

- Studies on general, universal topics (the mechanisms of stereotypes and prejudice, the psychology of intergroup relationship, discrimination, mechanisms of dehumanization in intergroup relations, consequences of intergroup contact, processes of collective guilt and reconciliation, openness and overcoming egocentrism, the affective bases of prejudice, transgenerational processing of trauma after genocide, PTSD as a consequence of ethnic conflicts)
- Studies on more specific topics (psychological analyses of specific ethnic conflicts, the mechanisms of anti-Semitism, psycholinguistic analyses of specific manifestations of "hate speech")
- Application-focused studies (intergroup negotiations, assessment and evaluation of prejudice-reduction programs, conflicts in urban space, reduction of discrimination in the workplace).

**Teaching:** The Center offers seminars, summer schools, and practical courses at the undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate levels, addressed to future teachers, local and federal civil servants, non-governmental agency activists, and scientists.

**Scientific institution**

**Academy of Humanities and Economics,  
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**Management:** Janczak, Katarzyna (head),  
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**Year of foundation:** 2005

**Historical development:** Educational Research Centre was established in 2005 as a result of the transformation of Educational Research and Development Centre.

**Organization:** The Centre is subordinated to the Chancellor of the Academy of Humanities and Economics and is mainly in charge of efficient functioning of quality assurance system.

**Main fields:**

- providing departments and management board with information concerning quality of education and quality assurance,
- coordination of internal quality assurance system,
- working out and implementing procedures in the area of quality assurance,
- supporting units of the Academy of Humanities and Economics with activities aiming to implement procedures in the field of quality assurance,
- conducting research in the field of higher education,
- marketing research,
- implementing innovative methods of teaching (e.g. problem and project based learning),
- participation in Bologna Process seminars.

#### Research projects:

- Enrolment survey (passages from the report from the academic year 2005/2006 available in Polish – see Polish version of the website)
- “The Academy of Humanities and Economics in the eyes of Lodz region inhabitants” (passages from the report from the academic year 2005/2006 available in Polish – see Polish version of the website)
- Students’ satisfaction from project based learning survey
- Student hostel inhabitants’ satisfaction from life standards
- Recent secondary school graduates’ preferences for further education.

### Journal description

#### Media Journal

Zeszyty Prasoznawcze

Place of publication: Cracow

Publication dates: since 1957, quarterly

Published by: Press Research Center of the Jagiellonian University,  
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Internet: [http://www.obp.pl/02-english/zeszyty\\_eng.htm](http://www.obp.pl/02-english/zeszyty_eng.htm)

Subject area: Social, psychological, political, linguistic, legal, economic, technological, and professional aspects of mass communication.

Headings: no specific headings.

The journal appears in Polish. It contains an English table of contents and summaries.

Contents of the issues 1-2 of 2006 as an example:

#### Articles:

- Mikulowski Pomorski, J.: The Media after forty five years
- Kolodziej, J. H.: A New Paradigm of legitimization of authority? Selected consequences of the marketization and mediatization of politics
- Kepa-Figura, D.; Nowak, P.: The world image in language and in the media
- Wolny-Zmorzynski, K.: Photographic types of journalism: an attempt at typology
- Fiut, I. S.: The media use of internet users and their axiological preferences
- Kozuch-Sierociuk: The Gazeta Lwowska against the background of the Polish press published in the Ukraine
- Kopecka, K.: The role of the local press from the perspective of participation in local society
- Kania, J.: An assessment of the market value of press titles.

### Online publications

Online publications of the Warsaw Institute of Public Affairs in 2007:

- Kazmierkiewicz, P., 2007: *The Polish Experience in Controlling Illegal Migration*. – 8 p.  
<http://www.isp.org.pl/files/3938901520389034001173362029.pdf>
- Kucharczyk, J., *Learning from the Experience of West European Think Tanks*. – 30p.  
<http://www.isp.org.pl/files/8122192340087606001178781955.pdf>

## ROMANIA

### Scientific institution

#### Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes in Romania

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Internet: [http://www.crimelecomunismului.ro/en/about\\_iiccr/institute](http://www.crimelecomunismului.ro/en/about_iiccr/institute)

Management: Oprea, Marius (president)

Year of foundation: 2006

Departments: The Investigations Department is the main section of the institute. It is directly coordinated by the Director General of the

IICCR, who supervises the activity of the two subordinate structures of the Investigations Department, namely the Documentation Office and the Archives Research Office.

**Main fields:** The main objectives of the Institute for the Investigation of Communist Crimes in Romania are the gathering of data, documents and testimonies regarding all oppressive actions exerted by the system, as well as the notification of the state's criminal investigation departments. In addition, one of the Institute's major priorities is the objective informing of the large public on the crimes, abuses and instigations to crime, undertaken in the name of 'class struggle' within the communist system.

**Research:** In the second half of 2006 four collective projects were initiated:

- Transitional Justice in Post-Communist Romania
- The Impossible-to-forget Detention Day
- The Dictionary of Penitentiary Commanders in Communist Romania: 1945 - 1989
- The History of Penitentiaries in Romania during the Communist Regime: 1945 - 1967

These projects are to be completed in 2007 and published in three volumes. The fourth volume of the series aims at analyzing transitional justice policies in post-communist Romania.

**Publications/ papers:** The institute publishes yearbooks. The first yearbook entitled "Why Communism Must Be Condemned" was published by Polirom Publishing House.

**Teaching:** The institute in cooperation with the Faculty of History at the "Al. I. Cuza" University of Iași founded the Center for Communism and Post-Communism Studies. The first project of the Center is the setting up of a master's degree focused on the history of communism and post-communism.

**Library:** The archives will contain most of the materials produced by the experts within the Documentation Office and the Archives Research Office. In addition, the archives will provide data, documents and testimonies.

#### Journal description

#### Eurolimes

**Place of publication:** Oradea

**Publication dates:** bi-annually since 2006

**Published by:** Oradea University Press  
Institute for Euroregional Studies  
Universitatii st. 1,  
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**Internet:**

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**Editor- in-chief:** Sipos Sorin

**Subject area:** EU and Identities, Regional structures, Neighbours into the EU, Conflicts in Past and Present

The journal appears in English. Two issues are available on the website:

- Vol. 1 (Spring 2006): Europe and its Borders: Historical Perspective
- Vol. 2 (Autumn 2006): From Smaller to Greater Europe: Border Identity Testimonies.

#### Journal description

#### Monitor Strategic

**Place of publication:** Bucharest

**Publication dates:** since 2000, semi-annually

**Edited by:** Institute for Political Studies of Defense and Military History

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**Internet:** <http://www.ispaim.ro/monitor.htm>

**Editor- in-chief:** Ionescu, M.

**Subject area:** Security and defense policy, national and international security, geopolitics and geostrategy, theories of international relations.

**Headings:** no specific headings

Articles are in Romanian or in English language. The journal contains an English table of contents and summaries.

#### Journal description

#### Cognition, Brain, Behavior

**Place of publication:** Cluj-Napoca

**Publication dates:** since 1997, quarterly

**Published by:** Romanian Association for Cognitive Sciences and the Center for Applied Cognitive Psychology ("Babes-Bolyai" University, Cluj-Napoca)

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400015 Cluj-Napoca

**E-mail:** [ascr@psychology.ro](mailto:ascr@psychology.ro)

**Internet:** <http://www.cbbjournal.ro/>

**Editor- in-chief:** M. Miclea

**Subject area:** Psychology, neuroscience, artificial intelligence, computational linguistics, ethnology, anthropology and philosophy of mind.

**Headings:** no specific headings

The journal appears in English or French. Every year the journal has supplemental issues in Romanian.

**Contents** of issue 1 of 2007 as an example:

Articles:

- Bakker, R.M.; Curseu, P.L.; Vermeulen, P.: Cognitive factors in entrepreneurial strategic decision making
- Ciarirano, S.; et all: Sport, stress, self-efficacy and aggression towards peers: Unraveling the role of the coach
- Kallay, E.; Miclea, M.: The role of meaning in life in adaption to life-threatening illness
- Degi, C.L.; Kallay, E.; Vincze, A.E.: Differences in illness-related distress in ethnically different cancer patients (Romanians, Romanian Hungarians and Hungarians)
- Rebetz, C.: Video game research in cognitive and educational sciences
- Miclea, M.; Mihalca, L.: Current trends in educational technology research
- Stefan, C.A.: The object file model perspective on the development of number representation in preschool children
- Miclea, M.; Mihalca, L.: A computerized platform for the assessment of school readiness
- Sassu, R.: The evaluation of school readiness for 5-8 years old children – cognitive, social-emotional, and motor coordination and physical health perspectives
- Ionescu, T.; Benga, O.: Reconceptualizing early education on scientific grounds; School readiness in focus
- Denham, S.A.: Dealing with feelings: How children negotiate the worlds of emotions and social relationships

## RUSSIA

### Scientific institution

#### **Institute for Political and Military Analysis (IPMA)**

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**Management:** Sharavin, Alexander, Prof. Dr. (director)

**Organization:** IPMA includes six centres

- Consulting Centre
- Centre for ideological researches
- Centre for psychological researches
- Centre for military and political forecasts
- Centre for investigations in the field of security tasks
- Centre for native history and Russian emigrants

and five specialized departments

- Department for information and analytics
- Department for practical policy
- Department for military and historical studies
- Department for international relations
- Department for sociological researches.

**Main fields:** Institute for Political and Military Analysis (IPMA) is a multidisciplinary organization. It's fields of activities are studies, analysis, forecasts and expertise of tasks of geopolitics, history, military sciences, psychology, sociology and consulting. Main activities are:

- Theoretical and applied researches in the field of geopolitics, history, political sciences, sociology and psychology
- Monitoring and forecasts of social, economic and political situation in the Russian regions, NIS countries and the whole world
- Elaboration of suggestions concerning issues of external policy, recommendations to military reform and reform of Russian Military Forces
- System-defined expertise and consulting for election campaigns
- PR-supplying of projects in the field of policy, sociology and economy.

**Publications/ papers:** Full text publications are available on the web-site (in Russian).

## Research projects

The Center for Independent Social Research (CISR) in St. Petersburg (<http://www.cisr.ru>) conducts/completed the following research projects on ethnicity, migration and nationalism:

- The Police and Ethnic Minorities: The Interaction Practices in Kazan' and Saint-Petersburg (2006-2008) - Joint project with the Institute of Social Research and Civic Initiatives (Kazan). *Coordinator:* Peter Meylakhs  
The objective of the project consists in comprehensive and detailed study of practices of interaction that occur between rank and file policemen with ethnic minorities, and exploration of xenophobic attitudes among law-enforcement officers. *Methodology:* semi-structured interview, participant observation, analysis of normative documents and press. *Participants:* Boris Gladarev, Peter Meylakhs, Viktor Voronkov. *Supported by* the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

- Migrants' "Home" and Practices of Making It (A Case of Women-Guest-Workers in St. Petersburg) (2005-2006)

The project is aimed at studying transformations in the perception of domestic space, as well as the rules and ways of organising it in the situation of migration. The research is focused on women-guest-workers, who came to St. Petersburg from the post-Soviet space more than three years ago, and have been working as retailers at the local food markets. Research methods include participant observation and biographical interviews at migrants' working places and homes. *Researcher:* Olga Tkach. *Supported by* the Heinrich Boell Foundation.

- The City of "Independent Women"? (Migrants from Post-Soviet Space in St. Petersburg) (2005-2006)

The research is an outgrowth of the project "Labour Migration of Women: a Transformation of Gender Contracts" (2003-2004, supported by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation). The subjects of research are women-guest-workers who have arrived alone in St. Petersburg from ex-Soviet republics and who are hired workers in the grocery markets of the city. The focus of the research is on the strategies of integration; "imaginaries" of the city and the principles of structuring urban space; concepts of "home" and "homeland"; the phenomenon of translocality in the context of migration. The research methods include the observation of

the life of the migrants and interviews. *Researcher:* Olga Brednikova.

- Between Integration and Resettlement: The Meskhetian Turks (2004-2006). Project of the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI, Germany). *Coordinators:* Tom Trier (ECMI), Andrei Khanzhin (ECMI, CISR).

A complex comparative analysis of Meskhetian Turkish communities in 9 different countries (Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, USA, Turkey, Uzbekistan, Ukraine). Research methods include participant observation and interviews in compact settlement areas, comparative legislative analysis and analysis of literature. *Participants from CISR:* Viktor Voronkov, Peter Meylakhs, Alexander Osipov, Andrei Khanzhin, Elena Chikadze. *Supported by* the Volkswagen Foundation (Germany).

## SLOVAK REPUBLIC

### Scientific institution

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**Year of foundation:** 2006

**Staff:** 7 researchers

**Research:** The main topics of IESIR are: European studies, international relations and European Foreign Policy.

**Research projects:**

- Training for First-time University Teachers is a project which started within epsNet (European Political Science Network). Its aim has been to help junior university teachers of political science and related disciplines to improve their teaching practice.
- CULTPAT – Cultural Patterns of the European Enlargement Process (2003-2006) dissemination strategy
- EU - CONSENT – Wider Europe, deeper integration? „Constructing Europe“ Network (2005-2008)

**Teaching:** The Institute of European Studies and International Relations provides education in Bc. and MA. programmes. The PhD. program is expected to be launched in 2008. The study program of "European studies and international relations" was prepared in the frame of three-year cooperation with the professionals from Leicester University partly financed by British Council. In August 2006 European Social Fund supported the transformation of both study programs at IESIR— undergraduate and graduate into English and French language. From October 2006 to September 2007 new syllabi of the courses shall be prepared and from October 2007 till June 2008 all first-year courses and all elective courses shall be taught in English or French language.

**Events:** International Conference "EU as a Global Actor" May 2007, Bratislava;

**Co-operations:** IESIR has a wide variety of experience with cooperation, internships and academic stays at foreign institutions including University of Pittsburg; European University Institute in Florence; College of Europe in Brugge; Leicester University in UK; Bremen University; Vienna University; Free University in Berlin; Central European University in Budapest, Charles University in Prague; University of Economics in Prague and a variety of other universities, research institutes and think tanks.

## SLOVENIA

### Journal description

#### Slovenian Law Review

**Place of publication:** Ljubljana

**Publication dates:** since 2004

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**Editor-in-chief:** Janez Kranjc

**Subject area:** SLR is a general trans-national journal of law and law-related subjects.

**Headings:** Articles, Notes and (since 2007) Recent Cases and Legislation.

The journal publishes articles in English, German and French, with abstracts in English.

**Contents of Volume III, 2006 as an example:**

*Articles:*

- Papageorgiou, K.: Moralism, Liberalism & Just War
- Philipps, L.: Das Nebeneinander von Maximum und Summe im Recht und in der Fuzzy Logic
- Veillon, D.: Le divorce en France du Code civil de 1804 à la loi du 26 mai 2004
- Mencinger, J.: Privatization in Slovenia
- Pavcnik, M.: Rechtliche Grundnorm (Pitamic' Beitrag und Kritik der Reinen Rechtslehre)
- Liu, Shing-I: Goldene Regel und Globalisierung des Rechts
- Augustin, J.-M.: Que reste-t-il du Code civil de 1804, deux siècles après?
- Jakulin, V.: Mistake of Fact
- Gojosso, E.: La genèse du Code civil
- Flere, P.: Impact of EC Competition Law on Arbitration Proceedings
- Ekart, A.: Der unbestimmte Kaufpreis nach dem Wiener Kaufrecht
- Ticar, B.: Das Entlohnungssystem im öffentlichen Sektor in Slowenien

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**Main fields:** The network unites researchers and scientific as well as non-governmental institutions from different countries in Western and Eastern Europe and Russia with the goal of fostering tolerance and trust in a multiethnic society. It organizes national and international seminars and conferences devoted to religious, social and cultural aspects of multiethnic society and also issues materials from these events. The network is open for partnership with organizations which are active in the same field.

**Events:** In May 14-16, 2007, the annual International Seminar devoted to Ethnicity and Power was held in Yalta, Crimea.

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**Year of foundation:** 1996

**Supporting institution:** University of Helsinki

**Main fields:** The Aleksanteri Institute operates as a national centre of research, study and expertise pertaining to Russia and Eastern Europe, particularly in the social sciences and humanities. The institute co-ordinates and promotes co-operation and interaction between the academic world, public administration, business life and civil society in Finland and abroad. The institute has a working community of around 50 experts, including doctoral students in the Institute's Graduate School who work at their respective universities.

**Research:** The Aleksanteri Institute carries out research primarily in the social sciences and humanities. Research topics in 2007 include:

- Russian foreign policy
- Russian energy sector
- The construction of new European identities
- The Cold War and its consequences
- Welfare, gender and agency
- Changing industrial and rural communities
- Russian philosophy

**Research projects:**

- The New Northern Dimension and the Possibility of an Energy Partnership - Cooperation between Norway and Finland
- Northern Europe – from Cold War Division to Restructured Europe
- Companies' Social Relations as a Component of Local Business Strategies - Innovative Integration Strategies of Finnish and Russian Companies
- The Changing Image of Europeaness - The Political Use of History as an Instrument of Identity Politics
- Does the Geography of Russian Peripheries Really Change? - Dynamics of Spatial Restructuring and Industrial Development in Krasnoyarsk Krai and Murmansk Oblast
- Specialization and Diversification of Enterprises during Transition - a Comparative Study of Development in Estonian and Russian countryside
- Genetic resources of Russian farm animals

- Russian Women as Immigrants in 'Norden' - Finland, Norway, Sweden. Gender Perspective on Everyday Life, Citizenship and Social Justice (RWN)
- CIVPRO - Baltic Sea Region Research Network for Civil Protection

In 2005 the institute launched an Energy group which aims at conducting relevant academic research on energy in a Eurasian context identifying the future implications of energy, increasing opportunities for a wider energy dialogue through public, private and academic sector partnership.

**Publications/papers:** The Institute publishes research results and textbooks relating to Russia and Eastern Central Europe in the Kikumora Publications as well as *The Aleksanteri Series*, research publications series especially for seminar anthologies and textbooks and the *Aleksanteri Papers Series* consisting mainly of seminar presentations, conference papers, research reports and other scientific writings.

**Teaching:** Together with the Finnish Centre for Russian and East European Studies the Aleksanteri Institute co-ordinates the Master's Programme in Russian and East European Studies. The programme provides courses on Russia and Eastern Europe and arranges a Summer School in Russian and East European states and Central European countries. The Institute co-ordinates also the Finnish Graduate School for Russian and East European Studies. The Graduate School is a multidisciplinary programme with an emphasis on social and political sciences and the humanities.

**Services:** The Centre is engaged in various information service projects such as RUSSIAinfo (<http://www.russiainfo.org>), The Advisory Network for the Northern Dimension (<http://www.northerndimension.net>), The Baltic Information Service Unit, created to promote and co-ordinate research on the Baltic States, Database for Business and Public Administration (<http://www.balticdata.info>).

### Journal description

#### Problems of Post-Communism

**Place of publication:** Washington, DC

**Publication dates:** bi-monthly

**Published by:** National Council for Eurasian and East European Research (NCEEER) and M.E. Sharpe, Inc.

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**Subject area:** Social Science, Politics and International Relations, Area Studies Asia und Area Studies Russia and East Europe

**Headings:** Scientific papers

The journal appears in English. It contains an English table of contents.

**Contents** of vol. 54, no 3 May-June 2007 as an example:

- Matveeva, Anna: Chechnya: Dynamics of War and Peace
- Ditrych, Ondrej; Souleimanov, Emil: Czech Reflections on the Chechen Conflict: From Morality to Mainstream?
- Bruce, Chloë: Power Resources: The Political Agenda in Russo-Moldovan Gas Relations
- Hierman, Brent: The Pacification of Xinjiang: Uighur Protest and the Chinese State, 1988-2002

*News and Notes*

**Recent publications**

- Baer, Josette<sup>1</sup> (2007): Slavic Thinkers or the Creation of Polities. Intellectual History and Political Thought in Central Europe and the Balkans in the 19th Century.

New Academia Publishing: Washington, D.C.

The volume addresses the principal question why, given their common past under communist Soviet-type rule, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Bulgaria (as per January 2007) accomplished EU membership, while Croatia, Macedonia and Serbia have not. Political ideas, goals and programs dealing with national identity, concepts of statehood, constitutional issues, foreign policy, minorities and the legitimacy of historic state rights aimed at counteracting foreign rule in mid- to late 19th Century. For the Central European and Balkan states, the legacy of these ideas proved to be of relevance for their exit strategies in 1989, considered as the historical moment of "regaining sovereignty" after decades of communist rule. The analytical portrait of the region's intellectual history, as a subfield of Eastern European history, allows drawing new conclusions about democratization that can help to explain the different paths the states chose after 1989. Baer's study provides a definition of political culture, a method tailored to postcommunist transition thereby offering a

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new theoretical contribution to democratization studies via Intellectual history analysis.

- Ganev, Venelin I. 2007: Preying on the state. The Transformation of Bulgaria after 1989 Ithaca: Cornell University Press, - 240p.
- Hanley, Seán; Szczerbiak, Aleks (eds.) 2007: Centre-Right Parties in Post-Communist East-Central Europe Abingdon: Routledge, - 168p.
- Kaehne, Axel 2007: Political and Social Thought in Post-Communist Russia Abingdon: Routledge, - 176p.
- Kuzio, Taras 2007: Ukraine - Crimea - Russia. Triangle of Conflict Stuttgart: ibidem-Verlag, - 258p.
- Lankina, Tomila V.; Hudalla, Anneke; Wollmann, Hellmut 2007: Local Governance in Central and Eastern Europe. Comparing Performance in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Russia New York: Palgrave Macmillan, - 224p.
- Lukic, Jasmina; Regulska, Joanna; Završek, Darja (eds) 2007: Women and Citizenship in Central and Eastern Europe Aldershot: Ashgate, - 336p.
- Pickles, John (ed.) 2007: State and Society in Post-Socialist Economies New York: Palgrave Macmillan, - 288p.
- Swain, Adam (ed.) 2007: Re-Constructing the Post-Soviet Industrial Region: The Donbas in Transition Abingdon: Routledge, - 208p.
- Tholen, Jochen; Lane, David; Lengyel, György 2007: Restructuring of the Economic Elites after State Socialism. Recruitment, Institutions and Attitudes Stuttgart: ibidem-Verlag, - 352p.
- Wöll, Alexander; Wydra, Harald 2007: Democracy and Myth in Russia and Eastern Europe Abingdon: Routledge, - 256p.

**Research network**

**European Network on Transitions in Youth**

**Geographical coverage:** Europe

**Description:** The long-term goal of the Network is to advance theoretical understanding of transitions in youth and especially of the relationships between education/training and the labour market, through the comparative analysis of regular and longitudinal surveys of transitions. The Network brings together scientists interested in the transitions of young people as they progress towards adulthood. The aim of the Network is to promote comparative research on transitions in youth. It pursues this aim by providing a forum for contact among European scholars in the field, by promoting theoretical and methodological development, and by encouraging the

development and analysis of cross-national datasets. It has a particular interest in promoting the use of regular and longitudinal surveys of young people for comparative analysis.

**Network activities:** The main activity of the network is an annual workshop. The 2007 workshop of the network "Transitions in Youth: 15 years after. Where do we stand? Where do we go?" will be held from 5 to 8 September 2007 in Ghent, Belgium.

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### European cooperation

#### Joint European Master's Degree in Women's and Gender Studies

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**Description:** GEMMA is the first Erasmus Mundus Master in Women's and Gender Studies in Europe supported by the European Commission. GEMMA is an achievement of long years of efforts trying to advance in the tuning of diverse educational structures and create common curricula in Women's and Gender Studies. The eight partner institutions taking part in the master's programme are seven European universities: University of Granada (Spain, Co-ordinator), University of Bologna (Italy), Central European University (Hungary), University of Hull (United Kingdom), Institutum Studiorum Humanitatis (Slovenia), University of Lodz (Poland), University of Oviedo (Spain) and University of Utrecht (Netherlands). GEMMA is a multidisciplinary programme which provides high quality academic education and professional competencies for students wanting to conduct further research or intending to work in the areas of women's studies, gender studies and equal opportunities.

The programme has the following structure:

- 1st semester; taken at host university and organised around the same three courses at all consortium universities (Feminist History; Feminist Theory; Feminist Methodology).
- Electives/practice/specialisation: 2nd and 3rd semesters. Divided into:
  - ◆ Electives cluster A: 2nd Semester (at host university).
  - ◆ Electives cluster B (mobility): 3rd Semester (at partner university)
- Master's thesis: 4th semester.

### Database

#### Moldova Reference Database

**Link:** <http://bibl.sh.se/moldova/>

**Geographic Coverage:** Moldova

**Subject:** The database contains mainly references within Political and Social Science, although History and Ethnology are represented.

**Description:** The Moldovan Reference Database, hosted by Södertörn University College Library, is built in order to provide an easier introduction to the Republic of Moldova. It contains references to books, reports, journal articles, Internet resources as well as other materials, which in some way deal with the country. In addition, some links to homepages dealing with Moldova from different ideological perspectives have also been included. The database was financed by a grant from the Foundation for Baltic and East European Studies.

**Languages:** Most of the articles are written in English, German or any of the Nordic languages, but there are also posts in Moldovan/Romanian and Russian, and sorted according to subcategories to provide for easier browsing of titles.

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### Research project

#### Social Inequality and Why it Matters for the Economic and Democratic Development of Europe and its Citizens: Post-Communist Central and Eastern Europe in Comparative Perspective (EUREQUAL)

**Project goals:** The fundamental aim of the proposed project is to create and disseminate knowledge that will facilitate the achievement of greater social equality between individuals, social cohesiveness in societies, democratic and market development, and the broader integration of Europe. The primary focus of the project will be on post-Communist Central and Eastern European (CEE) states because these provide a dramatic case in point of how the changing character of social inequality may affect individuals and state development and because they pose particular challenges and opportunities to the European Union.

**Research partners:**

- The Department of Politics and International Relations, the University of Oxford, UK
- Russian Research Ltd. (RR), UK
- Research School ICS, Department of Sociology, Stichting Katholieke Universiteit of Nijmegen, Netherlands
- Vilnius University, Department of Sociology, Lithuania (VU)
- Central European University, Hungary (CEU)
- Institute of Sociology, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland (UAM)
- Charles University, Czech Republic
- Institute of Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria (IS-BAS)
- Median Research Centre, Romania (MRC)
- Foundation "Intellectual Perspective", Ukraine (CFIP)
- Sociological Institute (St. Petersburg), Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia (SI-RAS)

**Current state:** The project is in the data collection stage now. 54 focus groups distinguished by income (low and average) were conducted in urban and rural areas of 12 post-Communist Eastern European countries.

**Internet:** <http://eurequal.politics.ox.ac.uk/>

### Research project

#### Knowledge, Institutions and Gender - an East-West Comparative Study (KNOWING)

**Project partners:** KNOWING is a research project funded by the European Commission within the Framework Programme Six and will run for three years (2006-2008). It is carried out by five national teams from Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Finland and Great Britain.

**Project goals:** The project aims to examine the production of knowledge contexts and cultures, including the role of gender, from an "East-West" perspective; to identify structural and institutionalised practices and procedures, including standards of excellence, that hinder and/or promote the equal participation of women in science; to encourage the establishment of feminist science studies in the partner countries, especially in the new EU member states; to influence policy on higher education and research and development at the national and EU levels in order to promote gender equality and increase the engagement of young people in science.

**Work Packages:** State of the Art: Background Information; Gender in Institutions: Discourse Analysis; Science in the Making: Participant-Observation; Biographical Aspects of Career Path: In-depth Interviews; Epistemic Communities: Focus-group Interviews; Comprehensive National Reports; Analytical

East-West Comparison Report;  
Communication; Management.

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## CONFERENCES

### announcement

#### Conference on Migration and Development

**Date:** September 04-05, 2007

**Site:** Ostrava, Czech Republic

**Organiser:** Department of Social Geography and Regional Development, University of Ostrava, in cooperation with the Institute for Migration and Development Research of the European Polytechnical Institute, Kunovice

**Topics:** I. Migration with focus on: Theoretical aspects, Trends in migration, Causes of migration, Immigrants in home and host countries, Relations between migration and development – remittances, brain drain; II. Environmental migration: Theoretical aspects, Trends in environmental migration, Causes of environmental migration – sea level rise, natural hazards etc., Environmental hot spots on the map; III.: Development: Theoretical aspects, Development and developing countries, sustainable development, China and India as "engines" of the world economy, National states and development, Relations between development and migration – official development assistance

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**announcement**

**Transfer of Knowledge Conference (9th European Social Cognition Network Meeting ESCON 2007)**

**Date:** September 05-09, 2007

**Site:** Brno, Czech Republic

**Organisers:** Czech group of the European Social Cognition Network, Department of Psychology of the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University

**Topics:** The annual Transfer of Knowledge conferences are aimed at promoting and networking young social cognition researchers. They bring together researchers from diverse interdisciplinary (anthropology, biology, cognitive science, ethology, law, neuroscience, etc.) and/or intradisciplinary (cognitive psychology, developmental psychology, psycholinguistics, etc.) backgrounds with a view to shedding a novel, innovative and integrative light on social cognition. The conferences provide a European forum where both junior and senior researchers present the latest research developments in the field and receive feedback from senior scholars in their respective fields of specialization. Thus, they fulfill an important training and networking function for the new generation of social cognition researchers.

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**announcement**

**The Czech Economy in the Globalisation Process**

**Date:** September 13-14, 2007

**Site:** Brno, Czech Republic

**Organiser:** Faculty of Economics and Administration at Masaryk University

**Topics:** Sections are entitled: Competitiveness and Economic Policy; Roles and Issues of the Public Sector in a Modern Welfare State; Manager and His or Her Role in the Successfulness of a Company; Financial Management of Companies and Institutions; Innovative Potential of Regions in the Czech Republic; Quantitative Methods and Models in Economy; Changes of the Legislation and Its

Impacts on the Economy; Methodology of Teaching Foreign Languages for Specific Purposes at Economic Universities and the Comparison of the Targeted Levels with the Common European Framework for Languages.

**Conference languages:** Czech, Slovak, English

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**announcement**

**World of Work and Quality of Life in the Globalized Economy**

**Date:** September 13-14, 2007

**Site:** Prague, Czech Republic

**Organiser:** University of Economics, Prague, in cooperation with the Occupational Safety Research Institute and the Sociological Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences

**Topics:** The conference is aimed at problems relating to improvement of quality of professional life under the conditions of globalized economics. Following sections are organized: Global World of Work and Quality of Life; Company and Quality of Life of Work; Harmonization of Labour and Private Life; Management – the Initiator of Getting and Making Use of the Working Potential of Organization; Prosperity, Productivity, Performance; Global World and Logistics; Marketing and Quality of Life; Point of View of the Graduates and Young Scientists on the World of Work and Quality of Life

**Conference language:** English

**More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser:** Prof. Ing. Jaromír Veber, CSc. (president of conference), Prof. Ing. Zuzana Dvořáková, CSc. (general secretary of conference), Jakub Mráz (secretary, deputy organizer)

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**announcement**

**10th Conference on Social Processes and Personality**

**Date:** September 13-15, 2007

**Site:** Telč, Czech Republic

**Organisers:** Institute of Psychology, Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University, Brno; Institute of Psychology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Brno; Institute of Experimental Psychology, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava; Institute of Social Sciences, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Košice

**Topics:** This year's conference theme is "Movement, Development, Change". Organisers invited contributions from both children and adult developmental psychology, life/developmental phases analysis, group/social processes dynamics studies, etc. The conference is also open to contributions from social psychology or personality research.

**Language:** Czech (One of the conference sections will be held in English.)

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**announcement**

**International Conference "Identity of Social Work and Supervision"**

**Date:** September 21, 2007

**Site:** Brno, Czech Republic

**Organisers:** European Association of Schools of Social Work, Czech Association of Schools of Social Work, Council for the Development of Social Work, Department of Social Policy and Social Work of the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University

**Topics:** The conference provides open space for the exchange of ideas among Czech and foreign professionals and to share ideas concerning the identity of social work and the expected trends in the development of social work and social work supervision in the international context. The aim of the conference is trying to find an answer for the question: What are the common and distinctive features of supervision in the field of social work and in the field of other helping professions?

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**announcement**

**Socialism and Sexuality**

**Date:** September 26-28, 2007

**Conference site:** Cracow, Poland

**Organiser:** Institute of History of Jagiellonian University

**Topics:** Revolutionary public discourses about sexuality revolutionary ideas on love and family values, sexual behaviours and moralities, sexuality and gender, functioning of cultural stereotypes of masculinity and femininity, the socialist ideas on sexual matters in practice of the revolution, breaking taboos; Transformation of social and legislative systems; Sexual revolution.

**Conference language:** English

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**announcement**

**Democracy, Liberalism, and the Relevance of Pragmatism/Neopragmatism for the Constituting of Political Ideologies**

**Date:** September 28-October 03, 2007

**Conference site:** Targu Jiu, Romania

**Organiser:** Constantin Brancusi University, Faculty of Letters and Social Sciences

**Conference languages:** English, German, French

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**announcement**

**The Second Conference on Human Security, Terrorism & Organised Crime in the Western Balkans**

**Date:** October 04-06, 2007

**Conference site:** Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Organiser:** The European Training and Research Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (ETC)

**Topics:** The second conference of the HUMSEC project focuses on the multiple interactions among transnational illegal organizations, state institutions, and the civil society in the Balkan region, and how these influence post-conflict capacity building.

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**announcement**

**International Mobility**

**Date:** October 04-06, 2007

**Conference site:** Warsaw

**Organiser:** Warsaw School of Economics

**Topics:** Taking stock of international mobility; International mobility and economic policy. International mobility of goods, services and factors of production and to study the implications for the world economy, for national economies, and for economic policy;

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**announcement**

**Media- Culture- Education at the Frontier of Nations and Cultures. Traditions - experience - perspectives (International Conference)**

**Date:** October 8-10, 2007

**Conference site:** Rzeszow, Poland

**Organiser:** Rzeszow University in cooperation with Adam Mickiewicz University (UAM) in

Poznan, University of Lower Silesia in Wroclaw and VEUBE - Spohns Haus Association in Germany

**Topics:** 1. Media, culture, education at the frontier of cultures and nations facing the globalization of life – challenges, hopes, threats; 2. The culture of the frontier of cultures – experience, traditions, perspectives; 3. The role and significance of media in creating culture and education; 4. Interregional cooperation in the field of culture and education; 5. Media, culture and education in the face of integration processes.

**More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser**

**Internet:**

[http://www.zezti.univ.rzeszow.pl/konferencje/24-26wrz2007\\_eng.htm](http://www.zezti.univ.rzeszow.pl/konferencje/24-26wrz2007_eng.htm)

**announcement**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Congress of Social Work**

**Date:** October 10-12, 2007

**Conference site:** Maribor, Slovenia

**Organiser:** University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Work

**Topics:** Equal opportunities as social process; Equal opportunities in reform processes; Methods of Equalisation of Opportunities; Professional dilemmas and crossroads.

**Conference language:** Slovene. All plenary presentations will be translated to English.

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**announcement**

**Media Politics and the “Europeanization” of Media Legislation in Southeast Europe**

**Date:** October 11-12, 2007

**Conference site:** Bucharest, Romania

**Organiser:** Supported by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation

**Topics:** The conference takes a look at Romania, Bulgaria and the Republic of Moldova as examples of the new challenges facing state media policies, and of different conditions and states of development in the media landscape. It will likewise investigate the influence of the media in shaping public opinion and on the formulation of public objectives, as well as its effects on democratization and integration.

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**announcement**

**International Conference "Future of the European Monetary Integration"**

Date: October 17-18, 2007

Site: Karviná, Czech Republic

Organiser: Silesian University, School of Business Administration

Topics: European Monetary Integration; European Monetary Union (EMU); Exchange Rates and Exchange Rate Regimes; Banks and Financing Municipalities in EMU; Insurance in EMU; Financial Derivatives; Financial Econometrics; Financial Markets in EMU; Financial Theory and Regional Monetary Union; Optimal Currency Area; Monetary Policy in EMU; Central Bank and its Role in a Monetary Union; European Central Bank; Financial Sector Regulation and Supervision in EMU; Risk Management in EMU; EMU Enlargement; Fiscal Policy in EMU; Harmonization of Taxes in EMU

Conference language: English

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**announcement**

**Research on Social Sciences and Humanities: Sharing Experiences and Discussing Methodological Approaches**

Date: October 18-20 (Vienna), 2007 and December 11-13, 2007 (Prague)

Conference site: Vienna/ Austria, Prague/ Czech Republic

Organiser: The organizers of the workshops are located in Prague (Gender and Sociology Dept. of the Institute of Sociology, Academy of

Sciences of the Czech Republic), Vienna (University of Vienna) and Bratislava (Department of Philosophy, Comenius University).

Topics: One aim of these two workshops is to bring together scholars to share experiences and discuss methodological approaches in researching Social Sciences and Humanities (SS&H). As the workshops are planned to be interdisciplinary, organizers are interested in sociological, anthropological, historical, political science and other perspectives on SS&H. Secondly, the objective of the project is to start building a network of Science and Technology Studies (STS) researchers inquiring into SS&H knowledge production and its linkages to society. This shall help to develop more sustained academic debates of the SS&H research and also to form a base for potential direct research collaborations.

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**announcement**

**Statistical evaluation of the economic and social development. International conference**

Date: October 19-21, 2007

Conference site: Iasi

Organiser: Department of Statistics, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, "Al. I. Cuza" University of Iasi

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**announcement**

**NGO and Public Services**

Date: October 25, 2007

**Site:** Brno, Czech Republic  
**Organiser:** Department of Public Economics of the Faculty of Economics and Administration, Masaryk University, Brno  
**Topics:** The main goal of this international conference is to present and explain the results of the Czech Science Foundation project "The Share of Nonprofit Organizations on the Public Services Delivery". Future possibilities of this field will be discussed as well.  
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**announcement**

**Fifth Conference "Psychological and pedagogical disciplines in the technical university: methodology, experience, future trends"**

**Date:** October 25-26, 2007  
**Site:** Kiev, Ukraine  
**Organiser:** National Technical University of Ukraine "Kyiv Polytechnic Institute", Chair of Psychology and Pedagogics  
**Topics:** Preliminary panel proposal: Methodology and content of the psychological and pedagogical training in the technical university in the framework of the Bologna process; Integration of the information and pedagogical technologies in the higher technical education; Implementation of the credit and modular system of organization of the studying process in the psychological and pedagogical disciplines: experience, problems; Post-graduation pedagogical education for the technical university teachers.  
**Conference languages:** Ukrainian, Russian, and English  
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**announcement**

**Competitiveness and European Integration**

**Date:** October 26-27, 2007

**Conference site:** Cluj-Napoca, Romania  
**Organiser:** Babes Bolyai University, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration  
**Topics:** Sections: Accounting, Economics, Finance, Business Information Systems, Language and Culture, Management, Marketing, Quantitative Economics, Regional and Rural Economics, Technology and Quality of Products.  
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**announcement**

**XIII International Conference „Kharkiv Sociological Readings“**

**Date:** November 08-09, 2007  
**Conference site:** Kharkiv, Ukraine  
**Organiser:** Faculty of Sociology, V.N. Karazin National University  
**Topics:** The conference is devoted to the main theme "Sociology in a changing world". Sessions will be organized on the following topics: Sociological theory in search of explanation of today's world; Social inequalities in the transformation process; Social policy and social security; Identification processes in contemporary Ukraine; Youth in a globalizing world; Current processes of the sociocultural space; National education: quantity or quality?  
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**announcement**

**Investing in Knowledge: Investing in the Future. Third World Science Forum**

**Date:** November 08-10, 2007  
**Conference site:** Budapest, Hungary

**Organiser:** UNESCO and ICSU, Hungarian Academy of Sciences

**Topics:** Sessions: Towards the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the Role of Sciences; Science and Innovation as a Global Enterprise; Investment in Knowledge on our Environment; Investments in Knowledge in Accelerating Economies; Investing in Future Generations.

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**announcement**

**NKVD/KGB Activities and its Cooperation with other Secret Services in Central and Eastern Europe 1945 - 1989**

**Date:** November 14-16, 2007

**Conference site:** Bratislava, Slovakia

**Organiser:** Nation's Memory Institute in Slovakia in co-operation with the Archive Division of the Czech Ministry of the Interior, Czech Republic, the Federal Commissioner for the Stasi Records (BSTU), Germany, the Institute of National Remembrance / Commission for the Prosecution of Crimes against the Polish Nation (IPN), Poland, and the Historic Archive for State Security of Hungary, Budapest.

**Topics:** Panels: Security archives and sources of KGB activities (opening panel); From Soviet advisors in satellite states to Soviet security schools; Central and Eastern Europe as a base for espionage against the West; KGB's co-operation with satellite state security services; KGB's activities within the Soviet bloc; National differences between Soviet model services? (closing panel).

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**announcement**

**Role of Education in Reduction of Poverty Effects on Children in Transitional Countries**

**Date:** November 15-16, 2007

**Conference site:** Belgrade, Serbia

**Organiser:** Institute for Educational Research, Belgrade.

**Topics:** The Conference shall be organized in the following three thematic fields: Social

aspects of the relationship between education and poverty; Ways of poverty impact on development of children; Role of school in reduction of effects of poverty on children.

**Language:** English and Serbian

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**announcement**

**Funding, Equity and Efficiency of Higher Education. International Conference**

**Date:** November 21-24, 2007

**Conference site:** Portorož, Slovenia

**Organiser:** Institute for Economic Research, Ljubljana and University of Primorska, Faculty of Management Koper

**Topics:** Funding: Including incentives for encouraging quality as well as models of tuition fees and other forms of revenue supplementation; Equity: Including provision of grants and loans to assure participation of all students of academic ability and to support cross-border student flows; Efficiency: Including models of institutional and national (or system) reforms to enhance efficiency and productivity. The Conference will focus on Europe.

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**announcement**

**No End of Transition? Changes in Media Landscape and Public Rhetoric of Post-Communist Era**

**Date:** March 14-15, 2008

**Conference site:** Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Organiser:** Slovene Communication Association

**Topics:** The conference aims to recapitulate the changes in mass communication brought about by the disintegration of socialism from both structural and cultural angle and intends to attract communication scholars from and of the broadly defined cultural and geographical area of Central and Eastern Europe.

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**announcement**

**Lead Public Policy and Administration:  
Challenges and Synergies. The 16th  
NISPAcee Annual Conference**

**Date:** May 15-17, 2008

**Conference site:** Bratislava, Slovak Republik

**Organiser:** The Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe (NISPAcee) in cooperation with the Institute of Public Administration, Bratislava, and the Institute of Public Policy, Comenius University, Bratislava.

**Topics:** The 16<sup>th</sup> NISPAcee Annual Conference invites papers discussing Public Policy, especially in relation to Public Administration, in the regions of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia and the Caucasus. The floor is open for theoretical and practical approaches, case studies and general analyses.

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