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EDITORIAL

The editorial staff of the Newsletter "Social Science in Eastern Europe" thanks the subscribers and readers for their avid interest in our publication and wish all of you a happy New Year filled with peace and prosperity.

Editorial team

CROATIA

Journal description

Market. Review for Marketing - Theory and Practice

Place of publication: Zagreb

Publication dates: since 1989, semi-annual

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Editor-in-chief: Durdana Ozretić Došen, Prof.

Subject area: Development trends of the marketing science and its practical application.

Headings: Articles

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

Journal description

Discrepancy

Diskrepancija

Place of publication: Zagreb

Publication dates: 2000, biannually

Published by: University of Zagreb, Faculty of Philosophy

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Editor-in-chief: Baćak, Valerio

Subject area: Discrepancy is a student-run journal publishing papers in social sciences and humanities: Cultural sociology and visual anthropology to social psychoanalysis and literary criticism

Headings: Articles, Translations, Interview, Book reviews

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

CZECH REPUBLIC

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Organisation: The Center of Global Studies is a joint workplace of the Institute of Philosophy at the Academy of Sciences and the Faculty of Philosophy at Charles University in Prague.

Main fields: The Center of Global Studies focuses on interdisciplinary research in the fields of philosophy and social science. It explores contemporary political, social and cultural changes which, as a consequence of the ongoing process of globalization, influence the lives of individuals and whole societies. It studies these contemporary themes in the Czech, European and global contexts.

The project helps to develop a critical thinking and a co-operation between several so far rather separate scientific disciplines in order to articulate new issues and themes, and to elaborate theories which are linked with them.

Parts of the projects: Justice, legitimacy, participation and democracy; Recognition of cultural differences and social integration; Human rights, state sovereignty, and intervention.

Conference: On November 27-28, 2007 the Center organized the Conference Philosophy and Social Sciences 2007 on "Social Aspects of the Globalization – Global Social Inequalities"

Journal description

Sociologický časopis Czech Sociological Review

Place of publication: Prague

Publication dates: since 1965, bimonthly
Published and edited by: Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences
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11000 Prague 1
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Internet: <http://esreview.soc.cas.cz>
Editors-in-chief: Jiří Večerník (English issues), Marek Skovajsa (Czech issues)
Subject area: Socio-political problems; Sociological theory and methodology; Sociological research; Social and economic policy
Headings: Articles; Sociological Research; Essays; Reviews; Information etc.
Czech Sociological Review appears in Czech (four issues per year) and in English (two issues per year). Since 2007, full texts of all reviewed articles can be viewed on the homepage free of charge. This service includes issues back to the year 1993. The goal is to provide access to the contents to a much broader range of readers.

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) of Charles University
Editorial office:
Celetná 20
116 36, Prague 1
Tel.: +420 224-491-493
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E-mail: editor@cejpp.eu
Internet: <http://www.cejpp.eu/>
Editor-in-chief: Nekola, Martin
Subject area: 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.
Headings: 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.

Journal description

Czech Demography

Place of publication: Prague
Publication dates: since 2007
Published by: Czech Statistical Office
Editorial office:
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100 82 Praha 10
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E-mail: vera.hruskova@czso.cz
Internet:
http://www.czso.cz/eng/redakce.nsf/i/czech_demography
Editor-in-chief: Věra Hrušková
In 2007 the Czech Statistical Office began to publish an English electronic version of the journal "Czech Demography". The contents include a selection of articles, reviews, and summaries from the quarterly journal "Demography. Review for Population Research". Access is provided free of charge.

Academic program

International Relations and European Studies

As of the commencement of the 2006-2007 academic year, the College of Public Administration and International Relations offers a complete Bachelors and Masters Programme in English. These Degree Programmes focus on International Relations and European Studies. Courses are further subdivided into four interrelated subjects: European Studies, International Relations, Comparative Politics and Political Theory. In addition, there are a number of complimentary courses available. These include Economics, International Trade and Law. The Bachelors Degree Programme consists of 3 academic years divided into 6 semesters. The Masters Degree Programme spans over 2 academic years subdivided into 4 semesters.
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Recent publications

- Hloušek, Vít; Chytilík, Roman et al. (eds.) (2007): Parliamentary Elections and Party

Landscape in the Visegrád Group Countries.
Brno: Comparative Political Research Institute /
Democracy and Culture Studies Centre

- Mateju, Petr; Soukup, Petr; Basl, Josef (2007): Educational Aspirations in a Comparative Perspective. The role of individual, contextual and structural factors in the formation of educational aspirations in OECD countries
Sociologické studie/Sociological Studies 2007:1
- Šafr, Jiří (2006): Social Standing and Lifestyle in Czech Society
Sociologické studie/Sociological Studies 2006:9

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Management: Vetik, Raivo: Prof. Dr. (director),
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Year of foundation: 1988

Historical development: The Institute of International and Social Studies (IISS) was founded in October 4, 1988 under the name of the Institute of Philosophy, Sociology and Law at the Estonian Academy of Sciences. Prior to that, majority of the staff members of the new institute were at the Institute of History (sociologists and philosophers) and the Institute of Economics (jurists and political scientists) of the Estonian Academy of Sciences. During the reorganization process of the research and institutions' structures in Estonia, the IISS was affiliated to the Tallinn Pedagogical University in early 1998, which has been renamed as Tallinn University in 2005.

Founder members:

Departments:

- Dept. of Family Sociology
- Dept. of Government
- Dept. of International Relations
- Dept. of Social Stratification

Main fields: IISS is an academic research and developmental institution in the field of social and political sciences. It performs basic research and applied studies on relevant issues to the Estonian society and participates in training of the specialists of the field. The priority of IISS is to carry out on the international level research work which is

implemented by the 4 departments of the institute. The research work is performed in frames of research projects provided with targeted financing as well as with research grants of the Estonian Science Foundation and numerous international research projects. The Institute organises on regular basis theoretical seminars on topics related to the research areas of the institute.

Research: The institute participates in two EU 6th Framework Programmes. The department of government is involved with the project „Peace Processes in Community Conflicts” that consists of comparative study on the political and social dynamics of six multicultural societies in the EU. The department of social stratification is the coordinator of the project „Towards Life-long Learning Society in Europe: The Contribution of Educational System” (2004–2008).

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Year of foundation: 1993

Chairs: Chair of Comparative Political Science;
Chair of International Relations Theory

Research: Research interests within the Department include democratic transition, electoral systems, parties and party systems, critical geopolitics, civil society, Baltic history and politics, international relations in the Baltic Sea region, nationalism and comparative ethnopolitics.

Publications/ papers: The Department publishes “Politica” Series.

Teaching: The Department of Political Science currently offers a 4-year B.A. program, a 2-year M.A. program, and a 4-year Ph.D. program.

Co-operations: The Department is a member of the European Consortium for Political Research. The Department cooperates with the following institution: University of Helsinki, Finland; University of Jyväskylä, Finland; Centre for Applied Policy Research, University of Munich, Germany; Greensboro University, USA; University of Geneva, Switzerland.

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Management: Badirashvili, Irina, Dr. (director)

Main fields: Georgian Centre of Population Research is a national institution, operating as a non-governmental organization with leading specialists from the Institute of Demography and Sociological Research of the Georgian Academy of Sciences and other organizations.

Research: The major research directions involve the following issues: demographic transition of Georgia; population structure, evolution, modern tendencies, prognosis; economic outcomes of the population structure; fertility; its evolution; modern tendencies, perspectives; process of reproduction orientation formation; reproductive behaviour; family planning, family planning methods, reproductive health; mortality and life expectancy; health, attitude toward health and life expectancy (self-defence behaviour); marriage and divorce rates, national and mixed marriages, marriage behaviour, marriage forms; family, family formation, family evolution, expected changes; population accommodation and migration, brain-drain; current state and prognosis; labour migration and its importance for families; comparative analysis of cross-cultural research; demographic development in Georgia in the context of modern tendencies of European countries; strategic development of Georgia and its influence on population; economic situation, standard of living, income and budget of the population and the family; demands of the population; social and political situation and population orientation; functioning of the political system; ethnic processes, problems of inter-ethnic relations; national structure of the population; conflicts and the ways of their regulation; religion; issues of rest and tourism; problems of ecology and specificities of social ecology; way of lives and values; problems of employment and unemployment; problems of NGO development; research on population regional problems and determination of activities facilitating their development.

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Management: Komoróczy, Géza Prof.

Year of foundation: 1987

Historical development: The Center of Jewish Studies at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences was established by the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture (New York) in 1987 as a teaching and scholarly research institution.

Staff: It has five further full-time employees, and has contracts with further people for certain specific projects.

Financing: Both research and teaching at the Center of Jewish Studies is maintained from the budgetary means of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Research Institute of Ethnic and National Minorities. Overhead expenses are covered by the Eötvös Loránd University.

Organization: The Center of Jewish Studies at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences is a rather small institution. Its director is appointed by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

Main fields: The main goal of the Center is to pursue researches in Jewish culture, history (with a special respect to the history of Jews in Hungary) and tradition (including Bible and rabbinics). Since the fall semester of 2003/2004 the Department of Assyriology and Hebrew offers also PhD degree programs, currently there are three students enrolled.

Research: Parallel to the teaching, the Center conducts research in Jewish history, focusing on aspects of Hungarian Jewish history, especially those that have been neglected until now or those that require an institutional background.

Publications/ papers: As a result of research the Center publishes two series of publications: a book series, called Hungaria Judaica, with 17 volumes so far, and an offprint journal (pamphlet series) with 15 titles to date.

Teaching: The Jewish Studies major, fitting into the current university system of Hungary, is - for the time being - designed for 10 semesters, resulting in an MA degree. The ten semesters consist of three major phases: Bible studies, Rabbinical studies and specialization, for which students can choose either Bible Studies or

Jewish Studies. Since the fall semester of 2003/2004 the Department of Assyriology and Hebrew offers also PhD degree programs

Library: The library is a research and study library owned and run by the Center of Jewish Studies in close cooperation with the Department of Cuneiform (Assyriology) and Hebrew (Jewish Studies) at the Eötvös Loránd University. Currently there are above 16 000 items in the collection of the library. The main areas of interest covered are Jewish Studies from ancient times to the present (history, philology, culture), Bible Studies (philology, commentaries, history), Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Yiddish Studies.

Recent publications

- Antohi, S.; Trencsenyi, B.; Apor, P.; (Ed.), 2007 *Narratives Unbound. Historical Studies in Post-communist Eastern Europe* Budapest: CEU-Press. – 517 p.
- Benczes, I., 2007: *Trimming the Sails. The Comparative Political Economy of Expansionary Fiscal Consolidations* Budapest: CEU-Press. – 300 p.
- Kopecek, M., 2007: *Past in the Making. Recent History Revisions and Historical Revisionism in Central Europe after 1989* Budapest: CEU-Press. – 270 p.
- Marcou, G.; Davey, K., 2007: *Effective Democratic Governance at Local and Regional Level* Budapest: Local Government and Public Reform Initiative, 84 p. (Series LGI Documents)

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Year of foundation: 1996

Historical development: On January 1, 2001, Vidzeme University College changed its status from a regional governmental institution to a state university college. In Latvian Vidzeme University College is called Vidzemes augstskola, indicating that it is not a full-fledged

university, but an institution of higher education offering education at a university level without the variety and size of a full-fledged university.

Research topics:

- Common foreign and security policy of EU;
 - enlargement of the European Union: potential impact both for member-states and candidate-countries;
 - cooperation, conflict and integration in Europe; political parties in Latvia;
 - party systems; political elites;
 - party financing; Latvia - Russia relations;
 - contemporary Latvian politics;
 - social policy: politico-administrative relations;
 - public administration reform; local democracy;
 - local government performance;
 - ethnic relations, ethnic policy; nationalism;
 - military history;
 - political communication as a dialogue in the transition states;
 - development of European idea in the space of Latvian mass media;
 - tourism in Vidzeme;
 - environmental changes due to human economic activities;
 - assessment and utilisation of local tourism resources in physical planning;
- theoretical aspects of culture tourism.

Teaching: The university offers a higher professional education, equal to Bachelor's degree, and Master's studies.

Degree courses: Currently Vidzeme University College offers five higher education professional study programmes: Business Administration, Information Technology, Communication and Public Relations, Political Science, Tourism Organisation and Management. The graduation diplomas are eligible for Master's studies in Latvia and abroad. In 2004 the first professional Master's study programmes were launched: Public Administration, Strategic Tourism Administration and Sociotechnical System's Engineering, and a college level two-year programme in Information Technology.

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Management: Alisauskiene, Rasa, Dr. (director general)

Year of foundation: 1992

Staff: 20 project managers and analysts, network of 500 interviewers

Main fields: The Lithuanian - British market research and public opinion company coordinates research in Central and Eastern Europe, conducts qualitative and quantitative research in one or several countries and provides experience in Lithuanian, Latvian, Estonian, Belarusian, Russian markets. The major clients of the company are International Advertising Association (IAA), domestic and international TV, radio and press companies, major international, regional and domestic companies, and international organisations.

Co-operations: The company is a member of E.S.O.M.A.R, Gallup International, The Gallup Organization and Gallup Worldwide.

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Departments:

- Dept. of Baltic Prehistoric Studies
- Dept. of Catholic Religion
- Dept. of Didactics of History
- Dept. of Economics
- Dept. of General History
- Dept. of Lithuanian History
- Dept. of Philosophy
- Dept. of Political and Social Sciences
- Sociological Educational Research Laboratory
- Social and Humanitarian Research Laboratory

Research topics:

- Peculiarities of Baltic social and cultural development;
- Development of history teaching;
- Preparation of teaching and methodical materials for secondary and higher schools;
- Problems of the state and civil society of Lithuania in the 9th - 20th centuries
Lithuanian home and foreign policy of 11th - 20th centuries;

- The problem of educational economics in Lithuania;
- Contemporary philosophical hermeneutics;
- Problems of contemporary ethics and educational philosophy;
- Educational and social conditions and their development in Lithuania.

Undergraduate study programmes: Fundamentals of Economics and Business (Bachelor of Economics, School Teacher); Philosophy (Bachelor of Philosophy, School Teacher); History (Bachelor of History, School Teacher); Catholic Religion (Bachelor of Theology, School Teacher); Social Sciences (Bachelor of Social Sciences, School Teacher)

Postgraduate study programmes: Philosophy (Master of Philosophy, School Teacher); History (Master of History, School Teacher); Social Sciences (Master of Social Sciences, School Teacher).

POLAND

Journal description

Argumenta Oeconomica

Place of publication: Wrocław

Publication dates: since 1995, bi-annually

Published by: Wrocław University of Economics
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Editor-in-chief: Krzysztof Jajuga

Subject area: Economics and management (theoretical foundations; verification of theories, concepts and views based on empirical data; research methods and their development; case studies and reviews of other empirical researches; state-of-the-art surveys).

Headings: Articles

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

Contents of issue 18 of 2006/07 as an example:

Articles:

- Diskienė, D.; Galinienė, B.; Lakis, V.; Marčinskis, A.: Changes in the real estate and labour markets during the process of Lithuania's integration into the European Union
- Barabasz, A.: Organisational personality as a metaphor for understanding organisations
- Akbar Z. Ali; Szyszka, A.: Ethical factors in capital market. Socially responsible versus unscrupulous investment

- Klonowski, D.: Understanding venture capitalists' decision environment: evidence from Central and Eastern Europe
- Małuszyńska, E.: Firm migration
- Stor, M.: Creating value with diverse teams in transnational Management: Diversity as liabilities and assets
- Kowalska, K.: GP-Fundholding experience in Poland: Health care accessibility improvements

Recent publications

- Parzymies, Stanisław, 2007: *OSCE and Minorities. Assessment and Prospects* Warsaw: Wydawnictwo Naukowe Scholar. - 254 p.
- Sulowski, Stanisław; Łukowski, Wojciech; Meyer, Gerd, 2006: *Brennpunkte der Politischen Kultur in Polen und Deutschland* Warsaw: Elipsa. – 276 p.

ROMANIA

Scientific institution

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Management: Pop, Lia Prof. (director)
Year of foundation: 2005
Staff: 15 staff member

Organization: The Research Council is the decision making body of the Research Centre, and it is headed by a director, coordinators of the research teams and the scientific secretary of the centre. The Research Council is subordinated to the Senate of the University of Oradea.

Research groups: Within the Research Centre on Identity and Migration Issues (RCIMI) two research teams unfold their activity:

- The Research Team working on the Management of Labour Migration and Mobility Issues.
- The Research Team working on National, Regional and European Identity Issues.

The research teams comprise faculty members, auxiliary staff, and in the future it could also

include (depending on the working load and the available budget) an increase in the research personnel of the centre.

Main fields: The Research Centre has developed different projects in the field of migration, in cooperation with other organizations, such as the International Organization for Migration (IOM) - Romania, the Office for Labour Force Migration (OLFM), and the Border Police. At the moment, the Center is working together with the IOM Romania and OLFM to elaborate a Guide for Migrants, providing information on the rights of migrants, the risks of illegal migration, the network of abroad employment agencies, insurance policies, banking policies, communication means etc.

Research projects:

- Migration and Identity in a Changing Europe - Building Partnerships and Fostering Communication (November 2006-October 2007)
- Liberalizing Labor Market in Romania - Opportunities and Risks (2006)

Publications/ papers:

- Lia Pop and Cristina Matiuta (Ed.), 2005: *European Identity and Free Movement of Persons*, Oradea: University of Oradea Publishing House, 375 p.,
- Liberalizing Labor Market in Romania - Opportunities and Risks (*Liberalizarea pieței muncii din România. Oportunități și riscuri*), 2006 November, Impact Study elaborated by the Department for Labor Abroad, Office for Labor Migration and the Faculty of Political Science and Communication Sciences, University of Oradea, 110 p.

Teaching: The Master Program is offered by the Faculty of Political Science and Communication Science - University of Oradea (Romania) and implemented in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) – Romania and the Office for Labor Migration, the Department for Labor Abroad – Romanian Ministry of Labor, Social Solidarity and Family. The Master of Arts in Free Movement of Persons in Europe is the first graduate program of such a kind offered to students in Romania.

The program is unfolded during 3 semesters: October 2007 – February 2009. The aim of this program is to disseminate new values and attitudes towards migration processes as well as to combine up-to-date theoretical approaches of migration with interdisciplinary training tools and research methods necessary for studying and researching this topic.

Services: The Centre offers list of experts and European institutions working in the field of migration and an online-forum.

Journal description

Studia Europaea

Place of publication: Cluj-Napoca

Publication dates: since 1996

Edited by: Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of European Studies

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Editors- in-chief: Marga, A.; Prof.; Gyemant, L. Prof.; Paun, N. Prof.

Subject area: Issues of political and social development of Romania in the field of EU-integration, European culture, economy and international relations in the EU

Headings: Articles (variable headings), Book Review

The journal publishes articles in English or French. It contains an English table of contents and English abstracts.

Journal description

Theoretical and Applied Economics

Place of publication: Bucharest

Publication dates: since 1994, monthly

Edited by: General Association of the Economists in Romania (AGER)

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010702, Bucharest

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Editor- in-chief: Dinu, Marin

Subject area: Multidisciplinary economic profile; theoretic and pragmatic results of scientific research in economy or in related domains.

Headings: Articles

The journal is bilingual (Romanian and English). It contains an English and German table of contents. Full text articles are available on the web.

Recent publications

- Pop; L. Matiuta, C., 2005: *European Identity and Free Movement of Persons*
Oradea: University of Oradea Publishing House, 375 p.

RUSSIA

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Management: Reshetnikov, Vladimir; Prof.Dr. (director)

Year of foundation: 1998

Chairs:

- Chair of Culturology and Social Administration
- Chair of Regional Studies and Social Economy
- Chair of Social Philosophy and Sociology
- Chair of Social Work

Research focus:

- Globalism and regionalism: sociological aspects;
- Current situation and development of social capital in the region;
- Globalization of the Baikal region economics;
- Synergy - homeostatic approach to the problems of the social administration in the region;
- Social and economic imperatives of nature utilization.

Teaching: The Faculty provides degree courses in social work, sociology, regional studies and business management.

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Year of foundation:

Historical development: The history of BNUEL goes back to 1920 when the Irkutsk State University opened the School of Economics. It became the first school in Eastern Siberian part

of Russia to train economists. In 1993 it was awarded the status of an Academy, and in 2002 Irkutsk State Academy of Economics changed its status and became Baikal National University of Economics and Law.

Chairs:

- School of Economic Cybernetics
- School of Civil and Business Law
- School of Judicial Inquiry
- School of Constitutional and International Law
- School of Economy and Management in Timber Industry
- School of Commerce
- Service Sector Economics and Management Department
- School of Economy and Management in Service Industry
- School of Marketing
- School of Finance and Economy
- School of International Economy
- School of Public Administration
- School of Accounting
- School of Personnel Management and Business Psychology
- School of Journalism
- School of Distance Studies

Research: Labor Economy and Management; Social and Economic Prognostication of Regional Development; Insurance Market and Corporate Finance; Management in Investment and Real Estate; Social and Economic History of Russia and Eastern Siberia; Social and Economic Development of Russia and Irkutsk Region and its Representation in the Mass Media; Management of Social Processes in the Region; Formation and Functioning of the Regional Food Market in the Period of Reforms; Living Standard; Regional Finance; Economy and Organization of Business; Enterprise and Corporate Marketing Development; Logistics and Regional Commodities Market; Development of Service Industry: Problems and Tendencies; Development of Transportation and Communication Services; Economy and Management of Natural Resources Environmental Protection; Foreign Trade of Baikal Region; Modelling of Natural, Technical and Economic Systems; Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis of Evolutionary Processes; Improvement of Market Economy Legislation; Fighting Crime Today; Regional and Industrial Development Issues.

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Management: Djuric, Zivojin Dr. (director)

Year of foundation: 1968

Historical development: From 1968 to 2004, the Institute for Political Studies in Belgrade has developed from the small research unit of the high school of political science into modern and independent scientific and research middle sized institution. After separation by mutual agreement with the Faculty of political science in Belgrade, the Institute for political studies acquired the status of the independent scientific institution with the structure of government property in 1978. The status is still the same.

Staff: 23 researchers

Departments:

- Center SouthEast
- Centre for national research
- Centre for improvement of democracy
- Centre for research of terrorism and security
- Centre for research of public opinion and marketing "Medium"
- Centre for social policy

Main fields: The mission and work of the Institute are realized in the scope of scientific and research work in the field of social science, political science in the first place, and especially in dealing with problems of the national importance. Beside the scientific and research work, Institute deals with certain fields of education which are not part of regular educational system, and offers research and developing services in the field of social activities such as: political marketing; consulting services; research of the public opinion, market, media etc. One of very important activities of the Institute is publishing (monographs, magazines and other publications).

Research: Scientific and research projects refer to development of political science as university scientific discipline. During its long lasting work, the Institute carried out numerous projects in similar scientific fields: law, political system, political economy and political sociology:

- Changes in the SFRJ constitution, realized in the period 1960/70 and in the period 1971/73.

- Constitutional position of the commune as a socio-political community.
- Constitutional changes in SR Serbia.
- Cultural creativity in SR Serbia.
- Scientific and technological revolution and integral self-management.
- Functioning and realizing the delegate system.
- Ideological processes and problems of the social conscience.
- Organization of government and self-managing pluralism of interests (to 1990 inclusive).
- Constitution of Serbia as a modern legal state (1990-1995).
- Political life and political institutions in Serbia in the end of 19th century and the beginning of 20th century (1995-2000).
- Public opinion of Serbia from 1990 to 2000.
- The young people of Serbia on current political issues.
- The citizens of Sandzak on international relations and current political issues in Serbia.
- Media in Serbia: the number of people who read them, listen to them, watch them.

From the beginning of the 90s, the Institute has entered a new phase of its development taking the responsible tasks in realization of long-term (five-year) macro projects, one of which, named Constitution of Serbia as modern legal state, was carried out from 1990 to 1995, in cooperation with Law school in Belgrade, with significant results. The other macro-project, named Political life and political institutions in Serbia in transition from 20th to 21st century, was also carried out successfully, and it included over forty researchers (permanent and external collaborators) from 1995 to 2000. The third macro – project was taken over and carried out by the newly created scientific unit in the Institute, The Centre for social work and social policy, with seven permanent collaborators, on the topic: Social policy, family and children in Serbia in transition from 20th to 21st century, which was successfully carried out by the end of the year 2000. In 2001(-2005), the Institute has started its work on the project Modernization and Models of the Democratic Development of the Political Institutions in Serbia.

Publications: The current periodical editions of the Institute are: scientific magazines Serbian Political Thought and Political Review.

Library: The Institute possesses in its library 17,000 titles of the scientific literature in the field of social policy and social work, sociology, philosophy, law, pedagogy, psychology, economy, history, politics, demography.

SLOVAKIA

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Management: Ondrejcsák, Róbert (director)

Staff: 10 persons

Organization: within the scope of foreign and security policy.

Main fields: Center for European and North Atlantic Affairs (CENAA) is an independent NGO, which is focusing mainly on activities which include research projects, conferences, workshops and publications, as well as education and training activities.

Research: All activities are divided into six „Programmes“:

- Transatlantic relations and Europe (Programme covers research and other activities targeting the following regions and institutions: North America, with emphasis on the USA; Europe, with emphasis on the most important players: France, UK and Germany; Central Europe; European Union and NATO; South Eastern Europe / Western Balkans; Energy security in Central Europe)
- Strategic regions (The scientific research and related activities of this programme will cover monitoring of the development in selected countries and regions as well as the relations of main actors towards these regions (Russian Federation, USA, China, EU and NATO).)
- Transition (Main aim of this programme is to support and assist the neighbouring states of EU and NATO, as well as other countries, in their transition process. Targeted region of this programme are the Western Balkan countries with emphasis on Serbia (including Kosovo), Ukraine, Afghanistan and Iraq.)
- Security and Defence Policy (programme is focusing on the following: Security and defence policy of the SR; NATO development and further enlargement; European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP); Security sector reform; Strategic theories)

Publications: Panorama of the Global Security Environment is the most prestigious project security and foreign-policy community in

Slovakia. It is the most important publication dealing on regular basis with foreign and security policy and international relations at the same time. The most important output of this project is the annual publication "Panorama of the Global Security Environment".

Events: The Center organizes annual international summer school

Co-operations: CENAA co-operates with about twenty institutions and organisations in Eastern and Western Europe.

Scientific network

CENYR - Central European Network of Youth Research

Internet: <http://www.syrs.org/cerys/>

Management: Project manager for Slovak Republic: Prof. Ladislav Macháček.

Geographical Coverage: Central Europe

Description: The "Central European Network of Youth Research" was founded 2003 by CERYS (Center of European and Regional Youth Research in Trnava, Slovakia) and ÖIJ (Austrian Institute for Youth Research). The mission of the project is to build up a network of Youth Research in Central Europe. Most interesting topics: European, national and regional identity, youth and work, participation and information, leisure activities, youth work in the communities.

Language: English

Recent publications

- Coombes, D.; Vass, L., 2007: *Post-Communist Public Administration: Restoring Professionalism and Accountability*
Bratislava: NISPA
- Rosenbaum, A.; Nemeč, J., 2006: *Democratic Governance in CEE Countries: Challenges and Responses for the XXI Century*
Bratislava: NISPA
- Bútorá, M.; Gyárfášová, O.; Mesežnikov, G.; Skladony W. T., 2007: *Democracy and Populism in Central Europe: The Visegrad Elections and Their Aftermath*
Bratislava: IVO

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Year of foundation: 1981

Staff: 14 researchers

Financing: The CIR research projects and other activities are mainly financed by grants from the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology of the Republic of Slovenia, Slovenian Research Agency and from various international institutions and programmes. Recent CIR research projects have been funded by PHARE ACE, TEMPUS PHARE, and EU TSER.

Research: CIR research is interdisciplinary. Research topics include:

- European integration processes - the European Union and Slovenia;
- Small states in the changing world system;
- North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) and its enlargement process (with special emphasis on Slovenia as a small state);
- Foreign policy of small states;
- Current transformation processes in Central and Eastern Europe;
- Foreign direct investment (FDI) and transformation of former socialist economies;
- Globalisation and regionalisation processes in the world economy;
- Internationalisation of Slovenian companies;
- Role of services in development and international trade;
- R&D policies, technology development, national innovation systems;
- Democratisation in the international society: the role of international parliamentary organs (with special emphasis on Europe);
- Voting arrangements in international organisations;
- Contemporary regionalism;
- Codification of the international law of diplomacy;
- International security;
- Ethnic conflicts, conflict management and minority protection;
- Theory and the methodology of International Relations;
- Area studies; and
- Small- and medium-sized enterprises.

Publications/ papers: Together with Palgrave, the CIR publishes the *Journal of International Relations and Development*, the official journal of the Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA).

Teaching: The Centre offers undergraduate and graduate courses in the field of international relations.

Events: The CIR organized a workshop "The EU and Eastern Europe" within a Network of Excellence GARNET on 8th July 2006 in Ljubljana.

Co-operations: The CIR is an associate member of the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), a member of World International Studies Committee (WISC), and a member of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI).

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Management: Gomišček, Boštjan Prof. Dr. (director)

Year of foundation: 1965

Historical development: The School of Work Organization was established in 1965 and the Institute of Work Organization in 1975. The College of Work Organization was incorporated within the University of Maribor in 1978. In 1989 it was transformed into the Faculty of Organizational Sciences.

Staff: The Research Center comprises 25 professors, 23 teaching assistants, 5 researchers, and 4 young researchers.

Organization: The Institute of Organization and Management is incorporated within the Faculty of Organizational Sciences, University of Maribor.

Departments/centres: The Institute consisted of a research centre with research laboratories, a centre for practical training (Research and in the Center for Applied Research), and a centre for consulting (Center for Education and Consulting) and publishing house "Moderna Organizacija". As part of the Research Center, a Project Office was established in spring 2005. The Project Office serves as a support department which seeks out calls, tenders and other funding opportunities, prepares project proposals and manages projects.

Main fields: The Institute was developed to support basic and applied research and development projects in the fields of

management and organizational sciences. It also supports consulting, training and other services financed by public or private organizations which commission research work. **Research:** Research activities are mainly carried out as research projects. In the period from 1959 to 2005 more than 600 research exercises and more than 200 research projects were completed at the Faculty of Organizational Sciences. The research areas to include the following subjects: organization and management, human resources and education systems, business and production systems, informatics and information systems, theory of decision making and decision support systems, electronic business, project management, business process re-engineering, multimedia systems, ecological management. The Research Center runs the doctoral programs at the Faculty of Organizational Sciences. The doctoral program subjects are:

- Quality management
- Human resources management
- Production processes management
- Information systems management
- E-Business management.

Publications: The Institute publishes in cooperation with the faculty the journal "Organizacija" (bi-monthly)

Journal description

Slovenian Law Review

Place of publication: Ljubljana

Publication dates: since 2004, yearly

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Subject area: Slovenian legal system; legal development in Slovenia; Promotion of comparative law

Headings: Articles

The journal appears in general in English but the articles can be written in one of the three languages of the review (English, German and French). It contains English abstracts on the website.

UKRAINE

Journal description

Derzhavne budivnytstvo (Building of the State)

Place of publication: Kharkiv

Publication dates: since 2006

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Editor-in-chief: Oleh Ju. Amosov

Subject area: Public Administration

Headings: Theory and Philosophy of Public Administration; Regional and Branch Management; Personnel Policy in the Sphere of Public Administration; Policy and Legal Basis for Public Administration; World Experience of Public Administration: Theory and Practice.

The journal is published in Ukrainian. Full texts as well as tables of contents in English and Russian are available on the homepage.

Recent publications

- Golovakha, Evhen; Gorbachyk, Andriy; Panina, Natalia (2007): Ukraine and Europe. Outcomes of International Comparative Sociological Survey.
Kiev: Institute of Sociology of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, 2007. - 142 c.
- Lyubarevich, V.; Amjadeen, L.; Danko, Y. (2006): The HIV/AIDS epidemic among women and children in Ukraine: Situational Analysis and Re-recommendations for the Government
Transatlantic Partners Against AIDS (TPAA), 2006
<http://www.tpaanet.net/files/upload/publications/3075.pdf>
- Stepanenko; V. (2006): Civil Society in Post-Soviet Ukraine: Civic Ethos in the Framework of Corrupted Sociality?
In: East European Politics and Societies. - 2006. - Vol. 20. - No.4. - P.1-27
- Prybytkova, I. (2006): Transnational Labour Migration: Ukrainian Perspective
In: Transnational Migration - Dilemmas. Edited by Krystyna Iglicka. Warszawa, Center for International Relations. - 2006. - P.61-80
- Prybytkova, I. (2005): Ukraine in the context of enlarged EU: New and Old Labour Markets for Ukrainian Labour Migrants
In: Labour Migration. Management Issues and Migrant Workers Rights' Protection in Russia. Scientific Series "International Migration of Population: Russia and

Contemporary World". Ed. by Vladimir Iontsev. Moscow: TEIS, 2005. - Vol.14. - P.92-96

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Management: Jerger, Jürgen Prof. (director)

Year of foundation: 1952

Staff: 27 staff members

Financing: The Institute is financed by the Bavarian State Ministry for Science, Research and the Arts and by project funds provided for example by the Volkswagen Foundation, the German Research Foundation (DFG) and international organisations.

Organisation: The Institute for Eastern European Studies is a foundation constituted through public law. The Institute is closely linked to corresponding university faculties through its director and head of the Economics Department, Professor Dr. Jürgen Jerger (University of Regensburg), and the head of the History Department, Professor Dr. Martin Schulze Wessel (University of Munich).

Main fields: The Institute focuses on the regional historical specificities, analysis of social and economic adjustment processes, the early detection of correlated problems, and the development of practical solutions. It provides information and insights into complex economic and historical circumstances for academe, the political sector, and the broader public.

Research groups: The Institute consists of two departments: Department of Economics, Migration and Integration and Department of History.

Research: The Department of Economics, Migration and Integration provides research, teaching, policy-relevant analysis and advice covering multiple aspects of economic developments in Eastern Europe and the non-European states of the former Soviet Union. Current projects of the Department:

- The enlarged EU and the Ukraine. Challenges in terms of migration policy at the new EU border in Eastern Europe
- Technological convergence by integration? The significance of product diversity for technological progress

- Selected aspects of budget revenue and budget expenditure as well as extra-budgetary funds and contingent liabilities in the new EU member states - an analysis
- Social capital, governance, and transformation
- Fiscal decentralisation and resource-based economies
- Analysing operative capability of Uzbek and Kazakh companies by taking into account corporate governance and other factors. An analysis on the basis of a business survey
- Reforms and interests in an enlarged EU. Fiscal consequences of the EU enlargement

The Department of History carries out research on various aspects of cultural history in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Baltic region and Finland and offers university courses in the field. The department has a special focus on church-state relations during the period of "real existing socialism" and on economic and cultural exchange between Germany and Russia.

Publications/papers: The Institute publishes book series (Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas, Schriften zur Geschichte des Östlichen Europa, Working papers, Memoranda) and two internationally refereed journals: *Economic Systems* and the *Yearbook for the History of Eastern Europe*.

Library: The institute's library is focused on the fields of economy and history. Geographically, the library focuses on the states of the former Soviet Union, especially Russia, the Ukraine, and Central Asia, as well as the new EU states in Central Eastern Europe. The library's collection amounts to about 174,000 volumes, comprising publications on history, economy, political science, social science, regional studies, law, philosophy, art history, cultural history, history of literature and church history.

Journal description

Eastern European Economics

Place of publication: Armonk, NY

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Subject area: Economics

Headings: Scientific papers

The journal appears in English.

Contents of vol. 45, no 5 September-October 2007 as an example:

- Bojnec, Štefan; Ferto, Imre: The Catching-Up Process of European Enlargement. Hungarian and Slovenian Agricultural, Food, and Forestry Trade
- Tarjáni, Hajnakja: The Role of Technology Change and Trade in Changing Relative Labor Demand in Hungary
- Döbeli, Barbara; Kolasa, Marcin: Comparing the Growth Performance of the New EU Countries
- Castaldo, Adriana; Lichfield, Julie; Reilly, Berry: Who Is Most Likely to Migrate from Albania? Evidence from the Albania Living Standards Measurement Survey

Recent publications

- Bandelj, Nina, 2007: *From Communists to Foreign Capitalists: The Social Foundations of Foreign Direct Investment in Postsocialist Europe*
Princeton, NY et al.: Princeton University Press, - 312 p.
- Estrin, Paul; Kolodko, Grzegorz W.; Uvalic, Milica (eds.), 2007: *Transition and Beyond. Studies in economic transition*
Basingstoke et al.: Palgrave Macmillan, - 288 p.
- Kanet, Roger E.; Bremer, Thomas (eds), 2007: *Religion and the Conceptual Boundary in Central and Eastern Europe*
New York: Palgrave Macmillan, - 256 p.
- Müller, Katharina; Ryll, Andreas; Wagener, Hans-Jürgen (eds.) 2007: *Transformation of Social Security: Pensions in Central - Eastern Europe. Pensions in Central-Eastern Europe*
Heidelberg et al.: Physica Verlag, - 324 p.
- Safran, Gabriella (ed.), 2007: *Culture Front: Representing Jews in Eastern Europe*
Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, - 344 p.
- Sallanz, Josef, 2007: *Bedeutungswandel von Ethnizität unter dem Einfluss von Globalisierung: die rumänische Dobruška als Beispiel*
Potsdam: Universitätsverlag, - 345 p.
- Van Brabant, Jozef M., 2007: *Industrial Policy in Eastern Europe: Governing the Transition*
Berlin: Springer-Verlag GmbH, - 380 p.
- Wolchik, Sharon L.; Curry, Jane L. (eds), 2007: *Central and East European Politics: From Communism to Democracy*
Lanham, Md. et al.: ROWMAN & LITTLEFIELD, - 336p.
- Cook, Linda J., 2007: *Postcommunist Welfare States: Reform Politics in Russia and Eastern Europe*
- Ithaca, NY at al.: Cornell University Press, - 272 p.

- Rae, Gavin, 2007: *Poland's Return to Capitalism: From the Socialist Bloc to the European Union*
London et al.: TAURIS I B, - 256 p.

Network

Active Social Policies European Network: (ASPEN)

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Geographical coverage: Europe

Description: The Active Social Policies European Network is a group of social scientific researchers from various European countries. The network members are engaged in research projects related to the development of 'active' welfare states and the introduction of active social policies and activation programmes in Europe.

Network activities: In cooperation with the International Social Security Association, ASPEN organised a session on "Implementing and delivering activation. New institutional arenas, new roles for service providers" during the ISSA conference in Warsaw (March 5-7 2007). In October 2006, ASPEN organised a conference in cooperation with the European Trade Union Institute on "Activation Policies in the EU". The network also has its own discussion list which provides an opportunity for those who are interested in the topic of active social policies to start discussions and exchange information on policy developments, new publications, research projects, interesting programmes and policy initiatives in the area, etc. (<http://aspen.fss.uu.nl/en/discussionList.php>).

Language: English

European cooperation

Joint European Master in Comparative Local Development for the Balkans and other Areas of Transformation

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Description: The School on Local Development of the University of Trento coordinates an Erasmus Mundus Joint European Master in Local Development (CoDe Master) with the Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary), the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), the University of Regensburg (Germany), and in collaboration with other universities and institutions. The main objective of the programme is to provide participants with the necessary knowledge and

skills for introducing, supporting and co-ordinating processes of change and transformation at the local level. The focus of the programme is on local development and includes the following issues: public, private and non governmental actors are the fundamental agents; social stability and economic prosperity are pursued in conformity with the *acquis communautaire* and European standards and best practice. The general approach is comparative and interdisciplinary. The selection process for the Master Programme and scholarships is open.

Workshop report

Poland research in Germany Present situation – research desiderata – institutionalisation

Results from the workshop at the German Poland Institute in Darmstadt
16-17 November 2007

Transformations in the research landscape and changing situation in university teaching pose new challenges for research focusing on Poland in Germany. More than twenty scholars as well as representatives from foundations and ministries were invited to Darmstadt by the German Poland Institute to discuss present situation of the scientific preoccupation with Poland and the research desiderata and cooperation opportunities within the community of Poland experts spread throughout Germany. The workshop was based on the online survey concerning the German research on Poland which was carried out by the German Poland Institute (www.polenforschung.de). Over 220 scientists took part in the survey, primarily historians and literature scholars, but also a number of political scientists, legal scholars and sociologists. Stronger networking within German community of researchers working on Poland would be appreciated and about 90% of the respondents considered holding a regular multidisciplinary conference focusing on research on Poland advisable.

Presentation of the situation within single disciplines

The workshop confirmed online survey results. Starting point for the discussion were nine overview presentations concerning the situation within single disciplines. Hans-Jürgen Bömelburg (University Gießen) stated that, on the one hand, the traditional predominance of Russian history decreased, on the other hand, however, the existing chairs for Eastern European history are by no means secure. Nevertheless, in recent years, the quality of

historical Poland research has considerably improved. Claudia Kraft (University Erfurt) supplemented prof. Bömélburg's report from the perspective of the historical cultural studies. She pointed to the research deficits primarily in respect to the issue of visibility of the Poland research in the public sphere, but also within the general history, in theoretical approaches as well as in the collaboration with history of law. Dietmar Popp (University Marburg) presented the research situation in respect to the art history. Research focusing on Poland within the history of art in Germany is in the institutional sense almost nonexistent. While „common cultural heritage“ attracts some attention, there are practically no reference books focusing on genuine Polish art and exhibits of Polish art from the pre-war period are almost not present in German museums.

Alfred Gall (University Mainz) presented the situation within the field of Polish literary studies. There are only few chairs focusing on Polonistik (most of the Slavic scholars are Russian philologists) and Polish literary scientists are in most cases „lone warriors“, reliant on cooperation with Polish colleagues. According to prof. Gall an important desideratum is modern Polish history of literature written from the German perspective. Erika Worbs (Mainz/Germersheim) introduced the present state of Polish linguistics. As far as linguistics is concerned the dominance of Russian linguistics is still considerable and the community of junior scholars focusing on Polish linguistics is relatively small in numbers.

Both sociology (represented by Melanie Tatur, University Frankfurt/Main), political science (Stefan Garsztecki, University Bremen) as well as economics (Piotr Pysz, University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück) and geography (Robert Pütz, University Frankfurt/Main) share a common problem: country specific specialisations seem to be of little advantage in respect to the academic careers because the disciplines define themselves foremost by the research questions and not by the regional focus. Due to the trend towards comparative or general research questions the depth of the topic exploration and consequently the research quality might become lost. However, a genuine competence relating to Poland emerges within these disciplines only accidentally. This leads to the assessment of the socioeconomic and political situation in Poland that is, at least partly, reliant on the adoption of Polish information without former preparation for German speaking recipients. Polish approaches hardly receive enough attention and Polish scientists have problems to establish themselves in Germany. Altogether the participants agreed that the critical mass of the

Polish competence should be expanded also in social science disciplines.

Foundation representatives attending the workshop expressed their interest to support projects focusing on Poland. Albrecht Lemp (Warsaw) voiced the readiness of the Foundation for German-Polish Cooperation to take into consideration also smaller project proposals. Justyna Schulz (Wolfsburg) presented the funding instruments of the Volkswagen Foundation and Stefan Kern (German Embassy Warsaw/Federal Ministry for Education and Research) described supporting schemes offered by the Ministry (overview: <http://www.foerderinfo.bmbf.de>) and pointed to the funding opportunities of the German Research Foundation and to the newly founded German-Polish Science Foundation. Angelika Amend (Wiesbaden, Hessen's Ministry for Science and Art) drew participants' attention to the Hessen's Ministry programme LOEWE.

Results

1. Networking

Creating links and networks within existing Polish competence throughout the disciplines can provide an opportunity to focus on Poland without being in the same time perceived as „small orchid subjects“ within particular discipline. Intensification of virtual networking within research focusing on Poland was also discussed during the workshop. An institutionalised networking centre could follow the example of the German-French University.

2. Thematic concentration, establishment of centres

Some of participants held a view that a stronger combining of existing Poland respectively East-Central Europe competencies enables comprehensive teaching and research opportunities. In contrast to the above, some of the participants argued that existing university sites would suffer from the withdrawal of Poland competencies. However, stronger cooperation among various university sites within one region was also perceived as an opportunity, both for research and teaching, for example in the Rhein-Main region (Mainz, Frankfurt, Gießen, Darmstadt). This could be viewed as a „competence cluster“.

3. Teaching

As far as university teaching is concerned, Poland as a study topic is often underrepresented. However, according to some of the workshop attendants „Polish Studies“ understood as the sole subject would be too narrowly focused on just one country. There should be more study courses presenting Poland in a broader East-Central European context. Klaus Ziemer (German Historical Institute, Warsaw) suggested establishing at

least one "beacon" of German Poland studies. All the participants agreed that the improvement of the Polish language teaching at schools and universities is a basic prerequisite for a stronger interest in Poland on behalf of the younger generations.

4. Teaching materials, introductions

Developing of German speaking overview presentations and introductions to particular topics (for example presentation of Polish art history) are crucial not only for broader public, but also for new B.A. study courses during which a huge amount of knowledge has to be presented in short time without relying on existing Polish language competence.

5. Reference collections, teaching modules

The necessity of preparing German speaking reference materials on Polish history and German-Polish relations as well as development of teaching modules published preferably on the Internet was also discussed.

6. Visibility

The issue of enhancing the visibility of the Poland research and Poland expertise not only within single disciplines, but also to the broader public was another important discussion topic.

7. Bi-national doctoral programmes

Bi-national PhD networks, respectively graduate students' exchange was proposed to facilitate establishing links and contacts among junior scholars independently of hierarchical university structures.

8. Conference on research focusing on Poland
Workshop participants welcomed the idea of organising a multidisciplinary Poland research conference at the end of February 2009 proposed by the German Poland Institute. Such a conference should focus on a topic relevant for all the disciplines as well as for general East-Central European issues.

9. Continuation of the workshop on research focusing on Poland

A suggestion was made that due to extremely productive discussion more frequent meetings concerned with the development potentials of the German research focusing on Poland should be initiated.

The workshop prepared by Dieter Bingen and Peter Oliver Loew (both from Darmstadt) was financially supported by the Robert Bosch Foundation and the Fazit Foundation.

Peter Oliver Loew

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Sociology and Interdisciplinarity: Central and South East European Perspective. International Workshop

Date: May 8-10, 2008

Conference site: Zadar, Croatia

Organiser: Croatian Sociological Association, Department of Sociology, University of Zadar

Topics: Interdisciplinarity in social sciences

Conference language: English

More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser Sasa Bozic

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Development: Cooperation and Competitiveness. 4th International Conference of ASECU

Date: May 22 – 24, 2008

Conference site: Bucharest, Romania

Organiser: Academy of Economic Studies

Topics: Institutional Challenges in Promoting Competition; Regional economic growth and development; Post-Accession to the European Union: costs and benefits New technologies for competition and development; EU and the Processes of Globalization; Applied quantitative methods for development; The Role of Competition Policy for Development; Emigration/Immigration and Labor Market in Europe; The Development of South and East Europe as well as the Black Region Countries Corruption; Investment and Development in of South and East Europe as well as the Black Region Countries.

Conference language: English

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**LeadPublic Policy and Administration:
Challenges and Synergies. 16th NISPAcee
Annual Conference**

Date: May 15–17, 2008

Conference site: Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Organiser: NISPAcee, Institute of Public Administration, Bratislava, and the Institute of Public Policy, Comenius University, Bratislava

Topics: 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.

Conference language: English

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**An Enterprise Odyssey: Tourism -
Governance and Entrepreneurship**

Date: June 11-15, 2008

Conference site: Cavtat - Dubrovnik Riviera, Croatia

Organiser: University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business

Topics: Analysis of the present and future microeconomic and macroeconomic challenges in the world economy and tourism, facing mainly governance and entrepreneurship.

Conference language: English

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**4. European Conference: Positive
Psychology.**

Date: July 1-4, 2008

Conference site: Rijeka, Croatia

Organiser: University of Rijeka, Department of Psychology, Psychological Association PGZ Rijeka (Under auspices of European Network of Positive Psychology)

Topics: Positive psychology covers topics such as well-being, happiness, positive emotions, psychological health, personal strengths, positive experiences and states (mindfulness, flow, and creativity), positive environments and the positive characteristics of individuals, groups, institutions and communities.

Conference language: English

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**2. Global International Studies Conference.
“What Keeps us Apart, What Keeps us
Together? International Order, Justice,
Values”.**

Date: July 23 - 26, 2008

Conference site: Ljubljana, Slovenia

Organiser: Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA), in cooperation with the local host and all the members of the World International Studies Committee (WISC)

More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser Marjana Jevšenak

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**Summer School “Confronting Cold War
Conformity: Peace and Protest Cultures in
Europe, 1945-1989”**

Date: August 18-25, 2008

Conference site: Prague, Czech Republic

Organiser: The Charles University in Prague & Heidelberg Center for American Studies, University of Heidelberg

Topics: The organizers invite applications from scholars whose research is focused on: aesthetic and literary avant-gardes (e.g. DADA, surrealism, situationism, etc.); anarchist and autonomous movements; nationalist and conservative movements; fascist and neo-fascist movements; peace movements; workers' and peasants' protest; labour and trade union activism, 1968 in the East and West; sexual politics; new social movements (women's/envi-

ronmental movement, etc.); the revolutions of 1989; recent nationalist or right-wing movements; terrorist movements and violence; cyber-protest/dissent in the age of the Internet.

Conference fee: Successful applicants will be provided with a travel grant and a living allowance that should cover all necessary expenses

More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser

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GlobE 2008

Date: September 18-20, 2008

Conference site: Warsaw, Poland

Organiser: University of Warsaw, Institute of Applied Linguistics

Topics: Media communication as intercultural communication: mediation, translation, adaptation; information, values, reader (viewer) orientation; globalization and local world news; local mediation of global topics; global mediation of national topics and cultural emphases; re-contextualization and semiotic re-coding in the media; mediating humour and irony; ideologies and power in the media; professionalism and ethics in media communication (translation); knowledge-based societies and the media;

Conference language: English

More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser

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Report

Workshop “Mapping the social sciences and humanities in the NIS and China”

The GlobalSSH project workshop was held on 6 – 8 June 2007 in Tartu, Estonia. The main focus of the Tartu workshop was on the activities implemented within the project workpackage 2 “*Mapping the Social sciences and humanities (SSH) in the CIS countries and China*” that is aimed at mapping and assessing the scientific capability in six targeted CIS countries – Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan; and China and elaborating recommendations for the development of compatible methods of assessment of SSH

scientific capabilities in the international context. To achieve these objectives, the project participants have collected by now basic information about the SSH general standing, institutions and policies of SSH research in the mentioned countries. This information is to be compiled in two project reports – the Databook on the SSH macro environment and Report on SSH institutional landscape and research policies. Preparation of the reports, including some preliminary results, has been discussed at the workshop. In addition to the GlobalSSH Action activities discussions, invited experts presented progress and results of their studies in mapping and assessing the SSH scientific capacities in Europe and third countries.

More information on the workshop and presentations are available at:

http://www.globalsocialscience.org/index.php?tree_id=39&item_id=69&foldout=1

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