Dear readers,

We would like to draw your attention to the new URL of the joint Internet service of the GESIS institutions. It is now to be found at http://www.gesis.org/en/index.htm. As you surely know, the German Social Science Infrastructure Services (Gesellschaft Sozialwissenschaftlicher Infrastruktureinrichtungen e.V. – GESIS) unites three institutions: the Social Science Information Centre (Informationszentrum Sozialwissenschaften), the Central Archive for Empirical Social Research at the University of Cologne (Zentralarchiv für empirische Sozialforschung) and the Centre for Survey research and Methodology (Zentrum für Umfragen, Methoden und Analysen e.V., Mannheim).

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- overview of the entire spectrum of infrastructure services of the GESIS-Institutes
- access to the GESIS information and data collections
- access to additional national and international internet services in the social science field (SocioGuide/Links to social sciences)
- GESIS calendar of events with national and international conferences in the social sciences


We hope that a new Internet design will provide a better use of and access to the GESIS information services.

Editorial Board
CROATIA

Recent publications

- Zagreb: IMO, 2000, 219 p. (Culturelink Joint Publications; 3)

CZECH REPUBLIC

Recent publications

Publications of the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences in 2000 in English:

- Lux, M.: The Housing Policy Changes and Housing Expenditures in the Czech Republic. – 58 p.; WP00:1

ESTONIA

Scientific institution

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Management: Vetik, Raivo, Dr. – director (vetik@iiss.ee)
Year of foundation: 1989
Staff: 26 researchers, 15 research associates

Departments:
- Department of Social Stratification
- Department of Culture and Family Sociology
- Department of Ethnology
- Department of Cultural Anthropology
- Department of Government
- Department of International Studies
- Department of Sociology of Crime

Research: Main focus:
- Social stratification and mobility in a changing society: generational paths in contemporary Estonia;
- Changing values and lifestyles in Estonia in the 1990s: economic and social resources of families;
- Estonia in the system of international relations; the social dimension of euro-integration and perspectives of the Estonian nation for 1997-2000;
- Cultural dialogue in Estonia in the 1990s: ethnic, regional, and global factors;
- Democratic governance in Estonia: problems and solutions;
- Criminality in Estonia and control of criminality.

Research projects: Three main current research projects:
- Social Stratification and Mobility in a Changing Society: Generational Paths in Contemporary Estonia - Rein Vöörmann
- Changing Values and Lifestyles in Estonia in the 1990s: Economic and Social Resources of Families – Aili Kelam
- Democratic Governance in Estonia: problems and solutions - Raivo Vetik

Publications: Three main publications (last ten years):

Events:
- IPSA Working Committee regional conference ‘Perspectives of Democratic Consolidation in Central and Eastern Europe’, in Tallinn,

Co-operations: Participation in international comparative research projects:
- State-Society Relations in the Baltic States – cooperation project with the Department of Sociology of Crime, University of Tartu, Estonia;
of Government of the Uppsala University – Raivo Vetik, Heigo Kadakmaa

• Long-term cooperation with the Center for Russian and East-European Studies and Population Studies Center (within the project "Identity Formation and Social Issues in Estonia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan", the manuscript of the book is prepared) – University of Michigan (USA), Ukraine, Uzbekistan – Rein Vöörmann, Ellu Saar, Jelena Helemää.


• 1995-1999 "Gender roles, and social changes in rural settlements in Estonia and Finland", Finnish-Estonian joint project (co-ordinator Dr. Laura Assmuth, University of Helsinki; from IISS - Aili Kelam);

• 2000-2001 - National identity and everyday life in the border regions of Estonia, Latvia and Russia (co-ordinator Dr. Laura Assmuth, University of Helsinki; from IISS - Aili Kelam)

• 1999-2000 - "Entrepreneurs", a subproject of "Privatization of agriculture in the Baltic countries" project financed by the Academy of Finland (co-ordinator of the subproject Dr. Jouko Nikula, co-ordinator of the umbrella project Prof. Ilkka Alanen from the University of Jyväskyla; from IISS - Leeni Hansson and Uno Saar);

• 1999-2001 - Gender, and changing working conditions in Estonia and Finland. Finnish-Estonian joint project (co-ordinator Dr. Kaisa Kauppinen, University of Helsinki; from IISS - Aili Kelam, Leeni Hansson, Nina Derman).

HUNGARY

Scientific institution

Civic Education Project

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Management: Culpepper, D. (president), Ghent, L. (director)
Year of foundation: 1991

Historical development: The Civic Education Project began in 1991 with visiting lecturers teaching social sciences at universities in Central and Eastern Europe. Today a network of more than 200 local and visiting scholars teach and work on higher education reform in 22 countries of Central/Eastern Europe and Eurasia.

Founder members: Dr. Stephen R. Grand, Dr. William Antholis

Supporting institution: CEP is an independent organization, but loosely affiliated with Yale University and with Central European University

Financing: Private foundations, governments, corporations, individuals

Organization: non-governmental organization; Offices in Budapest, Hungary and New Haven, USA, plus country program offices in fifteen countries.

Main fields: CEP fellows are participants in two programs: the Visiting Lecturer program and the Eastern Scholar program. In the CEP Visiting Lecturer program a social science academic commits to a year of working at a university in Eastern Europe or Eurasia. CEP’s Eastern Scholar program is a conscious strategy to reverse “Brain drain” by supporting talented individuals who return to university positions in their home countries.

Research projects: CEP fellows are engaged in regional research projects in Central Europe, Southeastern Europe, and the NIS.

Publications: discussion series, conference proceedings and papers

Teaching: Courses in European Studies, Political Science, International Relations, History, Sociology, Public Administration, Economics, Law, human rights;

CEP works at partner universities in the region. Many of the courses offered by CEP Fellows are degree courses.

Co-operations: CEP cooperates with a large number of organizations active in Eastern Europe and Eurasia, such as the Higher Education Support Program (Open Society Institute), Carnegie, the Robert Bosch Foundation and many others.

Recent publications


**LITHUANIA**

**Scientific institution**

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Management: Bagdonavicius, Vaclovas; Dr. (director)
Year of foundation: 1977
Staff: 74

Departments/research groups:
- Department of the History of Lithuanian Philosophy. Head: Prof. Dr. Romanas Plečkaitis, tel. 75 59 12
- Department of Contemporary Philosophy. Head: Dr. Vida Gumauskaitė, tel. 73 24 43
- Department of the Philosophy of Humanism. Head: Prof. Dr. Juozas Krikštopaitis, tel. 75 86 62
- Department of Ethics. Head: Dr. Jonas Baldūnas, tel. 75 59 12
- Department of Social Organization. Head: Prof. Dr. Romualdas Grigas, tel. 75 26 31
- Department of Ethnosociology. Head: Docent Dr. Antanas Čiužas, tel. 75 28 57
- Department of Research on Social Changes. Head: Dr. Vladas Gaidys tel. 75 86 62
- Demographic Research Centre. Head: Dr. Vlada Stankūnienė, tel. 73 24 43
- Group of Scientific Information. Head: Dr. Romualdas Juzevočius, tel: 73 24 43
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Research:
- History of philosophic, sociological and legal thought of Lithuania
- Contemporary philosophy and ethics
- Sociological aspects of socio-economic and political development of the society and of the processes of Lithuania's integration into the European Union
- Demographic development and population policy of Lithuania

**Current research projects:**
- The history of Lithuanian philosophy, leader R. Plečkaitis
- Ethnosocium: specifics of formation, leader A. Ciuzas

**Publications/papers:** Monographs, thematic collections, conference proceedings, and series are published. The Institute holds under its auspice the publication of the journals: "Filosofija. Sociologija" (Philosophy. Sociology), "Humanistika", "Logos".

**Events:**
- "Thomism and the Future of Philosophy", Vilnius, 3-4 July, 2000
- Albert Schweitzer and medicine of the XXIst century, Kaunas, 4 February, 2000

**Co-operations:** The institute participates in the following international projects:
- Social changes in the Baltic and Nordic countries (Finland, Latvia, Estonia, Norway). Coordinated by Goteburg University (Sweden), leader Dr. V. Gaidys;
- Fear in post-communist countries (Russia, Bulgaria, Ukraine, etc.). Coordinated by Michigan University (USA), leader Dr. V. Gaidys;
- Fertility and Family Survey; leader - Prof. Dr. V. Stankuniene, international coordinator – UN/ECE/PAU.
- Health Crisis in the Baltic Countries; leader - V. Stankuniene, international coordinator - INED, France.
- Dynamics of Population Ageing, leader – V. Stankuniene, international coordinator – UN/ECE/PAU.
- Central and Eastern European Demographic Network; leader – V. Stankuniene, international coordinator – Tubingen University, Germany; Charles University, Czech Republic.
• Reflecting Recent Situation in Family and Family Policy in CEE Countries; leader – V. Stankuniene, international coordinator – Bratislava International Family Studies Centre, Slovakia.

• Ethnic committees for biomedical research in Eastern-Central Europe, leader - E. Gefenas, international coordinator – European Council.

• Cultural Heritage and Contemporary changes in Central and Eastern Europe, leader - J. Krikstopaitis, international coordinator – Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (USA).

• European Security, leader G. Miniotaite, international coordinator – Copenhagen Peace Research Institute, Denmark.

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Year of foundation: 1990

Staff: 14 professors; 50 assoc.prof.; 13 senior assist.lecturers; 15 assist.lecturers; 2 senior assoc.researchers; 2 assoc.researchers; 64 doctoral students

Departments/research groups/centres/working groups:
**Institute of Business Strategy:**
- Department of Business Administration;
- Department of Strategy Management;
- Department of Psychology;
- Center of Business Competence

**Institute of Policy and Public Administration:**
- Department of Law;
- Department of Sociology;
- Municipal Training Centre;
- Public Policy Research Centre

**Institute of Educational Studies:**
- Department of Educational Systems;
- Educational Competence Centre;
- Laboratory of Educational Innovations;
- Women Studies Centre;
- Laboratory of Social Research

Research topics:
- Development of contemporary science of education and management in Lithuania (European and world-wide context);
- Modernisation of higher education and continuing education for the knowledge and information society
- Educational management and modernisation of educational system through educational innovation
- Development of a learning organisation and competence of an individual through teaching and learning
- Social education for the democratic development of the society and communication for facilitating European integration
- Comparative analysis of public service and public policy
- Elections, political parties and political elite in comparative perspective
- Sociology of organisations and environmental policy
- International competitiveness of industry and companies
- Modernisation of management of organization
- Socio-economic consequences of Lithuanian integration into the EU

Main current research projects:
**Institute of Educational Studies:**
- “Modernisation of Education in a Country with Limited Resources for the Development of Performance Intelligence” – Prof. P. Juceviciene (co-ordinator), Prof. L. Siauciukieniene, Prof. G. Merkys, doctoral student A. Markeviciene

**Institute of Policy and Public Administration:**
- “Diagnostics of Social Changes in Lithuania” – Assoc. Prof. I. Luobikiene (co-ordinator), Prof. R. Grigas, Assoc.Prof. J. Gusciniskienė, Prof. J. Leonavičius, Assoc.Prof. I. Matonytė, Assoc.Prof. L. Rinkevičius, doctoral student V.R. Kovertaitė;
- “Political Socialisation” – Assoc. Prof. A. Krupavičius (co-ordinator), Assoc.Prof. J. Matakas, Assoc.Prof. A. Raipas;
- “Use of Formal Methods for Complex Systems Simulation and Control” – Assoc.Prof. A. Krupavičius

**Institute of Business Strategy:**
- “Regional Development” – Prof. V. Vengrauskas, Assoc.Prof. E. Bagdonas and researchers from Faculty of Economics and Management;
- “Industrial Policy and Strategies of a Developing Country”. Co-ordinator: Prof. R. Jucevicius

Publications/ papers: Three main publications in English:
**Institute of Educational Studies:**

Institute of Policy and Public Administration:

Institute of Business Strategy:

Degree courses: Academic degrees awarded by the Faculty:
• Bachelor of Business Administration; Bachelor of Social education, Bachelor of Public Administration
• Master of Business Administration, Master of Educational Science, Master of Public Administration, Master of Sociology
• Certified Teacher Qualification in Business Management and Economics, Certified Teacher Qualification in Pedagogy

Events:
• March, 2000 – Civil Society and Public Administration. – Local Conference
• April, 2000 – Systems of Higher Education and Didactics
• May, 2000 – Sociology: Past and Present

Research co-operations:
Institute of Educational Studies:

Institute of Policy and Public Administration:
• “Ecological Modernisation and Its Reflections in Lithuania”. Supported by EU DGXI. Co-ordinator: Assoc.Prof. Dr. L. Rinkevicius;
• “Evaluation of EU Phare Energy and Environment Projects in Central and Eastern Europe. Commissioned by EU, DGXI. Local co-ordinator – Assoc.Prof.Dr. L. Rinkevicius

Institute of Business Strategy:
• Strategies for the Development of Lithuanian Industries: Electronics and Electrotechnics, Machine Building, Chemistry, Construction, and Food. Supported by PHARE SEIL;
• “Impact of Lithuanian Integration into EU. Analysis of five industrial sectors: food, machine building, electronics, construction, and chemistry. In cooperation with PHARE SEIL. Co-ordinator – Prof. R. Jucevicius

POLAND

Research projects

Ongoing social science research projects of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology (Warsaw):
• Anna Firkowska-Mankiewicz: Social Origin, Intelligence and Success in Life, duration: 1998-2001
• Krystyna Janicka: Social Deprivation: Evidence, Patterns and Determinants, duration: 1999-2001

Recent publications

Warsaw: Institute of Political Studies of Polish Academy of Sciences, 270 p.

Maria Jarosz, 2000. - Ten Years of Direct Privatization
Warsaw: Institute of Political Studies of Polish Academy of Sciences, 286 p.

Kazimierz M. Slomczynski, 2000. - Social patterns of being political : the initial phase of the post-communist transition in Poland


**ROMANIA**

**AnALize. Journal of Feminist Studies**

AnALize. Revista de studii feministe

**Place of publication:** Bucharest

**Publication dates:** since 1998, quarterly

**Published and edited by:**

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**Editor-in-chief:** Laura Grunberg

**Subject area:** Multidisciplinary research on gender issues.

**Headings:** Studies, Laboratory of ideas, gendered points of view, Interviews at AnA, Femin(in)ology, Lived-Relived Histories, Historical Documents, Reports, Inflows, News, Reviews, Bibliography, Notes on Contributors.

The journal appears in Romanian. It contains an English list of contents and abstracts, the online-journal as well.

**Contents** of vol. 8/2000 (Women and their Bodies) as an example

**Studies**

- Traitler, R.: Redeeming beauty
- Misleanu, M.: How to beat your wife without letting marks
- Neculaescu, S.: Woman’s body. Trophy of male domination
- Hasdeu, I.: Body & Soul. The feminine body and the religiosity of contemporary woman

**Gendered Points of View**

- Grünberg, L.: The human body as project
- Rabu, M.: Interview with Dr. Alexandru Bildaru

**Femin(in)ology**

**RUSSIA**

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**Management:** Livny, Eric – Programme director

**Year of foundation:** 1995

**Historical development:** The Consortium was created to strengthen economics education and research capabilities in the CIS, with an initial focus on Russia and Ukraine. The Consortium is a partnership of prominent donors, each of whom is interested in fostering local capacity in economics education and research in the CIS. To date, the Consortium has established two programs in the CIS, a research network in Russia and an MA economics program in the Ukraine. The Eurasia Foundation administers both programs.

**Founder members:** The original donors (Eurasia, Ford, Pew, and Starr foundations, the Open Society Institute, and the World Bank) to the EERC have been joined in the past year by the governments of Finland, Norway, and Sweden.

**Main fields:** Launched in the summer of 1996, the Consortium's Research Program in Russia focuses on individual grants, training and technical assistance to Russian economists engaged in original policy-oriented research, with a complementary publication, policy outreach and dissemination program for EERC-sponsored research. The objective of the EERC-Russia Program is to foster high-quality economic research, while promoting capacity building and professional development. The Program strives to firmly establish the credibility
of Russian economics within the Russian policy community, and retain the best and the brightest among the new generation of scholars, while integrating them into the international community.

Programme activities:

- Research grants for original policy-oriented research
- Smaller-scale professional development grants
- Dissemination grants to support publication, conference presentation, and policy outreach for the best research projects
- Semi-annual research workshops, featuring an intensive peer review process for new proposals and work in progress
- Targeted methodological training through a series of "technical" seminars (4 seminars/year)
- Policy roundtable meetings designed to bridge the gap between policymaking and academic research in Russia
- An annual conference focusing on key economic transition issues
- Bilingual professional publications (newsletter "Research in Transition", Working Paper Series, Annual Conference Report) featuring the work of network members

Publications/ papers:

- Newsletter "Research in Transition"
- Annual Conference Report
- EERC Working Paper Series On-line
- E-prints (In this section you may find the successful Final Reports which are not available in hard copy)

Training:

To enlarge the pool of Russian researchers equipped with advanced tools of applied economic analysis, EERC provides network members with intensive methodological training through its regular series of Methodological Seminars. In the past two years, EERC offered several courses on advanced topics in econometrics (time-series and panel data analysis) and courses covering theoretical and empirical approaches to research in a number of fields (the economics of federalism, labour economics, economic geography, trade policy analysis and computer simulation). Training for CIS-based researchers (Russia-excluded) is provided within the framework of the TERN program (Transition Economics Research Network).

Events:

To facilitate professional academic exchange and policy dialog, the Program convenes several types of meetings, including Research Workshops, Annual Conference and Policy Roundtable Meetings. Research Seminars serve as a forum for presentation of new proposals and work-in-progress sponsored by the EERC. Other meetings serve the goal of reaching out to the policymaking community in Russia.

Co-operations:

In 1999 EERC has joined the newly established Global Development Network, sponsored by the World Bank. One of the first activities in the framework of GDN is the Global Research Project. The Transition Economies part within this project is implemented in cooperation between the EERC and the Centre for Economic Research and Graduate Education (CERGE EI) in Prague.

Scientific institution

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Institute of Economics

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Year of foundation: 1930
Staff: 330

Departments: Now the Institute of Economy consists of eight academic departments:

- The centre of political and economic researches (Head: Prof. D.E. Sorokin)
- The investments and innovations centre (Head: Dr. N.A. Novizky)
- The centre of the macroeconomic strategy (Head: V.I. Maevsky)
- The centre of economic sociology and social policy (Head: Dr. P.G. Smirnov)
- The centre of social and economic problems of Federalism (Head: Dr. S.D. Valentey)
- The centre of institutional and microeconomic researches (Head: Dr. A.E. Gorodezky)
- The centre of financial and banking researches (Head: Prof. V.K. Senchagov)
- The information centre (Head: Dr. N.N. Volkova)

Research:

- analysis of socio-economic transformation of Russian society
- macroeconomic investment and innovation problems
- macroeconomic problems of long-term and short-term social and economic policy
- social policy
• development of the federal relations in Russia
• financial and bank systems
• application of modern information technologies in research

The institute publishes journals “Issues of Economics” and “Federalism” (in Russian)

Carnegie Moscow Centre (CMC) http://www.carnegie.ru/ offers the following online publications:
• “Reality of Ethnic Myths” by Alexei Malashenko and Martha Brill Olcott (eds.). You can access the full electronic version of this book in Russian (http://pubs.carnegie.ru/books/2000/10am/). Contents and summary are provided in English (http://pubs.carnegie.ru/english/books/2000/10am/)

New acquisitions of the Department Information Transfer Eastern Europe

• Kortunov, S. 1998. Судьба русского коммунизма (Destiny of Russian communism). Moscow Public Science Foundation.
• Изменение поведения экономически активного населения в условиях кризиса (Change of behaviour of economically active population under conditions of crisis). 2000. Moscow Public Science Foundation.
• Международные отношения на постсоветском пространстве (International relations in the postSoviet space). 2000. Moscow Public Science Foundation
• Образы власти в политической культуре России (Images of authority in political culture of Russia). 2000. Moscow Public Science Foundation
• Kamenskij, A. 1999. Проблемы международного трудового обмена и Россия (Problems of the international labour exchange and Russia). Moscow Public Science Foundation
• Международные исследования в России и СНГ (International studies in Russia and CIS countries). 1999. Moscow Public Science Foundation
• Tagirova, N. 1999. Рынок Поволжья ( The markt of Povolzhie). Moscow Public Science Foundation
• Avtonomov, A. 2000. Региональные парламенты в современной России (Regional parliaments in modern Russia). Moscow Public Science Foundation
• Выборы в посткоммунистических обществах (Elections in postcommunist societies). 2000. In: Политическая наука, 2000-3, Moscow
• Россия: десять вопросов о самом важном (Russia: ten questions on the most important). 1997. Moscow, Carnegie Endowment for Intern. Peace
• Проблемы политического развития современной России в условиях неконсолидированной демократии (Problems of political development of modern Russia under conditions of the non consolidated democracy). 1999. Moscow, Academia


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SLOVAK REPUBLIC

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Year of foundation: 1995

Historical development: Founded as a non-governmental and non-profit organization.

Main fields:

- Supporting activities in the field of science, research and education, leading to the integration of the Slovak Republic in the EU and NATO
- Lobbying European and Transatlantic organizations on behalf of Slovak institutions
- Creating opportunities for dialogue between representatives of the political, social and economic sectors for the benefit of the next generation of Slovakia
- Providing networking opportunities for public and private institutions and organizations, both at home and abroad

Long-term projects:

- Conservatism and Liberalism in Slovakia
- Open Slovakia

Co-operations: Slovak Academy of Sciences Bratislava; Comenius University Bratislava (Faculty of Philosophy); Center for European Policy Bratislava; Hanns Seidel Stiftung, International Republican Institute, Minority Rights Group Slovakia, Nadácia Junior, The Hansard Society for Parliamentary Government

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Scientific institution

INEKO – Institute for Economic and Social Reforms

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Financing/Sponsors:

- Open Society Institute http://www.osi.hu/
- The German Marshall Fund of the United States http://www.gmfus.org/

Main fields: The objective of the Institute is to study economic and social relationships at home and abroad, to develop knowledge on economic processes in market economies focussing on their application to the Slovak Republic’s economy. In particular, INEKO focuses on:

- Analyses of economic processes occurring in Slovakia and abroad in the area of economic and social development
- Suggestions of measures to secure long-term economic growth based on democratic development of the Slovak society.

Research project: A Central Government Audit of financing and activities of central authorities of state administration and organizations under their jurisdiction was conducted in the first half of 2000 in accordance with a government resolution. The audit covered 172 institutions with a staff of 40,962.

Publications/ papers: Seminar-Bulletins, Books


**Events:** Organisation of seminars, conferences, creative workshops to interchange knowledge and to enable creative confrontation between international and domestic economic experts, e.g. seminars about ‘Corporate Governance’ in 2000.

**Teaching:**
• Organisation of educational programmes and other forms of educational activities in the area of business development, globalisation, integration, access to information, regulation of natural monopolies, spreading of information technologies, SMEs, privatisation, etc., for the purposes of continuous economic growth and democratic development of Slovakia.
• Organisation of study stays of young gifted individuals in the area of economy and development of international relationships, aiming at facilitating Slovakia’s integration into international structures.

**Scientific institution**

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Year of foundation: 1993
Staff: 8
Organisation: The CED is a non-profit, non-governmental organization specializing in economic research.

**Main fields:** Support of long-term economic development as the prerequisite for a sustainable growth of the life quality of Slovak population.

**Current research project:** National Human Development Report - Slovak Republic 2000

**Publications:** Seminar Bulletins, CED-Studies
• Cross-border cooperations of SMEs in Hungary, Romania and the Slovak Republic, May 2000, D. & L. Zemanovicova, E. Sicakova
• Regulatory Barriers to Economic Competitions in Transitional Countries, February 1999, Zemanovicova et al.
• Enterprise Restructuring in the SR, January 1999, A. Marcinčin, Zemanovicova et al.

Seminars: CED organizes seminars, for example: Transparency of Government Activities, Bratislava 1999; Family Circle Privatization, Bratislava 1996; Privatization of Strategic Firms in the Slovak Republic, Bratislava 1996

**Recent publications**


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Management: Jenez Justin (director)
Year of foundation: 1965/1995

**Historical development:** The Educational Research Institute was established in 1965 by the government of the Republic of Slovenia as an institute devoted to the study of education. From 1970 the ERI was associated with the University of Ljubljana until 1995 when with an act of the Government of Slovenia ERI obtained the status of the public research institution and thus became an independent research foundation.

**Financing:** Almost all fundings are obtained from funded research. The regular budget, mainly for the working of the Institute comes from the Ministry of Science and Technology. Applied and developmental research is partly or wholly financed by national agencies, foundations and other organizations.

**Main fields:**
• training and post-graduate education of researchers, consultation and the dissemination of the results of research work,
• research in the fields which are strategically important for Slovenia,
• organisation of seminars, professional meetings and international conferences,
• co-operation of the associates of the Institute in graduate and post-graduate pedagogic work,
• inclusion in international research activities.
National research programme
Research: Educational research programme (1999 - 2004):
The programme covers a diverse range of studies, from fundamental interdisciplinary studies in the field of social sciences and the humanities to applied and empirical subjects. The primary group of topics concerns the development of fundamental disciplines such as philosophy, pedagogy, sociology, psychology, linguistics and anthropology, all with sub-disciplines and interdisciplinary cross-sections. Studies are conducted with interaction of the recapitulation of foreign concepts and the development of our own basic concepts within the framework of educational theory. They represent diachronic and synchronic analyses of basic concepts of the philosophy of education (paideia, humanitas, Bildung, éducation, doctrina, etc), as well as education and care (aims, values, means and goals, virtues, impartiality and equality in education, democratic nature of the educational system, school and human and children's rights, autonomy, freedom and restraint, knowledge, learning, education and indoctrination, etc).

The other part of the programme focuses on the applied level, i.e. the development and application of research methodologies which ought to contribute to an extremely precise insight into the ongoing processes, as well as to the formulation of goals of interventions concerning change. Starting from questions regarding the role of the family, and continuing with investigations in the field of pre-school and school education, revealing and analysing various factors of the quality of education, the longitudinal monitoring of factors over extended periods of time makes it possible to contribute to a higher quality education, to pluralisation on the level of programmes, organisational forms, contents and methods of work. We pay particular attention to the staffing requirements concerning teachers in the educational system. The research results provide references for the educational policy for pulling those levers which ensure a high-quality level of occupation of teaching positions in schools, with adequately trained teaching staff. Global multinational research within the IEA association in longitudinal perspective provides valuable comparative findings on the operation of the educational system, which, among other things, represent the starting-point for the national evaluation of the quality of educational processes and for establishing problems and dilemmas in educational practice.

Publications/ papers: The Educational Research Institute publishes scientific works resulting from formal research undertaken at the Institute, theoretical and empirical papers contributing to the development of educational theory, and discussion articles on research topics.

“The School Field”, an international journal of theory and research in education, published twice a year as a two double issue in Ljubljana, Slovenia. The aim of the journal is to situate the issue of education and its practices in the context of contemporary theoretical debates by questioning its usual boundaries, and to discuss general conceptions that correspond to current social changes and the development of educational theory.

Library: The library of the Educational Research Institute has the status of a public library and carries out loan, purchase and cataloguing of professional literature, and at the same time supplies additional professional literature required for research work. It provides information services, such as direct search of the contents of external libraries, CD-ROM databases, access to mutual information sources, inter-library loans, and keeps bibliographies of research staff. At present, the Library of the Institute holds about 6,500 books and documents, and receives 60 journals on education and social sciences regularly.

Journal Social Work
Journal Socialno Delo
Place of publication: Ljubljana
Publication dates: six parts a year (bimonthly, starting February, new form since 1993)
Published by: University of Ljubljana School of Social Work
University of Ljubljana, School of Social Work
Topniska 33
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Tel.: +3861 14377615
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E-mail: socialno.delo@Uni-Lj.si
Internet: http://www.vssd.uni-lj.si/SD/ENG/index.htm
Editor-in-chief: Bogdan Lesnik
Subject area: Theoretical papers, reports on social work, sociology anthropology, psychology, women studies
Headings: articles, essays, reports, book reviews, documents
The journal appears in Slovene. It contains English abstracts and contents.
Contents of Vol. 39 (2000), Part 6 as an example:

Articles
Zaviršek, D.; Škerjanc, J.: Analysis of the position of excluded social groups in Slovenia and proposals for the decrease of their exclusions in the system of social care: Research report
Kačič, M.: Communication, action and counselling in interaction with the blind and weak-sighted
Ivajnič, St.: Social worker and the aged person

Book review

UKRAINE

Data collection

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E-mail: root@di.freenet.kiev.ua, di@ukma.kiev.ua
Internet: http://www.socd.univ.kiev.ua/databank/ukr_arch/index.html

Organization: The Archive of Ukrainian Public Opinion project is a cooperative activity between Democratic Initiatives Foundation, Kiev, Ukraine, and the Center for the Study of Democracy, Queen's University, Canada. The project was funded by the Government of Canada, through the Central and Eastern European Branch of the Canadian International Development Agency, under the Partners in Civil Society Program (1996-1998), for which the Canadian Bureau for International Education is the executing agency. The purpose of the project was the creation of an archive of Ukrainian public opinion polling data, which would be accessible via the Internet. The archive is available for use by Ukrainian and foreign academics, media, and public officials. The development of an open, accessible archive of Ukrainian public opinion is to encourage debate and dialogue on issues of social, political and economic relevance in Ukrainian society. Established in 1992 as a non-profit, non-governmental organization, Democratic Initiatives Foundation (DIF) is a Kiev-based research organization specializing in public opinion polling, analysis of social and political trends, seminars and training for journalists and politicians, international exchange programs and surveys. The Center for the Study of Democracy, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada is involved in a number of teaching and research projects involving democratic education.

Surveys:
• A Political Portrait of the East and South of Ukraine, June 1994.
• Socio-Political Portrait of Four Ukrainian Towns, May 1995.
• Economic Consciousness of the Ukrainian Population, February 1996.

To each survey a study description and a codebook are available on the Internet. In the study description there is information about the study title, main contents, author, data collector,
date of fieldwork, population and sample, sample size and method of data collecting. The codebook includes the question text and the marginal distribution. The user can browse both the surveys by concepts and the survey codebooks. All information are available both in Ukrainian and English.

For more information, please see:
http://www.socd.univ.kiev.ua/DATABANK/UKR_ARCH/index.html

CONFERENCEs

Political and Cultural Relations between Russia and the Baltic Region States, 1700-2000
Date: 6-9 April, 2001
Conference site: Samara
Organiser: Samara University
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The Implementation of the European Convention on Human Rights in Russia: Legal Norms, Judicial Actions, and Political Practice
Date: April 2001
Conference site: Ekaterinburg
Organiser: The Friedrich Naumann Foundation, The Department of International Relations of Ural State University, and The Sverdlovsk Regional Fund for the Advancement of International Relations Studies
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Ten Years of Russian Foreign Policy
Date: 20-21 April, 2001
Conference site: Moscow
Organiser: Russian International Studies Association (RISA)
Topics:
- Conceptual Foundations of Russian Foreign Policy

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EASTERN EUROPE

Central European Opinion Research Group Foundation (CEORG)

The Central European Opinion Research Group (CEORG) is a newly established research foundation consisting of three major public opinion research institutes in the Czech Republic (Institut pro výzkum veřejného mínění, IVVM, since 2001 part of the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences), Hungary (Társadalomkutatási Intézet, TÁRKI) and Poland (Centrum Badania Opinii Społecznej, CBOS).
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For more information please see:
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- Problems of Globalization in a Modern World
- Diplomacy: Problems and Directions
- Regional Aspects of Russian Foreign Policy
- Russian Perceptions of the World. World's Perceptions of Russia
- International Conflicts and Russia
- Russia and World Economy
- International Law: New Challenges
- Problems of Security in a Modern World
- Teaching International Relations in Russia
- New Generation of IR Specialists in Russia

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

**Economic System of the European Union and the Accession of the Republic of Croatia**

III. International Conference

**Date**: 20-21 April, 2001

**Conference site**: Lovran, Croatia (Hotel Excelsior)

**Organiser**: Univ. of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics, Univ. of Ljubljana, Faculty of Economics, Univ. of Antwerp, Institute of European Studies, Univ. of Trieste, Faculty of Economics

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**Announcement**

**Women in Contemporary Cultural Studies: Reading the Body**

**Date**: 21-26 May 2001

**Conference site**: Dubrovnik, Croatia

**Organiser**: Centre for Women's Studies in Zagreb

More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser
Nordic Institute for Women's Studies and Gender Research
P.O.Box 1156 Blindern
NO-0317 Oslo, Norway
Tel.: +47-22 85 89 21
Fax: +47-22 85 89 50
Internet: http://www.nikk.uio.no/arangemang/2001_1_e.html

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**Announcement**

**Philosophy and Social Sciences**

International interdisciplinary conference

**Date**: 23-26 May 2001

**Conference site**: Prague (Villa Lanna)

**Organiser**: Institute of Philosophy of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Faculty of Philosophy of Charles University and the Inter-University Centre

**Topics**: Lectures and panel discussions cover moral, social and political issues in this annual conference. The tradition of democratic and critical thinking, the spirit of international dialogue and genuine pluralism characterize the conference.

1. Rethinking Sovereignty, 2. Globalization, New Media and Democracy, 3. Changes in the Socialization of Individuals, 4. Forms of Social Criticism

**Conference language**: English

More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser
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Institute of Philosophy
Jilska 1
11000 Prague 1
E-mail: hrubec@praha1.ff.cuni.cz

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**Announcement**

**International Relations for Developing Social and Economic Process in the NIS Countries**

International Conference

**Date**: 7-8 June, 2001

**Conference site**: Omsk, Russia

**Organiser**: Omsk State Pedagogical University

More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser
Inter-Univ. Center for International Cooperation/Academic Mobility
14 Naberezhnaya Tukhachevskogo, #333
644099 Omsk, Russia
Tel./Fax: +7-3812-243 795
E-mail: common@omsk.edu
Internet: http://www.omsk.edu/ and www.indiana.edu/~reeiweb/reeiconf.html#omsk

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**Announcement**

**Libraries and Associations in the Transient World: New Technologies and New Forms of Cooperation**

Eighth International Conference Crimea 2001

**Date**: 9-17 June, 2001

**Conference site**: Sudak, Autonomous Republic of Crimea, Ukraine
Family Therapy 2001 ‘Traveling through time and space’
IVth European Conference (EFTA and XVth Hungarian National Conference on Family Therapy

Date: 27-30 June, 2001
Conference site: Budapest, Hungary
Organiser: Hungarian Family Therapy Association

Topics:
- Family Therapy in Medicine
- Family Therapy in the Social Sciences
- Changing Approaches to Research in Family Therapy
- Philosophies of Training in Family Therapy
- Family Therapy in Different Cultural Contexts
- Family Therapy and the Media Narrative, Language and Psychotherapy
- Couple Therapy, Sex Therapy
- Pharmacology, Biotechnology and the Family
- Passions and Addictions
- Systemic Approaches to Family Businesses
- The Evolution of Family Therapy in Clinical Practice
- Systemic Approaches in Non-Clinical Contexts

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Internet: http://www.c3.hu/~familyth/

Law and Society
International Conference

Date: 4-7 July 2001
Conference site: Budapest, Hungary (Central European Univ.)
Organiser: The Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on Sociology of Law

More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser
Law and Society Ass., Univ. of Massachusetts
205 Hampshire House, 131 Court Circle
Amherst, MA 01003-9257, USA
Tel.: +1-413-545-4617
Fax: +1-413-545-1640
E-mail: hartog@princeton.edu
Internet: http://lawandsociety.org/ann_mtg/am01/call.htm

Fourth International Congress of Romanian Studies

Date: 9-13 July 2001
Conference site: Suceava, Romania
Organiser: Society for Romanian Studies

More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser
Viorica Rusu, Center for Romanian Studies
Oficiul Postal 1, Casuta Postala 108
6600 Iasi, Romania
Fax: +40-32-21 90 10
E-mail: csr@romanianstudies.ro

The Moral Fabric in Contemporary Societies
I35th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology

Date: 11-16 July 2001
Conference site: Krakow, Poland
Organiser: International Institute of Sociology

More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser
35th IIS Congress Secretariat
Jagiellonian University
Grodzka 52
PL-31-044 Krakow, Poland
Tel./ Fax: +48-12-431-24-93
E-mail: iis2001@uj.edu.pl
Internet: http://www.confer.uj.edu.pl/iis2001

Digital Libraries: Advanced Methods and Technologies, Digital Collections

Date: 11-13 September, 2001
Conference site: Petrozavodsk
Organiser: Russian Foundation for Basic Research, Karelian Research Center/Russian Academy of Sciences, Petrozavodsk State University, Institute of Applied Mathematical Methods.

More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser
Institute of Applied Mathematical Research, Karelian Research Centre of RAS,
11 Pushkinskaya St,
Announcement

Eurasian Aspect of Siberian Ethnosocial Processes
The Fourth Annual Seminar on Ethnosocial Processes in Siberia

Date: 13-15 September, 2001
Conference site: Ulan-Ude, Russian Federation
Organiser: Siberian Branch of the Academy of Science
Topics:
- Ethnic identity in time of globalisation
- The traditional and modern religions of the native peoples of Siberia
- Changes in the value structure of Siberian youth
- The interrelation of Slavic, Turkish, and Paleoasiatic influences in Eurasian civilisation
- Ecology and economics under market conditions
Conference fee: $200
More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser:
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Russia, Siberia, and Central Asia: Interrelation of Peoples and Cultures

Date: November, 2001
Conference site: Barnaul, Altai region
Organiser: Centre for Regional Studies, Barnaul State Pedagogical University
Topics:
- Relations of Russia/Soviet Union with bordering states and territories
- Civilization interconnections within Greater Central/Inner Asia
- Transnational/transregional migrations within Greater Central Asia/Inner Asia rim
More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser
Dr Vladimir Boyko
Center for Regional Studies
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Retrospective

Youth Subcultures 2000

Date: 23.02.-25.02.2001
Conference site: Warsaw, Poland
Organiser: Institute of Social Prevention and Rehabilitation of Warsaw University
Topics:
- Sources and history of youth subculture movements
- Social, cultural, psychological and economic conditions of their emergence
- Influence and society and social reaction to these phenomena
- Influence on attitudes of young people
- Negative accompanying phenomena (drugs, aggression)
- Youth cultures abroad
- Values represented by youth subcultures
More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser
Institute of Social Prevention and Rehabilitation of the Warsaw University – IPSiR Osrodek Socjoterapii
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PL–00720 Warszawa
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E-mail: sawa@mercury.ci.uw.edu.pl

Retrospective

Europe of Regions: Cohesion and Integration

Date: 29.09. – 30.09. 2000
Conference site: Budapest
Organiser: BUDAPEST FORUM: European Regional Studies Network – Association for European Integration and Regional Co-operation (Alps-Danube-Adriatic Region)
More detailed information can be obtained directly from Dr. Eva Táll
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Conference report

Annual Meeting of the Hungarian Political Science Association

The HPSA held its annual meeting on 01.12.2000 in Budapest. József Bayer
Conference report

Workshop “Internet services (main emphasis link collections) as service facilities for the East-West knowledge transfer”. Berlin, 4.-5.12.2000

The Department “Information Transfer Eastern Europe” at the GESIS Branch Office in Berlin organised in cooperation with the “Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde” and the East-West-Science Centre (Kassel) the Workshop “Internet services (main emphasis link collections) as service facilities for the East-West knowledge transfer” with the aim to bring together providers of information on Eastern Europe at first predominately from the non-university institutions of the German-speaking countries.

Primarily, the present link collections on Internet information referring to Eastern Europe were to be discussed as well as possible ideas and planning for the future cooperation. Internet link collections are designed to support the respective users in search for further-reaching information. Since the set-up and update of link collections produce expenditure of work, it had to be checked, whether the double work could be avoided by cooperation or whether a certain job sharing could lead to a more transparent overview of relevant link lists.

24 representatives from 17 institutions took part in the workshop. At first, the participants introduced the aims, contents and structure of their link collections and referred to envisaged developments. It was unanimously stated that extensive, well-structured and up-to-date link collections require much work. All participants declared therefore their willingness to proceed on the principle of division of labour and as a first step to integrate references to other information providers into their services.

A tabular overview allowed the first statements with regard to the main emphases as well as to the overlapping of existing link collections. All institutions refer to science and practice information, however in a different relation. Information about Eastern Europe is more often included into link collections than Internet resources in Eastern Europe. The countries of the Community of Independent States (main emphasis Russia) are preferential regions, less institutes provide links to the states in Central Europe and still less to South East European countries. The participants agreed to check over their link collections with regard to the topical and regional profiles in order to be able to outline possibilities and limits of cooperation.

Choice criteria for efficient link lists were also discussed. The needs of the potential user should be in the centre of considerations. The maintenance and update of such lists on a regular basis is very important for ensuring their topicality. The meaning of these collections is to save time and efforts of the users in their searching for relevant information. Therefore, link collections should have a visible concept and be adequately structured. Short comments and simple navigation ways as well as clarity are advisable. Confusing lay-outs, no search options, insufficient navigation helps, long response times, no feedback possibilities are problematic for the user. The information and documentation activities should have certain quality standards: such as the completeness claim (derived from the objective setting) as well as topicality, relevance, consistency, good structure, compatibility with standards.

Databank based information collections offer advantages for great quantities of information such as the avoidance of doublings, fast update, machine support of the processing, standard structure, flexibility and different search options.

The presented research project of the Social Science Research Centre „Databank based clearing houses in the context of digital libraries” (running since two years) was shown as a model of how a central databank of link descriptions could be jointly compiled and
updated on the Internet by cooperation partners. Whereby the access of the users could be arranged decentralized at the respective servers of the cooperation partners. This model connects the advantages of a common data base construction with the interest of the individual suppliers to remain visible on the Internet with their own services. It was decided to test the results of this project with regard to its application in the future cooperation concerning Eastern European link collections.

The participants of the workshop defined the first objectives for the future cooperation: the creation of a common reference page as well as the joint public advertising for these common activities. The Social Science Information Centre will design a draft of a web page, which should be discussed on March 5th, 2001 during the next meeting in Berlin (following the annual meeting of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Osteuropakunde). This web page should give an overview of the link collections structured by regions and contents and would allow users a more specific access to the relevant Internet resources. At first, this page should be integrated into the present services of the workshop participants. A common URL for this page is being considered. The domains “Osteuropa-Verbund.de” and “Osteuropa-Netzwerk.de have been already reserved for this purpose. The workshop participants agreed that a future association should be open to all providers of link collections on Eastern Europe interested in cooperation.

Ulrike Becker
Erika Schwefel

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**Announcement**

**First Kosovo Summer University**

**Date:** July/August 2001  
**Site:** Pristina, Kosovo  
**Organiser:** Univ. of Pristina, Academic Training Association (ATA, formerly YSY)  
**Contact:** ATA Vendelstraat 2  
**Netherlands:** NL-1012 XX Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
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**Announcement**

**Hungarian Language and Culture**

**Date:** 13 August – 9 September 2001  
**Site:** Pecs, Hungary  
**Organiser:** Janus Pannonius University Pecs International Studies Center  
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**Netherlands:** NL-1012 XX Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
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**INTERNET**

**The Data of the Public Opinion Barometer in Romania 2000** are available at: [http://www.sfos.ro/main_eng.htm](http://www.sfos.ro/main_eng.htm). In addition, a power-point presentation of the main results of the survey can be downloaded from this server. The Barometer was launched by the Open Society Foundation Romania six years ago. The Barometer is the only research of that kind in Romania that publishes the sample and the questionnaire. The research is undertaken twice a year: in early spring and in autumn. For each research, the execution and the verification is done by two separate institutions, selected within a closed-envelope bid announced through the press. The questionnaire, the sample, as well as the responsibility for the field survey reside upon the team of specialists within the Barometer's jury. The new theme of the Barometer is "Way of life and social structure", including data on the living standard, life styles, quality of life, evaluation of economic, political and social policies, as well as an evaluation of the state institutions. This new line aims at presenting a clearer picture of the social, economic and political evolutions of the Romanian society. The data and a presentation of the main results of the **Gender Barometer 2000** are also offered by the Open Society Foundation.
Romania: http://www.sfos.ro/main_eng.htm This Barometer is one of the most recent programs of the Open Society Romania, and was launched for the first time in October 2000. It is a unique opinion poll, looking at the gender problems in Romania. For more information, please see: http://www.sfos.ro/main_eng.htm or write to inf@buc.osf.ro

Czech Survey and Market Research Institutes in the Internet:
• AGMANOVA http://www.agmanova.cz/ (Czech, English)
• AISA http://www.aisaprg.cz/ (English)
• DEMA http://dema.praha.cz/ (Czech)
• GfK, Prague http://www.gfk.cz/ (Czech, English)
• IBRS http://www.ibrs.cz/ (Czech, English)
• Incoma http://www.incoma.cz/ (Czech, English)
• IVVM - since 2001 part of the Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Science http://www.soc.cas.cz/sou/index.html
• Markent http://www.markent.cz/ (Czech)
• Marktest http://www.marktest.cz/ (Czech)
• Median http://www.median.cz/ (Czech, English)
• Opinion Window http://www.opw.cz/ (Czech, English)
• SC&C http://www.scac.cz (Czech)
• SOCEAN http://www.socean.cz/ (Czech, English)
• Stem/Mark, STEM http://www.stemmark.cz/ (Czech, English)
• Taylor Nelson Sofres Factum http://www.factum.cz/ (Czech, English)
• Taylor Nelson Sofres Media http://www2.tnsofres.cz (Czech, English)
• Ultex http://www.ultex.cz/ (Czech, English)
• XUXA http://www.xuxa.cz/ (Czech, English, German)
• Gallup Organization, Czech Republic, Karoliny Svetle 10, 110 00 Praha 1, contact: Tomas Kostelecky (research director) kostelecky@soc.cas.cz

Polish General Social Survey 1992-1997 on the Internet
A selection of variables from the PGSS database (1016 variables) are available for online calculations on the PGSS server. One, two and multi-way tables and graphical representation of the results are offered. The access is only for registered users. For registration, please see:
http://www.iss.uw.edu.pl/index_fra.html or http://pgss2.iss.uw.edu.pl
The cumulative data set and the codebook of the PGSS 1992-1997 is also available at the

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