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Year of foundation: 1998
Staff: 11
Supporting institution: Open Society Foundation (SOROS) Albania
Organization: The institute is a non-governmental, not for profit, independent institution, its reach is non-partisan and non-proprietary.
Main fields: Albanian Institute for International Studies (AIIS) is dedicated to analyses of contemporary security issues and their political
impact. Given the changing nature of security threats AIIS focus has turned towards Albanian domestic issues, and especially EU and NATO integration processes. The institute also aims to address Balkan issues on development and prognoses of political, economic, security, ethnic, cultural and religion questions, identification of conflicts, their sources and origins and especially conflict prevention and conflict avoidance.

Publications/papers: The AIIS is publishing a series of working papers of Albanian graduate students and scholars studying abroad or working in the public and the NGO sector.

Events: International Conference "Stability Pact - Perception and Realities", April 2000.; "Albanian Forum" initiated in the beginning of 2001 is serving as a tribune where distinguished speakers from EU, United States, and international organizations and institutions are giving their views on various important issues with interest for the Albanian audience. Joint Conference with British Association for central and Eastern Europe " European Integration the Challenges ahead" September 2001

Co-operations: International partners of AIIS: Centre for International &Strategic Studies, Washington DC.

**Recent publications**


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**BELARUS**

**Scientific institution**

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Year of foundation: 1997
Supporting institution: The Centre for Gender Studies at European Humanities University in Minsk was founded with support from John D. and Catherine T. McArthur Foundation. The Centre's activities are also made possible with the help and support from EUH and foundations, institutions of higher education and individuals who release grants, donate books and materials and support faculty participation in international programs.

Main fields: The Centre seeks to:

- promote curriculum transformation;
- encourage and support gender research;
- encourage and support academic and activist discourse on feminist theory and gender issues in the post-Soviet space.

Research: Research and teaching at the Centre is focused on the following issues:

- gender and visual arts
- gender and mass communication
- gender and nation
- feminist philosophy
- men’s studies
- gender discourse in Post Soviet Academy
- qualitative methods in gender research

Publications: The full text publications of the Centre are available at http://www.gender.ehu.by/en/

Teaching: Magister Programme (10 months).

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Year of foundation: 1991

Historical development: Agency for Economic Analysis and Forecasting was established in 1991 as an Agency for Economic Co-ordination and Development (AECD) - a body of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria for working out macroeconomic analyses, forecasts, strategies and national programmes. In May 1997, the AECD became a juridical person with budgetary support at the Ministry of Finance as an Agency for Economic Analysis and Forecasting. As of November 1999, the AEA is an Executive Agency attached to the Minister of Finance as per the Law on State Administration.
Financing: Ministry of Finance

Departments: The Agency has five directorates:
- Macroeconomic Analysis
- Economic Forecasting and Policy
- National Development Plan
- European Integration and International Programmes
- Administrative, Legal and Financial Affairs

Main fields: The principal functions and tasks of the Agency are as follows:
- to analyse the current business environment and the economic situation and to elaborate assessments on the country’s economic development prospects;
- to prepare short-, medium- and long-term forecasts for Bulgaria’s economic development trends under different economic policy scenarios; and
- to examine on a comparative basis economic transition in Bulgaria and the other Central and Eastern European countries.

The Agency in cooperation with other ministries and institutions elaborates and suggests specific economic programmes and observes and assesses their implementation. The AEAF participates in the pre-accession negotiations and the preparation of Bulgaria for a full-fledged membership in the EU. The Agency is responsible for the elaboration and annual updating of the Pre-accession Economic Programme. The Agency is in charge of the preparation of the National Development Plan and of the updating and improvement of the National Economic Development Plan (2000 - 2006).

Publications/papers: The Agency for Economic Analysis and Forecasting regularly publishes Business Surveys on the state and trends in the Bulgarian economy. All AEAF publications (with the exception of those published in the preceding 12 months) are available online free of charge.

Co-operations: The AEAF works on a number of international projects financed by the US Agency for International Development, the World Bank, PHARE and other donors. Some of the major recent projects include:
- the preparation by the World Bank of the Country Economic Memorandum of Bulgaria The Dual Challenges and Transition and Accession in 2000-2001;
- improving the quality of National Accounts in collaboration with the National Statistical Institute and the Harvard Institute for International Development in 2001;
- building up an open-economy model with the Nederland Economic Institute.

Online publications

The Institute for European Studies offers full text e-publications at:
http://www.ies.ee/epub.html

CROATIA

Journal description

Journal of Social Policy
Revija za Socijalnu Politiku

Place of publication: Zagreb
Publication dates: since 1994 quarterly
Published by: Croatian Pension Insurance Institute; Croatian Employment Service; Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare - Directorate of Social Welfare
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Subject area: Issues of unemployment, poverty, social assistance and all other social problems and current social processes

Headings: Articles; Translation; Document; Information and Reviews; Book and Journals; Documentation

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

Contents of the number 3-4, 2002 as an example:

Articles:
- Coury, J.M.; Stambuk, A.: Introduction to the Special Double Number on End-of-Life Care Policy Issues
- Coury, J.M.; Stambuk, A.: End-of Life Issues in the Community: Linking Professional Training and Public Education
- Clark, D.; Seymour, J.; Wright, M.: Policy Factors Shaping Palliative Care in the UK
- Finn, W.E.: The Evolution of the Hospice Movement in America
- Dill, A.E.P.; Fink, T.: Between Market, State and Community: Welfare Retrenchment and Hospice Development in Slovenia
- Hegedüs, K.: Hospice Movement in Hungary and Experiences with Hospital Supportive Teams
- Jusic, A.: Euthanasia
• Coury, J.M.: The social and community importance of volunteerism in end-of-life care in America

Document:
• The Platform of European Social Organisations of Civic Society

Translation:
• Reforming Pensions: Myths, truths and policy choices

Information and Reviews:
Books and Journals:
• Authorities of the Centres for Social Welfare

Recent publications
Svob-Dokic, Nada (Ed.), 2002: Research and Development Policies in the Southeast European Countries in Transition. Republic of Croatia
Zagreb: Institute for International Relations. – 125 p. (Studies and research series)

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Year of foundation: 1990

Historical development: The Gender & Sociology department was established in 1990 when the research proposal concerning a sociological analysis of the position of woman in Czech society was prepared. In 1991 a grant was received to realize the proposal and the research department was created.

Staff: 7

Main fields: The department combines the results of its own research with a theoretical study of individual issues, and thus contributes to the analysis of various gender issues

Research:
• women on the labour market and in science
• gender roles in the family, transformation of the family and partnership, the harmonization of work and family
• the man in the family, equal opportunities, development of gender identities
• motherhood and obstacles, violence against women
• development of gender identities, transgenderism and development of civil society from gender perspective

Research projects:
• Topical Issues of the Formation of Equal Opportunities Policies for Men and Women in Connection with the Preparedness of the Czech Republic for the Accession to the European Union (Period: 2002-2004)
• National Contact Centre – Women and Science (Period: 2001-2003)
• Constructing Supranational Political Spaces: The European Union, Eastern Enlargement, and Women’s Agency (Period: 2002-2004)
• Life Strategies in the Czech Business Sphere in the Nineties (Period: 2002-2004)

Publications/ papers: The institution publishes quarterly a newsletter Gender – Equal Opportunities – Research (Gender rovné příležitosti výzkum) which primarily aim is to present the readers what research and theories in gender sociology and equal opportunities have to offer.

Events: On the Road to EU: Equal Opportunities for Men and Women – 25 September 2002, Prague

Recent publications
Prague: Cerge-Ei

The 2002 issue focuses on several long-term phenomena of political and economic development: the need for fiscal reform and the invitation to the European Union (online - http://www.cerge-ei.cz/publications/books/)

Research reports and studies of Research Institute of Labour and Social Affairs (RILSA) in 2003
• Vesely, J.; Biskup, J.: Legal remedies within social security in the Czech Republic
• Michalicka, L.; Stupnytsky, O.: The application of the skill needs forecasting model.

(fulltexts at http://www.vupsv.cz/E-ZAKLAD.htm )
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Year of foundation: 1998  
Main fields: EuroCollege is a centre for EU-related training and research at the University of Tartu, Estonia. The College provides academic programmes, practical training, and policy-oriented research in areas related to European integration. It also organises conferences, seminars and public lectures with the goal of promoting societal discussion and debate on EU accession. In addition, the College mediates scholarships of the Central European University.

Research: EuroCollege is actively building competence in selected areas of European integration by engaging in interdisciplinary research projects and developing an international research network. Research activities are carried out in close cooperation with the University of Tartu faculties of economics, law and social sciences. The College brings together researchers from different fields and encourages multi- and interdisciplinary approaches to analysing problems related to European integration.

Teaching: In 2000 the College opened a master's programme in European Studies. The objective of the programme is to provide quality instruction on the policies and institutions of the European Union and prepare specialists for both the public and private sectors. The master's programme is policy-oriented and interdisciplinary, applying the perspectives and methods of economics, law and social sciences to analysing the problems of European integration. The courses offered during three semesters of study give a comprehensive overview of the historical evolution and current dilemmas of the European Union as well as the impact of accession on the Estonian economic, political and social system. Most courses are taught by faculty affiliated with the departments of economics, law and social sciences at the University of Tartu. Currently, approximately 90 master's students are enrolled in the programme. In 2002, the first graduates defended their Master’s theses and were awarded the degree of Master in European Studies. The College is actively expanding its curriculum and the current 1.5-year programme will be replaced by a more comprehensive, two-year master’s programme in the fall of 2003.

Events: Since 1999 the College organizes annual international conferences that focus on some aspect of European integration of current interest. The conferences have covered, for example, the dilemmas related to the common foreign and security policy, the introduction of the euro, and the reform of the common agricultural policy. In 1999 the College launched a series of public lectures that included speeches and presentations by diplomats, politicians, and EU experts from Estonia and abroad. The College is also involved in debate training project aimed at promoting broad societal discussion of the benefits and drawbacks of joining the European Union.

**HUNGARY**

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Year of foundation: 2001  
Organization: The Humanities Center is guided by an International Advisory Council chaired by Ian Buruma.

Main fields: CEU has established a Humanities Center to encourage the creation of new knowledge, working especially on the dimension of the "shifting boundary between the local and universal." In many social sciences and some humanities, and even in natural sciences, this dimension has become of great theoretical interest recently. The center plans to choose a theme each year, within this general framework, and to invite scholars to work together for shorter or longer periods. The Humanities Center will be looking for "successful, dissatisfied scholars" who are willing to experiment theoretically with the foundations and limits of their disciplines. In addition, since CEU is part of the Soros foundations network, which supports local
NGOs in more than 50 countries worldwide, the center intends to invite experts from NGOs to interact with the scholars, supplying much-needed local knowledge which would serve as an empirical basis for their theorizing.

Research: In the coming year, three topics will be in the focus of research: "Universalism and Localism in Human Rights"; "New Ideas in Economics"; and "Accountability of Cunning States and Civil Society"

Recent Publications

Regio. Minorities, Politics, Society
Budapest: Teleki László Foundation Center of Central European Studies. – issue 2002 (yearbook), 255 p.

Kállai, E. (Ed.), 2002: The gypsies - The Roma in Hungarian society

Publications of Akadémiai Kiadó Publisher:
- Böhm, A., 2002: Társadalomismeret és társadalomkutatás az ezredfordulón. (Social science and research of the society at the turn of the century) - 205 p.

Main fields: BICEPS is a research institute and think tank that aims to integrate a broad programme of world-class research with an active presence in the policy debate in both the Baltic countries and the EU. The main objectives are:
- to strengthen local capacity in advanced economic research by building a critical mass of economic expertise
- to link Baltic economists to international, best-practice researchers and research institutions
- to create a Baltic-based centre capable of attracting Baltic experts from Western economic programmes back to work in their home countries - reversing the brain drain
- to promote an indigenous and independent ideas in local public policy debates, decreasing dependence on foreign expert advice
- to foster advanced economic research on the process of EU accession and beyond.

Publications: Baltic Economic Trends (BET) is a joint publication of BICEPS and SITE (Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics). BET aims to provide high quality analysis and interpretation of economic developments in the Baltic states.

Teaching: BICEPS is working with local institutions to create an international-level masters programme in economics that will both fill the emerging gap and contribute to the aim of creating an attractive work environment for returning PhDs.

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- Institute of Knowledge Society Management
- Institute of European Union Policy and Management
- Dep. of Management Theory
- Dep. of Public Administration
Recent publication


The present publication offers the analysis of transformations characteristic of contemporary society; it identifies laws and regularities of transformations emphasizing at the same time their main priorities, trajectories and controversies. The publication is comprised of five parts:

Part 1. Transformations of Society: Global Aspects
Part 2. Transformations in Eastern and Central Europe
Part 3. Transformations in Eastern and Central Europe: Management and Administration
Part 4. Transformations in Eastern and Central Europe: New Priorities
Part 5. Transformations in Eastern and Central Europe: Regional Peculiarities

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Year of foundation: 1993
Organization: The institute gained a status of the branch of the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) in Maastricht. It is also a member of the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) and plays a role of the Regional Centre of the European Information. It offers training and educational programmes, and carries out research on legal, historical, political, social and cultural aspects of European integration process.

Research:

- Economic and institutional conditions of the Polish membership in the EU
- External relations, regional policy, structural founds, common foreign and security policy as well as social policy of the EU
- Institutional reform of the EU
- SME, audiovisual policy and environmental protection policy in Poland and in the EU
- Social communication and culture in the process of the European integration
- Customer protection law, trade mark law and dishonest competition
- Polish and EU's economic law, economic and monetary union, free flow of goods on the EU market
- Methods of the European integration education

Research projects: The European Institute took
part in following research projects:

- Enlargement/ Agenda 2000 – Watch (with TEPSA and the Institute for European Policy in Bonn)
- L'espace économique et social européen face aux défis de l’élargissement (with Centre des Études Européennes de Strasbourg)
- Accession Negotiations – Selected Results. Interim Report (with PESCA – Polish Association for Research of the European Community and with Friedrich Ebert Foundation)
- EU Enlargement and multi-level governance in European regional and environment policies (with Institute of Urban Environment and Human Resources, Panteion University in Athens and Hellenic Observatory of the European Institute of the London School of Economics)
- The Role of Higher Education and Training in Preparing the Visegrad Countries for EU Accession (with Tempus Public Foundation in Budapest, Ministry of National Education in Hungary, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport of the Czech Republic, Ministry of Education of Slovakia, Slovakian Academic Association for International Cooperation and Office of the Committee for European Integration in Warsaw)

Publications/ papers: The institute conducts a publishing activity, which bases basically on the teaching and research activities of the institute. The most of the published materials is divided in following series: European Integration (EI)/Readings, EI/ Documents, EI/ Monographs, EI/ Studies and EI/ Curricula.

Teaching: Since the semester 1991/92 there has been an opportunity to attend one-year Postgraduate European Studies Programme. Moreover, the institution organizes seminars for employees of the public administration (at the governmental and local governmental level), of judicial system, the Sejm and the Senat.

Events: international conference “Enlargement and Convention on EU Reform” (with cooperation with TEPSA) 04.-05.10.2002

Co-operations: The in co-operates with the Centre of European Research at the Lodz University as well as with the Academy of European Law in Trier, the National Institute of Administration Oeiras, the T.M.C. Aser Institute in the Hague and the Centre des Études Européennes in Strasbourg.

Library: The institute has its own library and European Documentation Centre.

**Scientific institution**

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Year of foundation: 1990

Historical development: The Institute for Educational Research was founded by the Minister of National Education and it continues the work started in 1949 by the State Centre for Curricula and Pedagogical Research, which in 1952 was replaced by Pedagogical Institute. In 1972 the latter started to function under the name of the Institute of Pedagogical Research.

Financing: state budget

Organization: The Institute for Educational Research is a governmental organization underlying the Minister of National Education.

Departments: The Institute for Educational Research includes following departments:

- Department of Educational Theory and Research Methods (Head: Kwieciński, Z., Prof.)
- Department of Fundamental General Education (Head: Radziewicz, J., Prof.)
- Unit of Multi-Media Technologies (Head: Głuszczak, M)
- Department of Fundamental Vocational Education (Head: Kwiatkowski, S., Prof.)
- Department of Educational Policy (Head: Szymański, M., Prof.)
- Department of Curriculum Development, Implementation and Evaluation (Head: Komorowska-Janowska, H.)
- Department of Educational Documentation and Information (Head: Matysiak, M.)
- Other groups: Publishing Unit and Editorial Service, Unit of Educational Services, Computer Laboratory and Consortium of Brunel University UK and Institute for Educational Research SMART Warsaw Office

Main fields:

- trends in the development of education, educational organisation and management
- models and concepts of education (content, methods, means and forms of education)
- theoretical foundations of general and vocational education
- effectiveness of education, both general and vocational, and childcare
• processes in the system of education (survey of public opinion in educational environments)

Publications/ papers: The institution publishes a journal Education /Edukacja (first published in 1982, in Polish with summaries in English) and the bibliography of the staff of the institute.

Courses: The institute offers training courses in mother tongue and mathematics as well as in speech therapy, administration and management study and post-graduate study in pedagogy with an informatics module.

Co-operations: The institute’s cooperation activities include Visegrad Group international research on changes in education systems of the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia and Poland, the participation in educational programme SMART, as well as a long-term cooperation with EURIDICE NETWORK and with EUDISED.

Summer School

Twelfth Annual Democracy & Diversity Graduate Summer Institute

Date: July 13-31, 2003
Conference site: Cracow, Poland
Organiser: Transregional Center for Democratic Studies (TCDS) of New School University, New York
Topics: Societal Inclusion, Public Deliberation, and Difference Sustaining Democracy? Boundaries, Conflict, and Agreement in Democratic Politics, Theories of Gender in Culture
Conference fee: USD 1200, including tuition, course readers, cultural program, and full room & board. Travel costs are not included. Applicants are strongly encouraged to seek funding independently and already during the application process. A limited number of scholarships will be available to qualified candidates from the host region.

More detailed information can be obtained directly from the organiser
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Recent publications

Yearbook of Polish European Studies

Lodz: ZAMMPress University of Lodz. – 220 p. (Modernization of Higher Education Series)

Lodz: ZAMMPress University of Lodz. – 191 p. (Modernization of Higher Education Series)

Romania

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Year of foundation: January 2003
Historical development: The Center was established at the initiative of a small group of researchers of various backgrounds and scholarly interests.
Founder members: Oana Uioean, Raul Carstocea, Blanca de Billy
Staff: 5
Organization: The Center is an independent, non-affiliated, privately funded research institution located in Cluj-Napoca. Its aim is to constitute itself as a respected research institution for interdisciplinary policy studies, as well as a consultancy body guiding the governments of European transitional countries toward efficient policy reform. It is also offering a forum for discussion and publishing works dealing with the policy-making process.

Main fields: policy studies, policy monitoring, policy, consultancy with research topics: public policy-making in European transitional democracies

Research projects:
• The Romanian Higher Education Reform: Between Symbolism and Transition
• Immigration Policy in the European Union
• The European Union Pressure: Anti-corruption Policy in Italy, Romania, and Moldova

Lectures/ Seminars: free on-line introductory course in policy studies
Publications/papers: forthcoming journal
Services: policy monitoring, policy consultancy
**European Institute from Romania**

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**Main fields:** IER is a public financed institution, which aim is to assist the public administration, the business environment and the civil society in the process involving the integration of Romania in EU. IER offers different high quality services to its target groups: counsellors and politicians, specialists in the European integration area, university members and civil society.

**Research:** The IER activity is structured on three pillars: research, formation in European business and translation of the acquis communautaire in Romanian and Romanian Laws in European languages.

**Publications/ papers:** Romanian Journal of European Affairs and other studies.

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**Year of foundation:** 1998

**Historical development:** CEFIR is an independent think tank that brings together young Russian economists, including the first Russians with PhD's from leading Western institutions (MIT, Manchester, Harvard and Michigan). The group was initially brought together through the support from the European Union, under the RECEP (the Russian-European Centre for Economic Policy) project then managed by the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics (SITE, Stockholm School of Economics).

**Staff:** 25

**Research topics:**
- Railroad restructuring in transition countries
- Corporate Governance
- WTO
- Fiscal Federalism
- Foreign Direct Investment and Trade
- Labour and Social Policy
- Financial Sector Reform
- Corporate Governance and Restructuring

**Publications/ papers:** Online publications and working papers are available at: http://www.cefir.org/papers.html

**Co-operations:** CEFIR's closest international network includes SITE (Stockholm School of Economics) and the Centre for Economic Policy Research in London, but the Center also has established links to DELTA in Paris, ECARES at the Free University of Brussels, IDEI at the University of Toulouse and CIFRA at the University of Amsterdam.

**Services:** The CEFIR group has built some data sets available in Russia, including the Russian Enterprise Registry Longitudinal Dataset (RERLD) and its extensive regional database. The databanks support research projects on crucial areas of economic reform: fiscal federalism and the macroeconomy, corporate governance and restructuring, labor and social policy, financial sector reform, foreign direct investment and trade, and competition and the regulation of monopolies.

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**Staff:** 70

**Departments:**
- Department for the Analysis of Sociopolitical Processes
- Department for Complex Studies on Mass Consciousness
• Department for Social and Economic Studies
• Sector for Institutional Problems of Market Economy
• Research Centre "Religion in a Modern Society"
• Department of Complex Studies on Youth
• Department of Information Supply

Research topics:
• Parliamentary and political culture in Russia
• Relativistic theory of the nation
• Ethnic conflicts
• Influence of religion on interethnic attitudes (relations)
• Changes of values and interests during transformation of social structure of the Russian society
• Sociopolitical and ideological orientations of Russians
• Poverty and social exclusion in Russia
• Youth of Russia
• Modernization problems of the Russian society

Surveys: Monitoring surveys on a regular basis.

Online publications

• Европа и Германия глазами россиян (Europe and Germany as seen by Russians). – Institute for Sociopolitical Studies; Institute of Complex Social Research, RAS

Russian full text version:
http://www.ispr.ru/SOCOPROS/socopros500.html


Russian full text version:
http://www.ispr.ru/BIBLIO/biblio78.html

• Европейская безопасность: события, оценки, прогнозы (European Security: Events, Estimations, Forecast). Issue 7; INION

http://www.inion.ru/product/eurosec/home_es.htm


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Contents and Summaries

Articles

• Russian Political Culture As Seen Through the Prism of Civic Culture

By Eduard Batalov

Russia’s recovery from its over ten-years-long general crisis implies, among other things, the society’s enduring focus on the development of a democratic system. Without an appropriate political culture, however, democracy is unachievable. “Civic culture” — a term coined by U.S. political scientists G. Almond and S. Verba to denote a composite, controversial, yet internally balanced type of political culture — may be the key to realizing Russian democracy. It comprises diverse, and occasionally mutually exclusive, mentalities, civic behavioral patterns, and models of operation of political institutions. It is clear that the democratic political culture developing in Russia today cannot be anything other than a civic culture — a culture combining both the traditional standards and values specific to the Russian civilization, as well as the standards and values of general democracy. Although civic culture cannot be decreed, society can purposefully influence its development by educating its members and creating elements of the social environment that promote democratic principles and values.

• Russian Political Culture and Classical Political Culture: (Society, Power, and Lenin)

By Yury Pivovarov

The term “political culture” is a recent trend among social and political writers, as well as the media at large. There is, however, a world of difference between what people in Russia commonly describe as political culture, and the prevailing definition of political culture as formulated by G. Almond in 1956, which is summarized in this article. The author analyzes some major features of Russia’s political culture within the framework generated by the classical theory of political culture. Special emphasis is placed on the Lenin phenomenon: Vladimir Lenin played several symbolic roles in the disposition of Russian Communist political culture, including Prophet, Hero, Teacher, and Primary Power source. In the post-Soviet era, Lenin continues to be a central and meaningful element in political culture, which owes its fundamentally distinct quality to the “redistributonal” nature of Russian society as it took shape during the long-term existence of the redistributonal land commune (peredel’naya obstchina). Although this community disintegrated in the first third of the 20th Century, Soviet society inherited its redistributonal constitution and the redistributonal type of ownership, which is radically different from anything found in the West. Linked therewith is a range of problems related to
the so-called “redistributitional Russian power system.” This redistributitional quality characterized the Russian power system during the rise of Russian statehood (from the 13th to 15th century), and in the late 1900s. By and large, Russian political culture today retains many of its essential classic parameters. This loyalty to the core principles - as seen in the new conditions - may drive this country to an impasse.

- Special Features of the Russian Political Culture and of the Subject of Political Science: A Historical-cum-Cultural Study
  By Alexander Akhiyezer

Special features of the Russian political culture have evolved throughout the history of Russian society and the state. Political culture in Russia is characterized by the existence of two mutually opposing forms of the sacral and, accordingly, of legitimacy. Although it is an archaic, pre-statehood form of the sacral, based on the cults of the Clan and the Earth, it also embodies that sacral form inherited from the pivotal times, or Christianity, which competes with the ideas of the Enlightenment that tend to supplant it. A second important characteristic — which arose in ancient times and has existed ever since — is a tendency to distort the primordial dialogic, bipolar mechanism of government that regulates the relationship between a collective and its leader. The evolution of statehood was accompanied by the suppression of the institution of veche (popular assembly) dialogue, which enhanced the autonomous nature of government and shifted focus to the pole of authoritarianism. This type of deformity not only impeded the development of more sophisticated forms of dialogue that might have been able to address the rise of new and increasingly complicated problems, but also encouraged bureaucratic manipulation and inefficiency in decision-making processes — ultimately resulting in a general lack of organization fraught with disastrous consequences. These issues confront political science with some major, though not yet fully understood tasks. In particular, the increasingly unchallenged nature of the deformed government monologue must be overcome; institutions of dialogue must be developed, and critical analysis of the past and present experiences of political and cultural life, with all its faults, must be promoted.

- “Presumption of Guilt”: Metamorphoses of Political Institutions in Russia
  By Leonid Bliakher

During the past decade, Russia has been undergoing the difficult process of trying to adapt grafted government institutions to Russian realities. Having initially borrowed them as an “outer” sacral government system, the Russian power system (as interpreted by Y. Pivovarov and A. Fursov in their “Russian System” concept) has since been adjusting these institutions to the realities of the national political culture, Russian political discourse, and mythology. The most important of these realities is the essential distancing of the Russian power system from society. By legitimizing power outside of society, in transcendence, a situation is developed in which the authority of the political agent is accountable to the power system alone, while society is the silent target of this influence. It is this type of paradigm that underlies all major political practices in Russia. In order for a new phenomenon to be given “citizenship rights” within the existing political culture, it must have a historical equivalent. The outer shell and the meanings found in the history of political culture should be “adapted” to each other, forming something different both from the original meaning of the donor political culture. This way of “operation” of political culture came into being as a result of the “borrowing” of Western democratic institutions and attempting to modify them to Russian structures. Although the power system did not degenerate into an open dictatorship, it managed to preserve itself only by distancing itself from the population. An essential component of this model is the response exhibited by both the power structures and the citizenry (“the legal folklore”, according to Gunnar Myrdal) to the authoritative-legal conditions that frequently supplant legislation. The process of “adapting” democracy to the Russian political culture was most observable during conditions of interaction between power structures and the economy. Such conditions produced a cultural model that allowed a fusion between autonomous power structures and the democratic process; this has resulted in the “presumption of guilt”, whereby citizens can assume that any action of theirs may be interpreted as an offence deserving punishment, of which the details and execution will be determined and carried out by the structures of power.

- The Nation and the State: Representations of the People and the Power System in the Political Culture of Contemporary Russia
  By Olga Yelizarova
The “Russian national idea” is one of the basic concepts underlying the current Russian political discourse. Implicitly, it is a type of national idea that is capable of consolidating the Russian nation today. Despite its vagueness and a plethora of possible interpretations, the national idea concept exists, in some form or another, in the ideological programs of nearly all political forces of any significance. It is also reflected in the new state symbols. The concept of “nation” is yet another key element in the new state ideological doctrine, and is an increasingly important category of current politics. This article addresses questions of “How does the nation work?” and “What role does the national idea concept play in present-day Russian politics?” by examining the visual codes which contemporary political parties use to express their understanding of the Russian nation. The study of meaningful political images helps clarify the values selected by society, and identifies the vehicles behind the progressing political culture.

VIEW FROM THE OUTSIDE

• The Concept of Political Culture
  http://pubs.carnegie.ru/p&c/vol7-2002/3/06rf.asp
  By Ronald Fornisano

• Trust and the Politics of Postcommunism
  By David W. Lovell

ISSUES REVISITED

• “The Caucasian Chalk Circle:” The Tragic Fate of the Region
  By Yevgeny Rashkovsky

The title of this article is a reference to the proverbial play by Bertold Brecht, “The Caucasian Chalk Circle,” which describes the basic insoluble human antagonisms and the permanent rupture to which human existence is exposed. The Transcaucasian region is an isthmus between the Black and Caspian seas; its conventional northern limits cut across the lower reached of the Volga and the Don, and its southern edges hug the borders of the newly-independent states of the Transcaucasia. For all the diversity of languages, religions, anthropological types, and social and political traditions, the people of the region form an internally intense and contradictory civilization, an extension of the environmental conditions characteristic of the region, of its ancient historical fates and geostrategic location. The region’s entire socio-cultural and political exterior bears an imprint of existence in the marches of climatic zones and great empires, the existence at the crossroads of continuous migration flows, and in the extreme conditions of nature and history. It is a paradox of the history and the social organization of the majority of Transcaucasian peoples that they combine very strict authoritarian and patriarchal traditions in their homelands with the ramified structure of a diasporic existence. This feature is behind the skill – specific to regional traditions – of combining elements of harsh traditionalism and patriarchal solidarity with personal enterprise and the ability to adapt and survive in the conditions of dispersion while preserving one’s own identity. This particular state of patriarchal mobilization is a cultural and historical constant in Transcaucasian traditions dating back many centuries. There seems to be no straightforward and uniform solution to the current conflicts within Transcaucasia and Russia, which have been building up over centuries. However, an important precondition to the smoothing over of conflicts in the “Caucasian chalk circle” must no doubt be the initiation of a lengthy commitment to a profound socio-cultural reorientation of the Russian society, and specifically to its efforts to overcome its paternalistic, or purely manipulative approaches to regional realities.

BOOKS

• Theoretical and Methodological Approaches to Political Culture Studies: National Experience
  By Alexander Shatilov

• 3D Russia: A Research Project
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Research: The Research Center (RC) of SFPA (A. Duleba – director) is providing analyses of key international issues of the Slovak Republic and in this way it is creating a platform of professional discussion on foreign policy.

Publications/papers: The monthly Newsletter “Listy SFPA”, that is the source of information and analyses on international relations is published by the Slovak Foreign Policy Association since 1997. “Listy SFPA” has started to be published on 28 pages once a two month since January 2002. In 2000 RC SFPA started to run its own semi-annual scientific review in English titled Slovak Foreign Policy Affairs, Review for international politics, security and integration. “Studies on International Issues” are published by the RC as the occasional papers.

Events: The SFPA organizes for its members lectures of eminent representatives of contemporary happening (MFP), regular discussions on foreign policy held every week (Jour Fixe), lectures within the program Discussions on Foreign Policy Issues, conferences, seminars and round-tables on actual topics.

List of publications in 2002:
- Benc, V.; Pfeifferova, A.; Duleba, A. (eds.): Regional Convent on NATO, 89 p.

Recent publications

Publications 2002 of the Institute of Public Affairs
- Stastry, M.: Visegrad Countries in an Enlargement Trans Atlantic Community
- Kmec, V.: Security of the Slovak Republic and Integration into NATO and EU
- Brocková, I.: Transatlantic Economic Relations
- Gyárťásová, O.: A Survey of the Economic Elites’ Opinions on Topical Issues Concerning the Slovak Economy

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Journal description

Monitor ISH - Review of Humanities and Social Sciences

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Subject area: Monitor ISH aims to publish contributions in the field of epistemology of humanities and social sciences, historical anthropology, social anthropology, anthropology of everyday life, anthropology of ancient worlds, anthropology of gender, linguistics of speech and theory of social communication, media and cultural studies and related disciplines.

Headings: articles; transcriptions; translations; graphics, colloquy; miscellaneous

The articles written in Slovenian, French, English, Italian, German, Spanish, . It contains an English and German list of contents.

Contents of issue 1-2 of 2001 as example:

Articles:
- Rotar, D. B.: La quête d’identité; “die Judenfrage” et la production de l’identité ethnique dans un pays sans Juifs
- Spreizer, A. J.: Socio-anthropological Views on Romology in Slovenia - Abstract
- Rogelja, N.: Ethnography of Local Tourism; Connections between Fishery and Tourism in Izola - Abstract
- Kotnik, V.: Live Sport TV Coverage and its Viewer, Part I – Abstract

Transcriptions:

Translations; Graphics, Colloquy; Miscellaneous
Journal description

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Headings: Articles
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Contents of 2002/1 as an example:
Articles:
• Hozjan, A.: Maribor inhabitants until the middle of the 18th century
• Curk, J.: On the population of Maribor between the 18th and 19th mid-centuries
• Zorko, Z.: Maribor conversation language
• Krizman, M.: Maribor German language
• Hartman, B.: The overthrow in Maribor 1918/1919
• Godina-Golija, M.: Chosen chapters from the life of Maribor inhabitants from 1860-1941
• Borovnik, S.: Images of Maribor in literature

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Main fields: Collection of the existing published data, collection of the relevant existing not published data, surveys, analyse of the data Publishing, organization of round tables, debating groups and press conferences, cooperation with international institutions
Research: Research that will contribute to the development of a new economic system and Montenegrin economic thinking.
Research topics: Organization of research work, prognosis of future economic development and advocacy work according to the following: market principles, open economy, rule of law, transparency, networking
Research projects:
• Macroeconomic reforms in Montenegro
• Privatization in Montenegro
• Monetary Reform
• Capital Market Development
• Fiscal Reform
• Reform of the Pension System
• Introduction of the SNA system
• Macroeconomic Indicators in Montenegro
• Economic Education

EASTERN EUROPE

New journal

Transformations in Business & Economics.
Kaunas Faculty of Humanities, Vilnius University, Lithuania; Faculty of Business and Management, Brno University of Technology, the Czech Republic and Faculty of Management and Economics, University of Latvia, Republic of Latvia launched a new international scientific journal Transformations in Business & Economics.
The journal provides a focused outlet for high quality research in the ever-expanding area of
Development Economics in the field of Social Sciences and related disciplines. The field of study is not limited by any narrow definition of development economics, but embraces all the new issues of interest in economic theory, management, marketing, as well as in general transformations in the economic, social, ecological, technological, etc., environment. It is hoped that Transformations in Business & Economics will not only serve as a link between theorists and practitioners, but that it will also help to build a bridge between development economists and their colleagues in related fields to foster research results, acquired from the transformations and synthesis of related and sometimes unrelated disciplines. Papers, researching the interaction of the environment and economy, business and consumerism, business and ethics, business and regional development, economics and socio-cultural factors, economics and marketing, just to name a few, are most welcome in this respect.

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Women Scholars and Institutions
(International Conference)
Date: 8-11 June 2003
Conference site: Prague, Czech Republic
Organiser: Commission Women in Science of the International Union of History and Philosophy of Science/Division of History of Science (IUhPS/DHS) and Research Centre for the History of Sciences and Humanities founded by the Czech Academy of Sciences and Charles University, Prague
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Economic Relations between the States of the Baltic Rim: Historical Dimensions
Date: June 20, 2003
Conference site: Riga, Latvia
Organiser: National Economy Institute of the University of Latvia
Topics:
- Economic history of the Baltic states: problems of methodology, terminology and sources
- Economic relations between the territories of the Baltic states and other states of the Baltic Rim prior to 1918
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The Accountancy of the Third Millennium
**Date:** June 20 – 21, 2003  
**Conference site:** Cluj Napoca, Romania  
**Organiser:** “Babes Bolyai” University, Accounting Department of the Economics Faculty  
**Topics:** accounting reform in Romania, international accounting standards, fiscal legislation and juridical legislation  
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**World Congress on Family Violence**  
**Date:** June 21 – 26, 2003  
**Conference site:** Prague, Czech Republic  
**Organiser:** International Network on Family Violence  
**Topics:** Promotes best practices in protection, prevention and treatment of the physical, mental, emotional, sexual, social, legal and economic effects caused by family violence on children and on women and men at every stage of life  
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**European Urban Development, Research and Policy. The Future of European Cohesion Policy**  
**EURA – EUROCITIES Conference**  
**Date:** August 28-30, 2003  
**Conference site:** Budapest, Hungary  
**Organiser:** Metropolitan Research Institute, Budapest  
**Topics:** The conference is organised around the links between urban research, city development and urban policy. It offers a unique opportunity to bring together researchers and policy makers at a critical moment in European urban development, marked by the largest enlargement of the European Union to date and intensive discussion and speculation about the future of European urban policy. At this unique and pivotal moment in European development a sustained dialogue between urban researchers and policy-makers is necessary.  
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**Democracy and Human Rights in Multiethnic Societies. (6th International Seminar)**  
**Date:** July 7-11, 2003  
**Conference site:** Konjic, Bosnia & Hercegovina  
**Organiser:** Institute for Strengthening Democracy in BH  
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**The Enlargement of the European Union The first or the last stage of integration? (13th Economic Forum)**  
**Date:** September 4-6, 2003  
**Conference site:** Krynica, Poland  
**Organiser:** Foundation Institute for Eastern Studies.  
**Topics:** European policy, Society, Economics of Eastern European countries after the EU enlargement  
**Conference language:** three official languages of the Economic Forum: Polish, English, Russian  
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Globalization, Integration and Social Development in Central and Eastern Europe

**Date:** September 5-9, 2003  
**Conference site:** Sibiu, Romania  
**Organiser:** University “Lucian Blaga” of Sibiu

**Topics:** The aim of the round table is to discuss the current social processes within the societies in the area and to identify common patterns as well as to share the experience that young social scientist had in their activity. 1. Post-modernization and Globalization; 2. Social Integration and Marginal Groups; 3. Development Models and EU Integration

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Tax Policy in EU Candidate Countries: On the Eve of Enlargement

**Date:** September 12-14, 2003  
**Conference site:** Riga, Latvia  
**Organiser:** EuroFaculty, University of Latvia  
**Topics:** EU tax harmonisation; Tax competition; Tax administration; Local taxation; Efficiency and equity of taxation; Tax evasion; EU Accession; Tax abatement; Tax policy in the era of globalisation; Taxation in cyberspace

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Open Minds - Europe in Global World - blending differences. Interdisciplinary conference for young scientists

**Date:** September 13-15, 2003  
**Conference site:** Lodz, Poland  
**Organiser:** Center for Social and Economic Research (CASE Foundation) and the Institute of Economics at the University of Lodz

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9th Slovak Conference for Demography

**Date:** September 17-19, 2003  
**Conference site:** Banska Bystrica, Slovakia  
**Organiser:** Slovak Statistical Office  

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Innovation Changes in Economics and Management under the Process of European Globalization

**Date:** September 25-27, 2003  
**Conference site:** Kaunas, Lithuania  
**Organiser:** Vytautas Magnus University, Faculty of Economics and Management  

**Topics:** The aim of the conference is to identify, evaluate and foresee innovation changes in economic, financial and management systems of European countries under the rapid development of European integration processes.

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International Conference on Sustainability Indicators and Intelligent Decisions

Date: October 9-11, 2003
Conference site: Vilnius, Lithuania
Organiser: The Baltic Ecological Information Dissemination System (BEIDS); The National Commission on Sustainable Development of Lithuania (NCSD) and the Institute of Geology and Geography

Topics: The aim of the conference is to encourage and facilitate the interdisciplinary communication amongst scientists, engineers, economists, sociologists and professionals working in sustainable development and related fields. Emphasis will be given to those areas that will most benefit from the application of scientific methods for sustainable development, including sustainability indicators on various levels as well as intellectual, informational and economic tools for decisions in the sustainable development policy.

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21st Baltic Conference on the History of Sciences

Date: October 13-15, 2003
Conference site: Riga, Latvia
Organiser: The Baltic Association of History and Philosophy of Science; University of Latvia; Riga Technical University; Latvian Academy of Sciences; The Pauls Stradiņš Museum of the History of Medicine

Topics: The conference will welcome generalisations on the development of science and technologies in Baltic, discoveries made and scientific schools formed there, significance of the region in the exchange of intellectual ideas and individual outstanding scientists, who have worked in Baltic or have descended from it. After several years long break, more attention will be paid to the study of industrial heritage. Instead of limiting itself with traditional natural sciences and medicine, the conference also intends to discuss pedagogy, psychology, and other humanitarian and social sciences, as well as to cover problems of the development of technics and technologies.

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Universities and Society. Cooperation of Universities in the 21st Century

Date: November 27-28, 2003
Conference site: Moscow, Russia
Organiser: Moscow State University, Euroasian Association of Universities

Topics:
- The role of universities in the development of basic education and fundamental science.
- Development of uniform approaches to educational standards and improvement of
quality of education in view of requirements of the XXIst century.
- Participation of universities in the development of national and regional policy in the field of science and education
- The main developmental trends of the academic mobility, scientific, educational and cultural cooperation of universities.
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