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## Information/News

### **Family Patterns and Demographic Development** (Thematic Series Social Sciences Eastern Europe: 2010/01)

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**Topics:** The last years have been characterised by important changes in people's lives and lifestyles and by strong evolutions in society, social structures and values. Eastern Europe has been recognized as a region that has experienced major socio-political and economic changes in the last decades. The impact of these transitions on families and their functioning has also been significant. The societies are witnessing a number of key changes in family structures – postponed parenthood, low fertility, single parenting, increased divorce rates, more births outside marriage etc. This issue brings together scholars from Eastern European countries. The authors explain family processes in particular countries or in a cross-national perspective, focusing on the historic, social and economic contexts and the impact they have on families. Additionally, the publication offers information (including contact information and links to homepages) on universities, research institutions, academic networks and scholarly journals focusing on family research. The publication is available online free of charge via Internet. It can be also sent as a PDF-file on request.

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## Call for papers Conferences

### **Post-Globalisation: Rethinking the Relationship of Ireland and the United States**

**Date:** September 22, 2010

**Site:** Dublin, Ireland

**Organiser:** UCD Clinton Institute for American Studies

**Topics:** With recent events, the import of globalisation has come into focus. Issues surrounding Ireland's dependence on processes of globalisation press us to reconsider its relationship with the United States in the 'post-globalisation' moment. This conference provides an opportunity for rethinking globalisation within the context of Ireland's relationship with the United States. Questions to be addressed may include: Is globalisation still relevant to Ireland's relationship with the United States? Is globalisation synonymous with Americanization? Has the era of globalisation reconstituted Irish identity in relation to the U.S.? What is the relation of the Irish diaspora to processes of globalisation? What paradigms of Irish-US economic and political relations are emerging from a post-globalised Ireland? How has Irish culture represented or reflected shifting relations with the U.S.? The proposals that offer innovative perspectives on shifts in political, economic and cultural paradigms are welcome. The organizers encourage multi- and interdisciplinary discussions and are particularly interested in receiving papers from the following areas: American Studies; Irish Studies; Business Studies; History; Media & Cultural Studies; Politics & International Relations; Sociology.

**Language:** English

**Deadline:** August 1, 2010

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(source: Internet)

### **Mobility in the contemporary world. Social and spatial mobility in contemporary Central Europe**

**Date:** September 23-24, 2010

**Site:** Poznan, Poland

**Organiser:** Polish Sociological Association, Poznan Department

**Topics:** Mobility is one of the crucial phenomena in the contemporary world. It influences a number of social processes, at both micro- and macro-structural level. Social mobility offers a wide variety of opportunities to

improve one's position in social stratification system by changing individuals' social status. At a more general level, Social mobility touches the issues of social capital, the changing patterns of family life, or it stimulates a new range of intercultural contacts, cultural globalization, policy matters and international relations. In the area of Central Europe, mobility besides the 'old questions' about limits of mobility behind the iron curtain, the mass mobility in recent years raises new issues connected with the European enlargement and integration, labor market management, irregular migration, circular and permanent migration patterns among new EU members, in search for new chances of development. The conference is to meet, confront and discuss a variety of points of views to investigate the present face of migration issues in Central Europe.

**Language:** English

**Fee:** 10€-15€

**Deadline:** July 15, 2010

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## **My PhD 2010 "Where do we go from here? Economic trends, social trajectories and policies of identities in post communist capitalism."**

**Date:** October 1-2, 2010

**Site:** Bratislava, Slovak Republic

**Organiser:** Friedrich Ebert Foundation in cooperation with Proforum under the auspices of Ms. Brigita Schmögnerová, Vice-President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and President of Proforum

**Topics:** 24 Students dealing with Central Eastern Europe in the transition period have an opportunity to present, discuss and oppose their papers from different research areas in 8 panels under the supervision of 8 distinguished Senior-Academics. The main goals of the conference are: 1 promotion of cross disciplinary dialogue between young scientists in the regions of Central Eastern Europe; promoting a common language of public interest in different research areas at the level of EU and national policies; promoting mobility and productive confrontation of PhD students from countries of Central Eastern and Western Europe; establishing an effective knowledge based network; publishing the collection of all contributions in electronic form; publishing the best papers selected by Senior-Academics in print form. European Trade Union Institute (ETUI) a partner of our conference will publish the best conference contribution as an ETUI working paper and strongly encourages an application from the participants for a three month traineeship dealing with labour environment issues from European perspective.

**Language:** English

**Fee:** Accommodation, food and travel expenses will be granted by the organizers

**Deadline:** extended until July 5, 2010

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## **Parliamentary Readings**

**Date:** October 1-2, 2010

**Site:** Kyiv, Ukraine

**Organiser:** The Agency for Legislative Initiatives, the Law Students Research Association "Scholaris", the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Sociology and Social Technologies of Kyiv Mohyla Academy National University

**Topics:** The initiative aims at achieving a new level of expert and academic discourse in Ukraine and to encourage young scholars and academics to examine such issues of modern parliamentarism as representative and legislative functions, oversight powers, internal structure and organisation, public participation etc. The Conference provides the ground for scholars from all over Ukraine, dealing with parliamentary studies, to exchange opinions among themselves and their European peers, as well as with political and civil society experts, which will be invited to participate in the discussions. The Conference envisages an informative discussion and support to young and promising scholars through publication of their research papers on the results of the Conference, while the most substantial research works will be published in the Parliament Journal.

**Language:** Ukrainian, English, and Russian

**Fee:** 150 UAH

**Deadline:** July 16, 2010

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## **6th International Students' Science Conference "Anthropology? Yes, Anthropology!"**

**Date:** October 21-22, 2010

**Site:** Pilsen, Czech Republic

**Organiser:** AntropoWeb, Department of Anthropological and Historical Sciences, Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, University of West Bohemia

**Topics:** This year the topic of the conference is left rather open, among others it is aimed at discussion about contemporary forms of anthropology in the Central Europe. The organisers invite urban anthropologists, religion anthropologists, ethnographers, ethnologists, folklorists, philosophical anthropologists, linguistic anthropologists, political anthropologists, visual anthropologists, physical anthropologists, archaeologists, historians, sociologists and others to come. The conference is intended for students of bachelor, master and doctoral subjects.

**Language:** Czech, English

**Deadline:** September 30, 2010

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## **Foucault, the Family & Politics**

**Date:** November 12, 2010

**Site:** Cambridge, UK

**Organiser:** University of Cambridge

**Topics:** The conference will begin by examining the theme of the family in Foucault's life and texts; it will then use his ideas to explore the politics of the family more generally in the contemporary world. Foucault writes of how the internal power-dynamics of the family interact with the social politics of society as a whole. On the one hand, social politics impact family structure and dynamics in many ways, including legal judgements, medical interventions, and social work. On the other hand, members of families call on discourses and institutions from society at large in order to manage or change the operation of the family.

**Language:** English

**Deadline:** November 9, 2010

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## **Becoming Visible: Older People as Active Participants in the Community and in Long-term Care Settings**

**Date:** November 16-17, 2010

**Site:** Dublin, Ireland

**Organiser:** The Social Policy and Ageing Research Centre (SPARC), Trinity College Dublin in partnership with the Changing Ageing Partnership (CAP), Queens University Belfast

**Topics:** The focus of this conference is older people's participation in the community and in long-term care settings. It will consider how policies and practices for engaging older people in the community and in long-term care settings differ across countries. Focusing on older people in both the community and in long-term care settings, the conference will explore the principles and practicalities of optimising older people's participation and the mechanisms for engaging greater numbers of older people as active citizens. The conference will be of interest to older people, policy makers, researchers, students, and individuals working in the ageing sector. The conference programme maximises opportunities for networking and exchange between participants. In addition to the plenary sessions, research will be showcased during parallel sessions and in a poster exhibition, which will run for the two days of the conference.

**Language:** English

**Fee:** 50€-150€

**Deadline:** July 2, 2010

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## **From the Totalitarianism towards Democracy in Central-Eastern Europe. Contributions of Political Psychology to Understanding of Transformation Process in the Region.**

**Date:** November 18-20, 2010

**Site:** Warsaw, Poland

**Organiser:** Institute of Psychology, Polish Academy of Sciences in cooperation with Institute of Philosophy and Sociology PAS, Institute of Economics PAS and Institute of Law Studies PAS, sponsored by International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)

**Topics:** The purpose of this conference is to bring together academics from different countries to sum up and discuss the 20 years of system transformation processes in Europe. The conference will be built around some key questions regarding the processes and results of social change: social capital and life satisfaction, intergroup and intra-group relations, collective memory, social exclusion and alienation, characteristics of political system. We expect papers reporting summaries of research results, meta-analyses, longitudinal data, as well as comparative

studies concerning the social, psychological and political processes associated with the transformation. We hope that the conference will provide an opportunity for scholars from across Europe to meet and discuss significant contributions to current research on the transformation of the political systems. Such a meeting might foster common research, joint grant proposals and new publications. Keynote speakers are Pawel Boski, Sam McFarland, Janusz Reykowski and Rainer K. Silbereisen.

**Language:** English

**Deadline:** June 30, 2010

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## **Equality, Growth and Sustainability - Do they mix?**

**Date:** November 25-26, 2010

**Site:** Linköping, Sweden

**Organiser:** Linköping University

**Topics:** This conference is a forum for examining if and how questions of equality, growth and sustainability can be reconciled in organisations and implemented in general practice. 15 years after the Beijing Platform for Action this conference will provide academics, policy makers and practitioners with an international and interdisciplinary forum for exchange. The purpose is to explore and disseminate knowledge and experiences on gender equality, gender mainstreaming, diversity management, growth and sustainability, inclusion and equal opportunities. The ambition is to discuss these key concepts and issues from an intersectional perspective, and in theory and practice, in order to rethink and find new ways to move on.

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**Deadline:** August 1, 2010

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## **A New Region of Europe: Regional Development Paradigms in Baltic-Black Sea Intermarum**

**Date:** November 26-27, 2010

**Site:** Vilnius, Lithuania

**Organiser:** European Humanities University, Vytautas Magnus University, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Centre for Advanced Study and Education (CASE) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

**Topics:** The goal of the conference is to address the question of what represents "the new region of Europe" formed in the process of political and historical evolution on the territory between the Baltic and Black Seas. This space represents qualities of a new social and geographical environment that requires the development of particular methods of enhancing knowledge on social and political processes occurring here in the context of spatial planning, as well as monitoring those changes in the social and humanitarian environment. Welcomed are submissions that address the following topics: \* Integration and trans-border relationships in the Baltic-Black Sea region; \* Energy security in the Baltic-Black Sea region; \* Regional policy in the states of the Baltic-Black Sea region; \* Cosmopolitan Europe: memory policy, migratory processes and transformation of the institution of citizenship in the states of the Baltic-Black Sea region. As a result of the conference, a monograph will be published. Eligible participants: researchers and policy makers from all European countries, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia and Moldova. To apply, prospective participants should submit an application form, a 250-word abstract and an academic CV.

**Language:** English and Russian

**Fee:** no fee; organizers provide the participants with accommodation and meals during the conference, as well as visa support if needed

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## **Environmental Change and Migration: from Vulnerabilities to Capabilities**

**Date:** December 5-9, 2010

**Site:** Bielefeld, Germany

**Organiser:** The European Science Foundation (ESF), Bielefeld University and its Center for Interdisciplinary Research

**Topics:** The conference focuses on how environmental change impacts the interplay between vulnerabilities on the one hand and capabilities on the other hand, and how this relationship affects mobility patterns. It is the first of a conference series on "Environmental Degradation, Conflict and Forced Migration".

As climate change increases vulnerability, experts and observers in the mass media have claimed that this vulnerability will be a major factor driving future migration flows, particularly in the global south. However, as

plausible as this argument may be, it neglects the fact that migration may not function simply as an expression of vulnerability but also of capability. Migration – in certain circumstances – serves to increase life-chances indirectly by insuring against risks such as crop failure or income loss more generally. Alternatively, it may open new possibilities for earning a living. This conference is meant to shed light on environmentally induced migration by integrating a capabilities perspective into current debates.

**Language:** English

**Deadline:** August 15, 2010

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## **Conflict as an Instrument in Internal Political Struggles. Secession Crises in the Post-Soviet Area**

**Date:** December 2-4, 2010

**Site:** Berlin, Germany

**Organiser:** Department of Social Sciences of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

**Topics:** Secession crises in post-Soviet states were shaped by heterogeneous dependencies and have different cause-effect relations. Most research on this topic is from an external perspective. This conference will focus on the internal perspective – the impact these conflicts have on the political regimes, political institutions, on the economy, the political culture, the society, and the process of consolidation. With the particular emphasis on the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict we will deal with the directly involved states of Armenia and Azerbaijan and the relations between both countries. But also a comparative view on other conflicts like Abkhazia, Transnistria and South-and the political systems of the involved countries seems to be worthwhile especially because of the wide differences concerning the initial situation, the course of conflict, and the actors involved in these conflicts.

**Language:** English

**Deadline:** 2010. Abstracts must be no longer than 500 words and should be submitted by email to

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## **European Labor Force Survey (EU-LFS) and European Union Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC): 2<sup>nd</sup> European User Conference**

**Date:** March 31- April 1, 2011

**Site:** Mannheim, Germany

**Organiser:** German Microdata Lab (GESIS) in cooperation with Eurostat

**Topics:** The conference will provide researchers with the opportunity to present and discuss their work and share their experience. In addition to fostering the discussion within the research community on both substantive and methodological issues, the conference offers researchers the opportunity to give feedback to the European Statistical System. Given that the legal bases for EU-LFS and EU-SILC will be revised in the near future, the conference offers the unique possibility to discuss needs and wants of the research community with Eurostat. Researchers of all disciplines (e.g. economics, demography, geography, political science, public health and sociology) who use either EU-LFS or EU-SILC micro data are encouraged to participate and to submit an abstract. Substantive topics may include, among others, all aspects of the European labour market, living conditions, migration, income inequalities, poverty and social exclusion. Methodological topics may include e.g. questions of data quality, cross-national and inter-temporal comparability, and statistical modelling. All presentations must be comparative and include data from at least two countries.

**Language:** English

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## **Forging the Nation: Rituals and Performances in the (Re)production of Nations**

**Date:** April 5-7, 2011

**Site:** London, UK

**Organiser:** The Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN)

**Topics:** The fundamental purpose of this conference is to address the role of performances and rituals in the production and reproduction of national identity. This is an important issue for the study of nations and nationalism, however, it remains under-theorised. The conference will consider how far everyday and extraordinary practices can explain the perceived binding and enduring quality of national identities and whether these practices are constitutive of national identity, or whether they are merely ornamental. The three day conference will attempt to address this question through a consideration of various dichotomies, for instance: elites and masses; high and low culture; individual and collective experiences; conscious and unintentional association with the nation. The conference will adopt an interdisciplinary approach and will explore historical, theoretical, and contemporary aspects of

the theme. Suggested themes include: The arts (e.g. fine art, music, performing arts and fashion); Authenticity, appropriation and cultural ownership of performances and rituals; Social spaces (e.g. the built environment, architecture and urban planning, public spaces such as museums, pubs and cafes); Crowds and collective experiences and participation (e.g. sport, dance); Social actors (e.g. elites and masses, practitioners and audiences); Technology, telecommunications and change (e.g. print media, television, internet); Exporting the nation (e.g. tourism, food, drink and 'world cinema').

**Language:** English

**Deadline:** November 1, 2010

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### **Third European Congress on World and Global History: Connections and Comparisons**

**Date:** April 14-17, 2011

**Site:** London, UK

**Organiser:** European Network in Universal and Global History (ENIUGH)

**Topics:** The organizers particularly welcome proposals for papers addressing the following topics: Pre-1500 Trans-Regional Connections and Comparisons (including, but not limited to, trade, 'world' religions, empires, migration, cultural transfers and 'world systems'); Colonial Taxation in Global Perspective; Comparing Property Rights in Peasant Societies; The Spread of Bourgeois Ideology and its Relations to Economic Change; Hidden Winners of Colonialism: Involvement of European Hinterland in Overseas Colonialism; Popularization of Knowledge through History, Literature and Philosophy; Second World War Labour Policies and Wartime Labour History; The European Semi-periphery in Recent Writings on Early Modern Global History; Discourses of 'Zero Hours' and New Beginnings; Maritime Law of Warfare and its Impact on Creation of International Law & Early Globalization; Transformation of Aristocracy in the 19th Century: Global Perspectives; Representation of Post-Colonial States in International Organisations; The Invention of the Electronic Telegraph and Technological Globalization; The History of Area Studies in the Soviet Union and beyond in Comparative Perspective; Pension Provision & Governance: Global Perspectives; Speculative Philosophy of History and Research on World History; Concepts and Methodologies of World and Global History. Other topics may be suggested as well but acceptance will depend upon available space in the programme.

**Language:** English, French and German

**Deadline:** July 31, 2010

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### **Perception, Reception and Deception: The Role of the Media in Society**

**Date:** April 19-21, 2011

**Site:** Dublin, Ireland

**Organiser:** The Trinity Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin, the Centre for Media History, Aberystwyth University, and the journal Media History

**Topics:** The 4th biennial Media History conference will focus on the ways in which people have understood the social, cultural and political roles of the media over the past five centuries. The concept of 'the media' will be interpreted broadly, so as to include newspapers, magazines and one-off publications which included news and information, as well as manuscript, aural, visual, and broadcast and other electronic sources. Proposals are welcome from a range of chronological, geographical and methodological backgrounds.

**Language:** English

**Deadline:** September 30, 2010

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## Call for papers Workshops

### **Interpreting Authoritarianism: Politics, Practices, Meanings**

**Date:** September 20-21, 2010

**Site:** Exeter, UK

**Organiser:** Department of Politics, University of Exeter, UK

**Topics:** This workshop will explore what interpretive approaches can tell us, about the discourses, practices and politics of authoritarianism that, other approaches cannot. The workshop provides an opportunity for interpretive researchers on authoritarianism to engage explicitly with the conceptual issues, which inform their work. The workshop invites papers from across the social and human sciences (including political science, sociology, history, anthropology, geography, area studies, international relations, and related fields) which address theoretical, methodological, empirical or disciplinary issues related to the theme of 'interpreting authoritarianism'. Empirical studies of particular cases are welcome (whether from the developing, developed, or over-developed worlds) but should also engage with questions of broader conceptual relevance.

**Language:** English

**Deadline:** July 15, 2010

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### **Institutional Dynamics in World Politics: Explaining variation in the scope, pace, and direction of international institutional change**

**Date:** April 7-8, 2011

**Site:** Berlin, Germany

**Organiser:** Social Science Research Center in Berlin (WZB)

**Topics:** The workshop's primary aim is to shift the IR literature's focus from comparative statics to models which emphasize the dynamics of international institutional variation and change. To do this, it is proposed to focus on further developing key insights from historical institutionalism such as (but not limited to): path dependence: processes of positive feedback in which past choices constrain present and future institutional development; unintended consequences: institutional choices that have unintended side effects which may lead to institutional developments in unforeseen directions; timing and sequencing effects: how the pace of change and the order in which choices are made affect institutional outcomes; critical junctures: relatively short periods of time during which there is a substantially heightened probability that choices will affect institutional outcomes. Sample questions that workshop participants could use these concepts to address include: How can we explain the variation in institutional forms (e.g. the decision to locate international institutions at the intergovernmental, supranational, or transnational level, or their particular design features)? How can we explain patterns of regime complexity (e.g. institutional overlap) in some issue areas and low institutional density (e.g. institutional gaps) in other areas? How does the interaction of domestic and international institutional structures influence the development of international institutions? Why do some international institutional changes happen rapidly while other adjustments happen slowly or do not take place at all? How do contingencies, unintended consequences, or other mismatches between actual outcomes and initial plans and preferences affect institutional development?

**Language:** English

**Fee:**

**Deadline:** November 30, 2010

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## Call for papers Summer Schools

### **International Doctoral Course: Men and Masculinities, Genealogies and Current Debates**

**Date:** September 2- 4, 2010

**Site:** Tallinn, Estonia

**Organiser:** Tallinn University, Institute of International and Social Studies, Centre for Gender Studies

**Topics:** The course seeks to provide an overview of the sub-field of the critical studies of men and masculinities, within the context of gender and feminist studies, focusing on the central defining debates and particular foci in the study of men and masculinities in various parts of the world. In addition, the course offers insights on specific ranges of issues in the sub-field within the local/global dynamics of power relations, language and discourses of masculinity, diversity and hegemonic masculinity, and whiteness and masculinity. The course will include a number of plenary lectures and research seminars where students will have the opportunity to present and receive feedback to their PhD work, in particular on theoretical and methodological issues.

**Language:** English

**Fee:** There is no course fee but the participants need to cover their travel and accommodation costs (affordable accommodation options of about € 25 will be provided).

**Deadline:** July 15, 2010

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## Call for papers Journals

### **Croatian Economic Survey (CES)**

**Place of publication:** Zagreb, Croatia

**Type of publication:** print and online

**Published by/ edited by:** The Institute of Economics, Zagreb, Croatia

**Topics:** Croatian Economic Survey is an English-language, peer-reviewed scholarly journal published annually by The Institute of Economics, Zagreb in Croatia. The journal aims to serve as a forum for academics and practitioners by publishing high-quality research papers on topics in all areas of economics. Special focus is given to post-socialist Europe. Comparative studies are especially encouraged, since these countries share a similar socio-economic background and comparative studies offer a valuable source of insight for policy formulation as well as a basis for competitive benchmarking. The journal welcomes empirical and policy-oriented papers relevant to a broader international audience. Contributions need not be limited solely to economics; submissions from other related disciplines are encouraged.

**Deadline:** November 02, 2010

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### **Quality Assurance Review: Methods and instruments for quality evaluation in higher education**

**Place of publication:** Bucharest, Romania

**Type of publication:** print and online

**Publication date:** September 2010

**Published by/ edited by:** Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education, Bucharest, Romania

**Topics:** QAR is an academic, international, peer-reviewed publication that approaches the issues of quality assurance in higher education. QAR aims to promote the transfer of good practices and to facilitate the communication between experts in the field of quality assurance in higher education. QAR encourages the submission of research results, especially those that evaluate the impact of quality assurance systems, procedures and methodologies. We also welcome theoretical analyses of quality assurance in higher education and comparative evaluations that focus on identifying methods, systems and quality practices that are transferable. The fourth issue of QAR will be devoted to methods and instruments for quality evaluation. Quality assurance is an institutional process whose evaluation component is fundamental to achieve proposed goals. At the same time, quality assurance is a process that cannot be limited to accreditation, involving other specific processes such as internal or external quality evaluation. Moreover, both external and internal evaluation can use a variety of methods and tools. From this perspective, we consider that an analytical approach to these different dimensions of quality assurance and evaluation of higher education institutions is needed. The editors encourage contributions that refer to practical aspects of quality evaluation and case studies that reflect the practical arrangements for implementing such procedures in higher education institutions.

**Deadline:** August 15, 2010

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## 2011 Issue of the *Annuaire Roumain d'Anthropologie*

**Place of publication:** Bucharest, Romania

**Type of publication:** print

**Publication date:** 2011

**Published by/ edited by:** "Francisc J. Rainer" Anthropological Institute, of the Romanian Academy

**Topics:** The editors of the *Annuaire Roumain d'Anthropologie* (ARA) invite submission for the 2011 issue. ARA is an international peer-reviewed journal celebrating its 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary. ARA publishes original research and reviews of anthropology covering paleoanthropology (human osteology, bioarchaeology, forensic anthropology, and paleopathology), bio-medical anthropology (auxology, behavioral ecology, epidemiology, medical anthropology, nutrition, and population biology), social and cultural anthropology, anthropological ethics and methodology, and overlapping areas. The publishing languages are English and French, with an English-written abstract.

**Deadline:** October 1, 2010

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## A Special Issue of "The European Legacy": The Anatomy of Marginality

**Type of publication:** print, online

**Publication date:** 2012

**Published by:** Routledge

**Topics:** "The European Legacy" invites contributions to a special issue devoted to the study of marginality, broadly defined. The organizers invite submissions addressing several modes of marginality: epistemic marginality (the marginality of an idea, concept, theory, methodology); auctorial marginality (marginality of an author in relation to the mainstream); cultural marginality (local research cultures, marginal research programs/agendas); geographic marginality (peripheral places/cultures and their relationship to the metropolitan centers).

**Deadline:** March 31, 2011

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## Religion in Eastern Europe

**Place of publication:** USA

**Type of publication:** online

**Topics:** The quarterly "Religion in Eastern Europe" is soliciting scholarly papers, general essays, and book reviews on any aspect of religion in the former socialist countries of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. The content should deal with the communist and post-communist period and only rarely with pre-communist developments only in so far as it explains what took place under communism. Papers should be in English, preferably in Microsoft Word with standard footnotes (University of Chicago style sheet). Length up to about 40 pages double spaced. All the work of "Religion in Eastern Europe" is a "labor of love" and hence we are unable to pay honoraria. The editors will consider previously published work if it did not receive general dissemination.

**Deadline:** ongoing

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## Grants/Jobs/Internships

### 'Generations in Dialogue' Fellowship for Social Researchers 2010-2011

**Institution/Organiser:** ERSTE Foundation

**Kind of support/work:** fellow

**Site:** Novi Sad, Serbia

**Topics:** The Social Development Programme of ERSTE Foundation invites researchers, scientists and practitioners from Central Europe, South Eastern Europe and Austria studying or dealing with socio-demographic change in Central - and South Eastern Europe to apply for fellowships. These fellowships will be awarded based on a proposal for a research paper or project dealing with the issue named below, in a theoretical, empirical or practical way. The fellowship includes: Financial support for up to one year for the proposed paper or project; Invitation to a scientific conference; Affiliation with a network of researchers and practitioners interested in aging, migration and demographic change; Participation in internal workshops and a ERSTE Foundation Summer School dealing with selected aspects of aging, migration and sociodemographic change; Promotion/publication of results.

**Target group:** Researchers, scientists and practitioners from Central Europe, South Eastern Europe and Austria studying or dealing with socio-demographic change in Central- and South Eastern Europe in a theoretical, empirical or practical way.

**Deadline:** July 20, 2010

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### Research Fellowships social sciences and humanities

**Institution/Organiser:** Centre for Advanced Study Sofia (CAS Sofia)

**Kind of support/work:** 2011/2012 In-Residence Advanced Academia Fellowships in the fields of the humanities and the social sciences

**Duration:** two to five months. Candidates must indicate the preferred fellowship duration and its starting date within the following periods: 01.03-31.07.2011 and 01.10.2011-29.02.2012.

**Site:** Sofia, Bulgaria

**Topics:** The selected Fellows will take part in the regular Fellow seminars and the other scientific events organized by the Centre (workshops, conferences, lectures, etc.) and are invited to present and discuss their project in lectures or seminars. The results of their work shall be summarized in a paper (in English), to be published in the electronic CAS Working Paper Series.

**Eligibility:** Candidates should be non-Bulgarian citizens; have completed a PhD in the fields of the humanities and social sciences and international research experience (participation in projects and refereed conferences) and publications in peer-reviewed academic editions are strong advantages. Good command of English is highly desirable.

**Deadline:** November 1, 2011

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