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CALL FOR EDITORIAL TEAM

*** *European Societies* ***

European Societies is the journal of the European Sociological Association (ESA) and is published by Routledge. The journal is in its 12th year and currently publishes five issues per year in English. Details about the journal are available at the following website: <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/routledge/14616696.html>

Position: Editor-in-Chief

European Societies is seeking to appoint a competent and committed Editor to replace the outgoing Editor. The Editor-in-Chief will lead the editorial team. The interested person should be a highly respected sociology scholar with significant publications in monographs and international journals. The Editor's work is voluntary and it does not carry remuneration. The position is for a four-year period term commencing in January 2011.

Position: Assistant Editor

European Societies is seeking to appoint a competent and dedicated *Assistant Editor* work closely with the Editor. The position is for a four-year period term commencing in January 2011.

Key qualities sought for the positions of Editor and Assistant Editor: an established record of scholarship in the field of sociology; managerial skills to oversee the editorial cycle and meet deadlines.

Major responsibilities of the future Editor and Assistant Editor of *European Societies* include:

- managing the peer review of manuscripts,
- soliciting high-quality manuscripts from potential authors, and (with the help of the editorial board members) assisting these authors in seeing their manuscripts to publication,
- deciding which manuscripts to publish,
- selecting a sufficient pool of competent reviewers to reach conclusions and make decisions on manuscripts in a timely fashion,
- providing a clear vision for the direction of the Journal,
- collaborating with Editorial Board members, the ESA President, and the publishers.

Position: Book Reviews Editor

European Societies is seeking to appoint a competent, committed and dedicated *Book Reviews Editor* to replace the outgoing editor.

This editor will be responsible for gathering reviews on books of interest within the broad area of sociology in Europe. Editor's duties will be soliciting reviews, offering editorial feedback to authors, and helping to format reviews. Duties also include maintaining contact with publishers to receive new titles, and ensuring that review authors receive copies of reviewed texts. The position is for a four-year period term commencing in January 2011.

Applicants for all position are kindly asked to submit the following:

- (a) A Vision Statement: Set forth your goals and plans for the content of the Journal. This may include an assessment of the current strengths, weaknesses, or gaps that you plan to address and how you will operationalize your plan; up to two pages please.
- (b) Background Information: The name, affiliation, and other relevant information about the potential Editor, Assistant Editor and Book Reviews Editor. Please describe the qualifications

that support your inclusion. Of particular importance are evidence to show the ability and experience of the Editor to provide sound judgment and guidance to potential authors. Please also provide a clear description of the structure of the editorial office and responsibilities, as you envision them at this point.

(c) Please include a CV for each proposed position.

Interested aspirants should email to *Sokratis Koniordos*, Chair of the Editorial Board by the **end of September 2010 at the latest** at: skoni@social.soc.uoc.gr

Applicants will be reviewed by the Search Committee immediately after the deadline submission date. The final selection will be taken by the journal's Editorial Board and the Executive Committee of the ESA. Please note that all members of the Editorial team are expected to be members of the European Sociological Association.

CALL FOR PAPERS

ESA Research Network 25 – Social Movements

Mid-term Conference

TRANSNATIONAL DEMOCRACY MOBILIZATION, ORGANISATION AND COMMUNICATION

Organized with the collaboration of the ECPR Standing Group 'Form of Participation'

**European University Institute
Florence/Italy
20- 21 January 2011**

The second mid-term conference of the RN Social Movements will take place in Florence (It) at the European University Institute in January 2011. The workshop "Transnational Democracy: mobilization, organisation and communication" is jointly organised with the ECPR Standing Group on "Forms of Participation", and aims at bringing together scholars with different disciplinary perspectives who are interested in the theme of democracy and organizational innovation in movements in transnational publics and pluralist societies.

The workshop addresses the transnational condition of participation in globalized societies and Europe's multilevel polity to explore the cultural and political context for democracy and organization in social movements.

Theories of global democracy and political communication have addressed the potential of social movements to re-invent cultures of democracy and organization by creating transnational participatory publics and cross-border networks. New work on political sociology and protest shows the relevance of transnational citizen assemblies, public spaces and online forums as a promising field to explore democratic and organizational innovation created through collective action in pluralist polities and globalized societies. Contrasting low participation in electoral politics and political parties, comparative analysts of European integration note an increase in forms of transnational participation, reaching from interest groups over populist resistance and protests on issues such as social justice, climate change or privatization in the EU or at the global level. What is the democratic potential, and the access points to emerging transnational public spaces created in social movements, given structural and linguistic

hurdles? How do social and political organizers build cultural strategies of translation, and which constraints do they face trying to communicate over ICT and/or organize joint collective action?

The workshop will bring together social movement scholars interested in democracy and cultures of participation with media scholars and political analysts of protest and comparative politics. When activists from different countries decide on joint protest on EU politics or frame their local events as part of global protest, they need very specific skills, resources and cultural practices to network with others or to reach a broader public. Transnational discourse settings also present challenging opportunities for institutional organizers of citizen assemblies or European policy-making to interact with protesters, NGOs and lobbyists. Workshop participants may explore how transnational protest activities and practices of communication transform traditional cultures of organizing, participating and decision-making in social movement groups or civil society institutions.

Paper givers may want to explore how the transnational context of action, or new media technologies and ICT environments transform traditional cultures of organizing, decision-making and protest in social movement groups and institutions.

We welcome papers with a focus on:

- challenges for democracy in globalized social movements (e.g. translation, communication)
- innovations in the organizing of (transnational) protest
- local networking, and (transnational) alternative media cultures
- citizen assemblies and online forums for public deliberation

Abstract Submission:

Please submit your abstract (max 300 words) by email to ESA RN25 Social Movements Coordinators *Emanuela Bozzini* and *Nicole Doerr*, using esasocialmovements@gmail.com

Key Dates:

Deadline for abstract submission: 30 September 2010

Acceptance: 20 October

Registration (by email) 30 October

Deadline for papers: 15 December 2010

Conference: 20 – 21 January 2011

Costs:

Participants are required to pay a **registration fee of 20 Euros**, which will include documentation, coffee breaks and lunch. Travel and accommodation costs have to be covered by each participant.

Venue:

The workshop will take place at the European University Institute (www.eui.eu) in Fiesole (Florence). More info will follow later.

Contacts

For any additional information on the workshop, please make contact with *Emanuela Bozzini* and/or *Nicole Doerr*: esasocialmovements@gmail.com

CALLS FOR PAPERS/CONFERENCES

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2010 IEAS Workshop on Family Change

Institute of European and American Studies (IEAS)
Academia Sinica

Taipei/Taiwan
October 11-12, 2010

The Institute of European and American Studies (IEAS) of Academia Sinica will hold the IEAS Workshop on Family Change on 11-12 October 2010 in Taipei, Taiwan. The theme of “family change” is broadly defined to include research sensitive to the observation that “the family” has never been a static object of existence either across the life course of individuals or across historical periods. This workshop will provide a forum for interested social scientists from Taiwan and around the world to exchange new ideas and research findings on family change.

Confirmed Speakers from Abroad

- Shannon Cavanagh, University of Texas at Austin, USA
- Tak Wing Chan, University of Oxford, UK
- Philip N. Cohen, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA
- Paula England, Stanford University, USA (Keynote Speaker)
- Lingxin Hao, Johns Hopkins University, USA
- Bernhard Nauck, Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany
- Brian Powell, Indiana University, USA
- Megan Sweeney, University of California at Los Angeles, USA
- Judith Treas, University of California at Irvine, USA
- Lawrence L. Wu, New York University, USA (Keynote Speaker)

Call for Submissions

We invite submissions of full papers or extended abstracts of theoretical or empirical research on any topic about family change, but priority will be given to research with greater relevance to the mission of IEAS. Please send electronic submissions to ieassoc@sinica.edu.tw before **30 June 2010**. The organizer will notify the authors about whether a paper is accepted by 15 July 2010.

Travel Awards

We will offer up to two competitive travel awards in the form of airline tickets (plus a small per diem stipend) to subsidize travel expenses to the workshop. To qualify for the travel awards competition, the author(s) must agree to first submit their papers to *EurAmerica: A Journal of European and American Studies* (website <http://euramerica.org>), and not to another journal or edited volume (in part or in entirety) unless it is rejected by *EurAmerica* (and the author is obliged to resubmit the paper to *EurAmerica* under a “revise and resubmit.”). The Editor of *EurAmerica* will guarantee an editorial decision within no more than four months for each round of peer review, and no more than three rounds of peer review before a final decision is made.

For more information on transportation, lodging, local attractions, and other inquiries, please contact the organizer:

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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Global Conference

HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIVERSE SOCIETIES

The McGill University Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism

Montreal/Canada
October 7-9, 2010

The McGill University Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism is privileged to host its second Echenberg Family Conference on Human Rights, the **Global Conference on Human Rights and Diverse Societies**, to be held **October 7-9, 2010** in **Montreal, Canada**. The Conference will bring together from around the world academics, writers, journalists, legislators, diplomats, activists and others who are active in the field of international human rights and who devote their lives to building, supporting and studying diverse societies.

The conference seeks to challenge the mainstream narrative of the universality of human rights. Panelists will address how diverse societies around the world conceptualize human rights and deal with the implementation of human rights policies and norms. The conference also aspires to identify alternative frameworks that can facilitate the conceptualization of and help find solutions to global human rights issues.

Some of the core themes of the conference include the power of education to spur and combat hatred; the role of the media in shaping public opinion and public policy on human rights and diversity issues; religious diversity; the manner in which real and perceived security threats have changed the global mindset; the role of human rights institutions.

For more information about our conference and registration, please take a look at our website: <http://efchr.mcgill.ca/2010/eng/home.php>

CALL FOR PAPERS

Cedefop Workshop

SUPPORTING LONGER WORKING LIVES GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING FOR AGEING WORKERS

Thessaloniki/Greece
September 30-1 October, 2010

Cedefop, the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training, is organising a two-day international workshop on guidance and counselling for ageing workers in Thessaloniki on 30 September and 1 October 2010.

The aim of the workshop is to bring together an international forum of researchers and experts in order to gather the latest insights on guidance and counselling for ageing workers and to learn from best practices. Cedefop intends to publish the best contributions in a conference reader.

You can find more information at: <http://www.cedefop.europa.eu/EN/news/15924.aspx>

Background

Europe is ageing rapidly. Many Member States are extending retirement age in order to make sure that their pension systems can last. Indeed, popular discussions about demographic changes tend to focus on such financial repercussions from an ageing population. But academic research is also exploring how ageing affects the ability to find work and learn on the job.

The key issue is how to make sure that longer working lives can be successful. This has sparked a debate on how to provide ageing workers with enough possibilities to update and renew their skills throughout their working lives. Ageing workers are vulnerable to different types of skills obsolescence. Technical obsolescence (*people losing skills because of wear and tear or not using them*), economic obsolescence (*skills losing value on the labour market*), and even perspectivistic obsolescence (*outdated views and beliefs about work and the labour market in general*) all pose a real threat.

Research on ageing workers has grown significantly since the early 1990s, with much attention directed at ageing workers' learning and working patterns. In 2008, Cedefop held an international workshop on learning and ageing. Researchers from all over the world presented and discussed their latest findings on the needs of ageing workers and on factors that promote or inhibit longer working lives.

The two main conclusions from this workshop were that successful active ageing requires commitment and involvement from ageing workers and employers - the working environment of ageing workers should support learning and recognise their needs; and older workers cannot successfully keep working if the labour market does not acquire a sound understanding of how the processes of ageing, working and learning relate to each other (Cedefop (2010). **Working and ageing: Emerging theories and empirical perspectives**. Forthcoming).

EU Member States have started providing guidance services that address the particular counselling and learning needs of groups such as the long-term unemployed, workers over 45, and workers in industries or companies undergoing restructuring. But we need more research on the impact and role of guidance and counseling for older workers across and beyond Europe. To design appropriate guidance and counseling services that fully cater for the needs of ageing workers, we need better theoretical and conceptual foundations and empirical evidence.

Cedefop therefore invites theoretical and empirical contributions that address guidance and counseling from an educational, occupational, psychological, sociological, human-resources or socio-economic research perspective. These contributions should aim to develop better theoretical frameworks (or extend existing ones) that take the specific needs and circumstances of ageing workers into account, or reveal more about which approaches to guidance and counseling for ageing workers are more effective, using sound empirical (quantitative or qualitative) analysis.

How to contribute?

We invite contributors to e-mail a **1-2 page abstract** to the workshop organisers by **1 August 2010**. Abstracts should contain a clear and concise description of a problem statement and/or research questions, research method and research findings. We particularly welcome pan-European or cross-national evidence on ageing and work.

Contributors will receive a review of their abstract by 9 August 2010. The deadline for sending full papers is 23 September 2010. Cedefop will reimburse the travel and accommodation costs of participants who present a full paper at the workshop, according to its rules. A few places are available for participants who do not present papers.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Polish Sociological Association
Poznan Department

Conference
MOBILITY IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD
SOCIAL AND SPATIAL MOBILITY IN CONTEMPORARY CENTRAL EUROPE

Poznan/Poland
September 23-24, 2010

Polish Sociological Association, Poznan Department - www.pts.amu.edu.pl

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.

Deadline for abstracts: 15th of July 2010, isan@amu.edu.pl, lurys-granat@wp.pl

Deadline for full texts: 1st of September 2010

Conference fee: 15 Euro

Early bird registration (reduced fee): 10 Euro (before 30th of August)

CALL FOR PAPERS

Journal
Studies of Transition States and Societies (STSS)

Tallin University
Institute of Political Science and Governance/Institute of International and Social Studies

Tallin/Estonia

Studies of Transition States and Societies is a peer-reviewed interdisciplinary Journal issued by Tallinn University Institute of Political Science and Governance and the Institute of International and Social Studies since Fall 2009. The first issue is available at www.tlu.ee/stss, the second issue is due in June.

STSS is published biannually and welcomes articles in all subfields of sociology and political science, to promote dialogue and exchange between scholars in these fields. The journal's substantive focus is

on the transitional states and societies, particularly on the societal and political changes in postcommunist countries.



Call for Papers

STSS welcomes articles, research notes, book reviews and review articles from researchers, professionals, and students all over the world.

Articles to the Fall issue should be submitted by **September 15th, 2010**. See the webpage www.tlu.ee/stss for information on the submission. Articles arriving later than that will be considered for the 2011 Spring Issue.

We also welcome expressions of interest to become a reviewer for the journal. Please send your CV with publications to stss@tlu.ee.
