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Final Announcement 4th European Sociological Conference Will Europe Work? August 18-21, 1999 Amsterdam, The Netherlands

The European Sociological Association invites you to its 4th Conference this summer in Amsterdam. The theme, 'Will Europe Work?' is an ambitious question in both of its meanings: the emergence of a European society with its institutional frameworks and its identities, and the future of the European 'work societies' and its alternatives. It is a truism that the European unification process suffers from a deficit in democratic participation. There is also a deficit on the scientific level: a lack of analyses beyond the purely economic and social terms. Sociology has been slow to address the comparative issues among European societies, and even more the issues of the emerging European society. The Conference will be a moment of reflection. It will take stock of what our discipline has already contributed, and challenge it to do more.

The Conference is built around a number of thematic symposia defined to directly address these issues, and around the work of the Research Networks. It will also present plenary speakers and discussions, and specific intellectual events related to, e.g., the host country and to European unification.

Martin Kohli, ESA President

Program

Tuesday 17 August 1999

Pre-conference business meetings and the meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the SISWO building. Early registration at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam: 15.00-17.00

Wednesday 18 August 1999

9.00 Registration and coffee
10.00 Opening address
11.00 Plenary Opening Session 'East - West'
Abram de Swaan, The Netherlands,
Vicious Circles and Virtuous Squares: The political sociology of the European language constellation
Vadim Volkov, Russia,
On Practical Knowledge, Personal Power, and Outsiders to European Integration

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Joakim Palme, Sweden,
Making Social Europe Work

Symposium II 'Working on Europe - Constructing Identities'

Liam O'Dowd, Northern Ireland,
State Borders, Border Regions and the Construction of European Identity
Marco Martiniello, Belgium,
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Symposium III 'Working on Europe - Constructing Institutions'

Franz Traxler, Austria,
Labour Market Regulation between the Demand for Social Dialogue and Economic Performance: Towards an European model?
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Gender, Class and Patterns of Inequality in Different Types of Welfare States

Symposium IV 'Europe's Working in the World'

Anne Haila, Finland,
European Cities in the Global World
Risto Heiskala, Finland,
Our Time: Europe in the Age of Global Networks and Flowing Identities

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Key Note Speakers at the 4th European Conference of Sociology

Abram de Swaan (the Netherlands) and Vadim Volkov (Russia) will address the Opening Plenary.

de Swaan will present his views on the linguistic aspect of European unification under the title *Vicious Circles and Virtuous Squares: The political sociology of the European language constellation*. Presently, de Swaan is the chair of the Amsterdam School for Social Science Research, and was its co-founder and dean as well. He has been Professor of Sociology at the University of Amsterdam since 1973. His most prestigious publications are *In the Care of the State; Health Care, Education and Welfare in Europe and the USA in the Modern Era* (1988) and *The Management of Normality: Critical Essays in Health and Welfare* (1990). De Swaan's present research interests are in trans-national society, as it concerns social policy, social identifications, and language problems.

Volkov is MacArthur Foundation post-doctoral fellow in the project on peace and international security in the changing world. His topic will be *On Practical Knowledge, Personal Power, and Outsiders to European Integration*. Volkov's current publications deal mostly with entrepreneurship in post-communist Russia and propaganda while his field of interest concerns the state, violence, and politics.

The Middle Plenary session will be addressed by Wolfgang Streeck (Germany) and Esping-Andersen (Denmark/Italy).

Streeck will consider *National Solidarity, International Competition, Supranational Policy: The emerging social constitution of Europe*. While teaching world-wide, Streeck is the Director of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne since 1995. His latest co-authored publications address *The Political Economy of Modern Capitalism; Mapping Convergence and Diversity* (1997) and *Governance in the European Union* (1996). Streeck's major fields of interest are comparative political economy, comparative

industrial relations, and European integration.

Esping-Andersen will address Micro Foundations of Post-industrial Society. He has taught at Harvard University and at the European University at Firenze. He is now professor at the University of Trento and Universidad Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona), and also member of the Scientific Council Instituto Juan March. He has worked with the United Nations and the OECD. He has published on comparative social democracies (Politics against Markets), on welfare states (The Three Worlds of Capitalism; Welfare States in Transition), and on social stratification (Changing Classes). His most recent book *The Social Foundations of Post-industrial Economies* is an attempt to give a sociological analysis of the emerging new economic order.

The Closing Plenary session will be taken by Dominique Schnapper (France) and Chiara Saraceno (Italy).

In her speech, **Schnapper** (France) will address *The National Tradition in Sociology: Is there anything like an European sociology?* She has made her whole sociological career at l'Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales where is she has been a Director since 1981. Since 1995, she also has been the President of the French Sociological Association. Her latest most significant publications concern *Le relation a l'autre* (1988) *Contre la fin du travail* (1997) and *Le communauté des citoyens* (1994) for which she was rewarded the Prix de l'Assemblée Nationale.

Saraceno will address the plenary audience with her speech on *Constructing European Citizenship: Trends and challenges*. Presently, she is Professor of Family Sociology at the University of Turin, Italy. During the period 1991-1998 she was Head of the Department of Social Sciences at the same university, since 1998 she has been the Director of the University's interdepartmental Center for Gender Studies. During the period 1990-1994, she was the Italian expert at the EC Observatory on Policies for Combating Social Exclusion. Her major professional interests are on family changes and family policies, on poverty and social policies, and on gender and women's issues. Her major recent publications concern *Mutamenti della famiglia e Politiche sociali in Italia* (1998), (with M. Barbagli) *Separarsi in Italia* (1998) and *Family Change, Family Policies and the Restructuring of Welfare (in Family, Market and Community. Equity and Efficiency in Social Policy, OECD Social Policy Series, 1997)*

There will be four parallel semi-Plenary sessions at the conference organised around the four main Symposium streams.

Maria Petmesidou (Greece) will address the semi-plenary audience of Symposium I *Working in Europe; viewing Employment and Labour Market Policies in Southern Europe: Developments and trends in the context of European integration*. Presently, she is Professor of Social Policy in the Department of Social Administration at Democritus University of Thrace. Her extensive list of publications concerns the fields of social change and development, social

protection, industrial structures, labour markets and employment, social inequality, social exclusion and poverty.

Joakim Palme (Sweden) will also address the audience of Symposium I (Sweden) through his understanding of Making Social Europe Work. Presently, he is senior researcher at the Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University. His research focuses on the development of welfare state institutions, and the causes and consequences of this development. He has written on pension rights, the public/private mix of welfare provisions, and on health and social insurance. Last year he published a joint article with Walter Korpi entitled 'The Paradox of Redistribution and Strategies of Equality' in the *American Sociological Review*. He has recently directed a study of the Welfare State in Crisis for the Council of Europe and is presently chairman of a government committee on the development of welfare in Sweden in the 1990s.

Liam O'Dowd (Northern Ireland) will address the semi-plenary Symposium II *Working on Europe - Constructing Identities* with his speech on *State Borders, Border Regions and the Construction of European Identity*. Presently he is Professor of Sociology at Queen's University, Belfast. He was Chairman of the National Committee for Economics and Social Sciences of Royal Irish Academy (1992-1996). His current research interests include: state borders and border regions; the sociology of European integration; British and Irish nationalism. His most recently published articles are on the sociology of border change, the Northern Ireland conflict and British nationalism. Other publications include: *Whither the Irish Border?: Sovereignty, Democracy and Economic Integration* (1994), *On Intellectuals and Intellectual Life in Ireland* (1996 - editor); co-editor of *Borders, Nations and States: Frontiers of National Sovereignty in the New Europe* (1996); and *Irish Society: Sociological Perspectives* (1995). He is currently joint editor (with James Anderson) of a special issue of *Regional Studies* on 'State Borders and Border Regions' to be published in October 1999.

Marco Martiniello (Belgium) will also address the semi-plenary audience of Symposium II, focusing on *Post-ethnicity in Europe*. Presently he is the senior research fellow at the National Fund for Scientific Research and lecturer in Politics at the University of Liege. His current publications concern *Ou la la Belgique?* (1998) and *Multicultural Policies and the State* (1998) while ethnicity, migration, racism, and citizenship are his pivotal fields of interest.

Franz Traxler (Austria) will address the audience of Symposium III *Working on Europe - Constructing Institutions* by his viewing of *Labour Market Regulation between the Demand for Social Dialogue and Economic Performance: Towards an European model?* Presently, he is professor of sociology at University of Vienna. Among his numerous publications, two which should be mentioned are the co-authored: *Industrial Relations between Command and Market* (1997) and *Organised Industrial Relations in Europe* (1995). His specific fields of interest concern industrial relations, industrial sociology and

organisational sociology in comparative perspective.

Walter Korpi (Sweden) will present his speech on *Gender, Class and Patterns of Inequality in Different Types of Welfare States*. Presently, he is a professor at the Swedish Institute for Social Research at Stockholm University. His recent publication was co-authored with Joakin Palme (1998), concerning *The Paradoxes of Redistribution and Strategies of Equality: Welfare State Institutions, Inequality and Poverty in the Western Countries*. Currently he is working on the book *Contested Citizenship: A Century of Social Rights in the Western World*. His research interest covers political sociology, social policy and distributive conflict.

Anne Haila (Finland) will address the audience of Symposium IV *Europe's Working in the World* by her viewing of *European Cities in the Global World*. Presently, she is professor in Department of Social Policy at the University of Helsinki. Her extensive list of publications and fields of interest concern urban economics, economics of real estate, real estate evaluation and land use planning.

In the same Symposium, **Risto Heiskala** (Finland) will focus on *Our Time: Europe in the Age of Global Networks and Flowing Identities*. Presently, he is the senior research fellow at the University of Helsinki. His recent publication concerns *Society as Semiosis: Neostucturalist Theory of Culture and Society* (1997). Gendered power resources, globalisation, economy and society are a few from a long list of his professional interests.

Paper Sessions

There will be more than 190 paper sessions devoted to the presentation of papers in the Symposia and Research Networks. There are eight time slots reserved during the conference. The organisation of the sessions is up to the convenors. As a rule, more than four papers per session should be avoided. A session lasts 90 minutes.

A difference should be made between accepted papers (presented orally), contributed paper (author hands paper to other participants, but there will be no oral presentation) and poster. Posters will be displayed in the main lobby, poster viewing during lunch-time on Thursday.

Round Table on 'Ten years after the Transition.

Looking backward, looking forward'

It is almost ten years ago that in the fall of 1989 the most revolutionary event of this century took place: the fall of communism in Central/Eastern Europe.

Since its foundation in 1994, the ESA has shown great interest in these developments and to some extent it even was one of the 'reasons d'être' of this new organization. The choice of the place for the first ESA-conference, was a clear expression of that interest. An extra session will take place in Amsterdam to evaluate these events. Four scholars from different parts of Europe will address the issue of what has happened over the last ten years in that region, especially in the social field and to what extent this can be seen as progress. Moreover the expectations and prospects for the future will be explored.

The Round Table will consist of the following participants:

- Bob Deacon (Sheffield UK), author of *The New Eastern Europe*, chair
- Julia Szalai (Budapest, Hungary)
- Anna Krasteva (Sofia, Bulgaria) and
- Marju Lauristin (Tartu, Estonia).

Date and Time: Friday morning, August 20, 9.15-10.45am

Bart van Steenbergen (coordinator)

Presentation of 'Dutch Society'

One of the peculiarities of most international conferences is that the participants get to know little to nothing of the host country. From the beginning the ESA has tried to break through this pattern by introducing at its conferences a paneldiscussion where sociological 'angehauchte' intellectuals give their vision on their society and its people. Many of you still may remember the succesful Hungarian panel at the Budapest conference (Summer 1995). At the coming Amsterdam conference this tradition will be continued in the form of a panel discussion on Dutch Society.

The general theme of this panel will be 'Dutch exceptionalism', i.e. in what way are Dutch society and the Dutch different from others? One can think in that respect of phenomena like: the Dutch welfare state; the permissive society; the 'poldermodel'; Dutch policy with regard to drugs, abortion, prostitution, homosexuals, refugees etc.

The members of the panel will be:

- Prof. Paul Schnabel, Director of the Social and Cultural Planning Bureau
- (chair);
- Prof. Joop Goudsblom (author of *Dutch Society*);
- Prof. Jelle Visser (co-author of *A Dutch Miracle*), and
- Prof. Christien Brinkgreve.

Date and place: Friday afternoon, August 20, 14.00-15.30pm, Aula of the Free University

Theme tours

In order to make these ideas on Dutch society more visual on Saturday afternoon August 21 after closing the Conference we give you the opportunity to walk through special districts of Amsterdam with a guide with scientific expertise on a number of 'theme tours' will take place on Saturday afternoon. All these tours will start at 14.00pm from the main hall of the Amsterdam Central Railway Station (Meeting Point).

A selection will be made among the following themes:

- Jewish Amsterdam;
- 'Coffeshops' Amsterdam;
- Social welfare Amsterdam;
- Gay Amsterdam;
- Red Light District Amsterdam;
- Modern Amsterdam;
- Historical capital Amsterdam (Wallerstein).

You will find a more definitive programme of these theme tours in your programme book,

distributed on the first day of the conference and at the Conference Desk. You are kindly requested to have a look at that programme, make your choice and fill in your reply slip.

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- The Royal Academy of Sciences (Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen);
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- NWO (Dutch Society for Scientific Research);
- NSV (Netherlands Sociological Organisation);
- Nederlandse Vereniging voor Maatschappij- en Cultuurwetenschappen NVMC;
- Randstad Holding;
- The Netherlands Convention Bureau-Holland Destination;
- SISWO/Institute for the Social Sciences (Amsterdam).

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Registration

VU Conference Service

The Conference Service of the Vrije Universiteit will handle registration of participants. Participants should register by completing and returning the registration form. Upon receipt of this form the VU Conference Service will confirm the booking details and send an invoice. Registrations will only be final after payment of the appropriate registration fee. Address:

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Registration fees

The conference fee includes access to the scientific programme, coffee/tea during breaks and a copy of the programme book, which will be handed to the participants upon registration. Please be advised that lunch is not included in the conference fee. Lunches can be bought in one of the restaurants on the campus of the Vrije Universiteit.

PRIVATE Attendee type	fee
Membership of ESA & conference fee*	NLG 900,00
ESA member	NLG 580,00
Non-members of ESA	NLG 1250,00
Student membership of ESA & conference fee*	NLG 240,00
Student members of ESA	NLG 130,00
Student non-members of ESA	NLG 400,00

People from Eastern Europe and Turkey may register for special fees:

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ESA member	NLG 230,00
Non-members of ESA	NLG 625,00
Student membership of ESA & conference fee*	NLG 160,00
Student members of ESA	NLG 70,00
Student non-members of ESA	NLG 300,00

*This fee includes a two-year membership of ESA and a subscription to European Societies, the official journal of the ESA.

All payments must be made in Dutch currency (NLG) only. Please indicate your name and address clearly on all money transfers.

Modes of payment:

- certified cheque payable to 'European Sociological Association' (personal cheques cannot be accepted, the amount for a eurocheque should not exceed NLG 300,00) c/o VU Conference Service, De Boelelaan 1105, 1081 HV Amsterdam, The Netherlands;
- bank transfer to ING Bank, Herengracht, Amsterdam (SWIFT code INGBNL2A) account number 65.92.77.921 in favour of European Sociological Association, c/o VU Conference Service, De Boelelaan 1105, 1081 HV Amsterdam, The Netherlands;
- credit card (American Express, Diners Club, EuroCard/Mastercard, Visa);

- Upon arrival, payments for registration for the conference can be made at the registration desk either in cash or with a credit card. Hotel bookings, however, cannot be made at the registration desk at the conference. See the entry below on 'Low budget travelling'.

Cancellations

In case of cancellation the total fee minus handling charges (NLG 75,00) will be refunded, provided a written request is received by the VU Conference Service before 15 July 1999.

Subsidies for participants from Eastern Europe

The Local Organizing Committee has made efforts to obtain subsidies for participants from Eastern Europe. Please notify the ESA Secretariat if you want to apply. Requests will be handled by date of submission.

Hotel Accommodation

The official housing bureau, Carlson Wagonlit Travel, has reserved hotel rooms at special conference rates in five different categories. Most hotels are conveniently located in the city centre or the southern part of Amsterdam. Bookings can be made by completing the 'hotel reservation form'. This form should be returned to Carlson Wagonlit Travel before 15 July 1999.

Optional reservations have been made in the following hotels:

Hotel (& category)	Location	Single room	Double room	Private facilities
Barbizon Palace****	City centre	NLG 270,00	NLG 300,00	yes
Novotel****	not far from University (1km)	NLG 250,50	NLG 280,50	yes
Delphi***sup	between centre & University	NLG 180,00	NLG 250,00	yes
Eden (or similar)***	City centre	NLG 180,00	NLG 210,00	yes
Holland**	near museums	NLG 155,00	NLG 180,00	yes
Casa 400***	near Amstel Station (not centre)	NLG 135,00	NLG 180,00	yes
University guesthouse	Anstelveen (2km from University)	NLG 125,00	NLG 160,00	yes
University guesthouse	Amstelveen (2km from University)	NLG 80,00		no

A deposit of NLG 350,00 per room is required and has to be paid in advance. The hotel reservation will be confirmed after this amount has been received. Then a hotel deposit voucher will be sent. NLG 27,50 will be charged for reservation and bank charges. The value of the voucher will be deducted from your final hotel bill.

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Please arrange your own travel insurance. The organisers cannot be liable for accidents, theft and property damage, nor for delays and/or modification in the programme due to unforeseen circumstances.

Visa and travel

Participants should check with their local travel agency whether they will require a visa for travel to The Netherlands. If so, they are advised to apply to the nearest Embassy or Consulate of The Netherlands well in advance of their travel.

Letters of invitation

On request, the Local Organisation Committee will be happy to send you a personal invitation for participation in the conference. Such an invitation is only to help visitors of the conference to raise travel funds or to obtain visa and is not a commitment on the part of the organisers to provide financial support.

Low Budget Travellers

The hotels that can be booked on the 'hotel reservation form' are all of international standards (categories A, B and C) and the prices are accordingly. People who want to reserve cheaper accommodation can book an apartment or a student room in the University Guesthouse (categories D and E) or find their own accommodation. There are a number of hotels with rates from NLG 80,00 to 120,00 for a single room and a few hostels with even lower prices. There are also several campsites in Amsterdam. You can make your own reservations through the VVV (Tourist Information). They have lots of offices in The Netherlands, e.g. one just outside Central Station in Amsterdam and one at Schiphol Airport (tel. + 31 900 400 4040 or + 31 6340 340).

66). It is also possible to contact The Netherlands Reservation Centre (tel.: + 31 20 520 7000, Fax: + 31 20 623 8169, Internet: <http://www.amsterdam-ts.nl/index.html>, e-mail sales@amsterdam-ts.nl).

Some simple but comfortable hotels:

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International Student Centre, Keizersgracht 15-17, 1015 CC Amsterdam (centre), (near the Central Station), tel.: + 31 20 625 1364, 624 7012
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Hemony, Hemonystaat 7, 1074 BK Amsterdam (south), (situated in the centre near the Albert Cuyp market, tram 4 from the Central Station), tel.: + 31 20 671 4241

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Van Ostade Bicycle Hotel, an Ostadestraat 123, 1072 SV Amsterdam (south), (A friendly budget place. Bike rental for guests and information about biking and city; near the Albert Cuyp market, tramlines: 24, 25, 4), tel.: + 31 20 679 3452

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Vliegenbos Kampeertrein, Meeuwenlaan 132, 1022 AM Amsterdam (in the northern part of the city, not far from Central Station), tel.: + 31 20 636 8855

Venue

Amsterdam, popular throughout the world, is famous for its canals, gabled houses, museums and atmosphere. The old city of Amsterdam is very compact. Museums, monuments, markets, shopping streets, and other attractions are all within easy reach by public transport from the Conference location. Amsterdam also offers a wide variety of theatres, music halls etc. in which you can enjoy all kinds of cultural activities.

The program of the Conference will offer various opportunities to meet socially with your colleagues and friends in an informal setting at the conference.

The city itself can best be discovered either on foot or with a rented bike - there are lots of shops where you can hire them. Over 50 museums are almost within walking distance of each other; moreover, many of them can be reached with the Museum Boat.

In price-level, Amsterdam is one of the cheapest capitals of Europe when it comes to shopping. At the daily market at the Albert Cuypstraat you can get clothing and food from all over the world. A floating flower market is situated at the Singel near Muntplein.

Over 700 restaurants serve all kinds of food. Around Leidseplein, especially in the Korte

Leidsedwarsstraat and the Leidsekerkstraat area lots of small and attractive restaurants are available. Worth trying is the cosy Jordaan area, where lots of 'eet-cafes' with nice pub food offer their services. Around Leidseplein and Rembrandtplein nightlife is abundant, but you can also try cafes in the Jordaan or elsewhere in town-centre.

Transport

The airport

Schiphol, the international airport of Amsterdam, is about 18 kilometres from the city centre. There are frequently trains to the city (Central Station, Amsterdam Zuid/WTC, which is near to the conference venue). A train ticket to Amsterdam Centraal Station is easy (the station is in the airport) and cheap, NLG. 6,50. When you are at the station, beware of pickpockets and buy a public transport ticket.

Public transport

Amsterdam has a good public transport system. Bus, tram, metro and express tram take you rapidly and conveniently to your destination. When using public transport it is advisable to buy a one-day or multiple day pass. You only have to stamp this once for it to be valid for a day, or several days. Another option is the strip ticket ('strippenkaart'), which you stamp every time you use the public transport. Please note that the system requires two 'strippen' for one zone, and three 'strippen' for two zones (e.g. from Central Station to the Conference venue). 'Strippenkaarten' can be bought in tobacco shops, at the station and at the Public Transport Office outside the Central Station. You can also buy tickets from the Amsterdam Tourist Office and at the Holland Tourist Information Schiphol Airport.

Parking

You can park free on the outskirts of the city from where you can proceed by public transport to the city centre. In the city centre, parking is only permitted on official parking spaces by parking automats and in parking garages. Parking in the city centre is expensive. You also can park free in the neighbourhood of the Conference location, but it is not easy to find a parking place there.

Reaching the Conference Venue - the Vrije Universiteit

The Conference Venue is the main building of the Vrije Universiteit (generally known by its acronym, 'VU'), De Boelelaan 1105 in Amsterdam.

To reach the Conference location:

From Schiphol Airport:

take the train to Central Station, or take the train to station Amsterdam Zuid/WTC. From Central Station to the VU: take the express metrotramlines 51 (from Central Station, Waterloo Place, Amstel Station, World Trade Centre and the next stop is the Vrije Universiteit) or tramline 5 (from Central Station, Leidseplein, World Trade Centre and the next stop is the Vrije Universiteit). Both rides take about twenty minutes.

From Station Zuid/WTC to the VU:

take the exit on the south side of the station, walk for ten minutes to the right, then follow the main road till you see the concrete building of the Vrije Universiteit ahead of you. You can also take metro 51 or tram 5 direction Amstelveen and get off at Vrije Universiteit (one stop).

By car:

The A-10 Amsterdam ring road can be reached from all directions. Follow the A-10 to the Zuid/Amstelveen exit S 108. Turn left at the end of the sliproad onto Amstelveenseweg; after about three hundred metres (at the VU Hospital building) turn left again onto De Boelelaan. The VU can be reached via city routes S 108 and S 109. See also the website of the VU: <http://www.vu.nl/eng1/Algemeen/route.html>

Practical information about the Conference

The Conference Registration Desk will open for early registration from 3 till 5 pm on Tuesday August 17. The Registration Desk will be open throughout the whole of the Conference during Conference hours.

When you register at the Conference you will get your bag with the abstract book, the latest program details, your badge and all kind of practical information. Be sure to wear your Conference badge all the time, as it ensures your entrance to the Conference activities.

Lunches

You can have lunch and dinner in the mensa and the restaurant of the Vrije Universiteit; closing time is 19.30. In the area around the conference venue there is a small restaurant opposite the neighbouring VU-hospital, but not much else.

Books

During the conference, academic publishers will display and sell books in the lobby.

Papershop

A papershop will be in operation during the conference so that you can buy the papers that are presented at the conference. Those who are delivering a paper should please bring as many copies of your paper with you as you think necessary and deliver these to the papershop. Papers will be sold during conference hours at the rate of NLG. 2,00 per paper, to cover the costs for the organisation. Photocopying facilities are available in the conference building.

E-mail facilities and Internet

There will be a special corner in the Conference building with Internet-facilities.

Candidates for the New ESA Executive Committee, 1999-2001

Voting for the sixteen members of the ESA Executive Committee will commence at the Amsterdam conference 18-21 August 1999 and continues for six weeks after that by mail. In accordance with the Statutes, there are 15 male and 15 female candidates.

The following sociologists have accepted the candidacy. They represent different geographical areas and fields of sociology. In constructing the list, the Nominations Committee has been advised by the national sociological associations and individual members of the ESA.

Elina Haavio-Mannila

Chairperson of the Nominations Committee

MEN:

Fischler, Claude, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, France - Sociology of food: food habits, consumption, representations and beliefs about food and health;

Haller, Max, Institut für Soziologie, Karl Franzöns-Universitaet, Austria - Social structure, class;

Lalive d'Epinay, Christian, Centre Interfacultaire de Gérontologie, Université de Genève, Switzerland - Gerontology;

Lane, David, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom - Political sociology and economy, transition and transformation, elites and classes, European expansion;

Leisering, Lutz, Universität Bremen, Germany - Social policy and social inequality;

Lengyel, György, Budapest University of Economic Sciences, Department of Sociology, Hungary - Economic sociology, elites, entrepreneurs;

Meulemann, Heiner, Institut für Angewandte Sozialwissenschaft, Universität zu Köln, Germany - Sociology of education, social mobility;

Mitev, Petar-Emil, Sofia University, Bulgaria - Sociology of youth;

Musil, Jiri, Central European University, Praha, Czech Republic - Urban sociology, international organizations

Pérez-Vilarino, José, Departamento de Sociología, Universidad de Santiago de Compostela, Spain - Sociology of organizations and social structure;

Radaev, Vadim, Department of Economic Sociology and Social Policy, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia - Economic sociology, sociology of entrepreneurship, informal economy;

Roos, J.P., Department of Social Policy, University of Helsinki, Finland - Life politics, biographical approach, generations, comparative research;

Schizzerotto, Antonio, Faculty of Sociology, University of Milano, Italy;

Tisenkopfs, Talis, Latvian Academy of Sciences,

Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Riga, Latvia - Rural sociology, biographical sociology;

Traxler, Franz, Institute of Sociology, Center for Business Administration, University of Vienna, Austria - Comparative industrial relations, industrial sociology and political sociology.

WOMEN:

Attias-Donfut, Claudine, Caisse Nationale d'Assurance Vieillesse, Paris, France - Aging, generations;

Bertilsson, Margareta, Department of Sociology, Copenhagen University, Denmark - Social theory, sociology of knowledge, and sociology of the professions;

Björnberg, Ulla, Department of Sociology, University of Gothenburg, Sweden - Family, social policy, comparative research at European level;

Brinkgreve, Christien, University of Utrecht, Netherlands - Sociology of family, children, women's studies;

Diaz-Martinez, Capitolina, Departamento de Sociologia, Universidad de Oviedo, Spain - Sociology of education and sociology of gender;

Halas, Elzbieta, Catholic University of Lublin, Poland - Interpretive sociology and history of sociology;

Kutzar, Dagmar, Department of Sociology, University of Tartu, Estonia - Family sociology, societal transitions, living conditions;

Lyon, Stina, South Bank University, Faculty of Humanities and Social Science, London, United Kingdom - Research methods and methodology, sociology of education, welfare state;

Moxnes, Kari, Department of sociology, University of Trondheim, Norway - Family, gender;

Novak, Mojca, Social Protection Institute of the Republic of Slovenia, Ljubljana, Slovenia - Poverty, social exclusion;

Safilios-Rothchild, Constantina, National Centre for Social Research, Athens, Greece - Family sociology and gender issues, rural sociology and rural development;

Saraceno, Chiara, Dipartimento di Scienze Sociali, University of Torino, Italy - Family, gender and the welfare state;

Soysal, Yasimil, Department of Sociology, University of Essex, United Kingdom - Citizenship, nation state;

Wohlrab-Sahr, Monika, Department of Sociology of Religion, University of Leipzig, Germany - Sociology of religion, sociology of the life course and biography;

Zdravomyslova, Elena, European University in St. Petersburg and the Center for Independent Social Research, St. Petersburg, Russia - Social movements and civic society, gender relations.

European Sociologist, the newsletter of the ESA, accepts all types of material of relevance to sociologists working on or in Europe - 'think pieces', comments or letters to the Editor, announcements of research initiatives, conferences, seminars, newly-published books etc. The newsletter is pleased to take advertisements from publishers, software companies etc. (rates available upon request). Material for the newsletter should be sent directly to:

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Communication with ESA Research Networks should be directly with their Convenors (contact addresses listed in this newsletter under Research Networks). Queries about starting a new Research Network or general items about Networks should go to the ESA Secretariat.

Virtual ESA

The ESA maintains a discussion list/bulletin board supported by the MAILBASE system at Newcastle University, United Kingdom. To join the discussion list, send the following commands to:

mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk
join european-sociologist
yourfirstname yourlastname
send user-guide

The ESA also maintains pages on the WorldWideWeb. Their entry-level address is: <http://web.qub.ac.uk/esa/>

In order to facilitate communication between the Executive of the ESA and its members, an e-mail list for the Executive Committee has been created. ESA members or others who wish to bring items to the attention of the Executive Committee are invited to 'post' directly to this list at:

esa-exec@mailbase.ac.uk

Report from the ESA Publications Committee

The journal *European Societies*.

The first issue of *European Societies* has just been published. This issue includes five articles and six book reviews. The articles in the first issue are:

- 'National Models for Making and Legitimizing Elites: A comparative analysis of the 200 top executives in France, Germany and Great Britain' by Michel Bauer and Benedicte Bertin-Mouro;
- 'Models of the Family, Women's role and Social Policy: A new perspective from preference theory' by Catherine Hakim;
- 'The European Union and Equal Opportunities Policies' by Sylvia Walby;
- 'Private and Public Transfers between Generations: Linking the family and the state' by Martin Kohli;
- 'Ethnicity, Multiculturalism and the Problem of Culture' by Alexandra Lund.

The first issue has been sent to all members of the European Sociological Association who paid their member fee and the subscription price for the journal for 1999. Furthermore, members of the ESA who paid their membership fee for 1999 but not the subscription price for the journal also will receive the first issue along with a strong appeal to pay the subscription price for 1999 (80 NFL for Western Europeans and 50 NFL for Central and Eastern Europeans). Those members who do not pay this extra fee for the journal will not receive the following issues of *European Societies* but will remain ordinary members of the ESA until the end of 1999.

The second issue of *European Societies* is already compiled and will include four articles and 15 book reviews. Its articles are:

- 'Political Trust and Attitudes towards Redistribution: A comparison of Sweden

- and Norway' by Stefan Svallfors;
- 'Unemployment, the Household and Social Networks in the European Union' by Duncan Gallie;
- 'Gender Politics in the European Union: The return of the public' by Ulrike Liebert;
- 'Unemployment, Employment and Poverty' by Anita Haataja.

The number of papers submitted for publication in *European Societies* is still growing and several good papers are available for the coming issues of journal. However I strongly encourage European sociologists to submit papers for publication in *European Societies*. We need a strong and influential European journal in sociology debating all the burning issues of economic, social, political, and cultural development in Europe. Papers submitted for publication in *European Societies* should be sent to:

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An important element in sociological debate is the review of books published by European sociologists. It is our aim to have a large and highly qualified group of book review editors to ensure that all parts of Europe are covered and that all significant publications in European sociology are reviewed in the journal. *European Societies* has succeeded in building up of a network of regional book review editors, each responsible for a specific region. If you have ideas for books to be reviewed or suggestions for themes for review articles please contact one of the regional book review editors: Andreas Balog, Vienna, Austria; Jacques Coenen-Huther, Geneva, Switzerland; Ana Guillen, Oviedo, Spain; Mihály Nyilas, Budapest, Hungary; John Scott,

Essex, UK; Antonio Schizzerotto, Milan, Italy; and Stefan Svallfors, Umeå, Sweden.

The ESA Book Series *Studies in European Societies* The ESA Book Series has been established in cooperation with Routledge/Taylor & Francis. The aim of the ESA Book Series and guidelines for sending in proposals for publication were described in detail in the last issue of *European Sociologist*. Here I shall just mention the editors of the ESA Book Series (in alphabetical order):

- Thomas P. Boje, Umeå University, Umeå Sweden;
- Max Haller, Karl-Franzens University, Graz, Austria;
- Martin Kohli, Free University, Berlin, Germany;
- Alison E. Woodward, Free University of Brussels (VUB), Brussels, Belgium.

If You have ideas or proposals for publications please contact one of the Book Series editors.

The first three book from the ESA Book Series will be published in 1999, the first appearing in mid-May:

European Societies: Fusion or Fission?, edited by Thomas P. Boje, Bart van Steenbergen and Sylvia Walby;

The Myth of Generational Conflict: The family and state in ageing societies, edited by Sara Arber and Claudine Attias-Donfut;

The End of the Welfare State? Responses to State Retrenchment, edited by Peter Taylor-Gooby and Stefan Svallfors.

All three books are offered to members of the ESA for half price. If you want to avail yourself of this offer, fill out the leaflet included with this issue of *European Sociologist*.

Thomas P. Boje

New Editor Needed for the Newsletter

After six and a half years, I will be vacating the Editorship of *European Sociologist*, the ESA newsletter, when a new Executive Committee is elected at the 4th European Conference of Sociology. Hence, the newsletter will need a new Editor from August 1999. The ESA invites applications for the post.

The Editor of *European Sociologist* has the chance to make a genuine contribution to the development of sociology in Europe and the opportunity of interacting with sociologists scattered across the continent. The position is unpaid, but the ESA has been able to provide support with the cost of technical assistance in laying out the newsletter.

The Editor, working with the support of the ESA Executive sub-Committee for Communications, has overall control of newsletter content. He/She has responsibility for soliciting new material for the newsletter, disseminating information on the activities of the ESA, and collating announcements and conference reports relevant to European sociology. The Editor of the newsletter attends meetings of the ESA Executive Committee as an ex officio member.

Applications should go to the ESA Secretariat at SISWO in Amsterdam. Interested parties are invited to contact the present Editor to discuss the post.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank those colleagues who so generously contributed material to *European Sociologist* over the years of my Editorship. Your assistance gave the newsletter a breadth of coverage that I could not have hoped to provide on my own.

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New Books by ESA Members

Sara Arber and Claudine Attias-Donfut (eds.), *The Myth of Generational Conflict: The family and state in ageing societies*. Routledge (1999).

Wolfgang Beck, Laurent van der Maesen & Alan Walker (eds.), *Questioning the Social Quality of Europe*. The Hague/New York: Kluwer Law International (forthcoming, 1999).

Thomas P. Boje, Bart van Steenberghe and Sylvia Walby (eds.), *European Societies: Fusion or Fission?* Routledge (1999). 0-415-19843-7.

Jacky Brine, *UnderEducating Women: Globalizing inequality*. Buckingham: Open University Press (1999).

Chris Corrin, *Feminist Perspectives on Politics*. Longman (1999). 0 582 35638 5.

Mike Dent, Maggie O'Neill and Carl Bagley (eds.), *Professions, New Public Management and the European Welfare State*. Staffordshire University Press (1999). 1 897898 46 0

Fiona Devine & Sue Heath, *Sociological Research Methods in Context*. Macmillan (1999).

Elisabeth Fix, *Italiens Parteiensystem im Wandel. Von der Ersten zur Zweiten Republik*. Campus Verlag (1999). 3593362201.

Max Haller, *Soziologische Theorie im systematisch-kritischen Vergleich*. Opladen:

Leske+Budrich Verlag/UTB (1999).

Humphrey Ter Horst, *Socialism, Capitalism and Transition with special reference to Poland*. Tilburg: Tilburg University Press (1997). 90-361-9748-1.

Sibylle Hübner-Funk, *Loyalität und Verblendung. Hitlers Garanten der Zukunft als Träger der zweiten deutschen Demokratie*. Baden-Baden: Verlag für Berlin-Brandenburg GmbH. 3-932981-11-1

Sibylle Hübner-Funk & Manuela du Bois-Reymond, *Intercultural Reconstruction. Trends and Challenges*, Vol.2 of European Yearbook on Youth Policy and Research. Berlin/New York: Walter de Gruyter (1999).

David Lane & Cameron Ross, *The Transition from Communism to Capitalism: Ruling elites from Gorbachev to Yeltsin*. St. Martins and Macmillan 1999.

Russell King, Gabriella Lazaridis & Charalambos Tsardanidis (eds.), *Eldorado or Fortress? Migration in Southern Europe*. Macmillan (Autumn, 1999).

A. Lange & K. Lüscher, *Kinder und ihre Medienökologie*. München: KoPäd (1998).

K. Lüscher, K. & B. Pajung-Bilger, *Forcierte Ambivalenzen. Ehescheidung als*

Herausforderung an die Generationenbeziehungen unter Erwachsenen. Konstanz: Universitätsverlag (1998).

Robert Miller, *Researching Life Stories and Family Histories*. London: Sage (Autumn, 1999).

Petar-Emil Mitev (ed.), *The Bulgarian Transition: Challenges and cognition*. Sofia: Bulgarian Sociological Association (1998). 954-607-162-5.

Janusz Mucha (ed.), *Dominant Culture as a Foreign Culture. Dominant Groups in the Eyes of Minorities*. New York: East European Monographs and Columbia University Press. 0-88033-410-X

Ariel Salleh, *Ecofemism as Politics: Nature, Marx and the postmodern*. London: Zed Books (1997) & New York: St Martins Press (1998). 1-85649-400-4.

Peter Taylor-Gooby and Stefan Svallfors (eds.), *The End of the Welfare State? Responses to State Retrenchment*. Routledge (1999).

Henk Vinken, *Political Values and Youth Centrism*. Tilburg: Tilburg University Press (1997). 90-361-9618-3.

Osten Wahlbeck, *Kurdish Diasporas: A Comparative Study of Kurdish Refugee Communities*. London: Macmillan (1999). 0-333-75011-X.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

British Sociological Association Annual Conference 2000

'Making Time - Marking Time'

17-20 April 2000 University of York

In the Millennium Year it is appropriate that the BSA Annual Conference will be about constructions and representations of Time. The theme is intended to be wide-ranging. The conference will cover all aspects of Time and Sociology and will be of interest to all sociologists.

We are inviting proposals for papers, posters and other forms of presentation. Potential streams include: Theories of time; Time as a social construction; Time as a methodological problem; Routine and repetition; Careers of individuals and institutions; Age and the life course; Time and ephemeral cultures; Continuity and change; Time and space; Public time and private time; History of sociology; Cohort and generation; Social trends; Biography, history and memory; Times future: anticipation and futurology; The Millennium;

Symbolic time: religion and ceremony; Work-time and play-time; Open Stream

As well as paper sessions we will be organising other types of presentation including workshops, displays, posters, round table discussions and debates. We would welcome other innovative suggestions. As usual there will be an open stream for papers not addressing the conference theme, and other events usually associated with the BSA Annual Conference.

Abstracts should be not more than 250 words. They should include: name, institutional affiliation, full postal address, phone and fax numbers, and an e-mail address (if you have one). The title should reflect the topic and content of the paper. They should indicate how the work is to be presented

(paper, poster, etc), and which theme(s) the presentation might fit. Abstracts (which can be submitted on disk or as an email attachment) should be sent to the address below by no later than 30 September 1999.

Abstracts should be sent to:

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Selected papers presented during session of the research network at the 3rd European Conference of Sociology (Essex 1997) appear in a special edition of *Innovation*, Volume 12 (2) (June 1999):

Atle Midthun, 'The Weakness of Strong Governance and the Strength of Soft Regulation';
Maarten Mentzel, '"Climate" for Social Assessment: Experts, uncertainty and policy development';
Carlo Jaeger, Ralf Schüle and Bernd Kasemir, 'Focus Groups in Integrated Assessment';
Christopher Rootes, 'The Transformation of

Environmental Activism;
Ørnulf Seippel, 'Political Environmentalism: Class interests, modern values or postmodern feelings?';
Ann Nilsen, 'Where is the Future? Time and Space as Categories in Analyses of Young People's Images of the Future';
Karl Dake and Michael Thompson, 'Making Ends Meet, in the Household and on the Planet';
Marianne Penker and Roman Tronner, 'Toward Sustainable Law: Deriving a planning tool for legislation'.

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A Joint Seminar of the Family Sociology Research Network and the Comité de Sociologie de la Famille of the International Association of French Speaking Sociologists (Convenor: B. Bawin-Legros) took place on October 14-16, 1998, at the University of Liege (Belgium). Its theme was: *Family Shifts and Intergenerational Relations*.

The sessions were devoted to:

- The Upwards;
- Personal Trajectories and Intergenerational Dynamics;
- Modes of Intergenerational Transmission;
- State Transformation and Intergenerational Links.

The scientific committee consisted of five persons representing the two associations: Cl. Attias-Donfut; B. Bawin-Legros; J. Kellerhals; M. Segalen; and F. de Singly. Twenty-one communications were presented and about fifty persons attended the meeting.

Gender Relations, and the Labour Market and the Welfare State

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A book based upon papers presented at the Santorini conference on Migration, Security and Employment (19-21 September 1997) will appear in the autumn of 1999. *Eldorado or Fortress? Migration in Southern Europe*, edited by Russell King, Gabriella Lazaridis and Charalambos Tsardanidis. The fifteen chapters in the book are organised into three groups:

Part 1 deals with migrants and the labour market:

'Southern Europe in the changing global map of migration', Russell King;
'The participation of immigrants in the underground economy in Italy', Enzo Mingione and Fabio Quassoli;

'Migration and unregistered labour in the Greek economy', Rossetos Fakiolas;
'Labour market and immigration: economic opportunities for immigrants in Portugal', Maria Baganha;
'Recent immigration to Catalonia: economic character and responses', Angels Pascual de Sans, Jordi Cardelús and Miguel Solana Solana;
'Clandestine labour migration from Poland to Greece, Spain and Italy: anthropological perspectives', Krystyna Romanisyn.

Part 2 contains chapters on gender relations and social exclusion, always with migration issues at the core of the analysis:

'Immigrant women in Southern Europe: social exclusion, domestic work and prostitution in Italy', Giovanna Campani;
'Migrant flows from Albania to Greece: economic, social and spatial exclusion', Gabriella Lazaridis and Iordanis Psimmenos;
'"Racists? Us? Are you joking?" The discourse of social exclusion of immigrants in Greece and Italy', Anna Triandafyllidou;
'Urban restructuring, immigration and the generation of marginalised spaces in the Lisbon region', Jorge Malheiros.

Part 3 concerns questions of policy and security:

'European migration policy: questions from Italy', Corrado Bonifazi;
'Becoming a country of immigration at the end of the twentieth century: the case of Spain', Joaquín Arango;
'Migration, trade and development: the European Union and the Maghreb countries', Georges Tapinos;
'Migration and security in the Mediterranean: a complex relationship', Sarah Collinson;
'The EU Mediterranean states, the migration issue and the 'threat' from the south', Charalambos Tsardanidis and Stefano Guerra.

Research Network Coordinator

The ESA invites applications from groups interested in forming new Research Networks. Queries about starting a new Network, or enquiries about existing Networks or their activities should go to the Convenors of specific Networks or to:

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CALL FOR PAPERS

'Overcoming Boundaries: Ethnicity, Gender and Sexuality' Special Year 2000 issue of Thamyris

This issue of Thamyris will focus on the similarities and differences of ethnic, gendered and sexual identities, communities, movements. We look for articles that discuss these groups, their interrelations and oppositions, possibilities for coalition and striving. Articles may be both theoretical or more practical. Case studies of cooperation and conflict are welcome.

Thamyris is an interdisciplinary journal that pays special attention to ethnic, gendered and queer themes. Articles, requests, proposals, or abstracts should be sent in duplicate before 21 December, 1999 to the issue editors,

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Ten Years After - 1989-1999

A First Balance Memorial Conference on Eastern & Central Europe's Road into the New World Organised by the Hungarian Sociological Association

The Hungarian Sociological Association is pleased to announce its Memorial Conference dedicated to social studies on the first decade in the post-socialist transformation process. The Conference aims to bring together researchers from a wide range of backgrounds to discuss the present and future directions of the Eastern and Central European transition. The key challenge for this Conference is how we can rethink traditional concepts about the performance of social, economic and political order and social relations in the process of radical transformation of the region. We are interested in examining pivotal issues in the analysis of social transformation (transition studies) from an interdisciplinary perspective. The Conference Organisers plan to invite social activists, reformers, political leaders and international experts who have played significant roles in the actual transformation processes of the region during the last decade.

Structure and Themes

The Conference sessions will take place in four main streams.

Theme I: Elements of the New Social Order (Visions, Prospects and Realities)

Theme II: Structure and Institutions

Theme III: Transformations of the Everyday Life - New Styles and Orientations

Theme IV: The New World of Work

**Budapest, Hungary
23-25 September 1999**

Sections and Round Tables (organisers)

1. Social stratification and mobility in the 1990s (Peter Robert)
2. The distribution and re-distribution of incomes, consumption and wealth (Istvan Gyorgy Toth)
3. Institutionalisation of the new political system, legitimacy and party system (Jozsef Bayer)
4. National strategies and EU-Enlargement (Andras Inotai)
5. Social Policies of the post-socialism (Julia Szalai)
6. New economic actors and institutions in Eastern & Central Europe (Gyorgy Lengyel)
7. Organizational innovation and organizational power in the privatized enterprises (Csaba Mako)
8. The role of trade unions in the post-1989 economic and social policies (Mihaly Csako)
9. The East European historiography and the post-1989 transformation (Attila Pok)
10. Collective memories - strategies of remembering (Denes Nemedi)
11. Rural transformation and innovation (Imre Kovach)
12. Social change and urban restructuring in Central Europe (Viktoria Szirmai)
13. Sociology of gender, new feminist movements (Andrea Peto)
14. Educational reforms of the 90ies (Tamas Kozma)
15. Church and religion in the post-transformation Central Europe (Miklos Tomka)
16. Ethnopolitics, the ethnical dimensions of social inequalities (Gyorgy Csepeli)
17. The media transformation, as integral part of social reforms (Janos Horvat)
18. Minorities in Eastern Europe: a hidden dimension of transformation (Laszlo Szarka)
19. The R&D system: a resource for the catching-up societies and economies (Pal Tamas)

Venue

The Conference will be held in the magnificent premises of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, situated on the bank of the Danube near the Chain Bridge, 1051 Budapest, Roosevelt ter (square) 9. The Conference venue is within walking distance of downtown Budapest. The official language of the Conference is English.

Registration Fee: US\$70

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Centre for European Studies Research University of Portsmouth CESR Millennium Essay Competition

To celebrate the millennium, the Centre for European Studies Research (CESR) at the University of Portsmouth has organized an essay competition, sponsored by Frank Cass, on the subject 'What is Europe?' PRIZE: £1,000

The competition is open to any person who adheres to the Competition Rules. There are no restrictions on the basis of academic discipline. The competition will be adjudicated by a Jury composed of three distinguished European Studies experts: Susan Bassnett, Professor of Comparative Literary Studies, University of Warwick; Richard Over, Professor of Modern History, King's College, London; and William E. Paterson, Professor of German and European Politics, University of Birmingham. They will decide the winner and will

'What is Europe?'

select essays for publication in a volume entitled *What is Europe?* to be published by Frank Cass in the summer of 2000.

All entries must address the question 'What is Europe?' in between 5,000 and 6,000 words. Entries must be accompanied by the appropriate forms, available from the Secretary of CESR. The deadline is 12.00 noon on 30 September 1999. The receipt of all entries admissible under the competition rules will be acknowledged. The winner will be announced in January 2000.

For copies of the Competition Rules and the relevant forms, please contact:

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ISSEI 2000

Approaching a New Millennium: Lessons From the Past - Prospects for the Future

The University of Bergen, Norway in cooperation with the International Society for the Study of European Ideas (ISSEI) is staging the seventh ISSEI conference from 14 to 18 August 2000. We expect 1500 participants who will take part in about 150 different workshops, grouped into five sections. The workshops should encourage multi-disciplinary contributions and presentations.

- Democracy: Possibilities, Problems and Challenges at the Close of the 20th Century
- Law, Civilised Societies and Collapse - State Powers and the Rule of Law
- Europe in Search of Identity: Multi-ethnicity, migration and the challenges of integration
- European Identity and its Expression in Philosophy, Science, Literature and Art
- European Education Decline, Market Adaption or Critical Continuity

If you are interested in participating in a workshop, second announcement and call for papers will be ready by August/September 1999. All information will be available at the website: <http://www.uib.no/issei2000/>

The official language of the conference will be English.

ISSEI 2000 has applied for a limited number of grants for participants from Eastern Europe. As soon as a decision has been made, details will be made available at our website or you can contact the conference secretariat.

For further information please contact our conference secretariat (or use our online registration form).

ISSEI 2000

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You may also subscribe to ISSEI's official journal *The European Legacy: Toward New Paradigms*, and receive regular and up-to-date information on ISSEI.

Conference Chairs

Odd Bjørn Fure Dept. of History
Ezra Talmor Dept. of Philosophy

ECSR

European Consortium for Sociological Research

ECSR Graduate Summer School 1999

September 30th to
October 6th

at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)

The ECSR Graduate School is a graduate-level training programme for social scientists offered by the European Consortium for Sociological Research. From 1999 onwards, annual courses will take place at one of the ECSR's member institutions. The primary target group for the courses are PhD students working in various fields of sociological research.

The programme comprises five days of teaching. Each day a distinguished scholar will give a lecture on a specific theoretical issue or methodological approach in comparative research.

Chair: Prof. Walter Müller

Lecturers:

- Prof. Hans-Peter Blossfeld
Event History Modelling in Comparative Research
- Prof. Richard Breen
Rational Choice in Comparative Research
- Prof. Frank Furstenberg
Family Change and the Welfare of Children in Comparative Perspective
- John H. Goldthorpe
Methodological Issues in Comparative Macro-Sociology
- Prof. Charles Ragin
Alternative Strategies of Comparative Research

for further information please refer to our website:

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MZES

Mannheim Centre for European Sociological Research

ECSR Workshops 1999

October 7th to
October 8th

The ECSR Workshops provide a forum particularly for young researchers to present their work and facilitate co-operation among them.

Each of the parallel Workshops focuses on a specific topic from the agenda of comparative social research and comprises several sessions.

Workshops consist of a working group led by noted professors or experienced researcher. They will attempt to build up a network of continued co-operation among the Workshop participants.

Applicants are asked to opt for one of the Workshops.

Groups on the following topics are chaired by:

- Dr. Thomas Bahle and Astrid Pfenning
Family Policy in Europe
- Dr. Sonja Drobic and Dr. Karin Kurz
Work/Family in Comparative Perspective
- Prof. Anthony Heath and Prof. Nan Dirk de Graaf
Comparative Political Sociology
- Prof. Karl-Ulrich Mayer
Comparative Life Course Analysis
- Dr. Paul Nieuwbeerta
Causes and Consequences of Socio-Economic and Political Attitudes in Eastern and Western Europe

Plenary Lectures

- Prof. Jutta Allmendinger and Stefan Fuchs:
No U-Turn? The International Integration of Women into the Educational System and Scientific Labour Markets
- Prof. Marlis Buchmann
The Interplay between the Private and the Public Self: Images of the Self over the 20th Century in Switzerland

Telecosm 2000

University of Sunderland

European Identity in the Information Society

Information & Communications Technologies (ICTs) impact upon the way we learn and work in Europe's new Information Society. Email, the Web and videoconferencing put us in touch with fellow Europeans but language and cultural differences still present dialogic challenges. Telecosm 2000 explores those challenges.

Venue
Wednesday 3rd May 2000,
University of Sunderland

Call for Papers

Papers are sought on the subject of European Identity in the Information Society. It is expected that academics from a range of disciplines will be interested in presenting papers. Peer reviewed

papers from the conference will be published in The Journal of European Culture in the Information Society. Papers are accepted in English and in French. Papers and presentations may be given in French or English. Question interpreters will be available between French and English. German, Spanish, Russian and Japanese are also studied at the University and every endeavour will be made to accommodate speakers of these languages.

Keynote Speaker

Professeur Éric Guichard
The Internet Atelier
École Normale Supérieure, Paris
'Networks, Knowledge, and Territories'

Since 1995, the École Normale Supérieure's Internet Atelier has brought together researchers from various disciplines involved in assessing the

impact of computer technology on the worlds of knowledge. Among the issues addressed are writing processes, the research of information, exchange networks, and the transmission of knowledge.

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Call For Papers

The *Journal of Poverty: Innovations on Social, Political & Economic Inequalities* is a refereed journal designed to provide an outlet for discourse on poverty and inequality. The editorial board welcomes manuscripts which sensitize social scientists and practitioners to the varied forms and patterns of inequalities, new developments in cultural diversity, and interventions promoting equality and social justice. Articles guided by conceptual analyses involving quantitative and qualitative methods are encouraged. The intent is to produce and disseminate information on poverty and social, political, and economic inequalities and to offer a means by which nontraditional strategies for change might be considered. The journal is concerned with various levels of intervention ranging from direct practice to community organization to social policy analysis. Manuscripts should increase knowledge of oppressive forces, such as racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia, which contribute to the maintenance of poverty and inequality and suggest methods of change leading towards their eradication.

The *Journal of Poverty* is now in its second year of publication and is published quarterly by Haworth Press, Inc. Authors should submit four copies of the manuscript. Manuscripts should be double spaced. Please include an abstract of no more than 100 words. References and format should follow APA style. Manuscripts will be peer reviewed by at least two consulting editors and returned with comments. Additional information about the *Journal of Poverty* is available on the web: <http://www.csw.ohio-state.edu/jpov>

Manuscripts should be sent to:
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Developing Poverty Measures: Research in Europe

A series of Conferences sponsored by the Economic and Social Research Council (UK) and the Soros Foundation in Budapest

The general aim of this series of six conferences is to review the best European research into poverty and seek scientific consensus on measures of 'absolute' and 'overall' poverty suggested in the programme of action agreed by 117 countries at the 1995 World Summit on Social Development, to draw together the huge volume of scientific work into poverty around Europe, and to give greater public authority to the best findings and the most reliable methodologies of that research. This can be done effectively only in the context of the work going on in all countries and with continuing reference to international developments. For this reason, the international agencies, including the United Nations, have been invited to play a part in the programme. A series of books and other reports are planned and will be published as the programme is completed. The most recent (second) conference took place in Budapest 21-22 May 1999 on 'Monitoring Poverty and the Influence of Past and Current Government Policies'.

Future Conferences in this Series

1-2 July 1999 in Bristol, United Kingdom, 'Defining and Measuring Poverty'. This conference will also mark the launch of the Townsend Centre for International Poverty Research. This is a multi-disciplinary research centre which has been established by the University of

Bristol in response to the United Nations first International Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) and also in recognition of the work of Professor Peter Townsend.

5-6 October 1999 in Dartington, United Kingdom, 'Poverty and Inequalities in Health'. This conference will examine the evidence for the widening gap in inequalities in health in Europe and look at the implications of the recent report of the Independent Inquiry into Inequalities and Health, under the chairmanship of Sir Donald Acheson, for health research and policy in Europe. Dartington Hall is located near the Devon town of Totnes.

For further information about these conferences, please contact David Gordon, e-mail: dave.gordon@bristol.ac.uk

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Gender and Rural Transformations in Europe: Past, Present and Future Prospects

Profound transformations are occurring in rural Europe - Western, Central and Eastern. New policies around the environment, social security and equal opportunity are provoking profound economic, social and environmental adjustment in rural areas. They are deeply affecting the identities as well as working and living conditions of rural people. At the same time, these changes are stimulating important initiatives resulting in new forms of pluriactivity, means to protect nature, food supplies, and the landscape, and changing social relations.

Considering existing gender inequalities in rural communities and households, it is certain that past and current developments are gender-differentiated. Rural women throughout Europe continue to have limited access to all kinds of resources - economic, political and cultural. The risks of increasing gender inequalities is great, and rural women may have relatively less chance to benefit from the opportunities and to influence

14-17 October, 1999
Wageningen,
The Netherlands

these processes according to their own visions.

At the Conference, scholars and special invitees throughout Western and Central and Eastern Europe will present and discuss gender research from various disciplinary and regional perspectives. They will exchange views among themselves and with others who will be invited to hear, discuss and critique the findings as well as their practical and political implications.

The conference will be structured around two major themes, with three sub-themes each.

Theme I: Gender in rural households, livelihoods and economies

Theme II: Gender and rural environments, cultures and living spaces

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Skilling and the Role of the Firm

4th Annual ILM Conference

Centre for International Labour Market Studies (CILMS)

The Robert Gordon University

Aberdeen, Scotland
11-12 October 1999

Belief in the inadequacy of private sector training is the ostensible motive for government intervention to regulate or subsidise. Levy schemes for financing industry training are frequently advocated. Others point to initial, further and higher education as promising mechanisms to equip workers with the appropriate set of skills. Most governments seem to be prepared to subsidise some forms of training, especially for the disadvantaged in the labour market, as long as companies contribute to the wage bill. And then there are those who believe that it is the sole responsibility of firms to provide relevant skilling opportunities. But who is right? What kind of learning opportunities need to be available, who will pick up the bill, when is intervention beneficial, when harmful and what is the role of the firm in this context?

The 4th Annual International Labour Markets Conference will bring together representatives

from government, business, industry and academia world-wide to discuss these and other related issues. The conference is multi-disciplinary in nature and intends to cover a range of topics, including: Company-Financed Training; Training and Government Subsidy; Education-Business Partnerships; Recruitment, Retention and Skills; The Relationship between Schooling and Training; Graduate Labour Markets; Vocational Training Policy and Practice; Core Skills and Key Competencies; Training and the Impact of the Minimum Wage; Motivation/Barriers to Learning in the Workplace.

Call for Papers

If you would like to present a paper at the 4th

Annual International Labour Markets (ILM) Conference please send an abstract (not exceeding 250 words) to:

ILM Conference 1999
c/o Ms Lynnette Smart
Viewfield Road
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United Kingdom.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: Friday, 18 June 1999. In case of acceptance full papers are required by Friday, 10 September 1999.

If you have any questions regarding the ILM Conference or you would like a registration form for the Conference you can contact either Greig Robertson (lasgr@mail.rgu.ac.uk) or Lynnette Smart (l.smart@rgu.ac.uk) at The Centre for International Labour Market Studies, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland. Telephone (+44 1224 263118) or Fax (+44 1224 263112).

CALL FOR PAPERS

*'The Long Run':**Long-term Developments in the Arts and Cultural Industries*

February 23-25, 2000
Rotterdam,
The Netherlands

The Department of Art and Culture Studies at Erasmus University in Rotterdam focuses on the sociological, economic and historical aspects of the arts and cultural industries. In February 2000, the Department celebrates its 10th Anniversary with an international conference. Just like the Department itself, the Conference provides an open, interdisciplinary forum for research into the world of art and culture. The conference aims at charting long-term developments in the arts and cultural industries. Speculation about future developments is welcomed, as long as it is grounded in empirical research or theoretical argument.

The Conference features keynote lectures by eminent scholars in the sociology, economics and history of the arts and cultural industries. It also includes paper sessions and a cultural program. You are invited to submit papers on the following

or related topics:

- Public, Nonprofit and For-Profit Futures of the Arts;
- Artistic Work and Artistic Careers between Market and Organization;
- (Mass) Media as a Source of Information on the Arts;
- The Museum as Urban Representation;
- The Dynamics of Transnational Cultural Exchange;
- Perspectives on European Cultural Industries;
- Cultural Industries: Risks, Rights and Revenues.

Deadline for the submission of abstracts is August 15, 1999.

For further information, visit:
<http://www.eur.nl/fhkw/thelongrun>

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The Role of the Romanies: Images and Self-Images of Romanies/'Gypsies' in European Cultures An Interdisciplinary Conference

Since their arrival in Europe at the beginning of the eleventh century, the 'Gypsies' have stimulated and fascinated the European imagination, but have also always been perceived as 'other' and marginalised. At the end of the millennium, after centuries of discrimination and persecution, Romanies/'Gypsies' remain the least understood and least popular ethnic minority group in most European countries. Yet very few people have first-hand knowledge of them.

This conference seeks to address the questions raised by the ambivalent encounter of the 'Gypsies' with European cultures. It aims both to re-examine Gypsy constructions of Romanies/'Gypsies' in the Orientalist (?) style over the centuries and to appraise and compare the contributions made by Romanies themselves to European cultures.

University of Liverpool
15-18 September
2000

We invite contributions in the fields of linguistics, cultural and media studies (particularly film and music), literary studies, social history, and anthropology. The language of the conference will be English. The organisers plan to publish a selection of the papers. Offers of papers by Romanies and papers relating to Eastern Europe are particularly welcome.

Those interested in contributing a paper should please contact with a brief proposal (300 words) either:

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