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New book on minority rights in Bulgaria

Author: Rechel, Bernd

Title: The Long Way Back to Europe: Minority Protection in Bulgaria (Series on Soviet and Post-Soviet Politics & Society, Vol. 79, edited by Andreas Umland). 362 p. Paperback. 2008. ISBN 978-3-89821-863-4. ISSN 1614-3515

Topic: By charting minority rights policies in Bulgaria in the period between 1989 and 2004, this study clarifies the main reasons for the limited progress in the post-communist period. While, in contrast to some other countries in Central and Eastern Europe, minority "kin-states" did not play a major role in post-communist Bulgaria, the European Union and the Council of Europe were instrumental in putting minority questions on the agenda of Bulgarian governments. However, their impact was smaller than much of the literature on enlargement and conditionality would suggest. Domestic factors were crucial in shaping minority rights policies in post-communist Bulgaria. Of particular importance was the communist legacy, which acted as a brake on the development of minority rights. The book can be bought via

Internet: http://www.ibidem-verlag.com/epages/61235722.sf/en_US/?ViewObjectID=8640563
(source: e-mail from the author)

Call for papers Conferences

4th International Conference Baltic Business and Socio-Economic Development

Date: September 30 – October 1, 2008

Site: Riga, Latvia

Organiser: University of Latvia, Centre for European and Transition Studies and Wismar Business School with the support of the Deutsche Bundesbank

Topics: The aim of the Conference is to bring together academic and other specialists in business and economic development areas to share experience and facilitate knowledge. It provides an opportunity to discuss and assess socio-economic development and business environment in the Baltic Sea Region with special reference to SMEs and enables participants to disseminate knowledge about socio-economic conditions for regional and business activities as well as solutions applied in that scope in different economies. Themes of the conference: SME Management and Entrepreneurship; Macroeconomic Environment; Institutional Development; Regional Development; Transport and Telecommunication; Innovations and Integration of Technologies; Energy Markets and Climate-Energy Policy.

Language: English

Fee: 200 EUR until 10.09.2008 and 250 EUR after 10.09. 2008. The special price of 100 EUR is offered to PhD students until 10.09.2008 and 150 EUR after 10.09.2008. The fee should be received before the conference starts.

Deadline: August 25, 2008

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Contemplating Migration and Settlement in Global and Local Contexts

Date: October 04, 2008

Site: Ontario, Canada

Organiser: The Immigration and Settlement Studies program, Ryerson University

Topics: Immigration and Settlement Studies is the first interdisciplinary program in Canada focusing on migration and settlement issues past, present, and future. The organizing committee considers the importance of academic involvement in issues that are both community and globally oriented. Given the renewed debates surrounding immigration issues such as Bill C-50, the Commission on Reasonable Accommodation, Temporary workers, and the Canadian Experience Class, among others, we consider the timing of this conference to be particularly relevant. This event offers graduate students across all disciplines the opportunity to present and discuss their research ideas with fellow students in a professional, intellectually vibrant, and supportive forum. The theme for this year's conference is Contemplating Migration and Settlement in Global and Local Contexts. The organizers are especially interested in papers that address the following issues: Social location and its impact on migration; Empire, colonialism; Transnationalism: understanding citizenship, diasporas; The settlement experience: breaking barriers, building bridges; Representations of the immigrant in media and literature; Policy matters. Presenters should be current graduate students or students who have recently completed graduate studies (2 years). The organizers also encourage submissions from the visual, sound and performing arts. All accepted art submissions would be exhibited at the conference location.

Language: English

Deadline: August 22, 2008

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(source: Internet)

Solutions for a Complex World: Governance, Conflict and Crisis, and Aid Effectiveness

Date: November 24-25, 2008

Site: Maastricht, The Netherlands

Organiser: The Maastricht Graduate School of Governance

Topics: The European PhD Program in Social Protection Policy (ESPP) and the Dual Career PhD Program in Governance and Policy Analysis (GPAC2) of the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance invite junior and senior researchers to participate in a research conference on "Governance, Aid Effectiveness, Conflict and Crisis". The Research Conference brings together senior and junior researchers with diverse academic background to share ideas on the relation between governance, aid effectiveness and conflict and crisis studied from various angles. The organizers invite experts in the abovementioned fields, as well as people working in one the following areas to present their recent research: Governance, Aid Effectiveness, Conflict and Crisis. The organizers are interested in receiving papers fitting one of the above-mentioned fields of study, both theoretical and applied, from a wide range of disciplines and countries, as the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance favours an international and interdisciplinary approach to social sciences.

Language: English

Fee: 100€

Deadline: September 15, 2008

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(source: Internet)

East European versus West European Mentalities: Can We Hope to Understand One Another?

Date: March 19-22, 2009

Site: Vienna, Austria

Organiser: Sigmund Freud University, Vienna

Topics: The goal of this conference is to host an international forum for the discussion of an increasingly important topic in contemporary European society: the differences in East European versus West European mentalities. Vienna provides the perfect location and opportunity to host such a discussion because of its unique and crucial position as a gateway between Eastern and Western Europe. The abstracts for papers addressing the following topics are welcome: "Homo Sovieticus"; New Perspectives; Collective Memory; Self Image; Emotion; Behaviour and Social Norms; Individual and Society; Current Approaches to Psychology and Psychotherapy; Trends in Symptoms, Disorders and Mental Health Needs; Developmental and Child Psychology; Gender: Perceptions, Attitudes and Roles; Family and Spousal Issues.

Language: English, German, Russian

Deadline: December 01, 2008

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Gender: Regulation and Resistance in Education

Date: March 25-27, 2009

Site: London, UK

Organiser: Faculty of Policy and Society, Institute of Education, University of London

Topics: The theme of the conference, 'Gender: Regulation and Resistance in Education' invites engagement with gender and feminism at every level of educational practice, including politics, theorizing, policy creation, research methodologies, pedagogical engagement and grass-roots activism. The conference draws together an exceptional range of international speakers working at the cutting edge of feminist and gender theory and research, and political and educational activism, including those who are resisting current contexts of neo-liberal economic reform and increasing global disparities. Our goal is to create a space for dialogue about gender and education that spans disciplinary, theoretical, political and national boundaries. The organizers invite proposals for contributions that critically explore questions relating to issues of gender regulation and resistance in education. These may include the following: Power/Governance, Politics/ Policy, Neo-liberalism/Neo-Conservatism, Standards agendas in education, Pedagogy and curriculum, Primary, secondary schooling, Higher, further education, Intersectionalities, race, class, gender, Gender and age, Religion, nationality, citizenship, Globalization /Marketization, Community /Activism/Struggle, Agency/ Structure/Subjectivity, Psychosocial approaches, Gender, disability, inclusion, Sexuality and queer theory, Histories, genealogies of gender. The papers might engage with the theme from a variety of fields and areas of study: Feminist Studies, Women's Studies, Queer Studies, Sociology, Health, History, Literature, Philosophy, Cultural Studies, Media Studies, Postcolonial Studies, Development Studies, Social/Educational Policy Studies.

Language: English

Deadline: September 30, 2008

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(source: Internet)

Coming home? Conflict and return migration in twentieth-century Europe

Date: April 01-03, 2009

Site: Southampton, UK

Organiser: The Exilio Network: Research into Refugees and other Migrations, supported by the AHRC, and Outcast Europe

Topics: The organizers welcome individual papers or panels in English that focus on any exile, refuge or migrant return episode that has Europe as its point of arrival or departure. We are particularly interested in addressing the experiences, memories and conceptual issues of return in relation to the following questions: What were the motivations for returning? How did institutions, political and social networks influence return? How was return organised? What strategies did migrants adopt to deal with the impossibility of return? How were migrants received, perceived and represented by the authorities and communities upon their return? To what extent were attitudes and post-return daily practices (e.g. rituals, cultural practices, language etc.) influenced by the experience of migration? In what ways, if at all, did migrants re-construct questions of home and homeland upon their return? How does return relate to the wider migratory process? To what extent does return signify the end of exile, diaspora, and the closure of the migration cycle? How has return been remembered at an individual and group level? Does this vary between different categories of migrants? How has return been represented in literature, art and film? What are the epistemological and ontological implications of these representations? Does an adequate representation or performance of return exist?

Language: English

Deadline: September 01, 2008

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(source: Internet)

Society-Culture-Technology at the Dawn of the 21st Century

Date: May 21- 22, 2009

Site: Krakow, Poland

Organiser: AGH – University of Science and Technology, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology

Topics: The problems to be discussed at the Conference will be related to today's vision of the intermingling of structure and culture, in both the regional and the global dimension, including, in particular, the impact of new technologies upon the dynamics of structural and cultural transformations. We suggest the following tentative topics: communication in the social and individual life of humans; culture and economy in knowledge-based societies; biotechnologies: their social and cultural significance; natural environment as a space for impact of social technologies; technocracy and democracy; sustainable development in postmodern social theories; impact of new media upon contemporary culture and art; spirituality and new patterns of behaviour: their relation to contemporary forms of rationality. The organizers hope that this Conference will provide you with an opportunity for discussion and presentation of research findings. The Conference participants will have a chance to exchange scholarly experience and initiate cooperation with representatives of various academic centres.

Language: English, Polish

Fee: 130€ or 400 Polish zloty

Deadline: December 15, 2008

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

ISA Research Committee on Family Research Seminar: Families and Memories

Date: June 15-17, 2009

Site: Oslo, Norway

Organiser: International Sociological Organization, Research Committee on Family Research

Topics: The theme of the CFR seminar is "Families and Memories". The seminar is a co-arrangement between Oslo University College and the Center for Studies of Holocaust and Religious Minorities (HL-center). The main question of the conference is how are processes of memory-making initialized, negotiated and continued, on both macro- and micro level? There will also be a special session on qualitative methodology.

Language: English

Deadline: October 1, 2008

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(source: Internet)

Diversity Conference 2009

Date: June 16-19, 2009

Site: Riga, Latvia

Organiser: Common Ground

Topics: The Conference has a history of bringing together scholarly, government and practice-based participants with an interest in the issues of diversity and community. The Conference will seek to explore the full range of what diversity means and explore modes of diversity in real-life situations of living together in community. The Conference supports a move away from simple affirmations that 'diversity is good' to a much more nuanced account of the effects and uses of diversity on differently situated communities in the context of our current epoch of globalisation. In addition to linguistic, cultural, ethnic and 'racial' diversity, the Conference will also pursue its well established interest in other aspects of diversity, including the intersecting dynamics of gender, sexual orientation, (dis)ability, locale and socio-economic background. The Conference looks at the realities of diversity today, critically as well as optimistically and strategically. The Conference will be a place for speaking about diversity, and in ways that range from the 'big picture' and the theoretical, to the very practical and everyday realities of diversity in organisations, communities and civic life.

Language: English

Fee: 461.93 €

Deadline: August 14, 2008

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(source: Internet)

Shaping Europe in a Globalized World? – Protest Movements and the Rise of a Transnational Civil Society?

Date: June 23-26, 2009

Site: Zurich, Switzerland

Organiser: The University of Zurich, Department of German with the support of the European Commission

Topics: The organizers especially encourage applications referring to the following topics: Globalization of Politics – Globalization of Protest? Transnationalism within Right Wing Protest Movements; Filling the Gap: European Protest Movements as a Result of a Lack of Democracy within the EU; EU Polity and Europeanization of Protest; Applying the Concepts of "Civil Society" and "Social Movements" in Eastern Europe and non-European Countries – Potential and Limits; Even Newer Social Movements – Creating new Public Spheres? Building Transnational Protest Identities – Languages, Images and Actions; European Anti-Corporate Campaigns in a Globalized Economy; Migration and Ethnicity as a Source of Protest; Professionalizing Protest; The Future of Political Participation: Social Movements, Lobbying or Party Politics; Taming Protest: The Rituals of Violence. The goal of this conference is to address these issues; to consolidate present research and to begin developing new empirical findings and new conceptual frameworks. Applications from postgraduate students, early stage researchers (PhD-students), postdocs and young scholars from all disciplinary and national backgrounds are strongly encouraged and form the main target group for this event.

Language: Although the conference language will mainly be English, the organizers also invite proposals in French, Spanish, Dutch, German and Polish, if a European Union. Reasonable boundaries will be covered by the short summary (2 pages) in English is provided.

Deadline: August 15, 2008

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(source: Internet)

Call for papers Workshops

The 2nd Workshop of the Research Network on Sub-national collaboration for regional development: the role of networking among regions

Date: October 31- November 01, 2008

Site: Jena, Germany

Organiser: Research Network on Sub-national collaboration for regional development: the role of networking among regions

Topics: The discussion of the first workshop will be continued and intensified with regard the effects of trans-regional collaboration: e.g. the variety of subjects of collaboration, employment and cross-border migration, joint initiatives for economic development and innovation or attracting investment, joint activities beyond EU-funding, and of course collaboration with non-neighbouring regions. The research network is open to further contributions that cover these aspects and that widen the knowledge about the area of research. New findings are always welcome. Nevertheless, based on the results reached so far, the discussion of the research network wants to further broaden the perspective. Therefore, priority will be given to papers that cover: building of larger geographic regions (e.g. the Baltic Region, the Adriatic Region, further Mediterranean processes of region building). Here, the collaboration to build a spatial basis for regional development shall be discussed; policy oriented relation between regional authorities to collaborate in regional development even though – or because – they are no neighbouring regions. This can be discussed with regard to general strategies for regional development or innovation as well as in the area of certain industrial sectors or technologies. Papers are welcome on relevant case studies as well as on more general surveys and theoretical discussions. A variety of disciplinary approaches are expected. Selected papers will be included in a final publication.

Language: English

Deadline: September 05, 2008

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(source: Internet)

Incorporating Diversity in Public Administration Higher Education

Date: November 3-7, 2008

Site: Budapest, Hungary

Organiser: The Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative (LGI)

Topics: This CRC workshop will bring together educators from a range of social, political, and economic contexts and institutions. Participants will: get to a better understanding of the principles that link diversity and public administration; enhance their knowledge and skills so as to incorporate diversity into their curriculum effectively; and clarify how public administration education/institutions can be a model of good diversity management. The workshop offers an opportunity for teachers in higher education to discuss and develop their courses and generate ideas for future cooperation.

Language: English

Deadline: September 15, 2008

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(source: Internet)

Call for papers Summer Schools

Training Courses for Young Researchers

4th ESSTrain: "Comparability of Survey Data Across Countries and Time"

Date: November 10- 11, 2008

5th ESSTrain: "Structural Equation Modelling for Cross-Cultural Research with the Program AMOS"

Date: November 12-13, 2008

Site: Mannheim, Germany

Organiser: GESIS-ZUMA

Topics: The course "Comparability of Survey Data Across Countries and Time" will give a theoretical and application oriented overview of classical and up to date literature on the concepts related to comparability and types of equivalence in cross-cultural research.

The course "Structural Equation Modelling for Cross-Cultural Research with the Program AMOS" shows how a causal theory can be represented by a path diagram and translated into a structural equation model, and how the model can be estimated and tested with the AMOS 16.0 computer programme.

The maximum number of participants of the 4th ESSTrain is 60 and of the 5th ESSTrain 35. There is a limited number of ESSTrain grants available for outstanding applications.

Language: English

Fee: The ESSTrain grant covers travel costs up to 350 Euro, grants are possible

Deadline: August 10, 2008. The application form is available online.

Internet:

http://www.europeansocialsurvey.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=146&Itemid=200

(source: Internet)

Call for papers Journals

Movements of Transition 20 years on: Identities, Ideologies, Imaginary Institutions

Type of publication: print

Published by/ edited by: Emerald Journals

Topics: The organizers invite contributions that problematize, re-think and re-define movements of transition, particularly addressing: The historical epoch of social transformation from what was known as 'real existing socialism' to today's (post-)transition market economies – examining and evaluating the identities and 'dreamworlds' bound up with this change process; Theoretical papers presenting counterintuitive and provocative analyses and ideas of transition using a range of frameworks (e.g. feminist, post-colonial, neo-Gramscian, post-Marxist, post/Foucauldian, post-structuralist, psychoanalytic and other novel approaches); Empirical analyses examining and evaluating the human, social, cultural and economic costs involved in transition, focussing particularly on the processes of identity formation and reformation; Significance of social and organizational transformations in light of foreclosed and recreated opportunities for radical movements of transition; The roles of, and the relationships between, the state, economy and civil society in organizing societal transitions and change processes, focusing particularly on the role of organizations (e.g. NGOs, charities, affinity groups, direct action groups, media organizations) and counter cultural discourses by various groups (women, minorities, ethnic groups and immigrants) in facilitating hegemonic as well as counter-hegemonic transitions; The modes of organization in what can be regarded as transitions toward alternative 'dreamworlds'.

Deadline: September 01, 2008

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(source: Internet)

Motion in the City

Type of publication: online

Published by/ edited by: European City, Multicultural Center Prague

Topics: New website of MKC Prague "European City" has issued a call for articles on "Motion in the City". Motion and process modify the urban environment and provide fascinating scope for those interested in the field of urban studies. Both repeated and routine motion are important in understanding the functioning principles behind single urban localities and also whole metropolitan regions. Migration, commuting, financial flows and the flux of ideas. All these motions are the beats of the city and in certain sense may be seen as the substance of the urban setting. Motion can be evaluated from the perspectives of different academic fields; many questions about the contemporary development of the city reveal themselves. How has urban motion changed over the last decades? What are the effects of technological innovation, in the field of transport and the transfer of information, on the urban milieu? What is the progress of intra-urban, internal and international migration into cities? How do the different parts of a city differ in terms of the rhythms and everyday motions of its population?

Deadline: for proposals: August 30, 2008, for submissions: September 15, 2008

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(source: Internet)

Problems of Education in the 21st Century

Place of publication: Siauliai, Lithuania

Type of publication: print

Publication date: October-November 2008

Published by/ edited by: Scientific Methodical Centre "Scientia Educologica"

Topics: The Scientific Methodical Centre „Scientia Educologica“ invites to submit an article for international scientific collection (book series) (fourth call), “Problems of Education in the 21st Century”. The thematic area is: problems of pedagogical psychology, ergonomics of education, quality of education, information and communication technologies in teaching/learning, teacher education in new millennium, methodology of educational research, monitoring of education, new approaches in teaching/learning, vocational education etc.

Deadline: September 15, 2008

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Grants/Jobs/Internships

Fellowships for short research visits at CEPS/INSTEAD

Institution/Organiser: Centre d'Etudes de Populations, de Pauvreté et de Politiques Socio-Economiques / International Network for Studies in Technology, Environment, Alternatives, Development (CEPS/ INSTEAD)

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: The expected duration of visits is in the range of 2 to 12 weeks between mid-October 2008 and February 2009

Site: Differdange, Luxembourg

Topics: During their stay, visitors are granted access to the CEPS/INSTEAD archive of micro-data (including, e.g., internationally comparable longitudinal surveys on living conditions, such as the European Community Household Panel, ECHP) and to extensive data documentation.

The major resource offered to visitors is access to a series of internationally comparable (often longitudinal) surveys at the household and individual level, such as the European Community Household Panel, ECHP. The anonymized micro-data can provide information about wages and income, living conditions, health, education, employment and professional activities, accommodation, social relations, values and attitudes... Comparable micro-data are available for EU countries, Central European countries, as well as for the USA. These data offer opportunities to carry out research in fields such as income distribution and welfare, income and poverty dynamics, multi-dimensional poverty and deprivation, survey and panel data methodology, values and attitudes, gender, ethnic and social inequality, unemployment and labour supply behaviour, education and training, social protection and redistributive policies, fertility and family structures, new information technologies in households and firms.

Eligibility: All individuals (doctoral students as well as experienced academics) conducting research in an institution within the EU-27 or an FP6 Associated State.

Deadline: August 31, 2008

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Job Announcement: Two Chairs at the European University Institute

Institution/Organiser: the European University Institute (Florence), Department of Political and Social Sciences

Kind of support/work: job

Site: Florence, Italy

Chair in Sociology and Social Research (SPS2)

Topics: The Department of Political and Social Sciences invites applications from candidates engaged in advanced comparative sociological research in substantive fields such as inequality, welfare, migration, population, organizations, or networks. Preference will be given to candidates with a graduate teaching capacity in quantitative methods. Junior as well as senior candidates will be considered.

Internet: http://www.eui.eu/About/PositionsPDFfiles/SPS2_2008AD.pdf

Chair in Political and Social Sciences (SPS5)

Topics: The Department of Political and Social Sciences invites applications from candidates engaged in comparative research in the political and social sciences. The Department is open to applications in a wide range of themes dealing with contemporary Europe, ranging from research on ethnonational conflicts to research on the transformation of institutional structures. The Department is particularly interested in candidates who combine research on European and state institutions. Junior as well as senior candidates will be considered.

Internet: http://www.eui.eu/About/PositionsPDFfiles/SPS5_2008AD.pdf

Deadline: September 15, 2008

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Master's Degree Program: Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies on Eastern Europe

Institution/Organiser: The Giessen Center for Eastern European Studies (GiZo) at the Justus-Liebig-University in Giessen (Germany)

Kind of support/work: fellow

Site: Giessen, Germany

Topics: The Giessen Center for Eastern European Studies (GiZo) at the Justus-Liebig-University in Giessen (Germany) offers a new interdisciplinary Master's Program: Interdisciplinary Studies on Eastern Europe. The center has enriched its variety of Bachelor's and Master's degree courses with a program, which equips students with the competence to professionally analyze, reflect upon and evaluate political, legal, economical and cultural trends and developments in the region of Eastern Europe. The Master's Program offers: an early acquaintance with interdisciplinary Eastern European research, beginning at the very start of the program; career-oriented and practical training through projects and internships; research and teaching covering all the regions of Eastern Europe; the combination of Eastern European Studies with Turkic Studies and the discussion of the Turkic regions' place in Europe; a broad historical focus in teaching on Eastern Europe from the Ages up to the 21st century. The program includes a major (50 CP) (Slavic Studies or History of Eastern Europe) and two minors (20 CP each) in one of the following disciplines: Slavic Studies, History of Eastern Europe, Turkic Studies, Law, Political Science or Economics. The Program concludes with a Master's thesis (30 CP) based on the major, but may also include additional interdisciplinaries. In most cases, the language of instruction is German.

Eligibility: Students with a relevant Bachelor's degree or an equivalent university degree (first class or upper-second) are admitted to the Master's degree program. A degree is considered relevant if the former course of studies imparted knowledge in the Master's major with at least 20 CP and in one of the minors with 10 CP. Admittance also depends on language skills. In order to study the major Slavic Studies, students must have a very good command of a Slavic language; in order to study History of Eastern Europe, a very good command of an Eastern European language is required.

Deadline: September 30, 2008

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

PhD internships

Institution/Organiser: The UNU-WIDER PhD Research Internship Programme

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: 2-6 months

Site: Helsinki, Finland

Topics: The UNU-WIDER PhD Research Internship Programme aims to provide PhD (doctoral degree) students registered at a university and similar research institutions the opportunity to utilise the resources and facilities available at UNU-WIDER for their PhD thesis research, to produce papers suitable for publication in the Research Paper series and elsewhere, to work jointly with UNU-WIDER researchers in areas of mutual interest.

Eligibility: Applicants should be currently enrolled into a PhD programme, have shown ability to conduct research on developing or transition economies. Candidates working in other social sciences may apply but should keep in mind that UNU-WIDER is an economics-focused institute, be fluent in oral and written English, possess good quantitative and statistical analysis skills.

Deadline: September 30, 2008

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(source: Internet)

Visiting scholars

Institution/Organiser: The UNU-WIDER Visiting Scholars Programme

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: 2-6 months

Site: Helsinki, Finland

Topics: The UNU-WIDER Visiting Scholars Programme is intended to give qualified scholars an opportunity to undertake research on topics related to development and/or global economic issues, to participate in UNU-WIDER activities, and to contribute to UNU-WIDER publications. It is also designed to aid the dissemination of UNU-WIDER research and to contribute to the UNU-WIDER outreach programme. For some places in the programme, preference will be given to females and to applicants from developing countries. UNU-WIDER typically provides a monthly stipend of 2,000 euros as a contribution towards travel, accommodation, medical, and other out-of-pocket expenses. Developing country scholars may apply for a supplementary grant to cover high travel costs.

Eligibility: Successful applicants are expected to have a PhD degree in economics or a related discipline, have a good publication record, pursue research on development or global economic issues.

Deadline: September 30, 2008

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(source: Internet)

Doctoral Student Positions in Political Science

Institution/Organiser: The Baltic and East European Graduate School (BEEGS)

Kind of support/work: fellow

Duration: 4 years

Site: Stockholm, Sweden

Topics: The Baltic and East European Graduate School (BEEGS) is located at Södertörns högskola (Södertörn University College) in south Stockholm, Sweden. BEEGS is part of the Centre for Baltic and East European Studies, CBEES. The focus of the research activities at BEEGS is on the Baltic and East European area. Applications for admission to BEEGS are invited once per year. Applicants from all countries are welcome to apply and a number of doctoral students are admitted each year. All doctoral students receive a salary, office space and other benefits for a period of four years. The language of instruction is English and fluency in English is required.

Eligibility: To be qualified to apply for a doctoral studentship, an applicant must have: taken a qualification at Master's level, completed courses equivalent to 240 higher education credits, of which a minimum of 60 credits must be at Master's level, or in some other way, in Sweden or abroad, have acquired largely equivalent qualifications (general entry requirements); successfully completed a degree project at Master's level in the subject being applied for, or in some other way, in Sweden or abroad, have acquired largely equivalent qualifications (specific entry requirements). Very good knowledge of English is a prerequisite for studies.

Deadline: September 15, 2008

Contact: The application should be sent to: Registrar, SE-141 89 Huddinge, Sweden or general questions about BEEGS: Helene Carlbäck, Director of Studies
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(source: Internet)

Democracy and Civil Society Master Studies

Institution/Organiser: European Humanities University (Vilnius, Lithuania) and Leiden University (the Netherlands)

Kind of support/work: scholarship

Duration: two years

Topics: The master's degree program "Democracy and Civil Society" provides profound knowledge in the field of contemporary political processes and public policy issues. The program is low-residency and presupposes at least 4 two-week study sessions in Vilnius per year and distance learning in the interim.

Eligibility: The MA course is aimed at students from the post-Soviet region with a first degree in social sciences and humanities and/or experience of work in NGOs and working language of Russian. Scholarships that cover tuition fee and accommodation expenses during study sessions in Vilnius are available for citizens and permanent residents of Belarus. Tuition fee for students of other nationalities is 1100 Euro per year. The languages of instruction are Russian and Belarusian.

Deadline: Application packages should be sent to the program's address via e-mail by 5 September 2008.

Contact: EHU MA program in Democracy and Civil Society
E-mail: admission.m.ngo@ehu.lt
Internet: <http://www.ehu.lt/studies/master/programs/fields/0003742/>
(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Master Studies in International and European Law

Institution/Organiser: European Humanities University (Vilnius, Lithuania)

Kind of support/work: scholarship

Duration: two years

Topics: EHU Master of Laws program is aimed at training researchers and professionals in the field of International and European law. The program courses are taught by leading experts in the field of International and European Law from Belarus, Georgia, Germany, France, Lithuania, Russia, Ukraine, and the USA. The program is low-residency and presupposes at least 4 two-week study sessions in Vilnius per year and distance learning in the interim. Major languages of instruction are Russian and English.

Eligibility: The LL.M. course is aimed at students with a first degree in Law and working language of Russian and English. Belarusian citizens and permanent residents of Belarus are eligible for scholarships that cover tuition fee. Tuition fee for students of other nationalities is 1100 Euro per year.

Deadline: Application packages should be sent to the program's address via e-mail by 5 September 2008.

Contact: EHU LL.M. program in International and European Law
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Master in European Studies

Institution/Organiser: European Humanities University (Vilnius, Lithuania)

Kind of support/work: scholarship

Duration: two years

Topics: The MA program offers its students a chance to acquire advanced contemporary knowledge of the European integration processes, the main tendencies of global and European economic development, perspectives of development for the EU and other integrative structures acting on the European territory. The program students will be able to master/improve contemporary research methodology in Political Science. The generated theoretical knowledge of the common European historical, economic, political, legal, and socio-cultural dimensions of integration processes will be supplemented by the studies of the post-Soviet region development, with a particular emphasis on the place of Belarus in the contemporary political processes. This will allow students to implement the contemporary political analysis methods, as well as prognostic and other contemporary common and special scientific methods. The program courses are taught by qualified and acknowledged faculty from Belarus, Lithuania, Poland, and other Western and Eastern European countries. The program is low-residency and presupposes at least 4 two-week study sessions in Vilnius per year and distance learning in the interim. Major languages of instruction are Russian and English.

Eligibility: The European Studies MA program is aimed at students with a first degree in political science/social sciences and humanities and working language of Russian and English. Scholarships that cover tuition fee and accommodation expenses during study sessions in Vilnius are available for citizens and permanent residents of Belarus. Tuition fee for students of other nationalities is 1100 Euro per year.

Deadline: Application packages should be sent to the program's address via e-mail by 5 September 2008.

Contact: EHU MA program in European Studies

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Internet: <http://www.ehu.lt/studies/master/programs/fields/0003737/>

(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Master in Gender Studies

Institution/Organiser: European Humanities University (Vilnius, Lithuania)

Kind of support/work: scholarship

Duration: two years

Topics: The interdisciplinary program is targeted at young researchers who would like to acquire systematized knowledge of gender theory and apply it in their studies. The program includes courses on gender sociology, contemporary psychoanalysis, gender representation in visual arts, qualitative methods in social studies, Michael Foucault philosophy, feminist political theory, gender technology in post-Soviet mass media, feminist criticism of human rights concept, gender sociology of post-Soviet society, etc. The program research priorities are gender and nation, feminist philosophy, gender and visual arts, gender and mass communications, gender history, studies in masculinity, gender and contemporary ICT, gender relationships in post-Soviet society. The program is low-residency and presupposes at least 4 two-week study sessions in Vilnius per year and distance learning in the interim. Major languages of instruction are Russian and English.

Eligibility: The Gender Studies MA program is aimed at students with a first degree in social sciences and humanities and working language of Russian and English. Scholarships that cover tuition fee and accommodation expenses during study sessions in Vilnius are available for citizens and permanent residents of Belarus and other CIS countries. Tuition fee for students of other nationalities is 1100 Euro per year.

Deadline: Application packages should be sent to the program's address via e-mail by 5 September 2008.

Contact: EHU MA program in Gender Studies

E-mail: admission.m.gender@ehu.lt

Internet: <http://www.ehu.lt/studies/master/programs/fields/0004534/>

(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Master in Social Theory and Political Philosophy

Institution/Organiser: European Humanities University (Vilnius, Lithuania)

Kind of support/work: scholarship

Duration: two years

Topics: The concept of the program is shaped by the interplay of three main axes: first, the (meta-) philosophical, which implies a re-orientation of the post-metaphysical philosophizing to a variety of human "praxis"; second, the social-theoretical, which means analyses of contemporary societal transformations, and, third, the ethical and political, which suggests that the changing horizons of politics as well as of the good life of human beings should be brought into consideration. The program courses are taught by recognized specialists from Belarus, Lithuania, Poland, and Ukraine, who have research experience in universities of Western Europe and the USA. The program research priorities are contemporary practical philosophy strategies; new media and the virtualization of social life; national projects in a globalized world; secularization limits; social imagination and public discourse; ethics after the "death of the subject"; critical theory of post-Socialism. The program is low-residency and presupposes at least 4 two-week study sessions in Vilnius per year and distance learning in the interim. Major languages of instruction are Russian and English.

Eligibility: The Social Theory and Political Philosophy MA program is aimed at students with a first degree in social sciences and humanities and working language of Russian and English. Scholarships that cover tuition fee and accommodation expenses during study sessions in Vilnius are available for citizens and permanent residents of Belarus. Tuition fee for students of other nationalities is 1100 Euro per year.

Deadline: Application packages should be sent to the program's address via e-mail by 5 September 2008.

Contact: EHU MA program in Social Theory and Political Philosophy

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Internet: <http://www.ehu.lt/studies/master/programs/fields/0003728/>

(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Master in Comparative History of North-Eastern Europe

Institution/Organiser: European Humanities University (Vilnius, Lithuania) and Center for Baltic and Eastern European studies of Södertörn University College (Stockholm, Sweden)

Kind of support/work: scholarship

Duration: two years

Topics: The Comparative history of North-Eastern Europe master program provides its students with a profound knowledge of geographical, cultural, and historical contexts that have formed European identities, as well as the historical dynamics of the European civilization in a comparative perspective. A specific feature of the program is that it integrates profound professional training in the field of contemporary paradigms and issues of historical science, an interdisciplinary approach (political science, cultural studies, and geography), and an emphasis on comparative history of North-Eastern Europe (primarily, Belarus and the Baltic countries) and their shared historical and cultural heritage. The courses are taught by highly qualified professionals from Belarus, Lithuania and other Eastern European countries, Sweden, and the USA, and based on lecturers' own research. The program is low-residency and presupposes at least 4 two-week study sessions in Vilnius per year and distance learning in the interim. Major languages of instruction are Russian and English.

Eligibility: The MA program is aimed at students with a first degree in history/ social sciences and humanities and working language of Russian and English. Belarusian citizens and permanent residents of Belarus are eligible for scholarships that cover tuition fee. Tuition fee for students of other nationalities is 1100 Euro per year.

Deadline: Application packages should be sent to the program's address via e-mail by 5 September 2008.

Contact: EHU MA program in Comparative History of North-Eastern Europe

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(source: e-mail from the organizers)

Master in Protection and Interpretation of Cultural Heritage

Institution/Organiser: European Humanities University (Vilnius, Lithuania)

Kind of support/work: scholarship

Duration: two years

Topics: The Protection and Interpretation of Cultural Heritage MA program is aimed at training specialists in the sphere of protection and applications of cultural heritage for work at research institutions, schools of higher education, analytic centers, NGOs and state-run organizations, governmental bodies, museums, and national parks. The program courses are taught by acknowledged specialists from Belarus, Lithuania, Poland, and other Eastern European countries. Major languages of instruction are Russian and Belarusian. A number of electives are taught in foreign languages (English, French, or German) by visiting professors, which ensures students' immersion in the cross-cultural contexts of heritage protection. The program is low-residency and presupposes at least 4 two-week study sessions in Vilnius per year and distance learning in the interim.

Eligibility: The MA program is aimed at students with a first degree in history/ social sciences and humanities and working language of Russian and Belarusian. Belarusian citizens and permanent residents of Belarus are eligible for scholarships that cover tuition fee. Tuition fee for students of other nationalities is 1100 Euro per year.

Deadline: Application packages should be sent to the program's address via e-mail by 5 September 2008.

Contact: EHU MA program in Protection and Interpretation of Cultural Heritage

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