

Rethinking Inequalities

Over last fifty years, i.e. in post World War II sociology, inequalities were approached in three basic ways. First was that of neo-Marxist model of class structure as defined in terms of fundamental division between the owners of means of production and the working class - owners of the labour force. Second was the neo-Weberian model emphasizing a multidimensional view on social inequalities based on the market power, social status, and occupational divisions. Third was the functional stratification model derived from theories of Parsons and Davis and Moore and developed in empirical research based on the theories of modernization.

The backbone of "traditional" inequalities is labour market. In the post World War II period, slowly but steadily, new factors came to the fore. Let us name three. First was the ethnic dimension. It became obvious that European countries have not only traditional ethnic composition, resulting from their history and shifts of borders, but they have a growing immigrant population coming from out of the continent. Second became the gender dimension. Empirical sociology disclosed the "income gap", the "glass ceiling", the feminization of poverty, etc. To these two, we can add the third dimension, of much more global character. This would be the "North-South" cleavage. Although Europe (at least most of it) has as such belonged to the Northern pole, this global kind of inequalities had to be and was taken into account by social scientists. In "Western" Europe its equivalent was the division between the northern countries and the Mediterranean. Neither can one ignore the persistent division between the democratic,

market oriented West and the autocratic ("totalitarian") political systems linked to the centralized systems of planning and management in economy in the East.

Why "rethink" inequalities in Europe? What has happened? What kind of the cumulating of processes do we witness now in Europe? It seems that we undergo simultaneously several processes: globalization in all its dimensions, systemic transformation from authoritarian socialism to democratic market societies in a half of the continent, European Union enlargement to include not only the Central European countries, but potentially also Orthodox Eastern Europe (Ukraine) and Muslim South-Eastern Eurasia (Turkey). All these processes generate new inequalities within individual countries and also between the countries, within Europe, but also potentially between Europe and other regions.

Our semi-plenary sessions address some

of these problems. In these sessions, we ask whether the class divisions still matter. We ask about the role of migration (this already "traditional" one, coming from other regions to Western Europe, this relatively new one from Eastern and Central Europe to Western Europe, this potential one from Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia to Central Europe, etc.) as an equalizer or an amplifier of social inequalities. With the enlargement of the EU and migration, but also with the war on terror, we could ask about the role of religion as a factor creating or reducing inequalities. We ask about gender and about ethnicity, old and new. We ask about generation differentiation. We ask about the transformations within the societies of Central and Eastern Europe. We ask about the political dimension of inequalities. We rethink inequalities.

Janusz Mucha
Local Organising Committee

Programme



Semi-plenary sessions

1. Does class still matter? New look at traditional inequalities.

Luciano Gallino (Italy), Henryk Domanski (Poland)

Chair: Cathrine Delcroix

2. Migration: equalizer or amplifier of social inequalities?

Laurence Roulleau-Berger (France), Helma Lutz (Germany)

Chair: Patrik Baert

3. Education, knowledge and social differentiation: new elites and new inequalities

Madelaine Arnot (UK), Reinhard Kreckel (Germany)

Chair: Constanza Tobio

4. Old and new inequalities in Central and Eastern Europe. Does the anticommunist revolution devour its own children?

Tamas Pal (Hungary), Andrzej Rychard (Poland)

Chair: Giovanna Procacci

5. Reconfiguring dimensions of inequality: gender, ethnicity, generation

Ann Phoenix (UK), Trudie Knijn (The Netherlands)

Chair: Lennart Svensson

6. Role of the State in reduction/amplification of inequalities

Bengt Furaker (Sweden), Louis Chauvel (France)

Chair: Tuula Gordon

Election of the president and of the members of the Executive Committee

All members in good standing will vote for president of ESA and for members of the executive committee for the next two year period. Members will be asked to vote before the conference. All members will be sent a voting card with their name together with the ballot, a neutral envelope and an addressed larger envelope for sending the ballot back to Capitolina Diaz, Universidad de Oviedo - Rectorado, San Francisco 3 - 33003 Oviedo - Spain. You will receive a letter with all necessary instructions for voting. There will also be an opportunity to vote at the conference in Torun. At the Torun Conference the polls will be open until Sunday, September 11th, 12.00 a.m.

Information

Who can vote?

All those who have paid their dues at the Torun Conference, or do so by July 31 will be eligible for voting. Those who pay their dues after July 31 will not be eligible for voting this year; they will only be eligible in 2007.

Those who are eligible will receive the voting card and ballot by mail in the first days of August.

Who can be elected?

Beside we list the nominated candidates for president with short CVs in order that you can think about them and discuss them with your colleagues.

It is also possible to express candidate preference by writing in the name (or names) of other ESA members in good standing. However, only 10 candidates can be voted for and only one president.

Responsible for the nomination and for the practical details of election are:

Capitolina Diaz Martinez - Spain
(chair of the committee)

Pamela Abbot - U.K.
Eva Cyba - Austria
Janusz Mucha - Poland
Margareta Bertilsson - Denmark
Louis Chauvel - France
Ladislav Machacek - Slovakia
Analia C. Torres - Portugal
Monika Wohlrab-Sahr - Germany

The Nomination committee has had wide consultations and asked for proposals for candidates from ESA members in the ESA Newsletter 'European Sociologist' and from the national sociological associations in Europe. Based on these consultations a slate of 30 candidates has been made - 15 candidates of each gender, taking into account region and field of research.

Four persons have been nominated as candidates for the presidency of ESA.

Nominated candidates for President of ESA

Pamela Abbott (U.K)

Dr Pamela Abbott is Director of both the Graduate Centre and the Centre for Equality and Diversity, at Glasgow Caledonian University and Visiting Professor at the Kigali Institute for Science, Technology and Management, Rwanda. She was elected an Academician of the Academy of Social Sciences in 2002. Her research interests are in health, quality of life and gender and she has published widely in these areas. The findings of a recently completed EU funded study of living conditions, lifestyles and health in eight CIS countries has resulted in a number of articles and conference papers and a book coauthored with Claire Wallace to be published later this year. Her current research is on equal opportunities and employment and gender and quality of life in Rwanda. She will be chairing the team organizing the 2007 ESA Conference.

Giovanna Procacci (Italy)

Studied in Italy and Paris (Doctorat 1983). Currently Professor of Sociology at the University of Milan (Faculty of Political Sciences) and member of CNRS-GRASS (Groupe d'Analyse et de Recherche sur le Social) in Paris. Has been member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J. (1986-1987), and fellow at the European University Institute in Fiesole (1995-1996; 1999-2000), has taught in New York, Paris and Freiburg (Switzerland). Has been member of the Executive Committee of ESA (2001-2003), and Vicepresident for publications (2003-2005). Is member of several international journals (Citizenship Studies, Lien social et Politiques, European Societies) and sociological book series. Her main fields of research are: poverty issues, social exclusion, citizenship, social rights, social policies and their transformations under the impact of EU. Main publications: Gouverner la misère (Paris, Seuil 1993; Bologna, Mulino 1998), Mutamento sociale e identità edited with N.Salamone (Milano, Guerini 2000), La responsabilità solidaire edited with C.Bec (Paris, Syllepse 2003), La scoperta della società. Alle origini della sociologia with A. Szokolczai (Roma, Carocci 2003).

Patrick Baert (U.K)

Patrick Baert is Fellow and Director of Studies in Social and Political Sciences at Selwyn College, Cambridge University. He is interested in social theory; philosophy of social science; and sociology of culture. Amongst his publications are Time, Self and Social Being (1992), Social Theory in the 20th Century (1998), and Philosophy of the Social Sciences: Towards Pragmatism (2005). Originally from Brussels, he obtained his doctorate from Oxford University, and has held various visiting posts; for instance, in Berlin, Brussels, Concepcion, London, Paris, Rome and Vancouver. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the ESA and also the coordinator of the Social Theory Research Network of the ESA. He holds editorial positions at European Societies, the Journal for Classical Sociology, and the European Journal of Social Theory. See also www.sps.cam.ac.uk/stafflist/pbaert_research.html

Valery Mansurov (Russia)

Dr. Mansurov is Deputy Director of the Institute of Sociology, Head of the Research Center and Head of the Department on Intelligentsia problems of the Institute of Sociology President of the Russian Society of Sociologists and member of several research bodies and associations. He has been professor in several Russian Universities and Visiting professor (2001-2004) in De-Montfort University/UK. His main fields of research in which he has published numerous books include, among others, Social attitudes, Modern Russian Society in Transition, Coal Mining Industry, Child Labour in Modern Russia, Women in Policy, Class Structure, etc.

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Nominated candidates for ESA Executive Committee

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Sara Arber (U.K.)

Dr Arber is Professor of Sociology, and Co-Director, Centre for Research on Ageing and Gender (CRAG) at University of Surrey, UK. At Surrey, she was Head, School of Human Sciences (2001-04) and Head, Sociology Department (1996-2002). Sara was President of the British Sociological Association (1999-2001), and is currently a Vice President. She is Vice President of the International Sociological Association, Research Committee 33 on Sociology of Aging (2002-06). Sara has been a member of ESA since 1996, and has served on the Executive Committee since 2003. She has written over 150 journal articles mainly on gender and ageing, and on inequalities in health. Her books include *The Myth of Generational Conflict: Family and State in Ageing Societies* (with Claudine Attias-Donfut, ESA Book Series, Routledge, 2000), *Gender and Ageing: Changing Roles and Relationships* (with Kate Davidson and Jay Ginn, Open University Press, 2003); and *Connecting Gender and Ageing* (with Jay Ginn, Open University Press, 1995).

Catherine Delcroix (France)

Is associate professor of sociology at the University Versailles Saint-Quentin en Yvelines in France and is doing research in a CNRS laboratory: "Printemps" (Professions, Temporalities and Institutions). She has specialized in the political sociology of the muslim world, in urban sociology and sociology of migration and ethnic relations. She works also in social exclusion and gender. She has published books and articles. Among others: *Espoirs et réalités de la femme arabe. Algérie-Egypte, 1986*; *Double mixte. La racontée de deux cultures dans le mariage, 1992*; *Médiatrices dans les quartiers fragilisés: le lien, 1990*; and more recently in 2003 *Between hope and pain. The Nour family struggle for life and in 2005 Ombres et lumières de la famille Nour. Commentaires certains résistants face à la précarité*. She is member of the Biographical perspectives on European societies and part of the executive committee of ESA. If she is elected in the new executive committee of ESA she will work with the other members trying to make visible the "common humanity" linking cultures to each other rather than focussing in their differences.

Elizabeth Etorre (U.K.)

Dr Etorre is currently Treasurer of ESA and committed to the European Sociological Association given not only our historical importance in the development of sociology but also the contemporary social struggles within our geographical area. The ESA should champion the views of the dispossessed and downtrodden and be an inclusive organisation. Her research interests are in women and substance use, genetics, gender and health, autoethnography and the body - all areas in which she has developed research synergies with other sociologists. Her work in these areas attempts to uncover social inequalities and injustices. At the moment, she is Professor of Sociology and Associate Dean at the University of Plymouth.

Tuula Gordon (Finland)

Dr Gordon is committed to multidisciplinary research in the fields of sociology, women's studies and cultural studies. My most long term interest has been in

Sociology of Education, and a co-coordinator of the Research Network of Sociology of Education. Currently I work on issues of citizenship and nationality and transitions of young people into adulthood. I am also interested in methods and methodologies. My research is mostly conducted in collective and collaborative settings. My publications include the book 'Making Spaces: Citizenship and Difference in Schools' - with Janet Holland and Elina Lahelma, and an edited book 'Democratic Education: Ethnographic Challenges', edited with Dennis Beach and Lahelma.

Ildico Hrubos (Hungary)

Full professor (since 1997) Corvinus University of Budapest, and Vice-rector for academic affairs) and senior researcher at the Institute for Higher Education Research. He teaches at the Corvinus University of Budapest the following courses: Introduction to the sociology; Sociology of the higher education systems; Social stratification; Research methodology and empirical research methods in social sciences. His main research interest are in: Higher education systems. Social consequences of the massification of the higher education; The managerial university; Women in higher education and research; The European higher education reform.

Dagmar Kutsar (Estonia)

Diploma in Psychology (University of Tartu, 1975); Ph.D. (Psychology, University of Tartu, 1995). Her current position: Professor of Social Policy at the University of Tartu (date of appointment Sept 28, 2001); head of the Unit of Family and Welfare Studies (1991-xx). She had been Associate Professor of Empirical Sociology (1995-2001); Research Fellow 1977-1995. Her fields of interest are: Family, childhood and welfare research and policies, social indicators and social reporting (problems of international comparability). Her most recent publications are: Hantrais, L., Kutsar, D., eds. (2004) *Family and Childhood from a European Welfare Perspective Cross-National Research Papers, 7th Series: European Cross-National Research and Policy*. European Research Centre, Loughborough University, 50 pp; Jensen, A.-M, Ben Arieh, A., Conti, C., Kutsar, D., Nicghiolia Phadraig, M Warming Nielsen, H., eds. (2004) *Children in Ageing Europe, COST A19 Vol 1 and 2*. Trondheim: Norwegian Centre for Child Research; and Kutsar, D. (2005) *Bridging the Communications Gap Between Research and Policy in an Enlarged Europe*. In: Hantrais, L., ed. *European Cross*.

Monika Kwiecinska (Poland)

Dr Monika Kwiecinska-Zdenka is a tutor and deputy director of Institute of Sociology at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun. Studied in Torun, Liverpool and Uppsala. Her research interests are in youth life strategies and choices, sociology of education, educational inequalities and she has published widely in these areas. The findings of her research that are part of Torun longitudinal studies in the area of sociology of youth and education were published among others in the book: *Aktywni czy bezrdani wobec własnej przyszłości. Młodzież wiejska na tle ogółu młodzieży (Helpless or active towards their future. Portrait of rural youth, 2004)*. For the last two years she has been secretary of the 7th ESA Conference Local Organizing Committee.

Beáta Nagy (Hungary)

Dr Nagy is an associate professor at the Corvinus University of Budapest in the Institute of Sociology and Social Policy. Her main research field is gender and work - especially management, organisations and entrepreneurs. She received her PhD in sociology in 1996. Recently she carried out investigations on companies' equal opportunity policies, and the gender awareness of local governments. She is the co-director of the newly established Gender and Cultural Centre at her home university. She was the co-editor of the book series *Artemis*, produced by the publishing house Csokonai (Hungary), which deals with gender issues. Since 2004 she is the Hungarian expert in the Network of Experts in Employment, Social Inclusion and Gender Equality (European Commission).

Iryna Predborska (Ukraine)

Dr Predborska is Professor of Sociology, Vice-rector, Khmelniitskiy Humanities and Pedagogical Institute. Ph.D studies at Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University. In 1996, Doctor of philosophical sciences).

Awards and Fellowships: International Research Project supported by INTAS (2001-2003), NATO Scientific Fellowship Program, Greece (1998), Ukrainian State Grants (1991-1995). She has about 70 publications in Ukrainian, Russian, English and Polish languages. They published in Ukraine, Russia, Poland, England, Spain, China, Canada, Turkey. She is Chair of Khmelniitskiy branch of Sociological Association of Ukraine, member of Sociological Association of Ukraine, European Sociological Association, North-American Society for Social Philosophy. Main fields of research are: sociology of social change, education, youth and transition society. You can read about her in the book "Sociologists of Russia and NIS of XIX-XX centuries" (Moscow, 1999).

Elianne Riska (Finland)

Dr Riska is Professor of Sociology at the Swedish School of Social Science, University of Helsinki, Finland. Her research focuses on gender and health and on women as patients and professionals in the modern health care system. Her most recent books are *Medical Careers and Feminist Agendas: American, Scandinavian, and Russian Women Physicians* (Aldine de Gruyter 2001) and *Masculinity and Men's Health: Coronary Heart Disease in Medical and Public Discourse* (Rowman & Littlefield 2004).

Heike Solga (Germany)

Is Professor of Sociology (in the field of comparative analyses of social stratification) at the Georg-August-University of Goettingen. From April 2004 - March 2005 she was Professor of Sociology at the University of Leipzig. She was head of the Independent Research Group "Lack of Training: Employment and Life Chances of the Less Educated" at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development from 2000 - 2004. She was Co-head of the East German Life History Study from 1995 - 2000. She was Visiting Professor at main world universities. She currently leads a project on disadvantaged youth. Other research interests are linked lives in academic couples, the consequences of the Bologna process for the German vocational and tertiary system, and educational chances of immigrant youth. She is co-editor of the "Koelner Zeitschrift fuer Soziologie und Sozialpsychologie", co-chair of the National Council for Economic and Social Data (Federal Ministry of Education and Research), member of the executive board of the section "Social Inequality and Social Stratification" as well as Member of the Konzil of the German Sociological Association.

Constanza Tobío (Spain)

Dr Tobío graduated in Political Science and Sociology at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid. She is currently Profesora Titular at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and Vice-Dean in charge of the degree in Sociology. She has been visiting professor at the universities of Bilbao, Granada, Bath, Siena and at the Centre d'Etudes de l'Emploi in Paris. Her main areas of research are urban sociology, social structure and the family-employment relationship. She has recently published a book and several articles in international journals on lone parent families and Spain, as well as on Spanish working mothers' strategies to make family and employment compatible. She is a member of the TSER network on "Working and Mothering: social policies and social practices" and the RTN on "Grandparenthood and inter-generational relationships in aging European populations".

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President of the Portuguese National Sociological Association, PHD in Sociology; Professor in the Department of Sociology of ISCTE (Higher Institute for Social and Management Sciences) in Lisbon and a researcher in CIES/ISCTE; coord. of a postgraduate master's degree in Family and Society;

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Research on family, gender, marriage, divorce, relation between work and family, poverty, drug addition; senior researcher in European Social Survey's team for Portugal; teaching, researching and publishing in Europe and in Brazil. Books: individual authorship of 4 books: Divorce in Portugal, 1996; Sociology of Marriage, 2001; Marriage in Portugal, 2002, Marital Life and Work, 2004; Drugs and Prisons in Portugal (2002) and Men and Women between Work and Family, with others (2004); texts, articles and chapters of books also in English, French, German and Italian.

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Silvano Bolcic (Serbia)

Full Professor of Sociology at the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Belgrade. He is teaching Sociology of Work and Economic Sociology. He has studied for long time social aspects of economic development and conducted several empirical studies on entrepreneurs and transition in Serbia. He was Fulbright Visiting Professor at the Cornell University, Ithaca (USA) in 1979, and William Davidson Visiting Professor at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, in 2002. He has published over 170 scientific works, among them 7 books as author and 10 books as co-author and editor. His important books (in Serbian) are Development and Crisis of the Yugoslav Society in Sociological Perspective (1983), Interest Dimension of Development (1987), Hardships of Transition Toward Entrepreneurial Society (1994), World of Work in Transformation (2003). His book Interest Dimension of Development (1987) was awarded the Vjesnik (Zagreb) Prize as the best book in social sciences.

Louis Chauvel (France)

He is full professor of sociology at Sciences-Po University (Paris), member of Institut Universitaire de France and researcher at the the Observatoire sociologique du changement (OSC). His PhD of sociology (University of Lille 1997) and Habilitation (2003), are based on a cohort/generational analysis of stratification/class dynamics of the 20th century (France-Europe-US), partially published in the book : Le destin des générations, structure sociale et cohortes en France au XXe siècle (Presses universitaires de France 2002). His main papers deal with social change, international comparisons, youth, suicide, social inequalities (generational, gender, class) in relation with the role of the States, middle class and the consequences of post 1975-economic slow down in Europe, etc. Treasurer of the Association française de sociologie, he is also an activist of trans-national connections of sociological associations.

Aykan Erdemir (Turkey)

He is an assistant professor of sociology at the Middle East Technical University, Department of Sociology. He received his Ph.D. from the joint program on Social Anthropology and Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University with a dissertation on the political incorporation of the Alevi religious community in Turkey. His research interests are immigration, nonprofit organizations, faith-based collective action, Alevi, and European ethnography. He is currently conducting research on the work strategies and networks of Turkish immigrants in London and the resettlement of Meskhetian Turks in Turkey. His article entitled "Tradition and Modernity: Alevi's Ambiguous Terms and Turkey's Ambivalent Subjects" is forthcoming from Middle Eastern Studies. Dr. Erdemir is on the editorial boards of the Journal of Sociological Research and Kirkbudak: Anatolian Journal of Folk Religion. He is a member of the executive board of the Turkish Sociological Association.

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Dr Hoikkala is Academic Docent in Sociology, works a Research Director in the Finnish Youth Research Network. His research projects have dealt with youth cultures, entries into adulthood, health, masculinities, methodological issues and generations. His actual project deals the identities of Finnish youth work and civic activities. He has also involved in the World Youth Report -process in the United Nations. He is member of the editorial board of Young Nordic Journal of Youth Research and European Cultural Studies (both published by Sage). Two last publications are: Beyond Helath Literacy together with Pekka Hakkarainen and Sofia Laine (eds.) (2005) and Masculinities and Violence in Youth Cultures (ed.) together with Leena Suurpää (2005). He is married, and has three children.

David Inglis (U.K.)

Dr Inglis is a Senior Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, UK. He writes and teaches in the areas of sociological theory and the sociology of culture. His research in particular focuses on paradigms of cultural analysis, the society/nature interface, the history of sociological thinking, the social thought of ancient civilizations and cultural globalization. He is author of four monographs, including Confronting Culture: Sociological Vistas (Polity, 2003) and Culture and Everyday Life (Routledge, 2005). He is editor of, and contributor to, The Sociology of Art: Ways of Seeing (Palgrave, 2005) and co-editor of Nature: Critical Concepts in the Social Sciences, 5 volumes (Routledge, 2005). He is currently writing Globalization and Social Theory: Redefining Social Science with Professor Roland Robertson for Open University Press/McGraw Hill. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the British Sociological Association and Co-Chair of the BSA's Publications Committee. He sits on the editorial board of the journal Sociology. He is also founding editor of the international journal Cultural Sociology, published by Sage and to be launched in 2007.

Mart Jan de Jong (Netherlands)

After 25 years, Professor De Jong started as a sociologist of education with a special interest in migrant issues. He has carried out empirical studies to assess the gap in educational attainment between Dutch and immigrant children, school segregation, multicultural education, and linguistic policies for pupils

with another mother tongue. He is the president of the Dutch Association of Sociologists of Education. During his career, De Jong broadened his expertise to welfare state issues and general sociological theory. He has written a book on nine founders and modern classics of sociology (Comte, Marx, Durkheim, Weber, Parsons, Berger, Elias, Habermas, and Bourdieu). Presently, he has almost finished updating this book and translating it into English. Papers and articles published in English cover a wide range of topics such as a comparison of the work of Norbert Elias and Pierre Bourdieu, A Plea for Integration, Effective Schooling, and other topics related to the educational achievement of immigrant children. De Jong has always taken a highly critical stance against educational policies that hinder the integration of migrant children. Recently, he moved from Erasmus University Rotterdam to Roosevelt Academy, a small Liberal Arts College in Middelburg.

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Currently is Associate Professor in Economic Sociology, Dept. of Sociology, University of Crete, 2002-present. He has held several academic positions in diverse European universities. He teaches subjects related to Economic Sociology, Social Change, Qualitative Research Methods, Demography, Sociological Theory, Political Sociology, Sociology of Professions, etc. His main publications are: Weber's Thesis on the Protestant Ethic of Work. Patras: EAP (in Greek) [ISBN: 960-538-430-2], (2002) and Towards a Sociology of Artisans: Continuities and Discontinuities in Comparative Perspective. Aldershot: Ashgate [ISBN: 0-7546-1891-3]. (2001) plus the edition of Koniordos, S. M. (ed) (2004), Networks, Trust and Social Capital: Theoretical and empirical investigations from Europe, Aldershot: Ashgate [ISBN: 0-7546-3636-4]. He has edited 4 books and published more than 20 papers. His most important founded researches are: "Life-Long Learning: The Implications for Universities in the European Union"; "Preparedness Towards Enlargement in Family-based Micro-enterprises" and "Vocational Identity, Flexibility and Mobility in the European Labour Market".

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He is currently Professor of Sociology at the University of Siegen, Germany. His main fields of interest are: Social inequality, labour market policies, welfare state, research methods, statistics, sociology of the family and sociology of law. Among his most known publications are: Eppur si muove? Activation Policies in Austria and Germany (with Angela Wroblewski). European Societies, 6, 2004, pp. 485-509; Activating Germany. In: Bredgaard, Th. und Larsen, Fl. (Hrsg.): Employment policy from different angles. Copenhagen: DJØF Verlag (to appear in autumn 2005); (Ed. with Eva Barlösius) Die Armut der Gesellschaft. Opladen: Leske + Budrich, 2001; (Ed. with Jutta Allmendinger). Soziologie des Sozialstaats (Reihe Grundlagentexte der Soziologie). Weinheim und München: Juventa; 2000.

Carlo Ruzza (Italy)

Professor Carlo Ruzza (MA SUNY, PhD Harvard) teaches migration studies and ethnic relations in the Sociology Department at Trento University - Italy. He has previously taught at the University of Essex and at the University of Surrey and was a Jean Monnet fellow at the European Institute in Florence. He has written on Europe and social movements, especially the peace movement, the environmental movement and ethno-nationalist movements, and on EU-level public-interest associations.

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He is currently working on a book on right wing parties and movements in Italy and has recently completed a book on the role of social movements in Brussels (Ruzza, C. Europe and Civil Society: Movement Coalitions and European Governance. Manchester, Manchester University Press 2004).

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Letter from the ESA-President J. P. Roos

According to ESA Statutes, the term of a president is two years, not renewable. Two years is a rather short time to get anything done in an organization, especially an international one. Also, there is the risk of a total change of direction every two years. On the other hand, it is rather clear that the president should have previous experience from the executive so that he or she knows how the organization works. And this also opens a possibility for continuity. Another guarantee of continuity is a permanent secretariat.

In both these aspects, we have been lucky, to a certain extent. At present, our contract concerning the secretariat is rather uncertain, and it is possible that we have to find a new place. But let us hope for the best, and that the French policy of favoring research will continue. ESA is developing, its direction is rather clear and it has been part in many important initiatives. Thus, we are now a founding member of the Initiative for Science in Europe (ISE) which is active in developing a European common base for basic research, both in natural and social sciences as well as developing the European Council of Science. Both are very important, as the science policies of European Union have been, to put it politely, rather one sided (i.e. production oriented) and not very favorable for

the development of good social science research. The ESA has also succeeded to become the recognized sociology organization in a European context. In addition, we have joined the International Sociological Association, which now has a European regional organization as well.

One way, with which the ESA was supposed to guarantee continuity, were its statutes, the change of which was made extremely difficult if not impossible. It is highly probable that when we changed our statutes to that they could be changed in the future, we broke the original statutes, which were luckily not completely clear. Now it is any case possible to make reasonable changes. This time we propose two small, but important changes of statutes: firstly in the Council of national associations (it president is now elected for three years), which should coincide with that of other ESA officers (the present three year period makes a democratic election impossible among other things). Another much more fundamental change is the introduction of more precise requirements concerning the research networks. Now we require that they have statutes, that their presidents cannot be elected indefinitely and that they give regular reports of their activities.

Personally, I would also have liked to establish a system inspired by the American Sociological Association in which the past and newly elected presidents form a sort of triumvirate (president-elect, president, and past president), so that the past presidents would have had their own committee as one of the ESA statutory committees. Here the executive voted me down.

In a more practical vein, it is now at last possible to pay ESA membership fees separately from the congress fee. Thus, we will have more permanent members who don't lose their membership if they do not attend the congress. The next thing will be to start keeping a list of membership payments and encourage those who do not pay to renew their membership. In the long run, this should guarantee a constantly growing membership.

One thing is for certain: ESA is presently a financially very solid organization. But it would be important to start using these resources in a way which is useful for our membership (if not for other reason but to keep our status of a non profit organization under French law). This will be the pleasant task of the next Executive and its president. I wish it every success in this task.

J. P. Roos

Proposed revision of Statutes of ESA to the General Assembly

The following changes have been accepted by the Executive committee:

Article 5:

Existing Statutes:

The European national association are represented by the Council of National Associations

Proposed revision:

The European national sociological associations

Article 8 para.3:

Existing Statutes:

The national associations that will take part in the first meeting of the Council ... and is part of these statutes.

Proposed revision: entirely erased

Article 8 para.4:

Existing Statutes:

The Council will decide on the admission of other European national associations. national sociological associations

Proposed revision:

of other European national sociological associations.

Article 8 para.6:

Existing Statutes:

The chairperson of the Council will be elected by the Council for a three year term.

Proposed revision:

will be elected from the Council for a two year term

Article 11:

Existing Statutes:

Research Networks are proposed by a minimum of 10 members from at least three different countries and approved by the Executive Committee. They may decide their own by-laws in accordance with the general principles of the ESA statutes. Each Research Network elects its own co-ordinator.

Proposed revision:

'Research Networks are proposed by a minimum of 10 members from at least three different countries and approved by the Executive Committee. They may decide their own by-laws in accordance with the general principles of the ESA statutes. Each Research Network elects its own Co-ordinator, at a Business Meeting held at the biannual ESA conference, who shall normally serve for a maximum period of two

consecutive terms of two years. The Research Network Co-ordinator shall submit a report to the Vice President (Research Networks) within two months of each ESA Conference outlining RN activities over the preceding two years.'

Article 13:

Existing Statutes:

The Nomination Committee for the election of the Executive Committee consists of 9 persons proposed by the chairperson of the Council of national associations. ... It proposes a slate of 30 candidates, fifteen of each gender, taking into account regions and fields of research and 4 candidates for the Presidency, half of them male, half of them female.

Proposed revision:

The Nomination Committee for the election of the Executive Committee consists of 4 to 9 persons proposed by the chairperson of the Council of national associations and confirmed by the Executive Committee. ... It proposes a slate of 30 candidates and 4 candidates for the Presidency, half of them male, half of them female, taking into account regions and fields of research.

Conferences and Call for Papers

Conference on Social Capital / Conference on Economy and Community

The Social Capital Foundation
Malta, 21th-24th September 2005

The Social Capital Foundation invites all interested persons or organizations to present a paper to one or both of its upcoming international, interdisciplinary conference that will be held respectively on September 21-22, 2005 and September 23-24, 2005 in the beautiful island of Malta.

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- 3 Decline of the Middle-Class Economy,
4. Social Restratification and the Share of Wealth,
5. The Future of Employment,
6. Poverty and Social Exclusion Issues,
7. Impact of the Euro on the European Economic Health,
8. Compared US-EU Monetary Strategies,
9. Economic Future of the European Union.

Paper proposals may take the form of a detailed abstract (1page long).

To have more information on either conference, please use the links below:

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ESPAnet Conference 2005

University of Fribourg, Switzerland,
22th-24th September 2005

The third ESPAnet annual conference will take place at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland on the 22nd-24th September 2005. The annual ESPAnet conferences seek to encourage exchange between scholars doing innovative research in the field of comparative European social policy. The conference is open to anyone active in social policy research: ESPAnet membership is not compulsory. In any event, ESPAnet membership is free and can be obtained by visiting the ESPAnet website.

The theme of the 2005 annual conference is: *Making social policy in the postindustrial age*

Societies are changing and the social policies that were developed during the postwar years are increasingly seen as problematic. With the ongoing shift towards predominantly postindustrial employment and family structures, new needs and demands have emerged. At the same time, the old social problems, typical of industrial economies, have not disappeared, and continue to put considerable demands on welfare states. These are the key pressures that constrain social policy-making in the postindustrial age. The focus of the conference is on the process of welfare state transformation. It will provide a forum for discussing different visions of the future of the welfare state, for comparing national trajectories, and for dealing with questions of legitimacy and political feasibility of welfare reform.

New Researchers in Families and Relationships

University of Edinburgh,
25th October 2005

The Centre for Research on Families and Relationships is convening its third conference for new researchers with an interest in families and relationships. The meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss research issues and to present findings in a supportive environment. It will consist of presentations by new researchers, on either substantive topics or on theoretical or methodological issues on families and relationships. As well as plenty of opportunities to discuss work with your peers, the conference offers personal and career development in presenting research, discussing and considering research issues and something to add to your CV.

URL:

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Key Dates:

Registration for those presenting papers:
22nd August 2005

Final programme: 1st September 2005

Date of Meeting: 25th October 2005

Call for Papers:

Abstracts of up to 250 words should be submitted by 1st August 2005 from New Researchers who wish to present a conference paper. Abstracts should be submitted using the form attached or the form on our website.

They can be emailed to l.marshall@ed.ac.uk, or submitted via our website <http://www.crfr.ac.uk/events/newresconference.htm>

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Young Citizens, Professional Power and Responsibility of Youth Research

4th Annual Conference of the Finnish Youth Research Society

*Gustavelund conference hotel,
Tuusula, Finland,
02nd-04th November 2005*

The Finnish Youth Research Society invites youth researchers and other persons interested of the topic and announces a call for papers for its 4th Conference on youth research, to be held in Gustvalund conference hotel (http://www.gustavelund.fi/eng_index.html) Tuusula, Finland from the 2nd to 4th of November 2005. The uniting theme and the focus of the seminar will be in young citizens and the questions of youth research responsibility.

European knowledge of the political participation and citizenship of young people is of high quality. Yet it remains to be clarified whether the brisk turns in the development of information and information-gathering culture are linked with young people's problems with democracy and (political) participation. The concept of 'new politics' of the youth has emerged in consequence to the fact that young people are politically active. However, simultaneously it has been noted that young people do not take a particularly active role in democracy.

Several groups of experts are currently in the process of producing a view of a European civil society and young citizenship. The problem is, how could the researchers apply their methods and data so that they would respect or even inspire the political and democratic citizenship of the young? Or do the currently applied research methods have a politics of their own? Where does the responsibility of youth research lie?

And what about the changes brought by the EU and globalization: How have methods, skills of comparison and mixed empirical data developed with regard to young citizens and their participation cultures? How will the new EUYOUNG and European Social Survey projects analyze and compare political participation of the young?

Among other aspects, those mentioned above concerning political youth citizenship and its trends of development will be critically discussed and evaluated during the 4th Annual Conference of the Finnish Youth Research Society. The Conference will work in plenum sessions and debates are to be continued in thematic working groups.

See the preliminary programme:

<http://www.nuorisotutkimusseura.fi/english>

Proposals from all fields of study are invited, and the program committee especially welcomes proposals on the following themes:

- * *Young Citizenships*
- ** Young citizenships in the Europe in the light of empirical and comparative studies
- ** Studies of youth movements and activism to explore young people of different citizenships

* *Method on Youth Research*

- ** Politics and data issues of new methods, and triangulation experiences in the studies on young people
- ** Theoretical-methodological solutions (action research, ethnography etc.) as a personal politics of an individual researcher

* *The Dilemma of Evaluation Researcher*

- ** Social and political roles of researchers, evaluators, and new professionals in the production of youth citizenships

* *Euro Programmes: Governing or Activating Young People?*

- ** Do the Euro programmes and their evaluation practices provide applicable instruments for symbolic governing or power?
- ** What are, for example, the effects of the White Book of youth politics rhetoric or the "best practises" of ESR structural funds on youth citizenship and the related democratic or political discussion?

Papers will be considered on any related theme and the other forms of presentation will be considered on request. For submit your admission and proposed papers, please fill the registration and application form on the web page:

<http://www.nuorisotutkimusseura.fi/english>

As indicated on the application form, please submit an abstract of 300 words or less and include three keywords to describe your paper.

Application and deadlines:

- * Application form should be filled in before the Thursday 15th of September 2005.
- * Notification of acceptance of the participation will be sent before the Wednesday 21st of September 2005.
- * The final versions of the papers resented should be sent to the organiser before Tuesday 17th of October 2005. The papers will be available on web before the conference commences. Papers will initially be available in downloadable pdf- or Word-format.

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Crime, Justice and Surveillance

*Centre for Criminological Research,
University of Sheffield,
5-6 April 2006.*

In the last decade, the UK has seen an unprecedented deployment of surveillance technologies in the name of crime control: drug testing, electronic monitoring, DNA testing video monitoring and CCTV.

This conference seeks to explore the British experience against developments in Europe and North America from criminological and multi-disciplinary perspectives.

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Conference Reports

Qualitative Methods Research Network Mid-term-Conference "The State of the Art of Qualitative Social Research in Europe" in Berlin

Yet another successful meeting of minds and methods

In September 2004, the Qualitative Methods Research Network held yet another successful inter-conference - "The State of the Art of Qualitative Social Research in Europe"- this time in Berlin.

The conference was organized graciously and efficiently by Hubert Knoblauch at the Technical University, Berlin, in conjunction with the Qualitative Methods section of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie (German Sociological Society) and the Interpretive Methods section of the Swiss Sociological Society. In perfect weather just before the onset of autumn, the meetings took place in the modern Architecture School in the centre (of what was once West) Berlin.

The RN was established in 1999 (founding chairpersons: Giampietro Gobo and Ros Edwards). In the ESA Helsinki conference (2001) there were 15 presentations, but by Murcia (2003) the RN had organised 60 presentations around thematic groups (see Thomas Eberle's report in the Bulletin of the ESA Spring/Summer 2004 p.4).

The first inter-conference on Ethnography of Organisational Studies took place at the University of St. Gallen in Switzerland with 28 participants. This second inter-conference in Berlin boasted 27 presentations and 50 participants, including international authorities on qualitative methods, such as David Silverman (Goldsmith College, London), Paul Atkinson (Cardiff) and Uwe Flick (Berlin), who came to Berlin from all over Europe, including Spain, Hungary and Ireland. There were also one or two "voices in the wilderness" from across the Atlantic (Maggie Kusenbach, Tampa) and South Africa (Jan K. Coetze, Grahamstown)!

Giampietro Gobo's opening gambit set

the tone for the whole conference. He argued that while research methods have been proposed tacitly as universal and applicable to all cultures, in practice, they are elaborated in "one" Western culture only. He suggested whether the local/global dichotomy might be useful to produce "glocalism" in methodology.

The presentations naturally divided up into two types: those that reported on the state of the art of qualitative methods in their own (local) countries; and those that documented the use of different qualitative methods universally in recent social research.

We heard fascinating reports on the progress of qualitative research in Spain (Miguel Valles and Alejandro Baer, Madrid), in the United States (Maggie Kusenbach, Tampa), in Switzerland (Thomas Eberle, former RN Qualitative Network Chair, St Gallen), in Northern Ireland (Dirk Schubotz, Belfast) and the use of the qualitative interview in Scandinavia (Anne Ryen, Kristiansand).

Despite globalization and the tendency to think that research has become standardized and unified, we were left with the impression that qualitative research has its own national variations and idiosyncracies. It appears that national styles influence research patterns as much as social research impacts society.

The other set of papers appealed to the differing and growing number of qualitative techniques utilized in Europe (and the United States). There is little question that visual methods are increasing and rapidly changing in this digital age. On the one hand, Roland Hauri-Bill (Bern) told us of an interesting experiment interviewing children about Christmas ceremonies on the basis of their own photographs; on the other hand, Bernt Schnettler

(Berlin) updated us on the latest developments in visual sociology in Germany. At the other end of the spectrum, discourse analysis still appeared to be alive and kicking. David Silverman (London) treated us to a plenary lecture on "Instances or Sequences?". Others (Kai-Olaf Maiwald, Frankfurt-am-Main; Michael Kauppert Jena) followed suit on sequential analysis in German sociology and structuralist analysis of narratives. Of special interest was Johannes Angermüller's (Magedburg) paper on the French school of discourse analysis.

In the light of a certain disillusionment with the validity of exclusive quantitative research methodology, qualitative research is gaining in popularity in all disciplines; this may also account for the growing success of the ESA Qualitative RN. However, use of qualitative methodology has changed over recent years. Christoph Maeder (Rorschach) and Eva Nadai (Solothurn) described what they call "fuzzy fields" in which multi-sited ethnography is becoming increasingly the norm, particularly in applied research. There also appears to be an increasing recognition of qualitative research in business, education and the "real world": Andrea Buss Notter (Neuenburg/Neuchâtel) reported on its use in a study of Swiss banking.

It is hoped that the Qualitative Methods RN will receive commensurate recognition within the ESA. We are already recruiting papers for the Torun conference (2005), which will be organized in thematic groups, to be announced on the ESA website.

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Books and other Publications

The Nation, Europe, and the World: Textbooks and Curricula in Transition

Edited by Hanna Schissler and Yasemin Soysal
Berghahn Books

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Towards a European Society? Integration and Regulation of Capitalism

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This publication can be found at:
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You may order a printed version from the Department of Sociology of the University of Helsinki. The department's contact person is Aija Auvinen, aija.auvinen@helsinki.fi

Overstretched: European Families Up Against the Demands of Work and Care

Edited by Teppo Kröger and Jorma Sipilä
Blackwell Publishing

Combining work and care responsibilities is a challenge faced by families in many industrialized nations. This volume focuses on the everyday life of families who live under particularly strained conditions; that is, lone parent families, immigrant families, dual career families, and families who care simultaneously for both their children and an elderly family member. It provides a new perspective on the reality of European family life where care and paid work need to be woven together on a daily basis. The book develops methods for doing comparative qualitative analysis in practice, bringing an original approach to social research. It offers new insights into the perennial problems of gender balance in caring, and the significance of cultural notions and working hours to the organization of care. *Overstretched* is based on interviews with families from Finland, France, Italy, Portugal and the UK, and makes it possible to discuss care policies in these and other countries in a new light.

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Gender, women and social science

Ann Oakley
The Policy Press

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Flexibilisierung - Subjektivierung - Anerkennung. Auswirkungen von Flexibilisierungsmaßnahmen auf die Anerkennungsbeziehungen in Unternehmen

Julia Kropf
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Noch vor zwanzig Jahren waren die soziologischen Debatten von der Frage dominiert, ob der Arbeitsgesellschaft möglicherweise die Arbeit ausginge. Heute muss festgestellt werden, dass trotz anhaltender Massenarbeitslosigkeit Arbeit als zentrales Element in den Lebensentwürfen von Menschen keineswegs an Bedeutung verloren hat. Wandlungsprozesse, die unter Stichworten wie "Enttaylorisierung" oder "Flexibilisierung" zusammengefasst werden können, beziehen sich dabei insbesondere auf die Erwerbsarbeit. Diese Entwicklungen sind jedoch mit wachsender Unsicherheit der Beschäftigten verbunden. Während die strukturelle und hierarchische Eindeutigkeit des "Taylorismus" den Arbeitnehmern eine gewisse Kontinuität vermittelte und sie befähigte, das Leben im Sinne einer Autorenschaft kohärent zu gestalten, muss das Fundament einer solchen Autorenschaft im Zuge von Flexibilisierungsprozessen neu gelegt werden. Die daraus resultierenden Probleme betreffen insbesondere die anerkennungsstiftende Funktion von Arbeit. Schließlich geht es dabei um die Frage, welche Aspekte des derzeitigen Strukturwandels verstärkt in den Blick genommen werden müssen, damit dieser tatsächlich als gesellschaftlicher und subjektiver Fortschritt erfahren werden kann.

Die Autorin nähert sich dieser Frage durch die Zusammenführung zweier wissenschaftlicher Diskurse: dem philosophischen Diskurs über Anerkennung und dem arbeits- und industriesoziologischen Diskurs über die Subjektivierung von Arbeit.

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Research Network Gender Relations in the Labour Market and the Welfare State searches for a new Chair

After many years of activities Eva Cyba wants to withdraw from the position of the chair. Persons who are interested should send their applications till August 12th to Eva Cyba (eva.cyba@univie.ac.at).

Interested persons are invited to attend the Business Meeting at the conference in Torun.

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