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International Sociological Association**

**2009 NEWSLETTER**

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**RC19 SESSIONS AT THE 2010 ISA CONGRESS**

The RC 19 program for next year's ISA World Congress in Gothenburg is nearing completion. The deadline for submitting abstracts has now past, and Program Coordinators Sheila Shaver and Siri Hettige are working with session organizers to complete the planning. There will be a full program of sessions running throughout the Congress week. There will also be an RC 19 dinner.

**PRESIDENTIAL LETTER**

Dear colleagues:

I am writing at the very end of my second term as your President, having enjoyed almost eight years of working with you to make RC19 one of the most interesting research committees of the ISA, and certainly one of the liveliest and most collegial. We should be proud of our collective dedication to the academic enterprise of comparative analysis of systems of social provision and regulation and the development of social theory—on display yet again at our most recent conference in Montreal organized by Jane Jenson, Rianne Mahon and Deena White. We can look forward to more excellent workshops in the years to come, Seoul in 2011 (to be organized by board member Huck-ju Kwon) and, most probably Budapest in 2012. I'm sure we will also enjoy our committee's program as part of the larger ISA gathering this coming summer in

Göteborg, organized by Sheila Shaver and Siri Hettige. Soon you will be hearing from Stein Ringen, past RC19 president and chair of our nominations committee, about our upcoming election, and I trust you will offer your best efforts to those we elect, as you have to me, for which I am most grateful.

Yours,

Ann Shola Orloff

President of the Research Committee 19  
International Sociological Association  
Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies  
Director, Program in Gender Studies  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, Illinois, USA

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Microdata Expert at the Luxembourg Income Study (LIS)**

A Non-Profit Data Archive and Research Center in Luxembourg (starting date: January 2010, or as soon as possible).

Duration: 24-month position, with the possibility of extension. Shorter length is also negotiable.

The work will include:

- harmonizing and documenting microdata in the areas of income, expenditures/consumption, employment, and demographics
- contributing to the conceptual framework underlying the harmonization process and practices
- working with data providers and
- assisting and instructing data users

Required:

- PhD or MA degree (or equivalent experience)
- experience with surveys or datasets from *low-income* and/or *middle-income* countries
- substantial experience working with microdata
- substantial experience producing or managing datasets
- good command of programming in a major statistical package
- proficiency in English (the working language in the LIS office)

Priority will be given to applicants with:

- experience working with income, expenditure and/or consumption data
- experience working with labor market data
- experience working with data on assets/wealth and/or debt
- knowledge of SAS

Candidates are encouraged to apply from multiple disciplines, including economics, sociology, political science, social policy, social statistics, demography and related fields. Successful candidates will be granted some time to carry out research using the LIS data.

Applicants should submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae.

By email: Caroline de Tombeur at [caroline@lisproject.org](mailto:caroline@lisproject.org).

Or by mail:

Caroline de Tombeur  
Luxembourg Income Study, asbl  
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Please indicate required salary range in the cover letter. Applications will be considered until the position is filled. For more information about LIS, see our web site: [www.lisproject.org](http://www.lisproject.org).

### **Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of Bremen**

The research project 'Welfare States in Small Open Economies' at the Collaborative Research Center 597 'Transformations of the State', University of Bremen (Germany) is searching for a Postdoctoral Researcher (75 per cent).

This position offers the opportunity to work for the duration of at least one year (beginning in early 2010) in a comparative and interdisciplinary environment about questions of welfare state change and changes in 'statehood' more generally. It is anticipated that this project will provide the basis for an ongoing research program, and there will likely be an opportunity for extending employment beyond the end of December 2010. The project compares welfare state changes in small open economies since the mid-1970s and covers eight advanced OECD-countries.

We conduct case studies in order to examine the potential influence of both socioeconomic and political factors on social policy change in the era of globalisation.

The candidate will be expected to provide expertise on the Dutch welfare states and comparative social policy research and to contribute to English-language publications.

Requirements: A doctoral degree in political science, sociology or a related field.

Candidates are expected to have an excellent academic record, a keen interest in research on the recent past and the future of the mature OECD-welfare state, as well as very good English communication skills. German language skills are not required. Skills in Dutch and experience in qualitative comparative work on the welfare state would be highly welcome. As the University of Bremen intends to increase the proportion of female employees in science women are particularly encouraged to apply. In case of equal personal aptitudes and qualification disabled persons will be given priority.

Benefits: The Collaborative Research Center (CRC) 'Transformations of the State' is funded by the German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) and is the first institution of that kind in the domain of political sciences in Germany. Its interdisciplinary and internationally-oriented character renders working at the CRC a stimulating research experience.

Application: Please send a letter of application, curriculum vitae and references before the 31 December 2009:

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## **CALLS FOR PAPER**

### **Call for Papers: The Global Crises: Impact and Challenges for Social Security**

The 17th International Research Seminar of the Foundation for International Studies on Social Security (FISS) will take place at the Sigtunahöjden Conference Centre in Sigtuna, near Stockholm (Sweden), on 16 – 18 June 2010.

The seminar will be devoted to the consequences for social security of the financial and economic crisis in a changing world and will address the following questions: How has the social security sector responded? To what extent is the crisis placing an additional burden on systems' finances? Have social security systems succeeded in dealing effectively with the negative impacts of the crisis? Have the reforms of the past few years, including activation measures and changes to pensions and healthcare systems, proven effective? What lessons can be learnt for the future? The crisis has also made it apparent that today's societies will need to realign policies relatively quickly in order to protect the (global) environment and safeguard social cohesion, and to be able to cope adequately with growing migration flows. The seminar will focus on the role that social security might play in this respect, including addressing what kind of reforms are required and whether it is possible to identify best practices.

#### *Confirmed Keynote Speakers:*

Tony Atkinson (Oxford University)

Anton Hemerijck (VU University Amsterdam)

Herwig Immervol (OECD)

FISS welcomes papers that address these and other relevant questions. Authors wishing to submit a paper for presentation at the seminar should submit by email attachment a title and an abstract of between 200 and 300 words in English before 25 January 2010 to the FISS Secretariat at: [csb@ua.ac.be](mailto:csb@ua.ac.be) The file should have the lead author's surname in the title (e.g. Cantillon\_FISS\_2009).

Those who have submitted an abstract will be informed by 8 February 2010 whether their paper has been accepted and be given detailed formatting instructions. The full papers, which should be written in English, should be submitted to the FISS Secretariat at the Herman Deleeck Centre for Social Policy (University of Antwerp) no later than 15 May 2010, for distribution to the discussants and participants.

More information is available on the FISS webpage:

<http://fiss-socialsecurity.com/metadot/index.pl>

### **35th Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association**

Where and When: Chicago, Illinois, 18-21 November, 2010

Submission deadline: 15 February, 2010

“Power and Politics”

The 2010 Program Committee seeks panel proposals that will focus on *Power and Politics*. Power is a foundational concept in history and the social sciences, and just as clearly a contested one. Traditionally, the understanding of power as the capacity to enact one's will against resistance and images of the coercive, central state apparatus held sway, and these are still compelling visions. More recently, we have seen the emergence of a rather different conception of power as a diffuse set of forces, at work in the practices of everyday life, which may entangle actors in their own subjection. Here, the analysis of power has expanded to include the constitution of domination outside the formal polity, in forms of inequality and difference such as race, gender, or sexuality, or in terms of capillary processes working through classification systems, therapeutic discourses, and other technologies of regulation.

Similarly, notions of politics and the political are debated. Some focus on collective practices, formal and informal, directed at states, while others stress the ways in which “the personal is political,” or examine individual or small scale acts of compliance, resistance or inauguration that may be carried into the polity. And which issues and relations are considered political is historically specific. Power and politics, then, have many faces, and we may trace their institutionalization in forms of rule and the formation of subjects in a broad array of spatial, national and historical contexts.

As historical social scientists and social science historians, we hail from many traditions and disciplines. But we share common ground in the weight we assign to historicizing our understandings of power and politics. SSHA is a site in which we may use our collective intellectual resources and disciplinary traditions to help us to challenge foundational concepts and conventional understandings within our own fields. More broadly, still, we can ask what the streams of social science history and historical social science imply for understanding power and politics in today's world, and in the future.

The 2010 conference will be held in downtown Chicago, in the Palmer House Hilton. Chicago has served as a stage for some of America's most memorable political events and has a rich history as a site of civil rights, labor, feminist, anti-war, student and other social movement organizing; many are fascinated by its municipal politics, its role in national partisan battles, and its emergence as one of North America's global cities. Thus, we also encourage panels and papers organized around Chicago themes. *As ever, papers and panels on themes not related to the conference theme are also welcome.*

#### *How to participate in the 2010 SSHA Program*

Starting in *December 2009*, proposals for individual papers and complete sessions will be accepted at <http://ssha.org>; the deadline for all submissions is *15 February 2010*. SSHA will continue to make competitive grants for graduate student travel, now with additional help from the *Charles and Louise Tilly Fund for Social Science History*, which will also support a graduate student paper prize.

#### *SSHA President for 2009-10*

Ann Shola Orloff, Northwestern University, [ssha2010president@gmail.com](mailto:ssha2010president@gmail.com)

#### *Program Committee Co-Chairs for the 2010 Conference:*

Monica Prasad, Northwestern University (Sociology), [m-prasad@northwestern.edu](mailto:m-prasad@northwestern.edu)  
Jennifer Mittelstadt, Pennsylvania State University (History), [jlm71@psu.edu](mailto:jlm71@psu.edu)  
Kimberly Morgan, George Washington University (Government), [kjmorgan@gwu.edu](mailto:kjmorgan@gwu.edu)

### **Call for Papers:**

#### **Joint NordWel and REASSESS International Summer School**

*State, Society & Citizen: Cross- and Multi-disciplinary Perspectives on Welfare State Development* (Odense, 15-20 August 2010)

NCoE NordWel and NCoE REASSESS in cooperation with the Centre for Welfare State Research, University of Southern Denmark, organize an international summer school in Odense, 15-20 August 2010.

Welfare states can be studied from a number of theoretical and methodological approaches, with various chronological perspectives and with a focus on different empirical phenomena. The aim of the summer school is to stimulate discussions across disciplines and thereby foster innovative cross-disciplinary and multi-perspective research.

To this purpose the Summer School brings together PhD students and well-established scholars in scientific exchanges.

Distinguished international scholars lecture in thematic sessions on:

Religion & the Welfare State, Immigration & the Welfare State, The Service Sector in the Welfare State, as well as Agency & Welfare State Development.

The list of senior scholars, who have confirmed their participation, includes Bernhard Ebbinghaus (University of Mannheim), Bruno Palier (Sciences Po, Paris), Christine Trampusch (Bern University), Christoph Conrad (University of Geneva), Gerhard Ritter (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München), Gøsta Esping-Andersen (University Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona), Julia Lynch (University of Pennsylvania), Joakim Palme (Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm & Uppsala University), Marta Szebehely (Stockholm University), Noel Whiteside (University of Warwick), Olli Kangas (Kela, Helsinki), Philip Manow (University of Konstanz), Pirjo Markkola (Jyväskylä University), Wim van Oorschot (Tilburg University), Bjørn Hvinden (Nova, Oslo), Pauli Kettunen (University of Helsinki), as well as Patrick Emmenegger, Klaus Petersen and Jon Kvist (all University of Southern Denmark, Odense).

We invite PhD students from different disciplinary backgrounds both within and outside the Nordic countries to participate in discussing the development of the welfare state, its preconditions, present status and how we ought to study it. PhD Students present their papers in parallel sessions and get feedback from senior scholars and junior colleagues.

We welcome paper proposals by PhD students on the themes of the thematic sessions as well as on welfare and the welfare state more generally. Papers are selected on basis of their quality. Papers can be written from a broad historical or contemporary perspective and from disciplines such as sociology, history, social policy, political science, and political philosophy.

#### *Course Fee*

The Course fee is 100 Euros. Accommodation is financed by NCoE NordWel and NCoE REASSESS. It is possible to apply for a travel grant after confirmation of acceptance.

#### *How to Apply*

PhD students interested in participating in the summer school should send an abstract (½ page) for a paper proposal and a short biography (including list of publications) by email no later than 1 February 2010 to coordinator Tina Drejer: [tidr@sam.sdu.dk](mailto:tidr@sam.sdu.dk).

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## **NEW BOOKS**

**Farley Brathwaite (ed.). 2009. *Social Protection Policy in the Caribbean: From Social Assistance to Social Development*. Kingston (Jamaica): Ian Randle Publishers.**

This book offers an extended analysis of social vulnerability in the Caribbean region, traces and outlines the development of social policy in the region, and examines a range of social protection instruments (the main provisions, and their impact) which have been developed to address vulnerability in the area. The final chapter explores some ideas for a new social protection policy framework for the Caribbean region.

*Contents:*

- Vulnerability in the Caribbean
- The Development of Social Policy in the Caribbean
- Social Protection in the Caribbean
- A Social Protection Policy Framework for the Caribbean
- Bibliography

You can order this book online here: <http://www.ianrandlepublishers.com/>

**Hannele Forsberg and Teppo Kröger (eds). 2009. *Social Work and Child Welfare Politics: Through Nordic Lenses*. Bristol: Policy Press.**

Children and families are at the heart of social work all over the world, but, until now Nordic perspectives have been rare in the body of English-language child welfare literature. Is there something that makes child welfare ideas and practices that are in use in the Nordic countries characteristically 'Nordic'? If so, what kinds of challenges do the current globalization trends pose for Nordic child welfare practices, especially for social work with children and families?

Covering a broad range of child welfare issues, this edited collection provides examples of Nordic approaches to child welfare, looking at differences between Nordic states as well as the similarities. It considers, and critically examines, the particular features of the Nordic welfare model - including universal social care services that are available to all citizens and family policies that promote equality and individuality - as a resource for social work with children and families. Drawing on contemporary research and debates from different Nordic countries, the book examines how social work and child welfare politics are produced and challenged as both global and local ideas and practices. "Social work and child welfare politics" is aimed at academics and researchers in social work, childhood studies, children's policy and social policy, as well as social work practitioners, policy makers and service providers, all over the world who are interested in Nordic experiences of providing care and welfare for families with children. More information: [www.policypress.co.uk](http://www.policypress.co.uk)

**Gerard Quinn and Lisa Waddington (eds). 2009. *The European Yearbook of Disability Law*. Antwerp: Intersentia.**

This new Yearbook reviews the significant developments at European level regarding disability law and policy. The field of disability law and policy is both new and rapidly expanding at European level. It covers a disparate range of subject areas including non-discrimination, transport, education, employment and housing. For the first time, the Yearbook draws all of the relevant developments together and provides an indispensable reference work for lawyers, public policy analysts, researchers, government agencies and civil society groups.

The Yearbook contains a series of essays on current challenges and developments from senior analysts and academics in the field. It aims to provide critical insight in the evolution of European disability law and policy and offers an analysis of pressing challenges in a broad range of fields.

The core of the Yearbook consists of a review of the preceding year's significant events, as well as policy and legal developments within the institutions of the European Union. It reviews major EU policy developments, studies and other publications, legislative proposals, and non-discrimination case law from the European Court of Justice, as well as the outcomes of major conferences and other relevant events.

The Yearbook also reviews the relevant developments on disability issues within the Council of Europe and recounts for example, the work of the Committee of Ministers, the emerging case law of the European Court of Human Rights, the growing disability jurisprudence of the European Social Charter as well as developments within the other treaty monitoring bodies of the Council of Europe, such as the Committee for the Prevention of Torture and the Framework Convention for the Protection of Minorities.

The relevant work of other European level bodies in the field of disability including the OECD and the European Conference of Transport Ministers, especially with respect to emergency planning and disability, is also reviewed. An account is given of the relevant activities of various European level civil society groups including principally the European Disability Forum, the European Coalition for Community Living, and the Mental Disability Advocacy Group.

The Yearbook also contains a bibliography of major publications in the field of European disability law and policy as well as an annex containing the full text of the most significant documents and policy developments.

## **NEW SPECIAL ISSUE**

### **Special Issue of *Social Politics* (Volume 16, Number 4 [winter] 2009)**

“The Power of Gender Perspectives: Feminist Influence on Policy Paradigms, Social Science and Social Politics” [<http://sp.oxfordjournals.org/archive/>]

Co-edited by Ann Shola Orloff and Bruno Palier

#### *Contents:*

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Tasleem J. Padamsee:

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Jane Jenson:

“Lost in Translation: The Social Investment Perspective and Gender Equality”

Trudie Knijn and Arnoud Smit:

“Investing, Facilitating, or Individualizing the Reconciliation of Work and Family Life: Three Paradigms and Ambivalent Policies”

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Daniel Béland:

“Gender, Ideational Analysis, and Social Policy”

## **CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS**

Let RC19 members know about forthcoming conferences, recent publications, and employment opportunities! Send me your submissions and I will include them in the next RC19 Digest, which is due for publication in February 2010: [daniel.beland@usask.ca](mailto:daniel.beland@usask.ca)

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