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FROM THE SECRETARY

We had a good World Congress - now, the plans for our own exclusive one! Please see below for the proposals so far made for 1996, and send in your comments and suggestions.

Note the modifications to the structure of our dues described in the report to the Business Meeting; I hope that these will be generally welcomed.

I have been elected to the Committee of the whole International Sociological Association, in the new section representing the Research Committees. Members are invited to let me know of any points that they would like to see raised about the policies and organisation of the ISA as a whole.

Removal of the names of members who, despite reminders in previous issues of the Newsletter, had not paid their dues, was postponed until after the World Congress, since many people pay there, but the remaining names have now been deleted from the membership list. If any colleague complains at not receiving their Newsletter when you have yours, please suggest to them that this may be the reason - and point out that there is forgiveness when (financial) repentance is shown!

1996 CONFERENCE

Since the meeting in Bielefeld, plans have been going ahead. The suggested dates are May 16-18, 1996; if that date is not suitable, the same days in the following week are the second choice. Members are invited to send any *comments on the date(s)* and their convenience for them to the Secretary, *by the end of October, please*, since the booking will need to be finalised.

For *session topics*, members who were not at the meeting may also add suggestions (which they would be prepared to organise) to the topics listed below in the minutes of the business meeting, or volunteer to help organise one of those; they are also invited to say if they would be interested in contributing a paper on any of those topics. The final list will be established when everyone has had the opportunity to contribute to the discussion, and may combine or eliminate topics if they do not appear to elicit enough interest. On this, please send your *comments to the Secretary by the middle of December*. Thank you!

Do you have any ideas on the nature and best timing of the main social activity of the Conference? Comments on that too are invited.

RCHS BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of the Business Meeting held on 22 July 1994 at the University of Bielefeld.

Present: 25 members; apologies for absence were received from Profs. Coser, Genov, Käsler and Kuklick.

Secretary's report: The financial situation of RCHS is quite healthy, although it takes disproportionate effort to encourage members not to forget to pay their dues; problems are caused when she does not know if members have really just forgotten, or wish to resign, and she appealed to all members to pay promptly if they wish to continue in membership. A projection of likely future costs shows that if the relevant factors continue as before newsletters, the major expense, can be provided two or three times a year.

Mrs Miriam Chall is very kindly prepared to continue with the arrangement for distributing copies of the Newsletter. Our sincere gratitude to her, and also to Martin Bulmer, who continues to do the same for mailings to some other countries.

- Janusz Mucha is planning a volume, following up his World Congress session, on Stalinism and Sociology West and East. Anyone else interested in participating in this project is invited to contact him at Department of Sociology, Nicolaus Copernicus University, 87-100 Torun, Poland, or by e mail on [jmucha@plumk11](mailto:jmuchaplumk11) or [jmucha@vm.cc.uni.torun.pl](mailto:jmuchavm.cc.uni.torun.pl).
Eastern Europe in Transformation, edited by Mike Keen and Janusz Mucha (Greenwood Press 1994), contains 25 articles, some by other RCHS members, on the history of sociology in the whole range of countries in Eastern Europe during the period leading up to and including glasnost and perestroika.
- Szociológiai Szemle, the Hungarian Sociological Association's review, has RCHS member Dénes Némedi as editor in chief. A special English-language issue (1994:2) contains articles and research reports on issues arising in the recent process of system change.
- A section on 'Sozial- und Ideengeschichte der Soziologie' has been founded within the German Sociological Society (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie). Interested people should contact PD Dr Carsten Klingemann (Universität Osnabrück, Fachbereich Sozial-wissenschaften, Seminarstraße 33, D-49069 Osnabrück) for the social-history aspect, or PD DR Peter-Ulrich Merz-Benz (Universität Zürich, Soziologisches Institut, Rämistrasse 69, CH-8001 Zürich) for the history of ideas aspect.
- Is there anyone else interested in setting up a workgroup on the history of race discourse in sociology? If so, they are invited to contact Dr Frank Furedi, at Keynes College, University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NP, England., or on e-mail ff2@UKC.ac.uk.
- Dr Josep Llobera has been promoted to Reader in Sociology at Goldsmiths' College of the University of London.
- Dr Irmela Gorges is now Professor of Sociology at the Fachhochschule für Verwaltung und Rechtspflege, Berlin.
- Prof. Edith Kurzweil has moved from Rutgers to be University Professor of Social Thought at Adelphi University, Garden City, Long Island.
- A recently published book by Roscoe C. Hinkle, Developments in American Sociological Theory 1915-1950, examines a period of major transformation, covering the full range of theory at the time as well as some of its methodological themes.
- A special double issue of Polanyiana (the journal of the Michael Polanyi Liberal Philosophical Association), vol. 2:1-2, 1992, publishes a number of contributions made to the Polanyi centennial commemorative conference held in Budapest. The journal appears four times a year; the editorial office is at 1111 Budapest, Müegyetem rkp.3.K.I.59, Hungary.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS

- Lars Clausen and Carsten Schlüter (eds.) Hundert Jahre 'Gemeinschaft und Gesellschaft': Ferdinand Tönnies in der internationalen Diskussion, Leverkusen:Leske and Budrich, 1993.
- Carsten Schlüter and Lars Clausen (eds.) Renaissance der Gemeinschaft?: Stabile Theorie und Neue Theoreme, Berlin: Duncker and Humblot, 1993.
- Lars Clausen and Carsten Schlüter (eds.) 'Ausdauer, Geduld und Ruhe': Aspekte und Quellen der Tönnies-Forschung, Hamburg: Rolf Fechner Verlag, 1993.
- Éva Gábor 'Michael Polanyi in the Moot', Polanyiana 2, 1992.
- Renzo Gubert and Milano:
Luigi Tomasi (eds.) Le catholicisme social de Pierre Guillaume Frédéric Le Play, FrancoAngeli, 1994.
- Shoji Kato 'A comparative study of the Gemeinschaft concept', in ed. Clausen Hundert Jahre and Schlüter, Hundert Jahre..., above.
- Mike F. Keen and Janusz L. Mucha (eds.) Eastern Europe in Transformation: The Impact on Sociology, Greenwood Press, 1994.
- Edith Kurzweil Freudians and Feminists, Westview, Jan. 1995.
- Klaus Lichtblau 'Ästhetische Kultur" - zur Karriere und Kritik eines gesamt-europäischen Selbstverständigungstopos um die Jahrhundertwende', in Bernhard Schäfers (ed.) Lebensverhältnisse und soziale Konflikte im neuen Europa, Frankfurt/New York: Campus Verlag, 1993.
- Klaus Lichtblau 'Zur Logik der Weltbildanalyse in Georg Simmels Philosophie des Geldes', Simmel Newsletter 3:99-108, 1993.
- Klaus Lichtblau and Johannes Weiss (eds.) Max Weber, Die Protestantische Ethik und der 'Geist' des Kapitalismus (text with notes of the major changes made between the first and 1920 versions), Bodenheim: Athenäum/Hain/Hanstein, 1993.
- Lynn McDonald The Early Origins of the Social Sciences, Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 1994.
- Lynn McDonald The Women Founders of the Social Sciences, Ottawa: Carleton University Press, 1994.
- Edward Tiryakian 'Revisiting sociology's first classic: The Division of Labor in Society and its actuality.', in Sociological Forum, March 1994. (This is a special issue of the journal, with Tiryakian as guest editor, and it also includes papers by R. K. Merton, R.A. Jones, D. Rueschemeyer, E. Lemert and H-P. Müller.)

Gerhard Wagner and Heinz Zippran (eds.) Max Webers Wissenschaftslehre: Interpretation und Kritik, Frankfurt am Main: Suhrkamp, 1994. (incl. 'Kausalität oder Wechselwirkung? Max Weber und Georg Simmel im Vergleich'.)

Gerhard Wagner Gesellschaftstheorie als politische Theologie? Zur Kritik und Überwindung der Theorien normativer Integration, Berlin: Dunckler & Humblot, 1993.

Gerhard Wagner 'Über sexuelle Arbeitsteilung', Berliner Journal für Soziologie 3: 469-486, 1993.

Gerhard Wagner 'Who's afraid of Dr Lebon?', Sociological Theory 11:321-323, 1993.



NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR INTERESTS

- Valeri Afanassiev History of sociology in Germany and Russia (Dept. of Sociology, Altai State University, ul. Dimitrova 66, Barnaul 656038, Russia.)
- Lars Clausen Ferdinand Tönnies and his time (Wehlbrook 30, D-22143 Hamburg, Germany.)
- Harry Freemantle Conditions for the emergence of sociology, particularly France in the late 18th. and early 19th. centuries. (Social Sciences, Murdoch University, Murdoch, Western Australia 6150, Australia.)
- Willy Guneriussen Theoretical background and foundations in classical sociology; variations in the concept of modernity. (Institute of Social Science, University of Tromsø, 9037 Tromsø, Norway.)
- Bjørn Hvinden Georg Simmel; the Norwegian forerunner Eilert Sundt. (Institute of Applied Social Research, Munthesgt. 31, N-0260 Oslo, Norway.)
- Michael Kaern Epistemology (1524 Vista Club Circle, Apt. 204, Santa Clara, CA 95054, USA.)
- Shoji Kato The thought of Ferdinand Tönnies (Chubu University, College of Business Administration and Information Science, Kasugai-Shi, Aichi-ken, 487 Japan.)
- Deyan Kiuranov History of Bulgarian sociology. (12 Axaicoff Str., Sofia 1000, Bulgaria.)
- György Litván Hungarian sociology at home and abroad. (Melinda Ut. 32, 1121 Budapest, Hungary.)
- Marjatta Marin Family and gender conceptions of the classics (Dept. of Sociology, University of Jyväskylä, PO Box 35, SF - 40351 Jyväskylä, Finland.)
- Lynn McDonald Women, empiricism, early origins of social science. (Dept. of Sociology, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 2W1, Canada.)
- David Millett History of sociological theory, ideologies (Dept. of Sociology, University of Ottawa, 550 Cumberland, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5, Canada.)
- André Petitat Magic, sorcery and rationality, C16 and C17, especially Jean Bodin. (Département de Sociologie, UQAM, CP 8888 Succ. A, Montréal, Québec, H3C 3P8 Canada.)

- Salvino Salvaggio History of sociological thought, Marx, systems theory. (Institut d'Études Socio-Historiques, Université de Liège, Bd. du Rectorat 19B51, 4000 Liège, Belgium.)
- Norman Stockman History of sociology in China; history of sociological theory. (Department of Sociology, University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen AB9 2TY, Scotland.)
- Antoni Sulek History of empirical social research. (Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, Warsaw 64, Poland.)
- Mario Aldo Toscano Origins of social sciences, sociological theory and social practice, sociology and common sense. (Via Aurelia 190, Madonna dell'Acqua, I-56010 Pisa, Italy.)
- Olivier Tschannen History of the secularization issue; history of the sociology of knowledge; classical sociological theory. (Institut de sociologie, Pierre-à-Nazel 7, CH-2000 Neuchâtel, Switzerland.)
- Frank Welz Social theory, methodology, history of sociology (Institut für Soziologie, Universität Freiburg, Rempartstrasse 15, D-79098 Freiburg, Germany.)
- Sam Whimster History of German historical, cultural and social sciences (17 Malvern Rd., London E8 3LP, England.)
- Piotr Wróblewski Ethnic relations, history of ideas (Institute of Sociology, Silesian University, Ul. Bankowa 11, 40-007 Katowice, Poland.)
- Anna M. Zajicek Feminist theory, comparative sociology, political economy, democratization of social theory. (Women's Studies Program, 10 Sandy Hall, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, Virginia 24061, USA.)

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WORK IN PROGRESS

- Kevin Anderson (Dept. of Sociology, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115, USA): Marcuse, Hegel and social theory; Marx and multiculturalism; Lenin, Hegel and western Marxism.
- Frank Furedi (address above): race-relations discourse in Anglo-American sociology.
- Willy Guneriusen (address above): the theory and critique of modernity in classical sociology.
- Bjørn Hvinden (address above): Attempts to apply ideas from Simmel in developing a theory of social marginality, inclusion and exclusion.
- Michael Kaern (address above): monograph on the work of Simmel.
- Edith Kurzweil (1 Lincoln Plaza, New York, NY 10023, USA): historical sociology of psycho- analysis; historical sociology of intellectuals.
- Bernard-Pierre Lécuyer (GEMAS/CNRS, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, 54 Blvd. Raspail, 75006 Paris, France): the historical writings of Paul F. Lazarsfeld.
- György Litván (address above): biography of Oscar Saszi.
- Marjatta Marin (address above): Social networks-social circles: Simmel.
- Lynn McDonald (address above): continuation of work on early women founders of social science.
- Salvino Salvaggio (address above): the constitution of sociology as a discipline.
- Antoni Sulek (address above): history of public opinion polls in Poland; rebirth of sociology in Poland in the 1950s.



HAVE YOU READ...?

S.J.Heims, The Cybernetics Group (Cambridge, Mass.: MIT Press, 1991)

This is the intellectual biography of an interdisciplinary group of American scientists in the 1940s who developed the ideas of what later became known as cybernetics. Social scientists such as Lazarsfeld, Lewin, Margaret Mead and Gregory Bateson figure in the story, and it is also interesting as a study of a group or network rather than a single individual or an institution.

Richard Gillespie, Manufacturing Knowledge: A History of the Hawthorne Experiments (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991; now in paperback.) This is a detailed reconstruction of the evolution of the famous Hawthorne studies and their interpretation by the participants, showing how what were originally ambiguous data became translated into the version of Management and the Worker, and what social and intellectual factors lay behind this process.

ARCHIVES IN THE HISTORY OF SOCIOLOGY

In the next issue of this newsletter, it is hoped to have one or more items about archives for the history of sociology: description of existing archives, ideas on how archives should be run to be most useful to us, areas where archives are needed but do not yet exist and tips on how to create them, the law related to use of archival materials...and so on. Please send contributions from your experience, preferably before the end of the year. Thank you!



Contributions to this Newsletter are warmly invited. These could include, in addition to the usual items which appear in each issue, short articles (half to one and a half pages) on topics likely to interest members. (They should not, however, include reports on your historical work of the kind which normally appear in journals.) The editor is happy to check language for people whose first language is not English if they are not confident of total accuracy.

Please see over for dues information and membership application form.

DUES INFORMATION

Is your subscription due? If it is, please arrange to pay it as soon as possible. **The basic subscription is \$10 for one year, or \$30 for 4 years.** For students, however, it is \$5 or \$15. The reduced rate also applies to others from non-OECD countries who would have difficulty in paying the full rate; if unable to arrange the reduced rate, they are invited to write to the Secretary to explain the circumstances and ask for free membership.

Here - with apologies for the complexity, which our need to avoid our account's high foreign-exchange charges makes necessary - is how to pay. **Only people using a British bank account should send their dues to the Secretary;** this can be done either by sending a cheque made out to "RCHS Platt" , or by direct transfer to Girobank account 12 574 8302. (The cheque should be in £ sterling, with the dollar amount translated into the equivalent at the tourist rate of exchange; at the time of writing, that is c.£6.85 or £20.55.) **All other members should send the money to Prof. Dirk Käsler,** Universität Hamburg , Institut für Soziologie , Allende-Platz 1 , D 20146 Hamburg, Germany, or, in continental Europe, to minimize bank charges use the Postal Giro Service: Postgiroamt München (BLZ 700 100 80), Account 822 22-809 Käsler RCHS. He will inform the Secretary of your payment, so only one letter is required - but **please think at the same time of sending her news of publications, meetings, work in progress etc., plus any address changes.**

Membership in the RCHS is open to all members of national sociological associations, members of research institutes affiliated with the ISA, and individual scholars who show their interest in the area through their teaching and/or research activities. You are cordially invited to become a member of the RCHS, with full voting rights and other privileges, by returning the form below to the Secretary or Prof. Käsler and paying your dues as indicated above.

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RCHS membership application or renewal
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