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The Research Committee on History of Sociology (RCHS) held on May 26-28, 1988 its mid-term conference on the premises of the Consejo Superior Investigaciones Científicas, the site of the ISA offices in Madrid (Spain). More than 50 scholars from several countries participated in a business meeting and seven scientific sessions devoted to:

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RC 15
SOCIOLOGY OF HEALTH

A Report on the Research Committee's relationship with the World Health Organization by Ray H. Elling, RC15 Chairperson (Published in RC15 Newsletter 19).

For some two years our official affiliation with WHO has been under review. This topic was thoroughly discussed at our business meeting at the XI World Congress of Sociology in New Delhi. As the person who initiated this relationship while serving with WHO as Chief, Behavioural Science Unit in the then active Research Division (later this division and the unit were disbanded). I have been more than a mildly interested observer of its development. Frankly, after close to 15 years, the results are disappointing. Nothing more than invitations to send observers to meetings and the exchange of occasional letters has occurred. No down-to-earth joint research and/or action project has developed, though we have made various proposals, one of which had been agreed as to several next steps by several WHO staff. This concerned a high priority of ours. namely the development of socio-health researchers for work on primary health care implementation in LDCs. But it went no further in spite of repeated inquiries to the senior staff person assigned as our contact.

Since RC15 serves as the point of liaison and coordination on the ISA side of this relationship, I arranged through the good offices of Dr J. Cohen, Adviser on Health Policy in the Director General's Office, to have a short meeting with the Director General's Office visit the headquarters. To put it as clearly as I can, it seemed to me either "make it or break it". I was not optimistic.

Dr Cohen was very forthcoming and supportive in our two-hour opening discussions. Because of WHO's poor budget position and because the ISA and RC15 have only very small funds from membership dues, there are few realistic chances to move toward joint research and/or action projects in the near future. One possible way such could develop would be for one or more of our members with a particular interest to link up with WHO staff who share that interest and are in a program which could receive a proposal. I suggest improvements and, once agreed, forward it to a foundation or some government aid agency for possible funding. In this connection, I will identify briefly some possibilities below as the rest of my visit was spent in discussion with WHO staff responsible in certain program areas in which the social sciences either are or might be vitally involved. It is my strong impression that WHO, at least in some spheres of concern, is finally moving beyond the window-dressing, lip-service type of social science involvement to a realization that these disciplines offer conceptual, methodological and experiential content vital to the success of the organization's work. "Social forces" or "factors", usually seen as on the fringes or in the context of some supposedly primarily bio-technical process or project, almost always become the determining elements in the success or failure of the effort. This is beginning to sink in at the highest levels of the organization. Thus an enlarged, more correct and adequate understanding is gradually replacing previous narrow views of a "medical mafia" (both inside WHO and in Ministries of Health I might observe) which has been quite unschooled in social science theory. methods and practice. Thus, in the long run at least, we should be hopeful.

In the meantime, it was agreed with Dr Cohen and each of the other staff that a lot can be done to improve the information exchange. Thus, along these lines, one minor but useful step was taken. Several WHO staff were invited to contribute on a rotating basis on short statements on some social science issues of Problem in their sphere of concern to RC15's newsletter. In the other direction, any of our members may be attracted to propose some joint work with WHO staff. Once they have read these statements or what follows here or otherwise learned of social science research and/or action opportunities through WHO, should feel entirely free, indeed, encouraged to put themselves directly in touch with the staff members involved.

WHO programs with obvious social science content:
1. An urgent, high priority program has been established for AIDS research and treatment. Though not able to meet with the staff person responsible for social science involvement in the AIDS program, Dr Manuel Carballo, a social-science-trained physician well known to many of us. But Philippe Lehmann, a sociologist in Lausanne (one who is doing work on AIDS in the Swiss government attended a recent WHO meeting on AIDS as the ISA-RC15 representative. Also, Robert Broadhead (University of Connecticut, USA) has agreed to organize a session on AIDS research for RC15 sessions at the XII World Congress of Sociology, Madrid, Spain, 1990.
2. Dr Iqbal Shah, a sociologist with the Special Programme of Research, Development and Research Training in Human Reproduction (Population-Family Planning) told me of their grants program which has provided between $2,000 and $200,000 over a three year period with the average grant ranging between $40,000 and $60,000. They also occasionally bring experts together for consultations. He also told me of other agencies doing related work: a survey of contraceptive practices being carried out with USAID funding by the Institute for Resource Development; a study of fertility and breastfeeding in the USA which involves sociology, funded by Canada's Employment and Status, Gender Roles and Fertility.
3. The Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases has supported a number of projects and provided a number of fellowships for students to pursue a Ph.D. in health sociology or one of the other social sciences. This program also receives grant proposals if the PI is in a recognized institution in a developing country. There is movement beyond purely bio-technical solutions to individual and community participation in control of parasitic and infectious diseases ranging from malaria (though WHO has another special program for this) through schistosomiasis to leprosy.
4. Dr S. Khana, a public-health trained physician, told me of an exciting program to identify new leadership for the massive job of reorienting health systems toward the PHC approach to health for all. I had the privilege of participating in a meeting on nursing leadership in Tokyo in April 1990. In fact, I served as the Recording Secretary of the Recommendations Committee. If this program should unlock secrets of leadership development as they hope, the "medical mafia" as used above won't stand a chance. In any case, sociology and the other social sciences have much to contribute. Unlike other things, one should encourage comparative case studies of contextual, situational and personal-socialization
5. The Division for Strengthening of Health Services (SHS), directed by Tarino, a public health trained physician, has settled on an exciting new strategy of focusing on district level support to the periphery of health systems. This support must include interfsectoral efforts, moves to encourage community participation in determining health conditions and services, as well as all other aspects of a broad PMC approach. In 17 countries, one district has been chosen to have a research component attached to observe and evaluate the process of support to the periphery. Nine of these countries (Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Guatemala, Mexico, Sudan, Bangladesh, Indonesia and the People’s Republic of China) have already got some part of the support process and research underway. There will not only be room for social science as a part of this action research. It will be an essential component of the research. Any of our members in any of the named countries who have an interest in this research might put themselves in touch with the WHO representative and/or Ministry of Health to learn how you might become involved.

Also in SHS, I had a very good talk with Mr Andrew Creese, a health economist who looks after national health systems and policies. Dr Yvo Nuyens, a health anthropologist, is working with us to develop an approach. In 17 countries, one district has been chosen to have a research component attached to observe and evaluate the process of support to the periphery. Nine of these countries (Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Guatemala, Mexico, Sudan, Bangladesh, Indonesia and the People’s Republic of China) have already got some part of the support process and research underway. There will not only be room for social science as a part of this action research. It will be an essential component of the research. Any of our members in any of the named countries who have an interest in this research might put themselves in touch with the WHO representative and/or Ministry of Health to learn how you might become involved.

6. I met with two staff members in the Action Programme on Essential Drugs - Mrs. P. Brudon-Japobowicz, a pharmacist with some social science training, and Mrs Ann V. Weeler, a health anthropologist. Both were very encouraging of our joining effort - even at the concrete project level if we can spell out details and obtain support. The exciting thing is that the work has moved beyond the physical means of getting legitimate essential drugs to the local level where they are to be used (usually "essential" means modern pharmaceuticals but there is an open curiosity about the adequacy of this conception for every situation and about the effects on society of "overmedicalization"). Beyond problems of supply networks, packaging, distribution, etc. the sociological, economic, cultural, and social psychological factors involved in "rational use" of drugs have come to the fore as areas of research.

7. The mental health sphere of concern in WHO has had a long term interest in involving social scientists. Dr Norman Sartorius was away during my visit but I am sure would be glad to hear from our members doing research in this field. The above brief survey does not cover WHO regional offices. In some, especially EURO, the work is being gone on involving sociology. The work on social inequalities, health and health care with Raymond Ilsley and Per Gunnar Svensson and others is worth special note. While this has not involved the ISA or RC15 per se, the work is less important or admirable for that. In any case, EURO is one of the WHO regions with plenty of able, well trained, well organized health sociologists at hand. Perhaps the ISA-RC15 connection would be best called into play in other WHO regions. In SEARO, Dr Soon Young Yoon, a health anthropologist, is working with us to develop a network of health social scientists who could contribute to WHO’s work and be country focal persons for RC15 to aid in the development of health sociology or health social science. Dr Tudor Silva (University of Parana) and Dr Mistra (Centre for Nepalese Studies) has agreed to serve in Nepal. This idea has already spread to AFRRO with our appointment and the acceptance by Dr. T. Akwasi Aidoo, health sociologist (University of Dar es Salaam), to serve for Tanzania. We will be looking for suggestions and volunteers from other countries.

As one can see from the above, there is not much yet in the ISA-RC15 relationship which is worked out in detail with practical research and/or action resulting. Also, there is no clear response, though we look forward to one. Regarding our priority proposal to see to the development of well and relevantly trained socio-health researchers in LDCs. Nevertheless, there appears to be great potential in a number of spheres of mutual interest. I recommend that we give the relationship more time and that we devote more effort to it.

P.S. An encouraging development has been reported recently by Ray Elling: RC15 is likely to serve as a focalpoint for networking for leadership for the WHO Programme “Health for All”.

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**SOCIAL ECOLOGY**

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REPORTS FROM THE COLLECTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ISA

This is the last part of the reports submitted by the collective members of the ISA. (See issues 45 and 46 for the first and second part). We would like to express sincere thanks to all contributors to these three issues of the ISA BULLETIN.

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(Year of admission: 1981, Category "C")

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The University of Habana was founded in 1728. At present, it consists of five Departments and sixteen Faculties. The Department of Social Sciences and Humanisms is divided into ten Faculties which in 1987-1988 offered 28 courses for a total of 8301 regular students, 4046 evening courses students, and 2374 corresponding students. The staff of the Department consists of 300 professors, 380 assistant professors, 608 assistants, and 466 instructors.

Main research projects scheduled for 1986-90 are:
- socio-economic study of the development of a socialist society in Cuba;
- socio-economic study to define regularities characteristic for building socialism in Cuba in comparison with other countries;
- studies of the environmental impact in the areas of high industrial development;
- research on life and work of José Martí;
- research on the Spanish language in Cuba;
- studies of Cuban literature;

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- Meeting of the Latin American Psychologists;
- II Meeting of the Marxist Psychologists and Psychoanalysts;

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Report submitted by Lourdes Morán del Prado, Director

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Les années 1985 à 1987 ont été marquées, pour LERSCO, laboratoire universitaire constitué presque exclusivement d'enseignants-chercheurs, par la...
production d'un grand nombre de thèses d'État, de Troisième Cycle et de Nouveau Régime (16 soutenances entre le 1er Janvier 1985 et le 1er Juillet 1987).

Les thèses, ainsi que les travaux et publications qui leur sont associés attestent:
- la poursuite et l'aboutissement d'un grand nombre de recherches consacrées à la classe ouvrière.
- la diversification des champs d'études et des méthodes d'approche: socialisation, jeunesse, formation, emploi, sport, recours à l'audiovisuel et à l'informatique, petit et grand groupe de sociologie du travail de notre laboratoire.

Cette diversification des objets et des terrains n'a d'autre part en rien altéré une posture méthodologique commune à tous les membres du LERSCO et dont Michel Verret affirmait dans un rapport précédent qu'elle constituait l'originalité des recherches de notre équipe: "le choix fait d'aborder, sur temps longs de recherche, par des méthodologies conjointes des enquêtes, des historiques, des ethnologiques, linguistiques, etc. les différentes échelles d'existence des classes concernées (biographiques, locales, régionales, nationales, internationales, salaires, etc.) dans la diversité de leurs pratiques (économiques, politiques, juridiques, culturelles) et dans la diversité de leurs rapports avec les autres classes.

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s'organisant à partir d'un état de la discipline et des champs concernés, se reconnaissant dans une problématique et des thématiques déterminées et se fixant une série définie d'objectifs: un programme comportant un moment de rencontre publique (réflexion collective) et une ou plusieurs équipes opérationnelles (ensemble d'individus travaillant conjointement sur une ou plusieurs opérations). Ainsi conçu il constitue un lieu ouvert d'échange et d'acquiert. apte à intégrer selon diverses modalités, apports et participations de chercheurs extérieurs à l'équipe.

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Ses programmes de recherches sur lesquels s'articulent diverses équipes sont les suivants: 
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The German Institute of Youth Studies (DIJ) is an extramural research institute engaged in social science research. It is a registered association and has thirty members, fifteen of whom come from private and public institutions, associations and other organizations engaged in the youth services, from expert bodies advising on policies and from the Arbeiten auf dem Gebiet der Sozialwissenschaftler Institute (ASI). The other fifteen members are coopted to ensure an adequate representation of the range of activities and scientific disciplines addressed by DIJ.

DIJ operates as a center for the documentation of research, information, and literature of the situation of children, adolescents and families in the Federal Republic of Germany. It initiates and monitors pilot programs and undertakes practice-oriented basic research.

DIJ's scope of activities spans the tension-field of politics, praxis, the sciences and the public. In this, it has a twofold function: the transfer of knowledge to the social praxis and advising policymakers, on the one hand, and a feedback of practical experience to the current state of research, on the other.

DIJ personnel in 1987 numbers about 140. of whom 91 are scientists. Most of the annual budget of approximately DM 12 million is financed by the Federal Ministry for Youth, Family, Women and Health, which draws on research funds made available by the Federal Ministry of Education and Science. Additional resources come from the federal states and institutions for the promotion of science.

Current research topics

1) The impact of ongoing structural changes on the living conditions of youth, on the social organization of the adolescent phase and on the youth services.

Section I. Youth Services/Youth Policy, focuses on the socio-cultural changes affecting adolescence and the institutions of the youth services. Section II, Youth and Employment, concentrates on the integration of young people into the working sphere, both in theoretical and empirical aims.

2) Family research. Section III. Family/Family Policy, focuses on intensive studies and the monitoring of pilot projects in progress, some of them conducted on an international comparative level. Section V, Social Science Reports, is engaged in the preparation of repeated surveys of families and the setting-up of a regionally differentiated data bank storing information and knowledge relevant to family and youth policies. These projects are intended to provide empirically sound, structural data and evidence on the changing life situations of children, adolescents and parents.

3) Research into childhood at DIJ provided valuable scientific and pedagogical impulses to the reform of primary education in the 70s. The curriculum of "Social Learning" developed by DIJ and the situational approach implicit in it, have been widely adopted by kindergartens. Research conducted by Section VII, Primary Education, is at present engaged in empirical studies of the changes that have occurred in children's lives and, parallel with ongoing pilot projects, analyzes the development of new facilities for children within existing regional infrastructures.

4) Media research at DIJ is an interdisciplinary activity concerned with the significance and the implications of the media for children, adolescents and families. Section IV, Media and New Information Technologies, is currently developing a research program designed to study the use of the media by way of quantitative and qualitative research, relevant to family and process analyses as well as longitudinal and field studies. Four projects are at present under way: i. a documentation is being prepared which will analyze the process relevant publications used in the field of media research and media-related pedagogy; ii. a study of children's experiences with media equipment; iii. a study of adolescents' use of the media; iv. the computer activities of children and the effects on socialization.

5) The task of Section IV. Documentation /Information, is to process and disseminate information on the scientific literature and ongoing research to scientists, administrators, politicians and practitioners. To this end, monographs, newspaper articles as well as "gray" materials are
Publications
The Bibliography "Sozialisation und Sozialpädagogik" is published four times a year and lists about 3,500 titles annually. A biannual research supplement contains numerous descriptions of relevant projects conducted by other institutions and researchers.

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DJI Verlag Deutsches Jugendinstitut publishes DJI's own research results as well as those of external authors. At present, approximately 160 titles are available.

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The Centre operates under the auspices of the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Technology and is financed by the State. It employs 147 persons, including 60 researchers. The main task of the Centre is to promote the development of social sciences in Greece, to organize and conduct social research and international cooperation in this field.

The current research projects are:
- Fertility and employment of married women in Greece
- Social characteristics of employment
- Leisure time, interpersonal relations and values of the youth
- Economic and social transformation of the Greek Village
- Alisons in Greece
- Day-care centers for the aged
- Housing and construction companies in Greece
- Income and wealth distribution - poverty limits
- Compilation of a national directory of social service agencies and organizations
- Social Science Dictionary
- Political behavior in Greece (cross-national project on Southern Europe)
- The life of the young in a rural society
- The political personnel in Greece
- Attitudes and judgements of the adolescent toward the image of drug addicts.

The Centre has a library of social science publications, periodicals and archives of scientific information. The Centre publishes a quarterly "Epitheorisis Kínoníkon Erevnon (The Greek Review of Social Research)."

Report submitted by Stathis Sorokos, Head. Administration Service

CENTRE FOR HONG KONG STUDIES
(Year of admission: 1974, Category "C")

The Centre for Hong Kong Studies (CHKS) of the Chinese University of Hong Kong was established in 1982, with the responsibility of developing, coordinating and facilitating multidisciplinary research on the social, political and economic development of Hong Kong.

Research projects are mainly undertaken by regular academic staff members of the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Individuals outside the University who have genuine research interest in Hong Kong studies may participate in the CHKS as honorary Research Fellows or Associates.

Funding for research activities comes from both the Chinese University and grants and donations.

Research Activities
Apart from providing advisory services for researchers, the CHKS regularly organizes and sponsors public lectures, workshops, symposia and forums for professionals and academics both inside and outside the Chinese University to promote dialogue between the academic community on the one hand, and the government, the business community and other public bodies on the other.

The CHKS houses a reference library which holds a comprehensive collection of classified local newspapers clippings, government publications, and reports from various research institutes, voluntary agencies and public organizations and it has become a major data resource base on Hong Kong society.

The CHKS has a publication programme to disseminate research findings. Since its establishment, 77 research reports and 21 occasional papers which cover a wide range of topics on Hong Kong society have been published.

The CHKS is currently sponsoring more than one hundred research projects. In addition to assisting and sponsoring individually initiated research activities on Hong Kong society, the following 10 strategic research programmes have been established and will be developed as the prime targets of the CHKS's future efforts.

- Gender Role Research Project
- Language Processing
- Management, Technology and Socio-economic Development
- Mass Media and Society
- Political Development
- Social Policy
- Social Indicators
- Socio-economic Development
- Criminal Research
- Family Research
- Hong Kong Literature
- Human Resources Development: Youth Research Project
- Gender Role Research Project
- Language Processing
- Management, Technology and Socio-economic Development
- Mass Media and Society
- Political Development
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- Mass Media and Society
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Other programmes will be developed in the future to reflect changes in research interests and societal needs.

Report submitted by Siu-kai Lau, Director of Research

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Background

The Sociological Research Unit (SRU) of the Indian Statistical Institute has an on-going program of research in sociology and in areas of sociological relevance. In addition, SRU provides training and teaching in sociology and sociological research methodology. In addition to Calcutta, SRU has a station at Giridih in the state of Bihar. SRU employs 8 scientists who are helped by 11 technical assistants and a team of 11 providing administrative services.

Briefly speaking, the central thrust of SRU is to undertake explanatory studies and explore critical areas related to frontiers of social transformation in India. The underlying objective behind SRU’s approach is, no doubt, ambitious. This is that its work project has a potential for dialectical interactions between a newly emerging empirical reality, as in India, and the given body of sociological theories. but also effectively contribute to intervention in matters of policy-making related to social planning and welfare in our own society. During the first two decades of SRU’s existence since 1957, the scientists in SRU were concerned mainly with the state of sociological data mass available in India and with formulating an appropriate methodology for retrieving additional data necessary for the purpose of inference and theory-projection. Subsequently, few distinct areas of interest have now emerged in which SRU’s scientists are engaged. Without going into details about various research projects currently undertaken in these areas, their underlying themes can be stated as follows.

Programs of on-going research

1. Anti-colonial uprising in Bengal during the period of British rule in India and variation in perceptions of peasant insurgents.
   Principal researcher: Dr Atis Dasgupta
   This project has a specific reference to ‘inherent’ components of ideology as projected by myths and folklores, system of beliefs and nationalities. This study, thus, becomes deeper than subaltern approach, rather than encapsulates the latter as one of its categories.

2. Social tradition, attitudinal pattern and cultural behaviour emerging under the impact of modern economy upon a traditional society.
   Principal researcher: Dr Prafulla K. Chakrabarti
   Indicating that this impact is differential in nature according to what dimension of traditional society is under consideration, this study goes further to explore the nature of commonality as well behind this differential pattern.

3. Dimensions of social role of the aged.
   Principal researcher: Suhas Kr. Biswas
   This study is concerned with the elderly population (male and female) of unorganised sectors in small towns and rural areas since the problems arising are of lack of security and necessary financial support for the aged. These are quite severe in these parts of country.

4. Ecology as a factor of variation of structure and organization of rural communities.

Principal researcher: Kumaar Nadan Chatopadhyay
This study purposively looks at the coastal villages by the side of the Bay of Bengal as well as the villages in the dense tropical forests in Similipal region of Orissa and in Patanpur of Bihar. As there are members of the same ethnic group inhabiting these diverse ecological niches, the role of ecology upon communities can be compared meaningfully.

5. In-depth study of the impact of legislations
   Principal researchers: Ajoy Kr. Ghosh, Tejendra Nath Ghosh, Sallil Kr. Chatterjee
   This research project examines whether legislations which seek to induce changes in organisation and functioning of traditional social institutions (like, for example, child labour, bonded labour, marriage, caste and schools) in the society are really working in that direction and also examines the conditions which create barriers and gaps in achieving the desired goals. One of the objectives of this project is to explore the differential response of various sections of the society and factors responsible for this differential response.

6. Differentiation, identity, alienation and mobilisation: a study of the major processes of uneven transformation in a rice producing region
   Principal researchers: Dr Surej Bandopadhyay and Barry Wellman (International Network of Social Network Analysis, Toronto, Canada).
   This piece of research is part of a program of longitudinal study on the conditions of rural development in central West Bengal since 1971. By ‘conditions’ we mean both endogenous and exogenous factors relevant for this study. The former include factors like environmental potential for a prosperous agriculture, demographic growth, social network, caste and kinship ties, ethnic and class identity, system of inheritance and partitioning of land, etc., which are endogenous to the region. The latter refer to factors like, for example, social networks, integration with urban-market centers, migration, government policies and institutions, political parties.

Methodologically this study combines current cross-sectional survey data with longitudinal processual data collected by using genealogical and case history methods as well as documented information gathered from official records.

7. Exploratory studies in quantitative methods in sociological research
   Principal researcher: Dr Suraj Bandyopadhyay
   This project has a specific reference to ‘inherent’ components of ideology as projected by myths and folklores, system of beliefs and nationalities. This study, thus, becomes deeper than subaltern approach, rather it encapsulates the latter as one of its categories.

8. Program of training and teaching in sociology
   - SRU provides guidance and consultancy services for sociological researchers. For this purpose it has
Each issue of this unique journal is devoted to a comprehensive 'Trend Report' on a topic of interest to the international community of sociologists. Authors review current trends and tendencies in all areas of sociological work - theories, methods, concepts, substantive research and national or regional developments. The aim is to review new developments, to discuss controversies, and to provide extensive bibliographies. From time to time, "Commentaries on Trend Reports" are published in subsequent issues of the journal. Recent reports have focused on industrial and post-industrial sociology, the sociology of humour, agrarian relations and modes of production in the Middle East, sex roles, and inequalities of class and sex.

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2. A study on why rural cooperation (or, cooperative movement in rural areas, to put it broadly) in the state of West Bengal lagged behind the other Indian states like Maharashtra or Gujarat, was undertaken by Dr Suraj Bandyopadhyay as a part of an all-India research project in collaboration with University of Delhi, McGill University (Canada) and International Development Research Centre (Canada).

3. SRU sponsors visiting scientists to give lectures, to participate in seminars and workshops, and to undertake research.

Seminars and Workshops

1. SRU in collaboration with the social scientists in Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Management, Anthropological Survey of India, and Department of Sociology of Calcutta University, organised a conference on "Ideology, Social Formation and Transformation" held in Calcutta just after the XII World Congress of Sociology, August ’86. The conference consisted of a panel discussion followed by four sessions and the concluding session. Issues related to the process of social formation and transformation were discussed in the light of experience gained from the neighbouring countries. Emphasis was put on alternative perspectives in this regard, particularly inter-relationship of ideology with social values and beliefs, levels of perception and identity on the one hand, and with elements of social dynamics on the other. The proceedings of the conference are being edited and will be published as a book. Dr Suraj Bandyopadhyay was the coordinator of the conference.

2. SRU jointly with sociologists from the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences (Calcutta) and Indian Institute of Management (Calcutta), organised a series of informal but intensive small-group meetings of social scientists. Meetings of Social Group (Calcutta) discussions were held on urgent topics of common social and academic interest. Dr Suraj Bandyopadhyay is the convener of the Group.

3. A small-group one-day intensive discussion on the nature and role of peasant movements during the early phase of British rule in India was organised by Dr Atis Dasgupta with the participation of historians, sociologists and economists.

Report submitted by S. Bandyopadhyay, Head, Sociological Research Unit

ARCHIVO DATI E PROGRAMMI PER LE SCIENCE SOCIALI

Report submitted by S. Bandyopadhyay, Head, Sociological Research Unit

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Archivio Dati e Programmi per le Science Sociali (ADPSS) is part of Istituto Superiore di Sociologia, which is an institute sponsored by the four universities of Milano, the University of Pavia, and by local agencies.

Although it performs other services in the field of computing applied to social research, as well as teaching and consulting in methods of social research, ADPSS specializes in the collection of ecological data files and survey files of particular interest in the field of urban and political studies. The main data holding are large ecological data files. The SISIFUS system contains:

- communal data for all the 8000 Italian communes for the census of housing and population 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981;
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- a number of survey files mainly used for teaching purposes.

Report submitted by Guido Martinotti, Member of the Board of Directors

CENTRO NAZIONALE DI PREVENZIONE E DIFESA SOCIALE

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Centro Nazionale di Prevenzione e Difesa Sociale (CNPSD) was founded in Milan in 1949. Through its studies and debates (conducted with a multi-disciplinary methodology and with the support of every political component of the Italian Constitutional spectrum and increasingly involving international meetings), Centro has contributed to the civil and cultural development of Italy in the last forty years confronting the most acute problems arising from the current phase of social transformation. Indeed, by virtue of its standing as an "organ for the production of research", and without ignoring the original objectives of prevention and social defence, the CNPSD has consistently widened its range of study, so as to represent a forum of
The basic aim of the Centro, as laid down by Article 2 of its By-Laws, is to "promote the study and realization of a system of prevention and social defence": such a goal, so broadly stated, can aptly embrace every possible activity of research and promotion in the field of the organization of a society. And indeed, very often research studies, contributions to and results of various conferences have been brought to public attention, thanks to the discussions conducted through the daily and technical press. Moreover, Parliamentary attention was often drawn to the proposals resulting from research studies and conferences organized by the Centro, so as to influence, albeit indirectly, the introduction of legislation.

Main fields of research activities undertaken by the Centro during its forty years of existence include:
- crime prevention and criminal justice
- problems of childhood and adolescence in relation to legislation for the minors
- problems of social medicine - a study which subsequently evolved into a research on social security and welfare services in Italy in the interests of establishing a system of prevention and defence considering benefits of an individual and of a society
- reforms of legislation and administration
- reforms of a jurisdiction system as a guardian of society's interests
- economic studies, with special attention to problems generated by economic development
- harmonization of various national legal systems to the enactments of the EEC and integration of the latter with the institutional machinery of the United Nations
- sociological studies of certain problems associated with the evolution of social groupings.

The Centro actively participated in establishing the Italian Association of Social Sciences and in the organization of national and international social science conferences.

Since 1966 the Centro has been hosting the Secretariat General of the International Society of Social Defence, a non-governmental association with a consultative status with UN Economic and Social Council.

Moreover, the Centro actively cooperates with four non-governmental associations specializing in crime prevention and social defence: International Association of Penal Law, International Society for Criminology, International Society of Social Defence, International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation. In 1982 the International Committee for Coordination (ICC) was set up among these associations and it is being supported by the Centro.

The Centro actively participates in a movement of women in the field of social sciences, with particular reference to problems of marriage in an Umbrian peasant community (Historical-ethnological research on social organization and marriage in an Umbrian peasant community), Angeli, in print.

Current research projects include:
- Identity and cultural models of youth in Umbria
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Recent publications include:
- M. Arioti: Ricerca storico-eterologica su pratica matrimoni in una comunità contadina umbra (Historical-ethnological research on marriage in an Umbrian peasant community), Angeli, in print.
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- Quaderni dell'Istituto di Studi Sociali (Social Studies Institute Review), ESI, annual.

Report submitted by Christiane Casper.

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The Department of Social Relations was established in 1952. It consists of two parts: the Department of Sociology and the Department of Applied Sociology. The Department of Sociology has several fields including theoretical sociology, sociology of communities, sociology of organizations, sociology of institutions and cultural anthropology. The graduates of this Department often find employment in research institutions, local government, business companies, or become teachers or adult education directors.

The Department of Applied Sociology is divided into four sub-divisions: Mass Communication, Social
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The students of the Social Psychology sub-division attempt to understand problems of human behavior in a society.

The sub-division of Mass Communication combines practicality with scholarship; the emphasis is put on the study of relationship between developing mass media and contemporary society.

Publications
"Shakaigakubu Kiyo": annual bulletin
"Shakaigaku Kenkyujo Nenpo": annual report

Report submitted by Hiroo Murata, Dean

JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

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Organized in 1947 aiming immediately to make a critical review of the legal system before World War II and to permanently establish a social science of law in Japan

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Mainly an annual conference held in May every year in the Tokyo or Osaka area. Local meetings and occasional meetings with foreign visitors are also held.

Publications
An annual organ entitled Hoshakaigaku (Sociology of Law) edited by an editorial committee as a proceedings of an annual conference with some additional articles (published by Yuhikaku, Tokyo). Moreover, a newsletter published three times a year.

Based on the report submitted by Masaji Chiba

The Center for Sociological Research of the Colegio de México has a permanent faculty of 19 professors whose current research interests are:

Vania Almeida Salles: urban/rural interrelations; peasantry; social reproduction and family systems;

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Hugo Zemelman: epistemology in the social sciences;

In addition to the research carried on by the faculty members, the Center subsidizes a project on new political actors in Mexico City coordinated by Claudio Stern, Manuel Villa and María Luisa Tarres.

The Center organizes also a PhD program in social sciences (specializing in sociology). Admissions are welcomed every three years (forthcoming in September 1988). The program offers a wide range of seminars on major theoretical, methodological and practical issues pertinent to sociologists in the developing countries.

A journal Estudios Sociológicos is published by the Centre four times a year. It offers articles, research reports and book reviews on major developments in sociology, anthropology, and Latin American Studies.

Report submitted by Claudio Lomnitz

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The undergraduate programme provides courses across the range from social theory and analysis to applied social research and the analysis of social policy and planning. Attention is given both to the central concerns of sociological inquiry and analysis and to detailed analysis of New Zealand society and social structure, its development and change.

The Masters programme offers students a grounding in more complex analytic issues in the areas of social theory and research methods and in addition provides a range of other courses on comparative sociology, urban development and ecology, complex organisations, political sociology and feminism. For students with a specialist interest in social research the Department has organised an interdisciplinary post-Masters level Diploma in Social Research.

Research projects of current PhD students include studies of rural poverty in New Zealand; problems of order and meaning in sociological theories of development; gender and theories of social stratification; occupational mobility; political sociology and social change; national development; procedures for handling complaints concerning sexually abused children; the technological society at play; and the "corporate elite" in Auckland.

Research interests of staff include classical and contemporary social theory (particularly critical and post-structuralist social theory): sexuality and gender; development and social change: New Zealand social structure; urban social patterns and community life; science and technology; ethnicity and ethnic relations; the media, popular culture and cultural production; fundamentalist religions; social history; and ongoing debates over industrialism/post-industrialism and the impact of socio-economic and cultural changes on work and leisure patterns.

Report submitted by Barry Smart

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DESCO's members.

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DESCO has always considered 'development' as a political issue and aimed at combining scientific projects with their actual implementation. In the course of the last two years 15 research projects have been conducted by the following permanent working groups: Society and Politics, Urban Studies, Economy, Rural Studies.

As a form of indirect promotion of development studies, DESCO offers various services: publication and distribution of textbooks and periodicals, assessment of research projects, organization of data banks, classification and analysis of basic political and economic texts appearing in daily press, reviews, conference reports. Each year DESCO organizes or sponsors a number of seminars, round table debates, and conferences.

Publications
"Resumen Semanal", "Quehacer": weekly reviews;
"Cronologia Politica": an annual publication.
A full list of books and working material published by DESCO is available from its secretariat.

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ESCOLA SUPERIOR DE EDUCACAO

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The School of Education belongs to the Polytechnic Institute of Faro and its main target is education of teachers on both pre-school and basic school levels. The School of Education started its activities in the academic year of 1986-87. It is run by a Steering Committee advised by a fifteen-member Scientific Council.

The current members of the Steering Committee are:
Gândido Varela de Freitas (President), Alberto Melo, and Jesuina Fonseca.

Recently, a Group on Sociology of Education has been formed whose members concentrate on several research projects dealing with the relationship between a school and a community, and the adequacy of teaching curricula to a socio-cultural environment of students. The current officers of the Group are:
João Viegas Fernandes, Alberto Melo, Maria Helena Palhinha, Maria Leonor Santos.


Report submitted by C.M. Varela de Freitas
Head, Steering Committee
The Portuguese Association for Professionals of Sociology of Industry, Organisation and Work (APSIOT) was founded in 1985. At present it has 80 members governed by the following Executive Council:

President: Ilona Kovács
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Secretary: Armanda Neves

Members:
António Brandao Moniz (International Relations, Editorial Committee of "Boletim SIOT")
Claudia Coello (Logistics)
Luís Graça (Director of "Boletim SIOT")
Vera Santanna (Editorial Committee of "Boletim SIOT")
Luisa Cristóvam (Relations with the Associates)

Main recent initiatives:
- Workshop on "The Systemic Approach and it's Application to the Social Control": March 1986; Coordinator: Francisco Parra Luna, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain;
- 1st Round-table on "The Social Effects of New Technologies in Organisations": May 1986;
- International Workshop on "Social Problems of Rationalisation Connected with the Introduction of New Technologies": November 1986, in cooperation with UN Vienna Centre;
- Conference on "Flexible Manufacturing Systems and Organisational Change": May 1987, in cooperation with Centro de Investigação e Estudos de Sociologia;
- IIrd International Meeting on "Organization and Work in a Context of Change": November 1987

Regular Publications:
"Boletim SIOT": 10 issues published since 1985
"Cademos APSIOT": first issue published in May 1986.

Report submitted by António Brandao Moniz

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

(Year of admission: 1984, Category "C")

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Head of Department: Eddie C.Y.Kuo

The Department of Sociology was established in 1965 under the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The Department conducts courses leading to the degrees of B.A. and B.Soc.Sci. (Honours). Postgraduate programmes are also available for M.Soc.Sci. and Ph.D. degrees which are not structured around rigid course requirements.

There are about 900 students reading Sociology as their major subject for the Bachelor's degree and more than 20 students each year continue to work on their Honours (Fourth-year) programme with the Department. Altogether there are at present eleven graduate students studying for their Master's or Doctoral degree in the Department.

Research facilities in the University are given excellent ratings by visiting scholars in the region as well as overseas. For example, the University's Computing Centre is equipped with powerful IBM 4341 Gp II and IBM 3081 Xf computers. Computing work can also be carried out at the interactive terminals located in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Of the Faculty's 12 interactive terminals, four are reserved for staff use while the remaining for teaching purposes. A number of word processors and micro-computers are also made accessible to staff in the faculty. In addition to the University computer services, the Department provides its own computer facilities for staff and students.

Library holdings of the University are adequate with good coverage in the social sciences and complete volumes of most established journals in the fields of sociology and social anthropology. A special Singapore and Malaysia Collection contains valuable and unique research materials. In addition, the library at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies which is located near the campus, has excellent holdings on Southeast Asia and this is accessible to graduate students and staff.

Singapore society offers unique opportunities for sociological and social anthropological research and there has been considerable interest in expanding such research. Several international and local organizations such as WHO, UNESCO, TLO, the Ford Foundation, the Asia Foundation, the IDRC, the Population Council, the East-West Center, the Volkswagen Foundation, Harvard-Yenching Institute, the Wenner-Gren Foundation, the Royal Anthropological Institute, AMIC, the Pedro calorie Foundation and the Lee Foundation have financed research projects carried out in Singapore and elsewhere in Southeast Asia by members of the Department.

Research conducted by members of the Department covers wide and varied subfields of sociology and anthropology and may be classified into four main areas: (a) social change including adaptation to industrial work and changing work patterns, demographic changes and family planning, high-rise living, urban networks and resettlement; (b) problems of pluralistic society such as ethnic relations, multilingualism, national identity, religion, social class and social mobility patterns; (c) social policy involving social issues such as crime prevention and delinquency patterns, education, family, health, mass communications and population growth; and (d) sociology and ethnology of Southeast Asia.

Besides teaching and basic academic research, staff members of the Department have also been very active in providing consultancy services to government bodies and private organizations. The Department publishes periodically the Southeast Asian Journal of Social Sciences and the Sociology Working Paper Series. Weekly seminars are also conducted with speakers from within and outside the Department.

Excerpts from the Department of Sociology Handbook

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INSTITUTO DE SOCIOLOGIA APLICADA

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In 1955, a group of sociologists led by Jesús María Vázquez founded a center for social and religious research called "Barriada y Vida". Since 1968 the center has been known as the Institute of Applied Sociology.

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Members of the Institute come from different regions of Spain as well as from the Latin American countries. The Institute has developed its own technical base, library and documentation center. Its activities include consultation, evaluation and assessment in the following areas: family, position of women, children and youth, old people, education, health, the disabled, drug addicts, delinquents, and use of free time. Over 30 research projects have been completed in Spain and in Latin America, and some 50 books were published by the Institute.

Recent research projects:
- Techniques of social research: The Gypsies in Murcia;
- Abortion in Spain; Drug addiction of young people in Burgos; Opinion of a street crowd; Catholicism in Spain; Secularization process; Rehabilitation of drug addicts.

The Centre for Intergroup Studies was established in 1968. It is situated on the Campus of the University of Cape Town, but is not part of the University and receives no government subsidy. The primary purpose of the Centre is to promote and conduct research on intergroup relations in South Africa.

The Centre conducts academic and applied research motivated by the need to promote greater knowledge and better understanding between the various groups and communities in South Africa. In this process it brings together individuals and organisations with different and often conflicting ideological points of view. Owing to the constructive and balanced manner the Centre has adopted in handling sensitive issues and its objective treatment of diverse views, it has established a basis for consultation and mediation in a highly stratified and polarised society.

The Centre is concerned with the process of communication between parties and not goals or blueprints for the future. This means that the Centre is not affiliated or committed to any party or political group or movement. Since its inception in 1968 the Centre has been involved in many controversial issues as an impartial third party. In 1984 the Director initiated contacts between people from South Africa (including government supporters) and the African National Congress in exile and in 1986 was invited to mediate in the conflict in Natal.

The Centre's major programme is in the field of Conflict and Peace Studies (CAPS). The Conflict and Peace Studies programme comprises applied research, the facilitation of communication between conflicting groups, the development of negotiation and mediation skills, consultation, co-ordination of a national network, and the building and maintenance of a Resource Centre.

A major focus of the Conflict and Peace Studies programme is the development of communication skills for facilitators in conflict situations. This is seen as an important task in the promotion of conflict accommodation in South Africa. Following a national seminar held at the Centre in 1984, a series of national training courses in conflict management, negotiation and mediation were held to provide...
training for facilitators, negotiators and mediators in community and political relations.

During 1986 and 1987 a training syllabus oriented to South African participants was developed, a national training programme in negotiation skills was established. The national co-ordinator of this programme is Azikhwelwa Zikalala who is based in Soweto.

Training in nonviolence usually constitutes an integral part of any training course in negotiation and mediation. The Centre has launched a separate project developing a directory containing examples and illustrations of nonviolent action in South Africa.

The Centre for Intergroup Studies is also participating in an inter-organisational initiative to establish an autonomous body for mediation services in community and political conflict in South Africa.

Annual Reports and various publications are available on request.

Report submitted by Hendrik W. van der Merwe, Director

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**SOCIOLÓGICOS INSTITUT**

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**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

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Chair: Marvin E. Olsen
Associate Chair: Christopher Vanderpool

The Sociology Department has 30 regular faculty members and 25 part-time or affiliate faculty members. There are over 100 students in the Graduate Program, half of whom are from countries other than the United States.

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The Graduate Program in Sociology at Michigan State University offers both M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. The M.A. degree may be in either General Sociology or in Applied Sociology. For the Ph.D. degree, students major in one of six speciality areas: Conflict and Change, Rural and Community Studies, Population and Ecology, Occupations and Organizations, Social Psychology, or Urban Studies. Both degrees also involve training in sociological theory and in research methods and data analysis.

The major themes of the Sociology Graduate Program, which pervade much of the research and teaching of the faculty, are International and Comparative Studies, Social Change and Development, and Social Policy Applications.

Many members of the faculty are currently engaged in international research projects in several different countries. For example, Ruth Harris has a large grant from the Ford Foundation to study the African diaspora in Latin America; Daniel Clay is conducting an Agricultural Survey and Policy Analysis Project in Rwanda; Richard Hill is studying industrial policy in Japan; Peter Manning is examining medical/health economics and policies in Great Britain; Bo Anderson is presently in Sweden as a members of the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences.

Report submitted by Marvin E. Olsen, Chairman

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- a brief user's guide;
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June 27 - July 1, 1988 - Conference of the Research
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July 24-29, 1988 - Conference of the
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July 25-29, 1988 - Interim Meeting of Research
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July 31-August 5, 1988 - XXIV International
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West Berlin, FRG

August 1 - 19, 1988 - Summer School of the
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München, FRG

August 23-26, 1988 - Midterm Conference of Research
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Salamanc a, Spain

August 25-26, 1988 - Conference of the Association
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Environment Research, PAPER

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September 8-9, 1988 - Int'l Symposium on Operationa-
Ization and Research Society

Amsterdam, Holland

September 26-30, 1988 - 1st Int'l Conference of the
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Amsterdam, Holland

September 16-21, 1988 - 3rd Annual Rabka Seminar on
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Rabka, Poland

Social Structures and
Educational Systems

See previous ISA Bulletins for more details.

August 28 - September 1, 1988 - World Society of Victimology:
VI International Symposium on Victimology

Place: Jerusalem, Israel

Main topics: theoretical and conceptual issues of
victimology; victim assistance programs;
compensation and restitution programs;
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Information:
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September 26-30, 1988
International Conference of Research Committee on Sociology of Urban and Regional Development
Theme: Trends and Challenges of Urban Restructuring
Place: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Main sessions topic:
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Information:
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October 4-7, 1988
Joint Congress of the Sociological Societies of Austria, West Germany and Switzerland
Theme: Kultur und Gesellschaft
Place: Zürich, Switzerland
Information: "Kultur und Gesellschaft" Postfach 8744 CH-8050 Zürich, Switzerland
tel. 01/312.69.64

October 24-27, 1988
International Symposium sponsored by Research Committee on Logic and Methodology in Sociology
Theme: Methodological Aspects of Empirical Research in Sociology
Place: Moscow, USSR
Main Topics:
methodology of cross-national research; methodology of longitudinal panel studies; new tendencies in data collection methodology and techniques; measurement methods in comparative research; interdisciplinary approach in social data analysis; data banks in comparative research.

Information: Dr V. Andreyenkov
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November 15-17, 1988
2nd International Scientific Conference on Regional and City Planning
Place: Havana, Cuba
Main topics:
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Information: Institute of Physical Planning
Lamparilla 65, Habana Vieja
Havana 1, Cuba

November 1988 (exact dates to be announced)
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December 14-16, 1988
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Topics:
criminal behaviour and drug use, sociological and psychological factors in drug abuse, policing and drugs, prevention and treatment strategies, history and trends, trafficking, the role of organised crime, drugs and the law, social policy approaches, government / political responses, the social organisation of drug use, methodological issues

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tel. 5-8592299

December 28-30, 1988
Midterm Workshop of Research Committee on Participation, Workers' Control and Self-Management
Theme: Experiments and Experiences of Workers' Participation for Effective Industrial Democracy
Place: Hyderabad (AP). India
Main Panels:
- Theoretical formulations on industrial democracy;
- Individual and cross-cultural perspectives in the growth of industrial democracy;
- Models of experiments in systems of government and society

Information: C. Lakshmanna
16 Windsor Place. New Delhi, India
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March 20-23, 1989
Annual Conference of the British Sociological Association
Place: Plymouth Polytechnics. U.K.
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