The European Sociological Association (ESA) will host its Third European Conference at the University of Essex in Colchester, north of London. The Conference will start mid-morning on Wednesday, August 27th and will run through lunchtime on Saturday, August 30th 1997.

Sociologists have distinctive perspectives to offer debates on European developments, which in the recent past have been dominated by neo-liberal economic concerns with deregulating markets. The contributions that Sociology can make in the areas of social integration and social exclusion, social inequality, citizenship, cultures and identities need to be placed more centrally on the intellectual agenda for Europe. The organisers of the Third European Conference of Sociology hope these meetings will contribute to this process.

The ESA invites you to consider the theme, "20th Century Europe: Inclusions/Exclusions" and the role of European sociological insights in the understanding of inclusionary and exclusionary changes. The social divisions of gender, ethnicity, class and age and their role in the restructuring of European societies throughout this century will be a central focus at the Conference. Sociology's span of intense intellectual activity roughly covers that of the twentieth century. The Conference will look backward over developments during the last century before the arrival of the millennium makes us look forward, at the 4th European Conference of Sociology in 1999, to the next century. It provides as opportunity to consider both the development of Europe and of sociological understandings of Europe. The participants in the Conference will revisit classical European sociology and assess its legacy. The place of Europe in the world will be examined in the context of globalisation, and responses to this - including the increasing integration of the European Union which is creating new institutions and processes.
new inclusion and exclusions.

Programme

There will be six major parallel themes relating to the major themes of the Conference, with a sub-Plenary for each of these themes. Key speakers at the Plenary and sub-Plenary sessions will include:

Margaret Archer (United Kingdom); Anthony Giddens (United Kingdom); Alberto Melucci (Italy); Maria Mies (Germany); Mojca Novak (Slovenia); Dominique Schnapar (France); Yasemin Soysal (USA); Gitre Therborn (Sweden); Sylvia Walby (United Kingdom); Immanuel Wallerstein (USA).

The main activity of the conference will be paper sessions organized around the six main themes. The Research Networks of the ESA and the Southern Europe Regional Network will be holding paper sessions within this structure:

Revisiting Classical Theory

- Modernity and Post modernism
- Feminist Theory Meets the Classics
- A Sunset of Socialism?

Work, Welfare and Citizenship

- Welfare States, Welfare Institutions
- Gender and Citizenship
- Inclusions/Exclusions: Power and Ethnicity
- Gender Relations in the Labour Market and the Welfare State (RN)
- Industrial Relations, Labour Market Institutions and Employment and Employment (RN)

Inequalities Old and New

- New Forms of Patriarchy
- Generational Contracts and Conflicts
- Ethnicities, Racism and nations (RN)
- Youth and Generations in Europe (RN)

Globalizations

- Globalization, Social and Economic Restructuring
- Migration and Fortress Europe
- Globalization: Technologies, Environments and Futures

European Processes, Boundaries and Institutions

- East Meets West
- Social Rights and Economic Powers
- Europe of the Regions
- Europe in Process: Social Movements
- Democracy in Europe: Institutions and citizenship

Cultures and Identities

- Sexual citizenship
- Cultural Identities and Homogenisation?
- Technology and Culture
- European Values in Transition
- Biographical Perspectives on European Societies (RN)
- Families in Europe (RN)
- Consumption (RN)
- Sociology of the Mass Media and Communication (RN)
- Economic Sociology (RN)
- Methods of Comparative Research in Europe (RN)
(RN) = ESA Research Networks

In addition there will be roundtable sessions on topics such as researching children, aging and Social Europe. There will be opportunities to meet authors who have recently published works on Europe and major publishers will presenting displays and a Publishers Reception. Information sessions on topics such as Sociology on the Internet, European research funding, panel surveys and data archives will take place.

The programme will have social and cultural events, including a University Reception and a Conference Dinner on Wednesday night. The meeting of the Council of National Associations will take place on Tuesday, 26th August and the ESA will be holding its AGM on Friday, 29th August. Rooms can be booked for special meetings either immediately before or during the Conference.

The University of Essex

The University of Essex is a leading academic institution in the United Kingdom particularly renowned for its strong social science departments. The Department of Sociology which is hosting the Conference is one of the largest Sociology departments in the U.K. with a national and international reputation. The University has three major Economic and Social Research Council (UK)-funded projects: the Research Centre on Micro-Social Change; the ESRC Data Archive; and the Qualitative Data Archival Resource Centre. The University is situated just outside Colchester on the edge of "Constable Country", 12 miles from the coast, and less than one hour from London. The Local Organising Committee is: E. Stina Lyon (South Bank University); Joan Busfield; Lydia Morris; Carlo Ruzza; John Scott; Nigel South (all at the University of Essex).

Booking

All accommodation for the Conference will be on site within five minutes walk of the lecture theatres and seminar rooms. Bookings will include accommodation and meals with varying rates available depending upon personal resources and one's location in a strong or weak currency nation. The Conference Registration Fee is lower for ESA members. Please note that bookings prior to 1 July 1997 attract a lower rate.

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The 16-member Executive Committee of the ESA implements policies and manages the Association's affairs between conferences, organises conferences, administers the publications of the ESA, approves the creation of research networks, formulates and approves the budget, manages fund raising and fixes membership fees etc. This is a general call from the Nominations Committee for suggestions for a slate of nominated candidates. The list of nominated candidates will include 15 men and 15 women representing different geographical areas and fields of sociology.

The Nomination Committee, consisting of nine members appointed by the Council of National Associations at the ESA conference in Budapest 1995, will select the candidates for nomination. Voting, open to all members of the ESA, starts during the next conference in Essex, England, August 27-30, 1997 and continues for 6 weeks after that by mail.

The suggestion should include the name, sex, country and field of study of the candidate. Additional information on his or her merits can also be added. The individual members and member organizations of ESA can send proposals for nomination.

The members of the Executive Committee can serve at most two terms. Those elected in 1995 in Budapest thus are still eligible for one term.

Please send suggestions for candidates for election to the Executive Committee of the ESA for 1998-1999 to Elina Haavio-Mannila, Chairperson of the Nomination Committee.

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The ESA now has an official publisher. This will entail the establishment of a journal and book series which in addition to submitted monographs will provide an outlet for papers presented at the ESA conferences and to the Research Networks. Routledge was selected after an exhaustive procedure in which the best known quality international publishers were invited to participate. Sylvia Walby, Chair of the Publications Committee and President of the ESA concluded the long process of negotiations, originated in Summer 1995, which involved the Publications Committee with many drafts of documents. The need to balance the publication of work by established authors with the dissemination of material from new authors formed a central part of the ESA’s deliberations; as did the need to provide editorial support for authors whose first language is not a mainstream European tongue. Final approval was secured at the recent meeting of the ESA Executive in October.

The working title of the ESA journal will be European Societies. It will publish research on Europe, especially the European level itself, comparative research across Europe, and Europe in comparative perspective with, the rest of the world. Sociology has a lot to say about recent developments in Europe and we hope that the journal and the book series will give European Sociology a stronger and more effective voice.

The conference opened with word of welcome on behalf of the local organizing committee from Professor Diamandouros, the President of EKKE, and with an address from Gabriella Lazaridis who established and holds the Chair of the Network. Eighteen papers were presented under the two thematic themes, Welfare Regimes and Social Inequality, on a variety of topics which included: Southern welfare states in transition; social protection systems in Southern Europe; government’s responses to EU social policy; income inequality in Southern Europe; social exclusion; informal networks; social rights of illegal immigrants; issues of citizenship in Europe. Papers varied in terms of quality and approach - some were theoretical, others more empirical.

In addition, a number of leading academics in the field were invited to give keynote speeches. The keynote speeches were broad in substance and insightful in analysis. Professor Robolts’ keynote speech was on European integration and social policy. Bart van Steenbergen talked about southern European welfare states in the light of Europeanisation and globalisation processes and gave particular emphasis to the shift from a welfare state to a workforce state - a shift from citizenship entitlements/rights to obligations. Professor Louis Moreno raised a num-
number of questions ranging from whether the various 'typologies' are useful to the direction in which the southern European welfare systems will evolve.

The most productive debates were, in my opinion, around the topic of welfare states of southern Europe in general and in particular whether southern Europe constitutes a separate cluster in the universe of welfare states. Ferrera in his keynote speech outlined seven traits of social policy peculiarities in southern Europe; which taken together with socio-economic and politico-cultural factors, add up to a 'rather coherent set of elements which can be treated as a single institutional configuration, with a somewhat autonomous internal logic.' This was followed by an interesting discussion between Ferrera on the one hand and Katrougalos on the other. The latter in a recently published paper in the Journal of European Social Policy argued that the institutional peculiarities shared by these countries are not sufficient so as to create a southern European welfare model; he also argued that the Greek welfare state belongs to the continental model. Another productive debate was the one that followed Professor Anthias' keynote address on "Nation, Migration and Gender: Issues of citizenship in Europe".

Generally, the conference provided an excellent opportunity for participants to tap into work in progress in social policy in southern Europe. The first part of the conference's official theme (that is, social research) was rarely touched upon. Most preferred to draw on the other official theme of the conference: namely, social policy in southern Europe.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank once more the local organising committee for making this conference possible and for making it so degate friendly. I would also like to thank Bart van Steenbergen and Sylvia Walby for the support they have given to this Network. I am confident that within the next year we will be able to organise another activity in southern Europe. This conference will be followed by other regional workshops, the aim being to provide southern Europeans with a forum to discuss research problems and findings. The next meeting of the Network will be August, 1997 in Essex, at the ESA's biannual conference.

Finally, a book will be edited with a selection of papers presented at the conference.

Gabriella Lazaridis
RESEARCH NETWORKS
UPDATE

At its recent meeting, the Executive Committee endorsed three new Research Networks:

Economic Sociology

What tendencies predominated the recruitment of the East European elites and what changes took place in their composition in the 1990s? Are the East European elite researches able to contribute to elite theory? What are the challenges of the recent changes in the region to the new elite paradigms? These are the questions we wish to answer on the basis of experiences gained from previous theoretical researches and empirical surveys. The aim of the workshop is to provide an overview about relevant findings of previous elite researches in the region and invite international experts to interpret these findings in the framework of the new elite paradigm. The outcome of the workshop might be the preparation of new elite researches and publication of some of the findings in referred international journals. Deadline for papers: March 31, 1997. Contact persons: Gyorgy Lengyel [address below].

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Call for Papers
The Economic Sociology Research Network of the ESA intends to organize sessions during the Essex Conference on the following topics:
1. Economic Sociology: Theory, History and National Traditions
Papers contributing to paradigms and recent theoretical issues, or enlightening less known parts of the tradition are welcome.
2. Corporations, Governments and Supra-National Economic Actors
Papers dealing with enterprise behavior, sociological analysis of economic policies, globalization and changing institutional setting of business systems are invited.
3. Economic Elites, Entrepreneurs, Managers
The session is devoted to recent comparative studies on business leaders. Empirically established approaches are preferred.
4. Economy, Households and Lifestyles
Changing functions and coping strategies of households, consumption patterns of status groups, alternative money uses and savings behavior. Results of household panel surveys are especially encouraged to be submitted.
5. Labor Market, Unemployment, Migration
Segmentation of the labor market, gender, skills and unemployment, regionalization, unification and economic migration. Comparative and empirically established papers with predictive force are encouraged.
6. Final acceptance of abstracts, March 15, 1997
Deadline for papers, July 30, 1997. Contact: Richard Svedberg
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RENCORE: Methods for Comparative Research On Europe
Call for Papers for Essex Conference
RENCORE is arranging a stream within the conference focusing specifically on comparative European research. Papers which either:
1. discuss the results of comparative European research (involving findings from at least two European states); or
2. discuss the methodological issues involved in comparative European research, especially the problems of the equivalence of measures, are welcome. Papers may report qualitative and/or quantitative research. Reports of research which relates to eastern European countries are especially welcome.

If you wish to submit a paper, you should send two copies of a 250 word abstract, one each to: the ESA Conference Organiser, the University of Essex and to Nigel Gilbert
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Paper copies sent by post are preferred.

Environment & Society
The Environmental Issues Network will have a Working Group on Environmental Issues in Europe at the Essex Conference. We ask colleagues in the field of environmental sociology (and related areas) to submit their paper abstract. The program will be structured around three themes:
1. Institutions
State and policy; differences of convergences between various European countries. The role of EU superstructure and its regulations;
2. Europe of citizens
Attitudes and behaviour towards the environment. Social movements and "ecological" transformation and modernizations;
3. Quality of life and environmental issues
Pressures on and risks to the natural environment - notions and perceptions. (Relative) weight attached to them when assessing the social environment.

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Established Networks

Sociology of the Family

The Research Network plans to organize during the 1997 conference various sessions on the theme Families, Factors of Inclusion and Exclusion. Papers to be presented could deal with one of the following topics:

- transmission of social handicaps;
- family solidarity and social peculiarity;
- family and citizenship;
- societal values and family values;
- generations and the role of the family in integration into adult life.

Colleagues interested in presenting a communication should send their proposal (with an abstract of 10-20 lines) to the convenors of the group:

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The deadline for proposals is March 15, 1997

Industrial Relations, Labour Market Institutions and Employment

The research network will explore the conference theme under two main perspectives.

First, does economic restructuring create processes of inclusion or exclusion regarding the industrial relations system? In this context, special attention should be paid to the following aspects of industrial relations:

- unionization, the union system and union identity;
- the structure of collective bargaining;
- the role of multinational enterprises in shaping industrial relations.

Second, as a regulatory power, industrial relations may cause, reinforce or impede exclusions taking place in the labour market. Related issues involve:

- the impact of industrial relations on the employment relationship in terms of wage differentials and the structure of employment (e.g., part-time work, standards vs. non-standard working);
- the impact of industrial relations on skill formation and training;
- union responses to globalization, European integration and restructuring.

Cross-national papers on one or more of these questions are particularly welcome. It is requested that abstracts be addressed to:

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Biographical Perspectives On European Societies

St. Petersburg Workshop: Biographical Perspectives On post-Socialist Societies

The workshop was organized under the auspices of the Research Network by the Centre for Independent Research with support from the MacArthur Foundation. It was held from 13th to 17th November, 1996 in a former nuclear research institute and was excellently organized by Victor Voronkov and Elena Zdravomyslova with first class administrative assistance. There was simultaneous translation - English-Russian/Russian English - at all sessions which made communication much easier.

There were 40/50 participants, 15 from outside Russia. The session themes included: education; generations; gender; sexuality; ethnicity; repression; and methodology. Approximately thirty papers were presented. Among the most interesting discussions were those on the general methodological problems of the biographic approach (realism, constructivism, narrative, postmodernism, sexual biographies, ethnicity and migration. There is to be a publication of the papers in Russian and English by the Centre for Independent Research.

- John Jackson

Call for Papers

The Research Network will hold sessions at the Essex Conference. Contact:

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Youth, Generation, Europe

The Essex conference will be the inaugural event for the Youth Generation Europe Research Network. On this basis, members and potential members of the Research Network are invited to send paper proposals (title and abstract) on the following five themes:

1. Youth from Europe - situation, context of socialization, values and cultural patterns, comparative approach in youth studies
2. Social construction of youth - youth span in the life course, the problem of definition, evolution over time and regional variations, the impact of social policy on the definition of youth
3. Youth and Generation - life cycle and generation, youth as a generation, conceptual definition, the dynamics of generation - reproduction and change, solidarity, conflict, negotiation
4. Youth in the process of Globalisation - youth meeting the Information Society, global economy, global culture, global identity, globalisation versus fragmentation, youth and Postmodernity, a concept in question
5. Citizenship - the dimensions of modern citizenship, citizenship as a social practice, social construction of group identities, culture, globalisation and citizenship

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Gender Relations and the Labour Market and the Welfare State

The importance of employment, labour market and welfare state for the social life of individuals in the European nation states and in the emerging common labour market of the European Union is undisputed. The specific and complex situation of women in the society is an important reason to study the impact of welfare state and labour market on women's position in the European nation states.

The working group on 'Gender Relation and the Labour Market' has been organized two times - at the First and the Second European Conference of Sociology - and both times the working group met great interest among European sociologists.

During the recent years a lot of comparative research projects on this issue are carried out and there exist several research groups in the different European countries. However, more communication is needed between researchers not at least to focus the comparative research on important gender issues such as the changing gender composition of the labour force and the development in patterns of female employment, new forms of employment, growing part-time work, gender segregation in the labour market, the...
changed condition for social citizenship, social exclusion and unemployment in a gender perspective, and the influence of state and labour market policy on men’s and women’s social conditions. In this context analysis of the EU emploment policy and its consequences for equal opportunities of women are also an important research issue.

In discussing topics it is necessary to include - still more - researchers from the new member states of the European Union as well as those from the Eastern European societies.

Future activities for the network
- initiating and intensifying comparative research with the aim of clarifying the theoretical foundation of gender relations and to provide more empirical based information for political strategies to improve women’s disadvantaged situation in the emerging European labour market.
- establishing research groups, reinforcing contacts and discussion between researchers and existing research networks in the field - to have a larger academic forum on the European level.
- providing an institutional context for continuity of the workshop at the future European Conferences of Sociology and for organizing research meetings and conferences in between European conferences.

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The Network requests abstracts for the Essex Conference where it will run a series of sessions. The aim of the subtheme sessions of the Consumption Research Network at the Essex conference is to draw attention to:
a) both pleasures and routine activities in consumption;
b) consumption and the reproduction of social order (of gender system, age, religion, race and class);
c) production and consumption;
d) power and consumption;
e) development and progress of consumption sociology.

We are expecting both theoretical papers and theoretically informed empirical papers on these questions.

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Abstracts (250 words) should be sent to the ESA conference organisers and copied to Peter Golding in Loughborough. We look forward very much to hearing from you, and to seeing you in Colchester.

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William Brustein, Corrin Chris: Changes in Sex Life, Studies, St. Mazzini, 13, 1-34170 Gorizia, Italy

Three new publications from the Central European Workshop


3) Futuribili: Italian Social Science Journal. Istituto di Sociologia Internazionale di Gorizia (ISIC), Via Mazzini, 13, I-34170 Gorizia, Italy


Jeroen Duindam, Myths of Power, Norbert Elias and the Early Modern Court. Amsterdam 1995, ISBN 90 5356 111 0 / 90 5356 136 6


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NEXT MEETING OF ESA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the ESA Executive is in Brussels 25-27 April 1997.

Provisional Agenda:

- Planning for Essex Conference;
- Call for the Conference after Essex;
- Minutes and matters arising;
- ESA Secretariat;
- Finance and membership;
- Fund raising;
- Developing the Institutional Membership category;
- Publications sub-Committee;
- Research Networks;
- Contacts between the ESA and other bodies;
- Newsletter;
- Transfer to the next Executive and eligibility for (re)election;
- Any other business
IRISH SOCIOLOGY AND THE SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND

Camann Scolooliochta na hÉireann (The Sociological Association of Ireland (SAI)) was founded in 1973. Its existence is almost cotemporary with that of sociology in Ireland, in that the subject only began to take on real significance as a discipline in academic institutions in the early seventies. The SAI can be typed as a small but active national association, enjoying the participation of sociologists from both sides of the Irish border. Membership is over two hundred. Given the number of sociologists that there actually are on the island, this is a very healthy figure indeed. Members of the Association are employed in a diversity of occupations, including research, teaching and consultancy. Their job settings include university and other third level college departments, schools, research institutes and government departments. There is also a strong student membership, as well as a number of members resident outside the island.

The SAI supports a variety of activities, including an annual residential conference, which is held in a different location every May. (The 1997 conference will be held in Galway.) The conferences are well attended and provide an important forum for Irish sociologists and those interested in the sociology of Ireland. While the conferences are usually organised around a specific theme, because of the disparate nature of the interests of what is a small number of people, much of the conference is usually taken up with "open sessions" which allow for a wide variety of topics and subject areas to be covered.

The Association also holds an annual one-day conference on a specific subject in each year. This year the subject will be crime and drugs. This is in response to an upcoming constitutional referendum where the Irish government hopes to gain a mandate to severely limit rights to bail in response to a moral panic about drug-related crimes. The conference is a good example of how the Association attempts to put the ideas of sociologists into wider social discourse. In this case, such an input is badly needed, in that discourse on the issue has so far been one-sided in the extreme, with civil libertarians getting very little mileage indeed. That said, the Association faces an uphill struggle in getting sociological ideas broadcast in that, while the media is not as dismissive of sociology as the British media, it is considerably less interested than, say, the French or German media might be.

The SAI also has a very active publications programme. Probably the jewel in the crown is The Irish Journal of Sociology, published as one single-issue volume per year. Inaugurated in 1990, its aim is to provide a domestic academic forum for sociology. This is not to say that it is only interested in domestically produced material. One of its major aims is to publish international contributions that have relevance for Irish sociology. This, of course, includes material pertaining to Ireland in a European context. So if there is anyone out there working on issues relating to Irish society, the editors would be very pleased to have the opportunity to consider your work. The journal is currently based in the Department of Sociology, University College, Galway. The SAI also produces a quarterly bulletin, and an annual research monograph and has been involved in the publication of a number of books relating to the sociology of Ireland.

One of the main tasks of the Association is the promotion of Irish sociology. Being located within a small island, this is not without its difficulties. Firstly, there is the problem of emigration - many students go abroad to complete their postgraduate training, and on completion often have to remain abroad in order to find work. It is notable that when academic posts are advertised in Ireland, there is usually a large number of diasporan applicants who are seeking to return home. Conversely, there are a large number of foreign, notably British, academics working in Irish universities.

Coming out from under the shadow of a much larger neighbour is one of the difficulties that Irish sociology faces. This problem is probably common to all small European nations. Given limited resources, the task of developing teaching materials, and sociology generally, that are specific to one's own society, and avoiding eclipse by the sociologies of larger nations, is no mean task. To this end, the inauguration of the Irish Journal of Sociology, was a big step. Before, Irish academics had to rely on getting their work published in British, American or other international journals, and often the specificity of their subject matter meant that it was not viewed particularly favourably by the editors concerned. The only domestic journal was the Economic and Social Review, which publishes across the broad range of social sciences. One of the great benefits of the IS is that it has provided a medium for younger academics to publish their work.

The issue of Irish self-assertion is not without its sensitivities. A proposal in 1992 by the British Sociological Association to hold its annual conference in the north of Ireland caused considerable controversy, and not a little resentment. Fortunately, the issue was resolved with the conference being held in England, and our relationship with our sister association remains a friendly one.

There are also factors affecting sociology in Ireland that, while they affect sociologists in larger nations as well, are more acutely felt in a smaller nation. For instance, a lack of research funding and the closed nature of the allocation of what funds and jobs there are often means that both allocation and receipt are monopolised by a handful of individuals. However, a recent initiative by the Irish Government, which has allocated an annual budget of IR£100,000 for social scientific research to be distributed by the Royal Irish Academy through an open bidding system, has gone some way to ameliorate this problem. Nevertheless, when it is considered that this princely sum is open to bids from second-rate academics and social policy analysts as well as sociologists, the continuing funding problems that sociologists in small nations such as Ireland face is brought into perspective.

Another problem that Irish sociologists face in common with colleagues in other small nations is that, because of the size of our community, individual sociologists are more "visible" and their academic freedom more vulnerable. In Ireland this problem is exacerbated by the blurring of the division between the sociological and the political that tends to occur when the state is under threat, as has happened during the current, and long-running, "troubles" in Ireland. To its credit, the SAI has not sought to duck the issue of the troubles, and has organised a number of events that have enabled sociologists to discuss freely what are, for many, very sensitive issues.
All this said, Irish sociology is in a reasonably healthy and vibrant state. While the influences of Anglo and American sociology remain strong, the capacity of Irish sociologists to examine Irish society from their specific perspective is an example of how academics in smaller communities can resist the tendency to homogenise knowledge.

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COOPERATION PROGRAMME
EU-CEEC IN
THE FIELD OF
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The Gender Studies in Agriculture section of the Department of Rural Sociology at Wageningen Agricultural University (WAU) in Holland, is developing a cooperation programme in which universities and other research institutions of the ‘West’ (European Union) and the ‘East’ (central and eastern Europe) and the former Soviet Union (CEE/FSU) will work together. The programme will focus on the development of curricula and research in the field of gender, agriculture and rural development. In a broad sense the subject covers gender issues in agriculture (in West and East), gender issues, agrarian transformation and rural development in CEEC. Those with an interest in such a programme or with knowledge about the subject are invited to contact us. We are interested in general information, bibliographies, names of researchers, finished and current research or education projects in this field.

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SCIENCE, SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH AND THE EU-FUNDING

Introduction - Community Research and Technological Development (RTD) Today and Tomorrow.

At the beginning of 1995, RTD policy in the EU reached an important turning point: with the smooth changeover from the Third to the Fourth Framework Programme. By the beginning of December 1994, the Council of Ministers had adopted all the specific programmes, the first calls for proposals being published soon after, and the Fourth Framework Programme effectively entered into force in January 1995. The framework programme runs until the end of 1998 and has an original total budget of ECU 12.3 billion, now increased by ECU 800 million to reflect the accession of the three new member states (Austria, Finland and Sweden).

The Second (1987-91) and Third (1990-95) RTD framework programmes of the EU already covered almost the entire spectrum of modern research in natural and engineering sciences. The Fourth Framework Programme picked up the main topics of the Third framework programme. This is reflected in the fact that the lion's share of its financial resources, 87 per cent of the budget, is used within the above application areas. However the Fourth Framework Programme has also added some new fields of research concerning the Human Dimensions of Environmental Change (HDEC) within the Programme on Environment and Targeted Socio-Economic Research (TSER). This opening for socio-economic research within the framework of EU-funded research is basically a new orientation of the EC and the member countries.

Consequently, this is where we stand today concerning social science and the EU. At this juncture it may appropriate to provide some more detailed information on what kind of research the different programmes and themes expect from the European social science researchers.

Where does a social scientist turn to in the EU-programmes?
The socio-economic orientated research themes belong to the Activity 1 Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Programmes of the Fourth Framework Programme. The Framework Programme in total consists of four activities where the remaining three focus on: cooperation with third countries and international organisations; dissemination and operationalization of results; and the training and mobility of researchers, respectively. The above two themes and programmes (TSER and HDEC) belong within Activity 1. I will here give a short presentation of the main features of the respective work-programme.

Targeted Socio-Economic Research (TSER)
To begin, Targeted Socio-Economic Research (TSER); this activity addresses social science research within the following three sub-areas:

1. Research and technology policy options, and analyses of the effects of research work on society in the sense of technology forecasting. Here also research on the inter-relationships between socio-economic changes and new scientific and technological developments should be welcome, along with the development of methods, tools and approaches for this field of interest.

2. Research on education and training, where the effectiveness of policies and actions, methods, tools and technologies in formal and informal education and training requires innovative research. Research on education, training and economic development also falls under this heading.

3. Research into social integration and social exclusion in Europe. The focus within this sub-programme is on the forms and processes of social exclusion and integration, causes of social exclusion, migration and, last but not least, evaluation of the impact of social integration policies.

The next Call for proposals to the TSER programme will be published 15th of March 1997 in the Official Journal and the closing date for this call will be the 15th of June, 1997.

Human Dimensions of Environmental Change
HDEC is Theme 4 of the Environment and Climate RTD Programme. It is the social science oriented part of the Environment Programme and focuses on the societal conditions for sustainable development at the global, regional and local level. The main aim of this part of the programme is to clarify the key interactions between societal processes, economic activities, institutions, technological development and environmental change, and to improve the basis of policies and actions in support of sustainable development in the EU.

The objectives for this area include: an improved understanding of the main societal and economic driving forces of environmental change; the identification, evaluation and comparison of the range of possible options in the field of societal and economic action in response to critical environmental situations in the framework of sustainable development; an improved understanding of the interactions of patterns of production and consumption, their receptiveness to change, and the environmental and social effects of such changes at different levels; and to develop appropriate integration of economic, environmental and societal indicators and criteria with which to assess progress in the transition towards sustainable development.

The HDEC Area is organized around 3 sub-areas:

1. The research base for sustainable development: strategies, societal participation and the measurement of progress. Here we are expecting research proposals on, among others themes, improved policy and regulatory instruments, integration of environmental sustainability considerations into sectoral policies such as agriculture, urban planning, tourism, energy, sustainability indicators and urban environmental policy; e.g., opportunities for and barriers to the implementation of local Agenda 21.

2. Sustainable development and technological change. Under this heading we would like to see research proposals on actions to promote eco-efficiency, development of industrial ecology systems, diffusion of clean technologies and societal management of technology.

3. Integrated assessment and environmental policy making. In this sub-area we are looking forward to receiving research proposals dealing with methodological issues concerning integrated assessment, integrated environmental assessment and integrated resource man-
Examples of headings of clusters of projects currently being implemented:
- Integrated assessment, societal dimensions and policy responses to climate and other global issues;
- Towards sustainability of the urban environment and land-use;
- New methods and strategies for moving towards sustainability in the EU;
- Improving innovation, diffusion and employment potential for clean technologies;
- Increasing the economic efficiency and effectiveness of environmental protection.

The Open Call for proposals within the European Commission's Environment & Climate R&D Programme was advertised in the Official Journal 17 September 1996 and the deadline for this Call will be 15 January 1997.

Research and EU Funding

How is it done?
In order to be able to submit a proposal you should order the Information package and the Work-programme for the EC Environment and Climate R&D Programme or the Targeted Socio-economic Research, respectively. These have been available after the official Call and will be mailed to the parties which have expressed their interest. If you want a swifter response please send a fax to European Commission, stating your request, full name and the address of your department together with fax number, phone number and e-mail address.

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How are proposals selected and decided upon?
All eligible proposals will be evaluated by a team of external expert evaluators. These are qualified researchers with experience from the specific theme and area. They judge the originality, scientific quality, management, project planning and strategic and policy relevance of each proposal. The different topics covered in the evaluation are presented in an Evaluation manual included in the Information package for the programme. Prospective proposers are strongly advised to study this manual in order to get a flavour of what dimensions need to be covered in a competitive proposal. Proposals receive a ranking from A to C. Normally only those who have received an A will be considered for funding.

In relation to available funding, and after consultation of other DGs of the Commission, a number of the A proposals will be suggested for funding by the Commission to the respective Research Committee containing the representatives from the member states and the associated states. After the formal decision of the Committee, the Commission comes back to the proposed coordinators of the selected projects for negotiations on work-programme and to finalize measures for signing a contract. This is a rather time consuming procedure in full, and the estimated time between submitting a proposal and eventually signing a contract in the successful case will probably not be less than 8-10 months.

Concluding Remarks
The oversubscription of the available funding of the Environment programme was on the last occasion in 1995 around 6 times and at the end of the day less than 20 per cent of the proposals were selected for funding. To meet all the requirements in the infopack, to fill out the application forms and, last but not least, to build the research team, find partners and write a joint working programme is a demanding task. Experience shows that partners who already have international experience and history of working together - either in an earlier EU-project or in some other international research context - develop a working procedure quicker and have a less troublesome and timeconsuming experience of research. On the other hand, there are exciting opportunities for crossdisciplinary or interdisciplinary research in cooperation with colleagues from other backgrounds opening up within the EU Research programmes. It is a challenge for European social science research generally and it is a challenge that could and should be accepted by European sociologists.

Conflict and Cooperation - The Implications of Contemporary European Transformations for Social Theory

The European Association for the Advancement of Social Sciences holds its 2nd Convention in Nicosia, Cyprus, March 19-23, 1997 in collaboration with the University of Cyprus. The Call for Papers and the announcement for this Convention is available on the ICCR web-site: http://www.iccr.iaa.at/iccr

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The QUALIDATA Resource Centre, located in the Department of Sociology at the University of Essex, United Kingdom, has now been in existence for two years. Its aims are: locating, assessing and documenting qualitative data and arranging for their deposit in suitable public archive repositories; disseminating information about such data; and raising archival consciousness among the social science research community. Ultimately, the Centre aims to implement a policy ensuring that qualitative data produced by future Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) (UK) and other funded projects are offered for archiving.

A major function of the Centre is to maintain an information database about the extent and availability of qualitative research material in general whether deposited in public repositories or remaining with the researcher. The data we are concerned with is from the broad spectrum of social research, from academic, policy and governmental, trust and charity funded research and includes in-depth interviews, fieldnotes, anthropological materials, unstructured diaries, observational records, audio or video tapes, photographs and so on. The Centre has surveyed almost 1500 identifiable ESRC funded qualitative social research projects dating back to 1970, by contacting principal investigators, is tracing the data arising from classic post-war sociological studies and monitors current ESRC projects. The QUALIDATA database, QUALICAT, was launched in November, and is available via the INTERNET, from which researchers can search and obtain descriptions of qualitative research material, its location and accessibility. The WWW Home Page for the Centre containing a link to the searchable catalogue, detailed guidelines for depositing qualitative data, data deposited, issues relating to confidentiality and copyright, information about the Centre and links and references to other qualitative resources and repositories, has the URL:

http://www.essex.ac.uk/qualidata

This information is also available in hard copy.

Deposits
A number of sets of qualitative material have been deposited in repositories around the UK, and there are a further 200 projects for which data will be deposited, pending negotiation with the investigator or on completion of writing up the research. Data deposited include:

- Interviews generated by three major studies using in-depth life-histories: all the taped interviews from the seminal projects Family Life and Work Experience before 1918 and Middle and Upper Class Families which aimed at getting a national picture of ordinary life in Edwardian Britain through interviewing more than 500 people born before 1905. In addition the interviews from Families, Social Mobility and Aging: An Intergenerational Approach, a 1980’s study aimed at gathering ethnographic and dynamic information illustrative of family, ageing and social mobility through interviewing several generations of 110 families. A further development from this was the project, On the Edge of Later Life, which looked at sources of self-identity and the contribution of earlier life experiences to adaptability to ageing: Data from the oral history study on Fishing Communities and Industry in East Anglia and N.E. Scotland is also available. All are located at the National Sound Archive (NSA), British Library (BL) and at the Oral History Archive, Essex University.

- Fred Lindop’s Unofficial Union Militancy in British Docks (1981 and 1983) concerned with the ideas and activities of shop stewards and trade union activists in the dock industry in Britain - located at the Modern Records Centre, University of Warwick; Ray Pahl’s Isle of Sheppey Study focusing on industry and training in the 1980’s and his 1961 study of three Kentish villages; and Robert Dingwall’s Protection of Children Study concerning agency decision making in child protection in the early 1980’s. Location: Wellcome Contemporary Medical Archives Centre Paul Thompson and Ray Pahl’s Families, Entrepreneurs and Entrepreneurial Values: Britain and Russia, a comparative investigation of family and cultural sources of entrepreneurial values and activity in Britain and Russia. Located at the NSA, BL and the School of Eastern European and Slavonic Studies, University of Leeds.

Please see QUALIDATA’s WWW site or contact the Centre for further details of deposits, including those held by the ESRC Data Archive. There is also a large number of important existing datasets still be to catalogued, in libraries, research centres or remaining with researchers where access is permitted. This includes data from socio-linguistics/conversation analysis and many anthropological projects as well as traditional ethnography.

The National Social Policy and Social Change Archive
The Centre has recently received a two year grant from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation to create a National Social Policy and Social Change Archive to be based at the University of Essex. Anyone wishing to consult the collections should contact QUALIDATA staff. The material is paper based but it is possible to obtain scanned machine-readable copies. Copyright is retained by depositor and authorised copies are permitted.

Peter Townsend’s research collection.
Peter Townsend was Professor of Sociology at the University between 1967 and 1981 and has pioneered research on poverty in Britain. The materials include:

- The Family Life of Old People carried out in 1955; a series of interviews and week activity diaries conducted with 203 people in their 60s and 70s in Bethnal Green;
- The Last Refuge, a survey of residential accommodation for the elderly carried out between 1958 and 1959; a complementary study to ‘Family Life of Old People’ where interviews were conducted with local authority welfare officers and matrons/wardens in 173 institutions, local authority and private, in England and Wales;
- St. Katharine’s Buildings. A set of unpublished interviews which Peter Townsend carried out in the 1950s in St. Katherine’s Building in Stepney, relating his findings to the ledger kept by Beatrice Webb and Ella Pyecroft as rent collectors in the same tenement from 1883-1890. Peter Townsend returned to St. Katherine’s Buildings to interview a cross-section of the present tenants, some of whom are descendants of the original inhabitants spanning 70 years;
- Child Poverty Action Group and the Disability Alliance Records. The records of two pressure groups which Peter Townsend co-founded.

Professor Dennis Mendon carried out some of the earliest research on single parent families. The collection includes data from the studies:

- Mothers Alone: Poverty and the fatherless family. This study of 116 fatherless families living on national assistance in two towns presents the experience of fatherlessness, dependence and poverty from the mother’s viewpoint.
Workless: Some unemployed men and their families. 20 unemployed men, who were in the prime of their working lives, were interviewed with their wives talking about work, their marriage and their daily routine between 1972 and 1975.

Poverty in the UK Local Surveys. In addition to Peter Townsend's studies of poverty among the "sub-employed" in three special areas, concentrated studies were conducted in four areas: Belfast; Glasgow; Neath; and Salford. 11 in-depth interviews and approximately 70 assessment notes.

Also available is Annette Lawson's 1980's study of adultery. Forthcoming collections at Essex include: Jacqueline Burgoyne's and David Clark's interviews for the first serious study of step-families in Britain (Making a Go of It) carried out in the late 1970's and Charles Critchler's research on stress, coping and support networks in the context of pit closures and unemployment.

And finally: A note to potential depositors

Researchers are asked to contact QUALIDATA as early as possible to discuss the archival potential of their data, preferably before any qualitative research has begun, and to consider depositing as soon as the first piece of substantive analysis has been written. The Centre organises twice-yearly workshops to provide social science researchers with a forum for advice and exchange of experience on issues relating to archiving and re-analysis of qualitative research data. These workshops are intended to encourage the re-use of existing data and to address questions associated with archiving and preserving qualitative data. QUALIDATA staff also give talks to researchers and postgraduate students and in the future will be offering advice on the use of archives in research and training. The Centre hosts open days on demand to enable researchers to visit and discuss issues in relation to archiving.

Although the Centre is concerned with data produced from British social science, it would be very pleased to hear about collections of a similar nature in Europe. The Centre has been developing links with other smaller archives in Europe, but as yet there appears to be no equivalent of Qualidata in other countries.

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Mid-term Conference of the Sociology of Education ISA Research Committee (RC04)

Education, Knowledge and Culture

University of Joensuu
Joensuu, Finland
June 16-18, 1997

Multiculturalism, ethnicity, race, and gender have become vital issues in education and society. These issues are in a simultaneous process of differentiation and globalization within schools as well as on individual experiences in societies. Education and schools are faced with challenges from several directions: education for tolerance and understanding in an environment that itself is undergoing considerable changes which originate from the new forms of technology and social division of labour and cultural globalization. Consequently, the aim of this conference is to tackle these issues from various perspectives. The conference will focus particularly on the following questions: multicultural and intercultural education; ethnicity and learning experiences via life-histories of different ethnic and social groups; new learning environments and knowledge structures, etc.

The organizers of the conference invite proposals in the following substantive areas:
1) Intercultural education in multicultural society;
2) Racism and education;
3) Life-histories of learning and education;
4) Gender and education;
5) School as a crossroads of learning and living;
6) Vocational education and cultural change.

The registration fee will probably be $40 (160 FIM). The International Sociological Association invites expressions of interest.

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Global Organized Crime and International Security, Onate, Spain, 3-6 June 1997

An International Conference on "Global Organized Crime and International Security" will take place at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law (IISL), in Onate, Guipuzcoa, Basque Country, Spain, from 3 June (arrival) to 6 June (departure) 1997. This conference will focus on the latest research and information on global organized crime and on the development and implementation of appropriate counter-measures. It will stress much needed cooperative and transnational approaches, outline the parameters of experimental solutions that must also respect democracy and human rights, and contribute to a redefined understanding of what international security is. Particular attention will be given to the connections between various forms of transnational crime and terrorism and also the inherent tensions between social control and individual freedoms.

There is no registration fee for the conference. The IISL requests an annual registration fee of 2,500 pesetas (less than $25) waived in certain cases.

For more information on the conference, contact:

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Communications to Prof. Viano in Spanish, Italian, French, German and Russian are welcome. However, the working languages at the conference will be Spanish, French and English.

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Friedrich Ebert Foundation Conference:

"Wirtschaftliche und politische Probleme der Osterweiterung der EU" (Economic and Political Problems of the Eastern Enlargement of the EU)

October 9-10, 1997 Berlin, Germany

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CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS
1. INTAS Call for Project Proposals

INTAS announces a call for project proposals beginning December 15, 1996. Proposals in the natural sciences, engineering, social sciences, humanities and the economic sciences will be accepted. Partners from the INTAS member states (EU, Israel, Norway, Switzerland) and from the GUS (Armenia, Aserbaidschan, Belarus, Georgia, Kasakstan, Kirgistan, Moldova, the Russian Federation, Tadzikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Usbekistan) may apply. The deadline for applications is April 2, 1997. A minimum of four partners must take part in one project; two must be from different organizations in the New Independent States and two from different INTAS member states, of which one must take on the role of project coordinator. The project must be designed to take from two to three years, and may receive a maximum of 60,000 ECU. No more than 20% of this sum will be made available to the partners from the INTAS member states. Further information and application forms are available from:

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2. Eastern Scholar Program, Civic Education Project

Civic Education Project (CEP) is a private voluntary educational organization dedicated to assisting reform efforts at universities in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. The Eastern Scholar Program supports outstanding scholars from Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union who have studied at a Western university and desire to return permanently to an academic post in their home countries. CEP assists Eastern Scholars to reestablish relations with their former universities and provides a modest stipend, some teaching materials, and access to CEP academic programs and events.

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What is the relationship of time and value? According to some narratives there was once a time, a sacred temporality, in which time was at one with value. Then science, technology and capital combined to dislodge time from value: to create a homogeneous and linear time separated from a realm of value attached to the utility and exchange of commodities. At the same time ethical and aesthetic values became detached from forms of life and re-inserted in the inner temporality of the evaluating and eminently mortal subject. Is there now a ‘third age’ in which post-apocalyptic sensibility and cultural proliferation threaten to render society truly value free, or are there signs of a re-integration of time and value?

From Christian fundamentalism’s temporality of salvation to the post-Darwinian time of artificial life systems on the internet, to time-space compression as a dimension of global culture, changing temporalities have become increasingly the subject of urgent address. But how is time figured, embodied, materialised or represented? And what do such representations tell us about our society and the bodies of the political, narrative memory and history of technology? Nature and Kairos

Speakers include:
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We welcome offers of papers for streams, roundtables or poster sessions.

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Third International Conference on
Alternative Futures and Popular Protest
Manchester Metropolitan University,
Manchester, England
March 24th-26th, 1997

In 1995 and 1996, Manchester Metropolitan University hosted two successful international conferences on "Alternative Futures and Popular Protest". A third will be held in March 1997.

The aim of the Conference is to explore the dynamics of popular movements, along with the ideas which animate their leaders and supporters and which contribute to shaping their fate.

Offers of papers are invited from sociologists, political scientists, historians and others on the conference themes and their theorization. Papers should address such matters as: contemporary & historical social movements and popular protest; social movement theory; utopias and experiments; ideologies of collective action. Those interested in offering papers should contact the conference convenors with a brief abstract:

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International Labour Markets Research Network (ILM)
Conference 1997
"Understanding the School-to-Work Transition"

The ILM, in association with the School of Public Administration and Law, the Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, announces its second international conference, to be held on 16-17 June 1997 in Aberdeen/Scotland. The focus of this 2-day event will be on school-to-work transitions, both from a theoretical and empirical perspective. The conference will help stimulate thinking around the complexity of youth labour markets and bring together academics, practitioners and policy-makers. ILM welcomes papers from a wide range of social science disciplines. Keynote speakers will include the leading American economist David Banchflower who will report on a major NBER study on 'hard-to-employ' youth across countries.

If you would like to present a paper at the conference, please send an abstract not exceeding 500 words to the conference organiser at the above address. The deadline for abstracts will be 7 February 1997 though earlier submissions would be very much appreciated. If accepted, full papers will be

required by 4 April 1997. Papers with a comparative dimension, either across countries or over time are particularly welcome. Papers should fall broadly into one of the following subject areas:

- Post-compulsory education and training;
- Youth unemployment;
- Educational background and labour market destinations;
- The impact of trade unions on the youth labour market;
- Demographic developments;
- Policy reviews and appraisals.

The conference fee is Stg£110 (Stg£95 for research students and ILM members), including the conference proceedings, light refreshments and dinner (Monday only). Early registration is recommended as places are limited. Expressions of interest in participating at the conference should be sent to:

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Those giving papers are asked to supply them in advance, for inclusion in a bound volume of papers available to those attending the conference.

Cost, inclusive of three lunches, conference dinner Monday night, and copies of the bound volumes of papers, will be Stg£50 (students Stg£70). Bed and breakfast accommodation at nearby U.M.L.S.T. available at Stg£29 per night. Booking forms from:

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The Second European Social Science History Conference will be held in Amsterdam, probably on 5-7 March 1998. The ESSHC aims at bringing together scholars interested in explaining historical phenomena using the methods of the social sciences. The conference is characterized by a lively exchange in many small groups, rather than by formal plenary sessions. The Conference welcomes papers and sessions on any topic and any historical period. It is organised in a large number of networks which cover a certain topic (e.g. criminal justice, family, social inequality, economics). The Conference fee will be Dfl. 150 (at present approximately US$90). The deadline for sending in an abstract is 30 April 1997.

Further information about the European Social Science History Conference can be obtained from the Conference Internet site at:

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Gender, Work and Organization

Gender, Work and Organization is an international journal dedicated to advancing critical and scholarly research and practice relating to gender relations at work, the organization of gender and the gendering of organizations. The journal is hosted by the first international, multi- and inter-disciplinary conference on Gender and Work, jointly organised by the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST), and the Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU). A selection of the papers will form a Special Issue of the journal and others may be published in book form.

The conference will be organised around five themes:
1. Gender and Organisation; organizational discourses, power and control; gender identities; embodied labour; masculinity; sexuality;
2. De-regulation, decentralisation and detraditionalisation; labour markets; organizational structures and practices; employee relations; collective and individual forms of control; de-layering and equal opportunities; devolved decision making and control, and gender and legislation;
3. Gendered time, work and space; paid work and family life; new forms of working: homeworking; teleworking; gender and technology;
4. Women and men in management; gender and managerial discourses; managing diversity and employment; gendered networks and power; gender and organisational culture; femininities, masculinities and managerial practice; new managerialism, empowerment and gender;
5. The gender order at work; cross-cultural, regional and historical analyses of change and continuity in work and employment; polarisation in women's experiences of work, and employment across occupational or political borders.

‘Gender, Work and Organization’ draws on research emanating from anthropology, history, labour economics, law, philosophy, politics, psychology, and sociology. Contributions within the themes of the conference are invited which draw on these disciplines and/or on the perspectives and topic areas of for example, management or administrative theory and practice, cultural studies, education, equal opportunity, policy analysis, discourse theory, employment law and practice, feminist or post-feminist research, gender studies, human resource management, industrial relations, international management and business, labour process, organization studies, and quality and strategic management.

Please submit 500 word abstracts, stating which theme the paper would relate to:

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Centre for Applied Social Surveys - Question Bank

The CASS * Question Bank is up and running. Please visit our web page at:
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The Question Bank is a reference source for question formats and wordings used on major social surveys, provides supporting material on concepts and methodology, and aims to disseminate knowledge about survey data collection methods to achieve comparability of results.

The core surveys covered in the Question Bank at its launch are:
- Census of Population;
- General Household Survey;
- Family Expenditure Survey;
- Labour Force Survey;
- Family Resources Survey;
- British Household Panel Survey;
- British Social Attitudes Survey;
- British Election Study.

The Question Bank aims to:
- show how questions have been asked in major social surveys;
- encourage standardisation of question design;
- encourage a critical approach to survey measurement.

Structured as a World Wide Web site, the Question Bank provides a reference source of material accessible by topic and by source; comments upon topics of research (such as economic activity and household structure); and reproduces the main questionnaires for the surveys included in the Question Bank.

The Question Bank will also provide:
- reproduced reference documents;
- notes on issues of measurement, classification schemes, etc.;
- useful references for further reading;
- evidence on reliability and validity from question testing and calibration research.

It is hoped the Question Bank will be useful to social survey designers, survey users and secondary analysts of data in academic social science and social research and in professional social research in the government, independent charitable and commercial sectors.

*CASS is an ESRC Resource Centre hosted by SCPR and the University of Southampton, with the University of Surrey

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The third biennial international conference on the Social Context of Death, Dying and Disposal will take place in Cardiff at the University of Wales from 4-6 April 1997. It is an interdisciplinary conference attracting scholars in Anthropology, Archaeology, Law, Medicine, Palliative Care, Philosophy, Social History, Social Policy, Social Psychology and Theology, and anyone who deals professionally with death, the dead and the dying. Two books of papers from the first Conference have been produced. Contemporary Issues in the Sociology of Death, Dying and Disposal (Macmillans) has just appeared. The Changing Face of Death: Historical accounts of death and disposal, also to be published by Macmillans, will appear shortly. The Journal Mortality (first issue March 1996) has been born out of the Conference.

ONS Longitudinal Study (LS) 2-day Workshop, Social Statistics Research Unit, City University, London 22nd/23rd April 1997

This workshop will provide detailed information on the ONS Longitudinal Study (LS) - a unique dataset based on linked census and event data (births, cancers, deaths) for 1 per cent of the population of England and Wales. Many other countries, including Finland, Denmark, Norway and France, maintain census and/or event linkage studies. As there are many similarities between these and the LS, there is considerable scope for international comparative work.

A nonrefundable fee of St£50 will be charged (St£20 for students). This covers the cost of lunch and refreshments on both days.

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UK Social Policy Association Annual Conference “New Politics, New Welfare?”

The UK Social Policy Association is holding its annual conference at the newest UK university campus, in Lincoln, July 15-17 1997. The theme of the conference, which will take place shortly after a General Election, is “New Politics, New Welfare”. There will be three keynote speakers, from the UK, USA and Germany, exploring the links between politics, policy and research. Ten subthemes have been identified including:

- a new welfare consensus;
- a new theory of welfare;
- comparative perspectives;
- changing patterns of welfare consumption;
- the politics of policy.

Further details will be available from the Honourary Secretary, e-mail: GCraig@humber.ac.uk Fax: +44 1482 440857 early in 1997 but there is an early dead-

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3. Urban ethnography;
4. Comparative/international approaches, and/or concern for indigenous cultures and topics;
5. Issues related to narrative, life history, and the role of the author;

Deadline for proposals is April 1, 1997. Registration should be by June 13, 1997. For further information on submitting proposals and registration, contact:

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