



Parque Torres, Cartagena

At the Opening Session we will have the opportunity to hear Saskia Sassen debating the theme of the conference "Old Societies, New Sociology".

In the semi-plenaries, held on the 24th, 25th and 26th of September, prominent sociologists will discuss some of the important transformations happening currently in Europe. From "Growing inequalities" and "Ageing Europe/Reproducing Europe" to "Transformation of Politics and Society in Spain". As moral, ethical and educational values are a hot issue in our 'risk society', in three different semi-plenaries, leading scholars will present contributions to these issues under the title of: "Science, Bioethics and Citizens", "Morality, Values and Boundaries" and "Educating Europe". A panel of well-known social scientists will close the conference discussing "How to Make Sociology Relevant to Society".

As in previous ESA conferences, in Murcia we will have the traditional "Meet the Authors" sessions where we can converse with authors whose books are obligatory reading in their particular fields (see next page for more information!).

The 2003 conference incorporates a PhD Students workshop. ESA is interested in supporting young sociologists researching in European themes facilitating their meeting and helping with their academic development.

The core of the conference, is no doubt, the exciting roster of sessions organized around 25 Research Networks and 15 Research Streams. In the sessions each individual ESA member will have the opportunity to present her or his most recent work and be able to discuss it with colleagues.

Between sessions, the traditional Spanish hospitality will provide along with the coffee breaks, receptions and dinners an extraordinary opportunity to swap information about research in progress, new teaching programs, old colleagues, job opportunities and generally catch up on all the latest happenings.

Social life will start on the evening of the 23rd with a classical music concert offered to the Conference delegates.

On the 24th and 25th our Murcian colleagues, following the ESA tradition, have invited us to Sociological Walking Tours in the city. The Post Conference Tours are an excellent

opportunity to become acquainted with the region of Murcia and/ or neighbouring Granada. The trip to Cartagena, Mar Menor and La Unión includes a flamenco concert "cante de las minas" in one of the best places in the country.

In Caravaca de la Cruz (an alternative trip), besides its important heritage and the celebration of its jubilee year, some of the oldest remains of hominids in Europe have recently been discovered. Last, but by no means least, the trip to Granada will be the ideal occasion to get to know or to revisit one of the most outstanding Spanish cities.



Centro Cultural de Alhama de Murcia

I look forward to welcoming you in Murcia, but in the meantime, you can visit our web page www.um.es/ESA and make your own copies of the full papers on line.

Capitolina Diaz
Program Vice-President

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<http://www.carm.es/ctyc/murciaturistica/>

Meet the Author

at the The 6th Conference of the European Sociological Association

Meet the Author sessions have been scheduled by LOC for September 25, 2003 Thursday: 16.30 - 18.00 at the Campus de La Merced.

Five parallel sessions will take place; four sessions will include discussions of two books, one session will focus on one book co-authored by several Authors and will be an extensive panel on the shape of sociology in East-Central Europe. The attempt has been made to have discussions at each session coordinated thematically. They focus on crucial problems and dilemmas of social order in late modernity ranging from broad theoretical issues of postindustrial society and civilisation to topical concerns of changing relations and institutions, including the gender issues. European perspective is examined. The craft of sociology will be also observed.

Fifteen renowned Authors, some of them from several countries will meet with eleven Commentators, all of them experts in respective fields and the audience.

All discussions will be held in English but books in other languages (Spanish and French) are also promoted.

Meet the Author sessions should give the opportunity to discuss important research outcomes and ideas and they will be the place of face to face encounter with famous scholars.

Session I

Trust and Trauma
Piotr Sztompka, *Trust: a Sociological Theory*, Cambridge 1999, Cambridge University Press.
Piotr Sztompka, co-author with Jeffrey Alexander, Neil Smelser, Ron Eyerman and Bernhard Giesen (eds.), *Cultural Trauma*, Berkeley 2003, California University Press.

commentator: Risto Heiskala

Hans Joas, *War and Modernity*, Malden 2002, Blackwell Publishers.

commentator: Robert D. Fine

Session II

Howard S. Becker, *Tricks of the Trade. How to Think about Your Research While You're Doing It*, Chicago 1998, The University of Chicago Press (French translation 2002).

commentator: Dennis Smith

Ad van Ijerson, Willem Mastebroek, Tim Newton, Dennis Smith (eds.), *The Civilized Organization. Norbert Elias and the Future of Organization Studies*, Amsterdam 2002, John Benjamins Publishing Company.

commentators: Patrik Aspers and Jukka Gronow

Session III

Jonathan Gershuny, *Changing Times: Work and Leisure in Postindustrial Society*, Oxford 2000, Oxford University Press.

commentator: Göran Ahrne

Vicenç Navarro, *Bienestar insuficiente, democracia incompleta: sobre lo que no se habla en nuestro país*, Barcelona 2002, Anagrama.

commentator: Berta Álvarez-Miranda

Session IV

Mike F. Keen, Janusz Mucha (eds.), *Sociology in Central Europe. Transition at the Dawn of a New Millennium*, Westport 2003, Greenwood Press.

commentators: Margareta Bertilsson and Marju Lauristin

Session V

Ute Gerhard, *Debating Women's Equality: Toward a Feminist Theory of Law from a European Perspective*, New Brunswick 2001, Rutgers University Press.

commentators: Giovanna Procacci and Constanza Tobio

Claudine Attias-Donfut, Nicole Lapierre, Martine Segalen, *Le nouvel esprit de famille*, Paris 2002: Odile Jacob

commentators: Karin Wall

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Election of president and of members of the Executive Committee

All members in good standing will vote for president of ESA and for members of the executive committee for the next two year period. This year, for the first time, members will be asked to vote before the conference. All members will be sent a voting card with their name together with the ballot, a neutral envelope and an addressed larger envelope for sending the ballot back to professor em. Elina Haavio Mannila. You will receive a letter with all necessary instructions for voting. There will also be an opportunity to vote at the conference in Murcia. At the Murcia Conference the polls will be open until Wednesday, Sept. 24, 12.00 a.m.

Information

Who can vote?

All those who have paid their dues at the Helsinki Conference, or do so by July 31 will be eligible for voting. Those who pay their dues after July 31 will not be eligible for voting this year; they will only be eligible in 2005. Those who are eligible will receive the voting card and ballot by mail in the first days of August.

Who can be elected?

Below we list the nominated candidates for president with short CVs in order that you can think about them and discuss them with your colleagues. It is also possible to express candidate preference by writing in the name (or names) of other ESA members in good standing. However, only 10 candidates can be voted for and only one president.

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

Ulla Björnberg, professor of sociology, Göteborg University, Sweden (chair of the committee)

Chiara Saraceno, professor of sociology, University of Torino, Italy

Max Haller, professor of sociology, University of Linz, Austria

Elina Haavio Mannila, professor em. Of sociology, University of Helsinki, Finland

Martin Kholi, professor of sociology, Free University of Berlin, Germany

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

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

Nominated candidates for President of ESA

Elizabeth Ettorre

Department of Sociology at the University of Plymouth. She holds honorary academics posts in Finland as a Docent in Sociology at Abo Academy University and University of Helsinki and is an honorary fellow at EGenis, Genetics and Society Research Centre, Exeter University.

Research area: sociology of health and illness. Her research interests include: sociology of substance use; gender; bioethics; sociology of the new genetics; occupational health and mental health. She is an active member of BSA, ASA, SSSP, SWS and ISA. Since 1996 she has been involved in a number of European commission funded research projects in genetics, bioethics and reproduction. She has published widely in gender studies and the sociology of health.

Last publications: Reproductive genetics, gender and the body (2002), Before Birth (2001) Revisioning Women and Drug Use (forthcoming)

Giovanna Procacci

Currently Professor of Sociology at the University of Milan (Faculty of Political Sciences) and member of CNRS-IRESCO (Institut de Recherche sur les Sociétés Contemporaines) in Paris. Former member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, N.J. (1986-1987), and fellow at the European University Institute in Fiesole (1995-1996; 1999-2000). Visiting professor at the New School (New York), Paris and Freiburg (Switzerland). Current member of the Executive Committee of ESA (publications). Member of boards of international journals (Citizenship Studies, Lien social et Politiques, European Societies) and sociological book series.

Main fields of research: poverty, social exclusion, citizenship, social rights, social policies and the impact of EU.

Main publications: Gouverner la misère (Seuil 1993; Mulino 1998), Mutamento sociale e identità edited with N.Salamone (Guerini 2000), La responsabilité solidaire edited with C.Bec (Syllepse 2003), La scoperta della società with A. Szakolczai (Carocci 2003)

J. P. Roos

Professor of Social Policy at the University of Helsinki.

He has taught and studied in France, Switzerland, USA. He has been member of the board and Vice President of ESA, and president of the ESA research network on biography. He was co-organizer of the ESA Helsinki Congress in 1991.

His main research interests are welfare and well-being, generations, life histories in sociology, comparative research, Bourdieu.

His major publications are Welfare Theory and Social Policy 1973, Ways of Life in Finland and Poland 1987, Finnish life 1987, Life Politics 1998, Life in the third millennium, 2000, as well as several articles on mobile phones, generations, life stories, evolutionary sociology.

For more information, you can visit his home page: www.jproos.org

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Serge Paugam

Director of Research in the CNRS and Professor of Sociology at Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris) where he teaches the sociology of inequalities and social disruptions. He has received the "Médaille de bronze" of the CNRS in 1991. Serge Paugam has published many books and articles on poverty, social exclusion, precariousness, unemployment and welfare regimes in Europe. His last book *Le salarié de la précarité* deals with the relationships between social integration and occupational integration. Director of the sociological series *Le lien social* (Presses Universitaires de France). Associated Member of the Laboratory of Quantitative Sociology in the French Institute for Statistics and Economic Studies, working on poverty and cumulative disadvantage in a comparative perspective. He is also co-ordinating an international research programme on "Health, Inequalities and Social Disruptions" (SIRS), based on a comparative survey in six cities: Paris, New York, Warsaw, Sao Paulo, Antananarivo, Abidjan. Co-ordinator of comparative research programme "Employment Precarity, Unemployment and Social Exclusion" (EPUSE). Published with Duncan Gallie the report *Social Precarity and Social Integration* (2002).

He has been invited professor in several universities : Pontificia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Nuffield College, Oxford, University of Buenos-Aires, Brown University in Providence, USA, University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, University of Fribourg, Switzerland, University Laval, Québec, Canada. He is a member of the executive board of the European Consortium of Sociological Research.

Last publications: "Occupational Precariousness and Political Mobilisation", in Viviane Châtel et Marc-Henry Soulet (eds), *Coping and Pulling Through*, London, Ashgate (2003) and "Unemployment, Poverty and Social Isolation: Is there a Vicious Circle of Social Exclusion?" (avec Duncan Gallie et Sheila Jacobs), *European Societies*, vol. 5, n°1 (2003).

Nominated candidates for ESA Executive committee

Sara Arber

Professor of Sociology, and Head, School of Human Sciences, University of Surrey, UK. She is Co-Director, Centre for Research on Ageing and Gender (CRAG) at Surrey. Sara Arber was President of the British Sociological Association (1999-2001), and is currently a Vice President. She has been a member of the ESA since 1996, and is Vice President of the ISA RC11 (Sociology of Aging).

She has written over 100 journal articles on gender and ageing and on inequalities in women's health. Her books include *The Myth of Generational Conflict: Family and State in Ageing Societies* (with Claudine Attias-Donfut, ESA Book Series, Routledge 2000), *Gender and Ageing: Changing Roles and Relationships* (McGraw-Hill, in press) and *Connecting Gender and Ageing* (with Jay Ginn, Open University Press 1995).

Patrik Aspers

Assistant Professor at Department of Sociology, Stockholm University, Sweden. Since 1998 he has been co-chair of the ESA Research Network Economic Sociology. Aspers' research is mainly directed to the growing field where aesthetics overlap with the economy. In the book *Markets in Fashion* he introduced the notion aesthetic markets. He has also published on the economic sociology of Marshall and Pareto. His other main field of research is visual sociology. He is current research is on the global garment industry.

Aspers has been visiting scholar at Harvard University, Columbia University, and Universität Leipzig.

His most recent book is *Markets in Fashion, A Phenomenological Approach*, Stockholm: City University Press. (2001).

Maurizio Bach

Professor of Sociology at the University of Passau, where he also directs the Institute for Cultural Studies. After his MA in Sociology and Political Science from the University of Hanover, he has received his Ph.D. in Social-Political Sciences from the European University Institute in Florence, and his Habilitation in Sociology from the University of Konstanz. He has also taught at the universities of Heidelberg, Konstanz, and - as a Visiting Professor - Zürich.

Professor Bach has published widely in his main research areas, which range from political sociology to social integration, macrosociology, sociological theory, and historical sociology; his books include a comparative study of political power cultures and institutions in interwar Italy and Germany (Nomos, 1990); an analysis of Europe's "bureaucratization", focusing on administrative elites, experts, and political legitimization in the European Union (Campus, 1999); an edited volume on the Europeanization of national societies (Westdeutscher Verlag, 2000); an interpretation of Vilfredo Pareto's foundation of a sociological theory of action (forthcoming in 2003).

Patrick Baert

Originally from Belgium, I have been teaching at Cambridge University since 1992, where I am currently University Senior Lecturer in Sociology and a Fellow and Director of Studies in Social and Political Sciences at Selwyn College, Cambridge. I published *Time, Self and Social Being* (Ashgate, 1992) and *Social Theory in the 20th Century* (Polity, 1998) and edited *Time in Contemporary Intellectual Thought* (Elsevier, 2000). I am coordinator of the Social Theory Network of the ESA and perform editorial functions for the *Journal of Classical Sociology* and the *European Journal of Social Theory*. I have

had visiting posts at Universities in Belgium, Canada, Chile, France and Italy.

Eva Barlösius

Professor of sociology, Research fellow at the Social Science Center of Berlin, actually acting professor for General Sociology at the University of Leipzig.

Main areas in research: Theories of social inequalities, sociology of poverty, sociology of food and agriculture.

Actual research studies: International cultural comparing study about body, health and diet in six nations, Risk communication in the field of food and agriculture in the EU, Consequences of evaluation programmes in research institutions.

Memberships: Committee for evaluation of the Wissenschaftsrat (Scientific Council), Board of the German Science Foundation on Agriculture, Co-editor of the "Zeitschrift für Agrargeschichte und -Soziologie" (Journal of Agrarian History and Sociology).

Recent publications: *La moralisation de l'alimentation: tendances nouvelles en Allemagne. Differences entre Est et Ouest*, in : Fischler, Claude (ed.) : *Alimentation, Santé et Corps*. Paris 2003; France. *Eating and Cooking*, in: F. Kiple, C. Ornelas (ed.): *The Cambridge World History of Food*. Cambridge 2000; *Die Armut der Gesellschaft* (ed. with W. Ludwig-Mayerhofer) Opladen 2001, *Gesellschaftsbilder im Umbruch. Soziologische Perspektiven in Deutschland*. (ed. with H.-P. Müller, St. Sigmund) Opladen 2001; *Soziologie des Essens*. Weinheim 1999.

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After receiving a master's degree in the United States, she got her PHD at the University of Liège in Belgium where she has been professor of sociology. She has specialized in the sociology of the family but has also worked on social exclusion and women's studies. She has served on many doctoral committees not only in Belgium but also in Canada; in Switzerland and also in Sénégal. A past consultant in Unesco she is now vice-president for scientific activities at the International Council of Social Sciences in Paris. She served 8 years on the executive committee of the International Sociological Association.

She has published several books: *Familles, mariage, divorce* (1988), *Sociologie de la Famille* (1996), *Familles mode d'emploi* (1999), and has been co-editor of two books on the values of the Belgians. She has also published more than 65 articles in professional journals and was the editor in 2002 of a special issue of *Current Sociology*.

She has taught as guest professor at the University of Quebec, Paris I, Toulouse, Geneva, Montreal and Hanoi. As a citizen she is involved in the European center "Child Focus" which deals with missing children.

Louis Chauvel

Sociologist, Maître de conférences des Universités at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences-Po), I teach European comparisons, general sociology, advanced methodology, social stratification.

My research field is at the intersection of social classes and of generational dynamics: I show how Welfare regimes dynamics in Europe and America involve strong social and generational inequalities. My main results pertaining to the impact of the 1970' economic breakdown on newer generations are published in *Le destin des générations. Structure sociale et cohortes en France au XXe siècle* (Presses Universitaires de France, 2nd ed. March 2002). A comparative book will be finished in the next months. ISA member and participating to meetings of Research Committees 28 (stratification) and 47 (classes and social movements), invited in different universities such as UC Berkeley, Bielefeld, Geneva, Treasurer of the French Sociological Association, I participate to the structuration of our professional milieu and to intercultural debates in sociology.

Michael F. Chernysh

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2. Status: Leading Researcher, PhD.
3. Area of research: social structure, class theory, methodology of sociological research,
4. Publications: 86 publications including 2 monographs.
5. Country / City: Russia / Moscow

Articles published in English and German in recent years: "Changing values: Russian youth in transition" in: "Values and Post-Soviet Youth. Problems of Transition". Milano. FrancoAngeli. 1995 and "Soziale Mobilität 1986-1993" in: "Russland - wohin? Russland aus der Sicht. Values in contemporary Russian society".

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Lecturer at the University of Vienna and the University of Economics in Vienna.

Major Fields: Theory and Research of Social Inequalities, Women's Studies and Gender Relations, Survey and Attitudes Research

Co-editor of the Austrian Journal of Sociology (ÖZS); since 1995 Coordinator of the ESA Research Network "Gender Relations in the Labor Market and the Welfare State"; Editor of the ESA Newsletter.

Recent Publications: *Geschlecht und Soziale Ungleichheit*, Opladen 2000; "Explaining Gender Inequalities", in: Laiferova, Eva (ed.), *Studies in Modern Sociology*, Bratislava 2002: 131-150, "Die Erklärung sozialer Sachverhalte durch Mechanismen" (mit A. Balog), in: Gabriel, Manfred (Hg.), *Paradigmen der handlungstheoretischen Soziologie*, Wiesbaden 2003.

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Her research focuses on migration, inter-ethnic and gender relations, family and life course sociology, urban poverty and social policy.

She has written four books, among which *Ombres et lumières de la famille Nour*. *Comment certains résistent face à la précarité*, Paris, Payot 2001; and numerous papers, among which "The Transmission of Life Stories from Ethnic Minority Fathers to their Children: a Personal Resource to Promote Integration", in Sara Arber and Claudine Attias-Donfut Eds., *The Myth of Generational Conflict. The Family and*

State in Ageing Societies, London, Routledge 2000; and (with Daniel Bertaux) "Case Histories of Families and Social Processes: Enriching Sociology", in Prue Chamberlayne, Joanna Bornat and Tom Wengraf Eds., *The Turn to Biographical Methods in Social Science. Comparative Issues and Examples*, London, Routledge 2000

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Education and career: M.A. in Political Science (Madrid 1960), M.A. Sociology (Ann Arbor, 1962) Ph.D. Political Science (Madrid, 1967)), full Professor of Sociology since 1971 at the Complutense University of Madrid; since 1982 president of ASEP (Análisis Sociológicos, Económicos y Políticos).

Professional memberships: Member of several large international research projects (WVS, ISSP); member of several Academies of Science and governmental advisory groups; university Dean and Rector; Vice-minister for regional planning (1979-81); president of the Spanish Federation of Sociology (1995-98) and vice-president of ISA; author of 25 books and 214 articles in professional Journals.

Selected books: *Sociologia: Entre el Funcionalismo y la Dialectica* (1972); *Los Espanoles y la Opinion Publica* (1976); *Políticas de Poblacion* (1985); *La Realidad Social de Espana* (annual publication since 1990/91); *Identidad Nacional y Cultura de Defensa* (199); *La Voz de los Inmigrantes* (2001).

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Main Research Interests: sociological theory, methodology and methods, philosophy of social sciences.

Publications: *Diagnostical Procedure in Sociology: An Essay on History and Theory*. Moscow: Nauka, 1993; *Models of Explanation and Logic of Sociological Research*. Moscow: IS RAN - TEMPUS/TACIS, 1996; *Methods of Sociological Research*. Ekaterinsburg: Urals University Press, 1998. *Sociological Theories of Agency and Practical Rationality* (Moscow: Center For Sociological Education - IS RAN, forthcoming). Over 40 articles, reviews and chapters to collective monographs. Editor of "The Russian Sociological Forum" (online journal) since 1998.

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Her research interests include: sociology of substance use; gender; bioethics; sociology of the new genetics; occupational health and mental health.

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She has published widely in gender studies and the sociology of health.

Last publications: Reproductive genetics, gender and the body (2002) Before Birth (2001) Revisioning Women and Drug Use (forthcoming)

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Carsten Strøby Jensen

Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology, University of Copenhagen.

His major research areas are in the field of sociology of work, industrial relations and the development of the European Union. He has especially worked on comparative studies regarding labour market development in Europe.

Carsten Strøby Jensen is former President of the Danish Sociological Association and former board member of the Scandinavian Sociological Association.

He has published in journals like Journal of Common Market Studies, European Journal of Industrial Relations, Industrial Relations Journal and similar. He has been a member of the editorial board of Acta Sociological. His teaching areas are in areas as social stratification, political sociology, industrial relations and European Union.

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- Professor of Social Policy, University of Tartu, 2001
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Current research interests: Family, childhood and welfare research and policies, including poverty and social exclusion/inclusion, childhood relative deprivation and poverty, changing family structures and family decision-making; social indicators and social reporting, covering problems of international comparability and the development of a national social monitoring system in Estonia.

Jean-Charles Lagrée

CNRS Research Fellow (IRESCO, Institut de Recherche sur les Sociétés Contemporaines). Director of the Unité de Liaison Internationale en Sciences Sociales (ULISS), Has been research Fellow of the LSE (London School of Economics and Political Sciences) from 1993 to 1997.

Previously General Secretary of the Société Française de Sociologie (French Sociological Society). Currently member of the Executive Committee of the Association Française de Sociologie and General Secretary of the European Sociological Association, from 2001 to 2003. Coordinator of the ESA Research Network Youth and Generation in Europe from 1993 to now.

His main fields of research are: youth, generation, Europe, globalisation, the issue of collective identity, sociological theory.

Recent books: Youth and Globalization L'Harmattan, Par Rollig Youth Rocking Society, Youth in the Post modern debate on globalization. UNESCO, 2002, Jeunes et Citoyenneté avec Patricia Loncle. - Paris La Documentation française.

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Recent publications and research projects: Social and cultural change, Life histories, Medical sociology.

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Current research interests include Longitudinal Analysis and "Age and Life Course Research". Applications are related to the dynamics of poverty, stressful life events, family and housing careers in urban contexts, and to evaluation of social outcomes of welfare policies.

Selected recent publications include

- Corsi di vita e biografie. Contributi di analisi e ricerca, Torino, Il Segnalibro, 1999.

- Poveri e non poveri. I confini incerti dell'utenza di edilizia pubblica, in: M. L. Bianco, a cura di, L'Italia delle disuguaglianze, Roma, Carocci, 2001 (with Nicola Negri).

- Politiche abitative: contesti e coorti di ingresso in edilizia pubblica, in N. Negri, a cura di, Percorsi e ostacoli, Torino, Trauben, 2002.

- Traiettorie di rischio e punti di biforcazione biografica in: M. Rampazi (ed.), L'incertezza quotidiana. Politica, lavoro e relazioni nella società del rischio, Guerini Associati, Milano, 2002; Discorsi sulla povertà, Angeli, Milano, 2003 (with M. Cardano, A. Meo).

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His main research interest concerns the comparative analysis of welfare state dynamics from a cultural perspective. He has published on welfare solidarity, the legitimacy of welfare, on old age and disability pension provision, on benefit take-up, activation and flexicurity policies.

He is co-editor and author of several books in these areas, and among his recent articles are: - (2002) 'Miracle or Nightmare: A critical review of Dutch activation policies and their outcomes', in: *Journal of Social Policy*, vol. 31, nr. 3, pp. 339-420; - (2002) 'Individual motives for contributing to welfare benefits', in: *Policy and Politics*, vol. 30, nr. 1, pp. 31-46. Wim van Oorschot is co-chair of ESPAnet, the Network for European Social Policy Analysis.

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Publications and research projects in the fields of work and labour market, gender division of labour, family and social policies -1997: *Welten des Wohlfahrtskapitalismus*.

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Conferences and Call for Papers

Urban Vulnerability and Network Failure: Constructions and Experiences of Emergencies, Crises and Collapse

An ESRC-Sponsored International Seminar jointly hosted by SURF, University of Salford and GURU, University of Newcastle Manchester, United Kingdom, 29-30 April 2004

In these times of 'globalisation' cities are being powerfully shaped by their relationships with socio-technical networks and infrastructures. These organise, and mediate, the distribution of people, goods, services, information, wastes, capital, and energy between multiple scales within and between urban regions. The contemporary urban process, and contemporary social power, thus, more than ever, involve complex 'cyborg' liaisons and multiple, distanced connections. These straddle many scales and link bodies, places, and institutions continuously with more or less distant elsewhere. By making possible a myriad of mobilities such as infrastructures remake the spaces and times of urban life in the process.

On the one hand, the everyday life and ideology of the modern city is dependent on the seamless and continuous functioning, together, of a vast array of functioning technical systems (although, for vast numbers of urbanites in the global South, the reality is often of little connectivity and worse reliability). On the other hand, large swathes of contemporary corporate, state, and military power centres on the construction, maintenance, legitimisation and protection of vast arrays of extended technological systems. Strung out across the world, and configured carefully to support the 'glocal' geographies of power and connectivity of contemporary capitalism, these network spaces - fibre optic networks, airport and airline spaces, Just-in-Time logistics systems, E-commerce and transactional flows, transnational energy systems, and so on - are critical strategic supports to neoliberal globalisation. Linking up, and mediating, key spaces and divisions of labour reliably, quickly and seamlessly, the physical, energy, water and informational infrastructures that sustain contemporary capitalism are perhaps the most critical strategic supports of contemporary global capitalism.

A widening range of iconic infrastructure collapses serve as opportunities to learn about the cultural, political, social and material dimensions of the importance of infrastructural connection in contemporary urban, and geopolitical, life. Since the early 1990s, to name but a few, iconic collapses and failures have included the Montreal ice storm, the Auckland power blackout, the gas attack on the Tokyo underground, the Sydney drought, the

California energy crisis, the Chicago heat wave, the failure of Hong Kong airport's freight system, the September 11th attacks, and the 'Lovebug' virus. The infrastructural devastation of countless urban wars also needs to be considered here.

As seamless and 24 hour flows and connections become ever-more critical for capitalist urbanism, however, so massive political, discursive and material resources are being devoted to try and reduce the supposed vulnerabilities that these systems exhibit to collapse, malfunctioning, or attack. This is especially so when the September 11th and Anthrax attacks, in particular, demonstrated that mobility systems, themselves, can be appropriated as 'terrorist' weapons. 'Resilience', and 'critical infrastructure protection', are ubiquitous buzz words in these times of politically constructed moral panic, continuous states of emergency, and the ongoing Bush-led 'war on terror'. Huge resources and efforts are now being devoted by States, infrastructure corporations, the military, urban infrastructure agencies, and corporate capital to reducing the supposed vulnerability of telecommunications, transport, logistics, transaction, electricity, and utilities systems to technical failure, sabotage, natural disasters or the failures caused by the reduced built-in back-up that often comes with liberalised markets. The glaring fragility, and low reliability, of many computer-mediated communications and infrastructure systems is a particular focus of concern here. Examples include government programmes to protect critical infrastructure, commercial services for network back up, and military (and terrorist groups') interest in the disrupting of adversaries' infrastructure networks. Civil defence programmes designed to increase cities' resilience to attack and targeting, and so on, are also reaching unprecedented levels.

As Tim Luke has observed, networked connections and collapses also form a critical focus of cultural politics. Narratives and discourses of failed flow and connection stalk many underground and dystopian scenes and genres of culture. Contemporary urban culture is full of accounts which reveal a fascination with such moments of what he calls 'decyborgisation'. This is because they reveal, however fleetingly, the utter

reliance of modern urban life on distanced flow and interaction. The cultural narratives and representations that surround the failure and collapse of networked infrastructures are a key aspect of their social importance.

Conference Aim and Objective

The core aim of this conference is to explore the ways in which reactions to, and experiences of, the collapse of technical and networked infrastructures within and between cities are constructed, experienced, imagined, represented, and contested. We seek in particular to explore these themes under conditions of growing infrastructural stress, re-regulation, globalisation, increasing concerns with failure, the changing geopolitical situation surrounding the 'war on terror', and the strong fascination for infrastructural collapse within contemporary culture. By bringing together researchers representing a range of disciplines, including geography, history, sociology, critical theory, development studies, political economy, geopolitics, surveillance and defence studies, the objective is to stimulate interdisciplinary discussion and collaboration that examines the meaning of connectivity and collapse in contemporary urban life, politics, governance, and culture.

Seminar Themes

(1) *Conceptualising 'Cyborg' Urbanisation:* How can urban, social and critical theory conceptualise the socio-technologies of connection, resilience, mobility, and collapse in contemporary cities

(2) *Urban Vulnerability and Network Failures:*

Constructions and Experiences of Emergencies, Crises and Collapse How do different disciplines construct concepts of urban vulnerability and network failure? How does network stress and failure operate materially and how is it represented politically and culturally? Why, how and where do technical networks collapse? What can be learnt about the discursive, economic or material role of technical connections in a globalised context by studying what happens when connections fail?

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How does the governance of cities, spaces and networked infrastructure intersect in various contexts to address (and exploit?) perceptions of stress and risk? How are such politics shaped by broader political economies of globalisation, mobility, flow and re-regulation? How are corporate and popular fears of, and vulnerabilities to, the failure of connectivity addressed in such processes of governance?

(3) Networked Collapses as States of Emergency:

What can be learnt from in-depth case studies of instances of network failures or collapse? What happens when the normalisation of flow, mobility and connection breaks down? What social, economic, and cultural coping mechanisms and innovations are developed to deal with the collapse? How do political and governance coalitions at various scales, in states, cities and network spaces, respond to failure? What are the longer term political, economic or cultural consequences of network failure? How are crises and collapse in infrastructures, and wider processes of "de-cyborgisation", represented in contemporary culture?

(4) Networked Collapse, Security, and Organised Violence:

How do various state and non-state militaries and target and destroy adversaries' infrastructure networks? In what ways are national, homeland and urban 'security' strategies, and critical infrastructure protection policies, being reformed to address, or exploit, fears of networked collapse? What political economic transitions do such strategies support? What discursive, and linguistic constructions do such political strategies rely on? Beyond the hype what is the real scope of 'cyberwar'? What strategies and techniques are used? How effective, or widespread, is such 'network-based' warfare? How does it relate to the current geopolitical position (dominated by a single 'hyperpower' pursuing a 'war on terror' without apparent end to further its geopolitical interests in the Middle East and Central Asia)?

Abstract Submission

Please submit a 250 words abstract to Steve Graham s.d.n.graham@ncl.ac.uk and Simon Marvin S.Marvin@salford.ac.uk before September 1st 2003.

Papers will be required for pre-circulation before the seminar that will be hosted in central Manchester, United Kingdom in April 2004.

The 1st Surveillance & Society Conference

CCTV and Social Control. The politics and practice of videosurveillance: European and Global perspectives

Centre For Criminological Research, University of Sheffield in conjunction with Surveillance & Society, January 8th - 9th 2004

Although the UK has clearly the most developed public infrastructure of surveillance cameras in the world, in the wake of September 11th other countries are increasingly deploying cameras in a range of settings, including city centre streets, sporting venues, transport systems, schools, hospitals, to name but a few.

The aim of this conference is to explore the extent and diversity of CCTV deployment in different countries and institutional settings and to consider the social, political and legal issues that arise from the expansion of surveillance. Although the conference will have a particular European focus we would especially welcome contributions from researchers in North and South America, Australia, Africa and Asia. The conference aims to be truly interdisciplinary and welcomes contributions from sociologists, anthropologists, geographers, criminologists, socio-legal scholars, historians, economists and social scientists researching video-surveillance.

Special Issue of Surveillance & Society

It is planned that all papers given at the conference will be considered for publication in a special edition of Surveillance and Society. However, acceptance of a paper for the conference is not a guarantee of publication as all submissions will be subject to normal peer review procedures. The special edition will be jointly edited by Professor Clive Norris (University of Sheffield), Dr Mike McCahill (University of Hull) and Dr David Wood (University of Newcastle).

2nd Call for Papers

Following the 1st Call for Papers, there is still room for a few more presentations. We particularly welcome papers on the following topics:

- Theorising CCTV surveillance
- National trends in the growth of video-surveillance - national/international perspectives
- Case studies of the impact of CCTV surveillance in different institutional settings/countries
- The effectiveness of CCTV as a crime prevention measure
- Video surveillance and social exclusion
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- CCTV and legal regulation
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<http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/ccr/publicity/conference/index.html>

Surveillance & Mobilities

Call for Papers Reminder
Surveillance & Society

Mobility has become a key theme across academic disciplines, and enabling, controlling and preventing mobility is one of the most important aspects of surveillance in the 21st Century. The Editors are calling for submissions on all aspects of surveillance and mobilities, for example: mobile communications technologies and global positioning systems; migration, borders and border control; transport; automated urban infrastructures; virtual mobility; and so on.

As usual, we welcome both conventional academic and artistic submissions, and will also consider submissions not relating to the main theme of the issue.

This issue will be edited by Colin Bennett <mailto:cjb@uvic.ca> and Priscilla Regan <mailto:pregan@gmu.edu>. Please send all submissions to them.

Check the Submission Guidelines:
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Conference Announcements

Roma and Asylum in Britain: Global Issues, Local Concerns

University of Newcastle upon Tyne, September 3rd 2003

"People should connect the influx of Romani asylum seekers with the failure of the states concerned to eliminate inequality. If countries eliminated violence and discrimination, people wouldn't be asking for asylum." (Lord Avebury, *The Guardian*, 27.2.03)

"Roma are consistently bottom of the pile. Unless their situation improves, these states should not be accepted into the EU. The human rights record of the EU is at stake." (Mr. Peter Mercer, Roma Rights and Access to Justice, *The Guardian*, 27.2.03)

As both Lord Avebury and Mr. Mercer have recently noted, these are very worrying times for Europe's twelve million plus Roma population. With recent changes in asylum and immigration legislation, people originating from European Union accession countries (such as Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia) who are seeking asylum in Britain can now be deported without appeal. In the eyes of existing European Union member states and the law, the ten countries set to join the EU in May 2004 are now judged to be 'safe' and their respect for social justice and human rights beyond reproach. However, organisations such as the European Roma Rights Centre have grave doubts regarding how serious many of the Central and Eastern European governments take the issue of anti-Roma racist violence and the prejudice and discrimination their Romani minorities endure on an almost daily basis.

The central purpose of this one-day conference in Newcastle upon Tyne is to examine the 'global issues and local concerns' of Roma who have had to leave their home countries and enter Britain to claim asylum. In the morning session, key papers by recognised experts in the field will address such 'global' topics as the reasons and patterns of recent European Roma migration as well as the legal and human rights issues at stake. After a buffet lunch, the afternoon session will involve a number of 'hands-on' workshops that will critically examine some of the 'local' concerns regarding how Roma in Britain (and the North East in particular) are provided for in terms of key services - such as education, housing, health and the law. This will be a real opportunity to tease out the issues of trying to implement 'joined-up'

policies in the general area of asylum and immigration, as well as an opportunity to network with people working in the field.

The conference is likely to appeal to a number of different audiences, in particular academics, post-graduate students, policy-makers, local authority and central government agencies and council departments, voluntary sector organisations and, not least, Roma/Gypsy/Traveller civil rights groups.

The conference will take place at:

The Fenwick Room, Castle Leazes Halls of Residence - Spital Tongues, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 4NY

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mainly by nationals from the European Union and the candidate countries.

The Delegation of the European Commission in Poland and the Office of the Committee for European Integration have agreed to hold patronage over the Conference.

For further information see:

<http://www.openminds.edu.pl>

The SEVENTH Conference of the European Sociological Association

Torun, Poland 2005

The Executive Committee of the ESA at the meeting held in Paris, March 28-29, 2003 has accepted the bid submitted by the Institute of Sociology of the Nicholas Copernicus University at Torun, Poland to host the 7th Conference of the European Sociological Association in late summer 2005. The next conference of ESA taking place in Central Europe should attract no less participants than the recent conferences in Helsinki and in Murcia. The program of this important event in the activities of the ESA will be worked out by the newly elected ESA President, the ESA Executive Committee and the Torun team under the lead of Director of the Institute of Sociology Andrzej Zybortowicz. The discussion of social changes in Europe, where a larger and closer Union takes shape and new visions and projects are even more demanded, will gain vigour when joined by sociologists from various parts of the continent.

The Nicholas Copernicus University is one of the highest ranking among universities in Poland and the biggest one in the northern part of the country. Torun is a picturesque city on the banks of the Vistula river, with a magnificent Old Town including the house of the famous astronomer.

Torun is easily accessible by train or bus. The nearest airports are in Gdansk, Poznan and Warsaw.

More information about the Nicholas Copernicus University and about the Institute of Sociology:

www.uni.torun.pl and www.soc.uni.torun.pl

Further details about the 7th Conference of ESA will follow in the next issue of the Newsletter in Autumn 2003.

Info on 7th ESA Conf. by Elzbieta Halas

Europe in Global World - blending differences

Interdisciplinary youth conference

September 13th and 15th 2003

It gives us great pleasure to inform you of a new educational and scientific project undertaken jointly by the Centre for Social and Economic Research in Warsaw and the Institute of Economics at the University of Lodz.

We wish to emphasise that the Conference is only the first undertaking of a greater project, which we called OPEN MINDS. The OPEN MINDS project strives to integrate various circles of young scientists from Europe as well as other countries, through supporting research activities, which concentrate on various social and economic aspects of the European Union and on current problems that the contemporary economy is faced with. We will popularise our undertaking in the media (the Internet, radio, TV, press) we are currently negotiating an agreement for the medial patronage by the Politykaweeekly and by the III Programme of the Polish Radio.

Several important persons, who have gained world-wide recognition of both the business world as well as the scientific community, will participate in the Conference. To name but a few: B. Blaszczyk, A. Fornalczyk, M. Gora, T. Markowski, J. Szlachta, J.F. Jimeno, E. Fox, Z. Bauman.

We estimate that the Conference will be attended by around 150 participants,

Books and other Publications

Biographical Research in Eastern Europe: Altered Lives and Broken Biographies

Edited by Robin Humphrey, University of Newcastle, UK, Robert Miller, Queen's University, Belfast and Elena Zdravomyslova, European University and Centre for Independent Social Research, Russia

The transition from socialism experienced by the countries of Eastern and Central Europe during the last decade has been recognised as a profound historical watershed. It is only now, however, that the meanings and dimensions of 'post-socialism' are becoming apparent. The use of the 'biographical perspective' in research provides a unique avenue for studying these changes. Biographical Research in Eastern Europe is the only edited volume that brings the work of many of the most advanced and active biographical researchers working on Eastern Europe together in one volume.

The book is organized into four parts. The Potential of Biographical Research explores the methodological issues. Arguments for the appropriateness of the biographical approach as a humanistic perspective are put forward and emphasis is laid on its fruitfulness for research into everyday lives and for the study of identity construction with particular reference to transition. Communists, Informers and Dissidents deals with the structural features of Soviet regimes, with a particular focus on the problematic divisions between public and private spheres of life. The Impact of Social Change demonstrates the value of the biographical approach as an instrument for the study of social and cultural change. Exile, Migration and Ethnicity centres on the problem of constructing and maintaining ethnic identities under repression; a context that can be seen as disturbing life-trajectories and framing the life story. Covering a wide range of 'post-socialist' countries, the chapters are unified by a common research perspective and an informative introduction that identifies common themes across the selections.

January 2003, 340 pages, Hardback £47.50, ISBN: 0-7546-1657-6

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Care arrangements of Dual-career families in Europe, particularly in Finland, France, Italy, Portugal and the UK

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This comparative qualitative report is based on 124 original interviews with families where both partners are working in positions or occupations that require plenty of time and commitment. At the same time, these families are caring for children or older family members or both.

The report is freely available at:

<http://www.uta.fi/laitokset/sospol/soccare/> together with national reports from each of the five countries.

The report was produced for the European Commission as a part of the SOCCARE Project. The SOCCARE Project is a comparative research project funded by FP5, Socio-Economic Key Action. It studies the strategies of European families to combine informal and formal care with participation in paid employment. Main partners of the project are Jorma Sipilä (Tampere), Claude Martin (Rennes), Rossana Trifiletti (Florence), Karin Wall (Lisbon) and John Baldock (Kent)

In addition to the dual-career family reports, national reports of the next phase of the project are already available at the same address. This phase focuses on care arrangements of migrant families. As well, the site offers earlier reports on childcare arrangements of lone parent families and a review of comparative social care research.

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Three Social Science Disciplines in Central and Eastern Europe - Handbook on Economics, Political Science and Sociology (1989-2001)

Edited by **Max Kaase, Vera Sparschuh and Agnieszka Wenninger (co-editor)**

Collegium Budapest and Social Science Information Centre (IZ), Bonn/ Berlin

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