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PSAI MEMBERSHIP/IRISH POLITICAL STUDIES

Dear Colleague,

PSAI Membership: €50/£35. Students: €30/£21 - includes a print subscription to *Irish Political Studies*. The online membership form can be accessed at <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/offer/fips-so.asp>

An online sample of the journal can be viewed [here](#).

If you are unsure about your current membership status, please feel free to contact Stacey Doran (stacey.doran@tandf.co.uk)

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June News

Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference 2009 Liverpool Hope University 9-11 October

CALL FOR PAPERS

The PSAI is the professional organisation for those teaching and researching politics in Ireland. The PSAI Annual Conference 2009 will be hosted by the Department of Politics and History of Liverpool Hope University, and will be held in the Cornerstone Building, Hope's city-centre campus in Liverpool. The conference will run from Friday 9 October to Sunday 11 October.

This will be the very first time that the PSAI's annual conference will be held outside Ireland. We are delighted that Liverpool (which, whisper it, is the *real* capital of Ireland) has been given the honour of being the first city outside the island to host the event.

In recognition of this, we have chosen as a headline theme for the conference "Political Relationships between Britain and Ireland", and we would particularly welcome paper and panel proposals which address topics related to this theme.

However, as is the tradition of the PSAI Annual Conference, paper and panel proposals are welcome in all areas of politics and international relations, not just on the conference's headline theme and not just those with an Irish dimension. This can include (though is not confined to):

- political theory and philosophy
- government and policy making
- international relations
- political communication
- politics and culture
- political parties and elections
- peace and conflict studies
- local government and administration
- political history
- constitutional politics

Procedures for submitting a proposal

Please forward an abstract of no more than 300 words to the conference convenor, Dr Michael Holmes, at PSAI2009@hope.ac.uk. The abstract should be submitted as a word attachment, together with a covering email stating the title of your paper, your institutional affiliation and your contact details.

Before submitting your proposal, you might want to consider assembling a panel. You can do this by rounding up other potential panellists yourself, or by contacting the appropriate PSAI specialist study group (see www.psai.ie). Panel proposals must include abstracts for each paper.

The deadline for the receipt of proposals is Friday 29 May 2009. The conference programme will be issued by the end of June, along with details of accommodation and registration. However, you can also keep an eye on the conference website, www.hope.ac.uk/PSAI2009.

ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques

University of Ljubljana

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Organisations"
by Dr Laura Morales**

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'This is a major and ambitious study. Laura Morales manages to effect a broad ranging cross-national comparison, as well as an over-time analysis, yielding a host of valuable insights into the causes and implications of political membership.'

Peter Mair
European University Institute

'This is a very impressive volume in several respects. Its approach connects fields of research which usually do not take note of each other and more specifically, it introduces concepts and ideas of social movement research and of comparative politics into the study of political participation. Also, and most importantly, the author has adopted what one could call a 'comparative contextual approach' to the study of political participation, which proves to be very effective in throwing new light on this subject.'

Wednesday 29 July to Saturday 15 August 2009

Registration is still open for the ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques. Some courses are already full so please register now [on our website](#) in order to secure your place.

Plenary Programme

In order to view this year's Plenary Programme, please go to the [Summer School website](#)

The ambition of the Summer School is not only to provide high-quality, interactive training on specific methods. It is also intended to be a place for methodological cross-fertilisation, where participants can share their methodological perspectives. Seven additional events, including a reception, offer such opportunities. These activities are not conceived as a simple 'side dish' to the main courses: they are very much linked to the courses and lie at the heart

<p style="text-align: center;">Hanspeter Kriesi University of Zurich</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ORDER ONLINE AND SAVE 20% You Pay: £21.60 List Price: £27.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TO SEE FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO ORDER CLICK HERE</u></p>	<p>of the Summer School concept. These different events, in varying formats, are designed to enable more interaction, as well as genuine methodological debate.</p> <p>If you have any questions please contact Sarah Goodman at scgood@essex.ac.uk</p> <p>For further information regarding selecting the appropriate course and recommended course combinations, please contact Benoit Rihoux at benoit.rihoux@uclouvain.be</p> <p>On behalf of the Summer School organising team, we look to meeting you in Ljubljana.</p>
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Inaugural Conference of the PSAI Teaching and Learning Specialist Group

Teaching politics - inspiring, instructing, innovating

Wednesday 10th June 2009

O’Rahilly Building 2.44

UCC

10.30 - 13.30

With presentations by

Professor Peadar Kirby, University of Limerick on *‘The Challenge of Teaching Politics in a Fast-changing Global Order’*

and

Dr. Jacqui Briggs, University of Lincoln on *‘Twittering on about new technology and teaching politics’*

For further information contact clodagh.harris@ucc.ie or brid.quinn@ul.ie

Lively discussion on 'An Irish Model for Peace?'

The PSAI peace and conflict specialist group conference, 'An Irish Model for Peace?' went off smoothly in the leafy grounds of the Irish School of Ecumenics in Dublin on May 22nd and 23rd thanks to excellent local organisation by Dr. Gillian Wylie, assisted by ISE PhD student Alicia Gauch. Katy Hayward of QUB and Niall O Dochartaigh of NUIG

co-organised the conference with Gillian Wylie of TCD. More than forty delegates attended, travelling from all over Ireland and Britain, with a few traveling from further afield. The final conference programme included more than twenty speakers. The wide variety of views expressed generated plenty of fruitful discussion and debate that continued at the conference dinner, attended by thirty of the participants. The next step for the specialist group is the organisation of panels for the PSAI annual conference, taking place from 9-11 October this year in Liverpool. There will be a business meeting of the specialist group at the conference where discussion will focus on the future activities of the group. If you wish to become a member simply email psai.peace@gmail.com.

Further information on the specialist group, including the full conference programme, with abstracts, is available on the Specialist group blog at psaipeace.wordpress.com.

Niall O Dochartaigh

Convener

PSAI specialist group on Peace and Conflict

Irish Studies Review

Irish Studies Review is an indispensable resource for all those engaged in Irish studies and related disciplines. Founded in 1992, it has become an important forum for the scholarly development of knowledge, understanding and appreciation of Irish studies and culture throughout the world. It serves a wide range of disciplinary communities, including history and archaeology; literary, cultural, gender and media studies; politics and economics; and music and the arts.

To find out more about *Irish Studies Review* please visit: www.tandf.co.uk/journals/cisr

To receive a free sample copy of the journal please email joanna.woodcock@tandf.co.uk quoting: YP01401A

Best Practice in Higher Level Humanities Research Methodology: Oral History

Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences

An Chomhairle um Thaighde sna Dána agus sna hEolaíochtaí Sóisialta

Graduate Research Education Programme - '*Gender, Culture and Identity: local, national and international*'

- Seminar & Workshop Format
- Guest Academic Experts
- Intensive Focus on Methodology
- Interviewing Techniques
- Digitisation and Archival of Oral Sources

To register please contact: catherine.oconnor@ul.ie (places limited)

ESRI Seminars

ESRI Seminars usually take place on Thursdays at 4 p.m. in the ESRI at Sir John Rogerson's Quay, unless stated otherwise. No booking is required. Please note that Seminar dates may change. Please check the web site regularly, at www.esri.ie.

[ESRI Policy Seminar "Social & Economic Effects of the Green Schools Programme"](#)

Date: 04/06/2009

Time: 4 p.m.

Speaker: Michael John O'Mahony, An Taisce.

[ESRI Research Seminar: "Intra- and Extra-union Flexibility for Meeting the EU Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets"](#)

Date: 11/06/2009

Time: 4 p.m.

Speakers: Paul Gorecki, Sean Lyons and Richard Tol (ESRI).

[ESRI Research Seminar "Equity in Irish Healthcare: What Do We Really Mean?"](#)

Date: 18/06/2009

Time: 4 p.m.

Speaker: Samantha Smith, ESRI and Health Policy and Management, TCD.

[ESRI Research Seminar: "Linguistic Elitism and Gender in the Irish Labour Market"](#)

Date: 25/06/2009

Time: 4 p.m.

Speaker: Vani K Borooah, University of Ulster.

[ESRI Research Seminar "The future of Electricity Supply in Ireland"](#)

Date: 02/07/2009

Time: 4 p.m.

Speakers: Sean Diffney, Sean Lyons and Laura Malaguzzi Valeri (ESRI).

[ESRI Research Seminar "Does Money Matter for Schools?"](#)

Date: 09/07/2009

Time: 4 p.m.

Speaker: Sandra McNally, CEE, London School of Economics.

[ESRI Research Seminar "Do Agglomeration Economies Reduce the Sensitivity of Firm Location to Tax Differentials?"](#)

Date: 23/07/2009

Time: 4 p.m.

Speaker: Marius Brühlhart, University of Lausanne.

Events at the National Library

Library Late Spring Summer 2009

Political Campaigning a Topical Theme for the National Library This Summer

Politics, campaigns and communications is the timely theme for the forthcoming series of *Library Late* interviews at the National Library of Ireland from April to June 2009. **Professor Steven Knowlton, Dr Garret FitzGerald and Stephen Collins** are three guests uniquely qualified to provide both contemporary and historical perspectives on the subject. The series also highlights the Political Ephemera Collection of the National Library, an indispensable resource for the study of Irish politics, history and propaganda that documents the shift in political sentiment and party politics over the years.

The first evening in this season's series of *Library Late* will feature Steven Knowlton, Professor of Journalism at Dublin City University since 2007. Steven Knowlton has been a journalism educator for twenty years, lecturing at Penn State University and at Hofstra University, New York. He has published books on journalism education and journalist ethics and has worked as a journalist for nearly 20 years in US newspapers and news agencies. Professor Knowlton was a regular contributor to RTÉ Radio 1 during the United States Presidential Election 2008.

In conjunction with *Library Late*, Mary Broderick, curator of the National Library's Ephemera Collection, will give a special talk entitled *Proclamations, Posters, Politics & Power : 400 Years of Word on the Street*. This will focus on the Library's collection of political ephemera and take place on Thursday, June 18th at 1pm (no booking required).

The events are:

- Wednesday, 29 April at 8pm – **Professor Steven Knowlton in conversation with Karen Coleman**

· Tuesday, 26 May at 8pm - **Dr. Garret FitzGerald in conversation with Dr John Bowman**

· Wednesday, 17 June at 8pm - **Stephen Collins in conversation with Bryan Dobson.**

· Thursday, 18 June at 1pm – ***Proclamations, Posters, Politics & Power: 400 Years of Word on the Street. A talk by Ephemera curator Mary Broderick***

Library Late is a free event but booking is essential. Please telephone +353 1 603 0317 to reserve your place. For more details see: www.nli.ie

Spring/Summer 2009 *Library Late* brochure:

<http://www.nli.ie/GetAttachment.aspx?id=1f4ba171-8473-45a2-83f7-c7035cf096af>

June Jobs

Call 2009 for 6 PhD Researchers (Brussels)

Apologies for cross-posting

The Institute for European Studies (IES) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) calls for applications for six full-time doctoral researchers. The IES is a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence whose research strategy focuses on the EU in an international setting. The six PhD positions relate to:

- Migration, Asylum & Diversity, as well as Information Society (one researcher each);
- A new joint research project of the IES and the Department of Political Science at the VUB on “Politics beyond the State: Representation, Coordination and Accountability in Multi-Layered Settings” (three researchers, one of which is to work at the Department of Political Science);
- A research project on European and international governance through regulatory complexes in the area of genetic resources (access and benefit sharing; funded by the Flemish Research Council FWO) (one researcher).

* The successful candidates will have an MA degree with good study results. They will be fluent in English and have a thorough knowledge of European policy and/or law. They will be selected on the basis of the quality of the project proposal and on the basis of their expertise and qualifications. * Candidates will need to fill in and send the forms that are available from the website of the IES (www.ies.be <<http://www.ies.be>>) (either in MSWord format, or in PDF format) and send a full CV, a list of publications, an outline of their proposed research (max. 10 pages!), at least one letter of reference and a copy of their most recent diploma. * Successful candidates are expected to base themselves in Brussels and work at the IES/the VUB. * The deadline for applications is: 07 June 2009 (for posts to be taken up as of 1 October or as early as possible thereafter). * The successful candidates will receive a research grant for one year (extendable to a maximum of 4 years). Prolongation of the contract is subject to the agreement of the doctoral committee. Remuneration is at the level of a full time research assistant at a Flemish university (i.e. approx. € 1.600,00 net per month) and includes contributions for social security / insurance. Employment is on a full-time basis only, and secondary employment is not allowed. * Applications need to be addressed to the Academic Director of the Institute for European Studies (address below) before 07 June. For more information regarding this call for applications and the related research projects see <http://www.ies.be/iesvacancies>

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RESEARCH FELLOW: REPRESENTING EUROPEANS

School of Social Science: The University of Aberdeen

S0C006R – Research Fellow

A 2.5 year ESRC-funded project on REPRESENTING EUROPEANS requires a post-doctoral research fellow to work in the Centre for the Study of Public Policy under its

director, Professor Richard Rose. The project will combine innovative concepts, fresh quantitative data from European Parliament elections and institutional analysis. Knowledge of European Union institutions and the literature of comparative parties and elections is essential, and knowledge of new member or candidate countries for accession is desirable. Experience is also required in data base creation and management and knowledge of multivariate statistics. There are opportunities to participate in co-authored publications. .

Should you require a visa to undertake paid employment in the UK you will be required to fulfil the minimum points criteria to be granted a Certificate of Sponsorship and Tier 2 visa. As appropriate, at the time an offer of appointment is made you will be asked to demonstrate that you fulfil the criteria in respect of financial maintenance and competency in English. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Moira Falconer, for further information on this.

Salary will be at the appropriate point on the Grade 6 scale (£29,704 - £35,469 per annum) with placement according to qualifications and experience. The appointment is for one year in the first instance with prospect for extension

To apply online for this position visit www.abdn.ac.uk/jobs or alternatively you may request an application pack by emailing your name and contact details to jobs@abdn.ac.uk or by telephoning our 24 hour answer service on (01224) 272727 quoting **SOC006R**. Informal enquiries to Professor Richard Rose at: richard.rose@abdn.ac.uk.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is Monday 15th June 2009

The University of Aberdeen is a charity registered in Scotland, No SC013683. The University Association for Contemporary European Studies can be found at <http://www.uaces.org/>

CALL FOR PAID INTERNSHIPS AT THE EWL SECRETARIAT AND POLICY ACTION CENTRE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

We currently offer the following internships possibilities:

1) Internship at the EWL Secretariat, 6 months full time (July-December 2009, Brussels).

Deadline for application: 05.06.09. Please use the application form

<http://www.womenlobby.org/SiteResources/data/MediaArchive/EWL%20Section/Internship/EWL%20paid%20internship%20programme%20July%20Dec%2009%20_%20Application%20form.doc> to apply, CVs will not be considered. More information about the internship and requirement in the application form. Interviews will be conducted by phone or in Brussels as appropriate between 18th and 19th June 2009. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted. Please note that the EWL won't be able to reimburse expenses for interviews.

More information:

http://www.womenlobby.org/site/1Template1.asp?DocID=14&v1ID=&RevID=&namePage=&pageParent=&DocID_sousmenu=

2) Internship at the European Policy Action Centre on Violence against Women (EPAC VAW) 6 months full time (July-December 2009, Brussels).

Deadline for application: 05.06.09. Please use the application form

<http://www.womenlobby.org/SiteResources/data/MediaArchive/EWL%20Section/Internship/EPAC%20paid%20intern%20July%20Dec%2009%20_%20Application%20form.doc>

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Lecturer in Political Theory (ref. 14745) Department of Politics University of Bristol

Based within the Department of Politics, a vibrant academic community with an international reputation, you will join a top-ranking centre of excellence in teaching and research. The Department comprises 28 research active staff, hosts the Global Insecurities Centre, attracts over 100 students each year to our Masters programmes and a similar number to our Undergraduate programmes. It also supports a dynamic research student community. You will make an important contribution both to the research output of the Department and to our successful taught programmes at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

The Department welcomes applications in any area or subject specialist contribution in Political Theory. Applications from candidates with proven research and teaching strength in environmental politics; global justice; gender would be particularly welcomed. Ideally the successful candidate will be available to take up the post in September 2009.

It is expected that presentations will be held during the afternoon of 30th June with interviews taking place during the morning of 1st July 2009.

Grade: Level b in Pathway 1

Salary: £33,432 - £37,651

Contact for informal enquiries:

Professor M Cini Michelle.Cini@bristol.ac.uk Tel. 0117 928 8076 Miss M Weir mary.weir@bristol.ac.uk Tel. 0117 928 8785

Timescale of appointment :

Contract: Permanent

Anticipated interview date: 01 July 2009 Anticipated start date: 01 September 2009

Research Associate on Gendered Ceremony and Ritual in Parliament

Applications are invited for a fixed-term post doctoral research associate on the Leverhulme Programme on Gendered Ceremony and Ritual in Parliament focusing on the South African Parliament and based at the University of Sheffield.

For further details see:

http://www.jobs.ac.uk/jobs/BP196/Research_Associate/

informal enquiries can be addressed to Georgina Waylen

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Assistant Professor-in-Residence Women's Studies

The Women's Studies Program at the University of Connecticut seeks applications for a non-tenure track, full-time Assistant Professor-In-Residence appointment to begin in Fall 2009. The successful candidate will teach a 3-4 course load or its equivalent in general education, entry-level courses e.g., Gender in Everyday Life and Gender in Global Perspective and at least one other course in the area of popular culture, film and new media, or art/literature. To be considered, applicants must have their Ph. D. in a related field by time of appointment. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. For further information, please contact the University of Connecticut Women's Studies Program Office by phone at 860-486-3970 or by email at wsinfo@uconn.edu <<mailto:wsinfo@uconn.edu>> . For more information about our program, please visit our website at <http://www.womens.studies.uconn.edu> <<http://www.womens.studies.uconn.edu>>

Interested candidates should send a letter of application, statement of teaching philosophy, teaching evaluations, curriculum vitae, one writing sample, and two letters of recommendation to: Professor Manisha Desai, Director, Women's Studies Program, University of Connecticut, 354 Mansfield Road Unit 2181, Storrs, CT 06269-2181 (search #20092590)

Application review will begin immediately and will continue until a suitable applicant is hired. Preference will be given to applications received before June 1, 2009. The University of Connecticut is an equal opportunity employer and actively encourages applications from under-represented groups including minorities, women, and people with disabilities.

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Open position: One Ph.D. student NCCR project “ Internationalization, mediatization, and the accountability of regulatory agencies”

Professors Fabrizio Gilardi and Ioannis Papadopoulos

The NCCR Democracy (www.nccr-democracy.uzh.ch) is an interdisciplinary research program on the challenges to democracy in the 21st century funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation and the University of Zurich. In the framework of the NCCR project “Internationalization, mediatization, and the accountability of regulatory agencies” we are seeking one Ph.D. student. The appointment is for four years and will begin on October 1, 2009.

Project description:

The project will rely on a small-N cross-country and cross-sectoral comparison of independent regulatory agencies. The Ph.D. candidate will scrutinize:

- how norms and « best practice » regarding policy efficiency and the accountability of agencies are diffused in transnational networks of regulators
- what kind of accountability discourse and practices agencies develop vis-à-vis different target-groups (politicians, regulatees, the media)
- if and how these target-groups hold agencies accountable.

Position / Profile:

We are looking for a Ph.D. student with research interests in institutionbuilding, policy diffusion, regulation, and/or accountability issues. We expect you to hold a Ma/MSc in political science or related discipline, to have strong skills in qualitative (elite interviewing, document analysis, ethnographic methods) and preferably quantitative methods too (e.g. network analysis), a very good knowledge of political science concepts and theories, and a strong active command of English.

Terms of employment:

We offer the successful candidate an intellectually stimulating position in a multi disciplinary group directed by Professor Fabrizio Gilardi (University of Zurich), a specialist of diffusion and regulation, and Professor Ioannis Papadopoulos (University of Lausanne), a specialist of governance and accountability.

Your employment and workplace will be at the “Institut d’études politiques et internationales” (IEPI) of the University of Lausanne, and you will be part of its research group LAGAPE (<http://www.unil.ch/iepi/page33255.html>).

You will prospectively obtain a Ph.D. from the UNIL, under supervision by Professor Papadopoulos and co-supervision by Prof. Gilardi. You will have to attend courses and seminars that are part of the NCCR doctoral program.

The salary will be according to the pay scale of the Swiss National Science Foundation (SNF) and an additional amount will be offered by the University of Lausanne for some extra teaching activity. Overall you can expect to receive (netto before taxes and health care insurance) the equivalent of approximately 2’400€ (~3’700 CHF) per month.

Applications:

Applications should include:

- a letter of motivation
- a detailed curriculum vitae
- a list of three references
- copies of all academic degrees
- a statement from the university where you obtained your MA/MSc that you fulfil the conditions to be registered as a Ph.D. student (this is required for official registration at UNIL)
- the MA/MSc thesis
- a published article or two working/seminar papers.

Please submit your application in two Pdf files, the first containing all parts of the application except the MA/MSc thesis and other papers, to Mrs. Magali Gaget: magali.gaget@unil.ch.

For enquiries please contact before June 30 Prof. Ioannis Papadopoulos: ioannis.papadopoulos@unil.ch

The deadline for applications is July 15, 2009.

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Job Ref: A-569740

Closing Date: 11 June 2009

For full details, or to request an application pack, visit www.liv.ac.uk/working/job_vacancies/ or e-mail jobs@liv.ac.uk Tel 0151 794 2210 (24 hr answerphone), please quote Job Ref in all enquiries

Associate Professorship in Political Science

Closing date: 15 June 2009 at 12.00

The Department of Political Science invites applications for one associate professorship in political science with special reference to public policy commencing 1 January 2010.

The associate professor is expected to participate in research and teaching within the sub-discipline public policy.

Qualification requirements

Applicants must possess research qualifications and teaching skills corresponding to those obtained after successful completion of a three-year period of employment as an assistant professor, but equivalent academic experience may also be accepted.

The associate professorship is a permanent position and the department is interested in an appointment on a longer term basis. The successful candidate is therefore expected to acquire a working knowledge of Danish within the first three years of employment.

Further information on the position may be obtained from: Department chair

Jens Blom-Hansen, tel. +45 8942 1310, e-mail: jbh@remove-this.ps.au.dk

Formalities

The application must include: A curriculum vitae, a complete list of publications, teaching portfolio, and a copy of degree certificates.

A maximum of 10 selected publications can be enclosed (in hard copy) for evaluation by the appointment committee. In case of co-authored publications, please enclose statements from the co-authors confirming their contribution.

Further information on qualification requirements and job content may be found in the Memorandum on Job Structure for Academic Staff at Danish Universities.

Further information on application and relevant enclosures may be found in the Guidelines for applicants for academic positions and guidelines on the use of teaching portfolio

The Faculty of Social Sciences refers to the Ministerial Order on the Appointment of Academic Staff at Danish Universities (the Appointment Order) by the Danish Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation.

Appointment shall be in accordance with the collective labour agreement between the Danish Ministry of Finance and the Danish Confederation of Professional Associations.

Permanent employment as an associate professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences requires completion of the five-day course in 'teaching and learning' provided by the Centre for Learning and Education at the Faculty of Social Sciences.

All application material (except publications in hard copy) must be sent to the following address: The Office of Records (Journalkontoret), University of Aarhus, Nordre Ringgade 1, DK-8000 Aarhus C, Denmark. The material must be received no later than 15 June 2009 at

12:00 noon (Danish time).

Three hard copies of the selected publications must be sent directly to: Department of Political Science, co. Birgit Kanstrup, Bartholins Allé, Bygning 1331, 8000 Århus C and must be received no later than 15 June 2009 at 12:00 noon (Danish time).

All interested are urged to apply irrespective of personal background.

Please quote vacancy reference number in all correspondence, including all application material.

Vacancy reference number: 2009-212/3-144

Aarhus University offers a good and inspiring education and research environment for 35,000 students and 8,500 members of staff, who produce academic results of a high international standard. The budgeted turnover for 2009 amounts to EUR 700 million. The university's strategy and development contract are available at www.au.dk.

<http://www.samfundsvidenskab.au.dk/en/currently/vacancies/vip/associate-professorship-in-political-science/>

June CFP

3rd Global Conference: Interculturalism, Meaning and Identity

Tuesday 10th November - Thursday 12th November 2009

Salzburg, Austria

Call for Papers

The relaunch of this multi-disciplinary project seeks to explore the new and prominent place that the idea of culture has for the construction of meaning and identity, as well as the implications for social political membership in contemporary societies. In particular the project will assess the larger context of major world transformations, for example, new forms of migration and the massive movements of people across the globe, as well as the impact and contribution of globalisation on tensions, conflicts and the sense of rootedness and belonging. Looking to encourage innovative trans-disciplinary dialogues, we warmly welcome papers from all disciplines, professions and vocations which struggle to understand what it means for people, the world over, to forge identities in rapidly changing national, social and cultural contexts.

Papers, workshops and presentations are invited on any of the following themes:

1. Contemporary Rediscoveries and Redefinitions of Culture
2. Cultural Boundaries, Peoples and Nations
3. Cultural Formations
4. Politicising Culture
5. Art and Cultural Representations
6. Crossing Cultural Boundaries

Papers will be considered on any related theme.

300 word abstracts should be submitted by Friday 19th June 2009. If your paper is accepted for presentation at the conference, an 8 page draft paper should be submitted by Friday 9th October 2009.

300 word abstracts should be submitted simultaneously to both Organising Chairs; abstracts may be in Word, WordPerfect, or RTF formats with the following information and in this order:

a) author(s), b) affiliation, c) email address, d) title of abstract, e) body of abstract.

Please use plain text (Times Roman 12) and abstain from using footnotes and any special formatting, characters or emphasis (such as bold, italics or underline). We acknowledge receipt and answer to all paper proposals submitted. If you do not receive a reply from us in a week you should assume we did not receive your proposal; it might be lost in cyberspace! We suggest, then, to look for an alternative electronic route or resend.

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For further information about the conference,
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<http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/at-the-interface/diversity-recognition/interculturalism/call-for-papers/>

Teaching Politics and IR: 'the state of the discipline'

2nd PSA Learning and Teaching Conference, Leeds, 8 & 9 September 2009

Teaching and Learning issues are central to the student experience and increasingly assessed by external bodies (NSS, League Tables etc). Increasing resources are being spent on training new teachers and providing staff development for more experienced colleagues. However, much of the material can be generic rather than subject specific or else focused almost exclusively on innovations. There is not always scope to discuss broader challenges.

This conference intends to fill that gap in relation to teaching and learning in Politics and IR. It takes a state of the discipline approach to the topic by offering the chance for colleagues to present a range of papers that promote greater understanding of cutting-edge approaches, techniques, and methodologies for the politics and IR tutors, whilst also discussing the broader themes and challenges in teaching and learning. This will allow an audit of what goes on 'normally' in terms of Politics teaching and we hope give the conference a broad appeal. We would therefore welcome papers on all aspects of teaching and learning in Politics and International Relations, which we define very broadly! In particular, we would welcome papers from colleagues new to teaching (including colleagues undertaking the Postgraduate Certificate in Learning and Teaching in Higher Education or equivalent). We would also hope to publish a selection of the papers.

Abstracts of 300 words should be submitted to Dr. Simon Lightfoot (s.j.lightfoot@leeds.ac.uk) or Dr. Cathy Gormley-Heenan (c.gormley@ulster.ac.uk) by end of May 2009.

Accepted papers notified by end of June

Registration details will be sent out in due course.

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Boom to Bust: Irish Social Policy in Challenging Times

Department of Applied Social Studies, University College Cork
Friday September 25th 2009

This conference aims to consider and debate the effect of the rapidly changed environment from economic boom to bust on the Irish welfare state and social policy. The conference also aims to provide a counterbalance to the dominance of economic discourse by examining the unfolding issues from a social policy perspective.

Confirmed speakers:

Mel Cousins, Glasgow Caledonian University

Dr Mary Murphy NUI Maynooth

By critically examining the emerging social impacts of the recession, questions to be considered at the conference include:

- What do the economic recession and emerging responses signify for the nature and direction of the Irish welfare state?
- What are the consequences for social policy of the nature of the government's response to economic recession?
- Are there lessons to be learnt from episodes of economic recession in Ireland in the past, the 1980s for example?
- Are there lessons to be learnt from experiences of economic crisis in other countries?
- What impact is the economic recession having on particular social groups, such as the unemployed, migrants, young people, children, older people etc?
- What impact is the economic recession having on social services such as social welfare, education, housing, healthcare etc?

We invite papers (20 minutes duration) that explore any of these themes and questions. Given the nature of the topic, papers on work in progress and early draft papers are welcome.

Please submit an abstract of 300 - 400 words by Friday June 26th to socialpolicyconf@ucc.ie

Further details will be available at <http://appsoc.ucc.ie>

If you have any queries please contact the conference organisers Mairéad Considine and Fiona Dukelow at socialpolicyconf@ucc.ie

**WORKSHOPS IN POLITICAL THEORY,
SIXTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE, SEPT 2-4, 2009.
MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY**

Following the successful fifth annual series of Workshops held in Manchester, September 2008, at which a hundred and eighty papers were given by participants from over twenty countries, another conference is being held this year. These workshops reflect the wide diversity of interests and idioms within the discipline and give delegates plenty of time to discuss their papers in a relaxed setting as well as to attend other panels. There will be a conference web-site (www.hlss.mmu.ac.uk/pap/events/wpt) where papers and conference details will be posted.

If you are interested in giving a paper, please contact the appropriate workshop convenor as indicated below.

The workshops and convenors are as follows:

1 Politics, Morals and Economics in Adam Smith. Fotini Vaki (Ionian University, Corfu, fvaki@ionio.gr) and Raquel Lázaro (University of Navarre, Spain, [:rlazaro@unav.es](mailto:rlazaro@unav.es))

2 Ethics in environmental health research and public health applications. Birgit Dumez (Center for Human Genetics, Leuven, Belgium,

Birgit.Dumez@med.kuleuven.be) and Casteleyn Ludwine, Center for Human Genetics, Leuven, Belgium, Ludwine.Casteleyn@health.fgov.be),

3 *Conflict and compromise*. Peter Jones (Newcastle University p.n.jones@newcastle.ac.uk) and Ian O'Flynn (Newcastle University, i.j.o'flynn@ncl.ac.uk)

4 *Political Theory and the Darwinian Revolution*. Graeme Garrard (Cardiff University, garrardg@hotmail.com)

5 *'Age Discrimination'?* Geoffrey Cupit (University of Waikato, New Zealand, CUPIT@waikato.ac.nz)

6 *International Political Theory* Peter Sutch (Cardiff University, SutchP@cardiff.ac.uk)

7 *Liberal Realism: Political Theory in an Age of Insecurity*. Derek Edyvane (Leeds University, d.j.edyvane@leeds.ac.uk) and Matt Sleat (Sheffield University, m.sleat@sheffield.ac.uk)

8 *Beyond Borders: Drawing New Lines around Political Order*. Noel Parker (University of Copenhagen, NP@ifs.ku.dk) and Nick Vaughen-Williams, Exeter University, N.Vaughan-Williams@exeter.ac.uk)

9 *Roundtable on Julia Kristeva and Political Thought*. Birgit Schippers (St. Mary's University College, Belfast, b.schippers@smucb.ac.uk)

10 *Children, families, and justice*. Philip Cook (LSE, P.A.Cook@lse.ac.uk)

11 *Hobbes*. Michael P. Krom (St. Vincent College, Pennsylvania, michael.krom@stvincent.edu)

12 *Feminist Theory*. Janice Richardson (Exeter University, Janice.Richardson@exeter.ac.uk) and Annelies Decat, University of Leuven Annelies.Decat@hiw.kuleuven.be).

13 *Eurocentrism in Political Theory*. Efe Can Gurgan (Koç University, egurcan@ku.edu.tr)

14 *When Should Philosophy be Practical: On Ideal and Non-Ideal Theory*. Robert Jubb (University of Oxford Robert, robert.jubb@stcatz.ox.ac.uk) and James Gledhill, (London School of Economics.

15 *Marxism*. Mark Cowling (University of Teesside, c.m.cowling@tees.ac.uk)

16 *Anarchism*. Ruth Kinna (Loughborough University, r.e.kinna@lboro.ac.uk)

17 *Green Political Theory*. Stijn Neuteleers (Leuven University, Stijn.Neuteleers@econ.kuleuven.be) and Corey Maciver, Oxford University, corey.maciver@nuffield.ox.ac.uk)

18 *Human Enhancement and Justice*. David Hunter (University of Keele, d.hunter@peak.keele.ac.uk), Michael Selgelid (Australian National University, Michael.Selgelid@anu.edu.au) and Anthony Mark Cutter (amcutter@uclan.ac.uk).

19 *Democracy: Theory and Practice*. Stephen Elstub (University of the West of Scotland, stephen.elstub@uws.ac.uk)

20 *Contesting Recognition*. Atre Alleyne (University of Delaware, atreakn@UDel.Edu) and W.A. Rivera (University of Delaware, warivera@udel.edu)

21 *Vilfredo Pareto*. Joe Femia (University of Liverpool, femia@liverpool.ac.uk) and Alasdair Marshall, (University of Southampton, A.Marshall@soton.ac.uk).

22 *Justice in Work and Production*. Keith Breen (Queen's University Belfast, k.breen@qub.ac.uk) and Russell Keat (University of Edinburgh, russell.keat@ed.ac.uk)

23 *The Problem of Dirty hands*. Stephen de Wijze (University of Manchester, dewijze@manchester.ac.uk)

24 *British Idealism*. David Boucher (Cardiff University, boucherde@cardiff.ac.uk)

25 *Art and Politics: Towards a Culture of Solidarity?* (Larry Wilde, Nottingham Trent University, lawrence.wilde@ntu.ac.uk) and Ian Fraser (Nottingham Trent University, ian.fraser@ntu.ac.uk).

The Conference fee is £170, this includes dinner on the evening of the 2nd. September and lunches on arrival and 3rd of September. Should you require accommodation, the total fee is £ 228 for two nights B&B in Halls of Residence, and £ 327 B&B ensuite in local hotel. Post Graduate fee is £125 (£180 B&B in Hall of Residence). There will also be a wine reception.

The organisers are: Professor Joe Femia (School of Politics and Communication Studies, University of Liverpool, femia@liv.ac.uk) and Professor Jules Townshend (Department of Politics and Philosophy, Manchester Metropolitan University, j.townshend@mmu.ac.uk)

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The deadline for registration is 30th July 2009. Delegates registering after this date will be subject to a £10 late registration fee. Registration will not take place after 14th August 2009.

Anarchism

JSR: Journal for the Study of Radicalism invites article submissions for a special issue on anarchism. We particularly are interested in articles that analyze a particular individual, group, or current within the broader subject. We encourage articles on lesser known aspects of contemporary or historical manifestations of anarchism, as well as contested areas within anarchism. Topics might include black bloc tactics, the history of Fifth Estate, Green Anarchy and other periodicals, conflicts between anarchist perspectives, violence and non-violence in anarchism, histories of anarchism, anarchist communities, or international aspects of contemporary anarchism. Generally speaking, the journal's historical focus is from the early modern period to the present, and the geographic range is global, so we'd be interested in articles discussing groups or individuals whose influence is international, though this is not essential. JSR is an interdisciplinary journal, and we encourage articles from a range of disciplinary backgrounds. We are especially interested in articles that include some original fieldwork, for instance, interviews or use of archival sources.

Submissions should be 20-30 pages in length and conform to the Chicago Manual of Style with endnotes. Please include a one-paragraph abstract, and a brief author bio. Images for possible use in an article should be 300 dpi, and authors are responsible for requesting and receiving permission to reprint images for scholarly use. Send queries, proposals, and articles to jsr@msu.edu.

The deadline for submitting completed articles is September 1, 2009, and we encourage early submission to facilitate the review process. See [here](#) and [here](#) for more information on the journal.

JSR-a print academic journal published by Michigan State University Press-is devoted to serious, scholarly exploration of the forms, representations, meanings, and historical influences of radical social movements. With sensitivity and openness to historical and cultural contexts of the term, we loosely define 'radical', as distinguished from 'reformers', to mean groups who seek revolutionary alternatives to hegemonic social and political institutions, and who use violent or non-violent means to bring about socio-political change.

Forthcoming Conference

Political Violence and Collective Aggression: Considering the Past, Imagining the Future

Featuring: 3rd Annual CICA-STR International Conference

Co-organised by:

SPRI (Social and Policy Research Institute, University of Ulster)

CICA (International Colloquium on Conflict and Aggression)

STR (Society for Terrorism Research)

Dates: 2-5 September 2009

Location: University of Ulster, Jordanstown campus (Northern Ireland)

OPEN to All Interested Persons

About the Co-organising Organisations:

[SPRI \(Social and Policy Research Institute\), University of Ulster](#)

The Social and Policy Research Institute seeks to harness and develop the highest quality research undertaken in the Faculty of Social Sciences within the broad areas of social and public policy, social work, education, politics and international affairs. It provides an institutional framework for undertaking high quality research and for the development of a vibrant research culture through organising seminars, colloquia and lectures and a forum for engaging with policy makers and those involved with service delivery in the public and voluntary sectors.

[CICA \(International Colloquium on Conflict and Aggression\)](#)

Since 1983, CICA has promoted and supported a multidisciplinary understanding of conflict and aggression through international, residential colloquia on the relationship between the brain and the social context of aggression.

[STR \(Society for Terrorism Research\)](#)

STR was launched in mid-2006 as an international, multi-disciplinary organisation of theoretical and empirical researchers in the behavioural sciences. STR's mission is to enhance knowledge and understanding of terrorism through the integration of findings from the fields of anthropology, biology, economics, political science, psychology, sociology, law and other behavioural sciences.

About the conference

The conference is concerned with interdisciplinary understandings of political violence and collective aggression and seeks to bring together experts from the social and behavioural sciences.

Tentative schedule

Wednesday, 2 September – mid-late afternoon registration

Thursday, 3 September – full day of conference presentations

Friday, 4 September – full day of conference presentations

Saturday, 5 September – half day of conference presentations

Ground Transportation

The [Jordanstown campus](#) of the University of Ulster is located some 7 miles outside of the city of Belfast. Belfast is served by two airports, the [George Best Belfast City airport](#) (airport code BHD) and [Belfast International Airport](#) (BFS). Both airports

are served by regular bus services into the city centre and taxis are available from outside the terminal buildings – for more information follow the link on the respective airport websites to getting to and from the airport. For those intending to take taxis directly from the airport to the Jordanstown campus, you do not need to go via the city centre. The journey from the Belfast International airport to the campus is approximately 20-25 minutes and should cost in the region of £20 to £30 depending upon time of day and from the George Best City airport 15-20 minutes and approximately £10 to £30 [Dublin airport](#) (DUB) is 100 miles away. Buses are available from Dublin airport to Belfast city centre, depending upon which bus company is used a return ticket is around £15-20 return. The bus journey takes approx. 2 hours and 25 minutes.

Call for Papers

We welcome individual papers, symposia with recommended panellists and poster presentations on topics related to political violence and collective aggression.

Submission Instructions:

Please e mail the following information; include information for each presenter and co-presenter.

1. 150-300 word abstract in English
2. Your contact information:

Name:

Address:

E mail address:

Telephone number:

Affiliation:

Title:

3. Where did you hear about this announcement?
4. Indicate type of presentation format: Paper/Poster/Symposium
5. Please send proposals via e mail to r.monaghan@ulster.ac.uk and put “CICA/STR Proposal Submission” in the subject line. Please also cc proposals to Tali Walters (STR) tkwstr@gmail.com and Martin Ramirez (CICA) mramirez@med.ucm.es

Submission due date: 31 March 2009

Conference Fee/Registration:

EARLY BIRD registration package - payment before 31st May 2009:

	Professional	Student or Accompanying Person
With Accommodation	£290	£240
Without Accommodation	£190	£140

REGULAR registration package - payment after 31st May 2009:

	Professional	Student or Accompanying Person
With Accommodation	£330	£250
Without Accommodation	£230	£150

Information concerning the methods of payment are available on the [registration form](#) – if you wish to pay by bank transfer please contact cpdu@ulster.ac.uk for

details.

With Accommodation includes attendance at all conference sessions, refreshments, breakfasts, lunches and evening reception/dinners, and lodging in a single room with en suite facilities in the University of Ulster's new Dalriada Student Village for September 2, 3, and 4, 2009. These rooms are located in five-person apartments with a shared communal kitchen/living room and are a 5 minute walk from the main building of the University. A small number of two person rooms and rooms equipped for disabled persons are also available on request. Please e mail any special requests to cpdu@ulster.ac.uk

Without Accommodation includes attendance at all conference sessions, refreshments, lunches and evening reception/dinners for September 2, 3, and 4, 2009. For those opting for the early bird and regular registration without accommodation, the University has special rates with a number of hotels locally. Please contact the hotels directly and ask for the University of Ulster rate (this is subject to availability):

[The Clarion Carrickfergus](#) (approx. 2.5 miles away)

[Jury's Inn](#), Belfast

Alternatively, hotel accommodation can be sourced and booked by the [Belfast Visitor & Convention Bureau](#) or through any of the room booking web pages to be found on the internet.

Visas

For those participants requiring visas to enter the United Kingdom, please apply for these in able time. For more information please visit the [Home Office's Border Agency](#) homepage for current requirements. If you require a letter confirming attendance at the conference, this will be provided once registration fees (including accommodation) have been paid and funds cleared.

Cancellation Policy

Please note where cancellations are received less than one month before the commencement of the Conference, a cancellation fee will be charged at 50% of the registration package paid to cover administration costs.

Global Financial Crisis

DEADLINE: 27 November 2009

Global Change, Peace & Security (Routledge), a leading peer reviewed journal, calls for research articles analysing the nature, implications, and consequences of the present Global Financial Crisis. We seek contributions from across the social sciences: particularly from international relations, political economy, and peace and conflict studies.

We are particularly interested in research exploring:

- The nature of the Global Financial Crisis and theoretical approaches to understanding it within the international economic and political systems of the present century
- The impact of the Global Financial Crisis on ongoing international, regional and national conflicts and peace processes
- The consequences of the Global Financial Crisis for international power dynamics, global institutions and systems of governance

Contributions should be 6,000–10,000 words in length, comply with all requirements of the GCP&S style guidelines, and be emailed as an attachment (in Word, in English and with GFC in the subject heading) to: gcps@latrobe.edu.au by 27 November 2009.

Visit <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/gcps> for further details.
Contact: Dr Stephen James, Editor. Email: stephen.james@latrobe.edu.au

New Paths in Historical Institutionalism

Prairie Provinces Political Science Association

October 2-3, 2009

Mount Royal College

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Second Annual Conference of the Prairie Provinces Political Science Association will be held Friday 2, October and Saturday 3, October 2008 at Mount Royal College in Calgary, Alberta. Participation is open to all political scientists, policy scholars and others with an academic interest in political science. Graduate students are encouraged to attend the Conference, organize panels and present papers. This year's theme is New Paths in Historical Institutionalism. This is a topic of interest to many students of political science; but, the conference is open to all approaches to the discipline.

Details for online registration, speakers, panels and presenters will be issued closer to the Conference date at the Prairie Provinces Political Science Association website

<http://pppsa.athabascau.ca/index.php>

If you would like to present a paper or organize a panel, please submit a proposal (150-200 words) by June 30, 2009 to kbrownsey@mtroyal.ca

Please submit final papers by 15 September 2009 for distribution to Conference participants.

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Proposals are due by June 30, 2009

Independent Local Lists and Local Parties – Challengers From Bottom-up?

A comparative perspective on the emergence and success of minor political organisations and their impact on party systems

November 27-28th 2009, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, Germany

1. Topic and aims of the workshop

This workshop focuses on the impact of local lists and parties. Do local lists and local parties start to challenge established parties and promote the change of (regional) party systems? Are they, in reference to their proclaimed particular bond to the community on the one hand and their self-ascribed nonpartisan attitudes on the other hand, advocates of a distinct anti-party affect which increasingly influences voters' decisions?

Indeed, referring to Germany, anti-party sentiments actually seem to be one of the factors of success for many local lists and an ideological component which unites the different local groups and establishes a common surplus-identity of deliberate delineation (from parties). This nonpartisan approach is even employed as a voter appealing vehicle on higher territorial levels as in case of the Independent Voters in Bavaria.

Nevertheless, recent findings indicate that there are many different types of local lists and local parties across European countries. As previous research findings reveal there is a wide

range of empirical types of local lists encompassing municipal lists, interest local lists, ideologically orientated lists, associational lists, protest parties and more. Therefore it is one core issue of our workshop to discuss the possibilities of a theory based typology of these local lists and local parties. This should establish, next to the basic groundwork done already, yet another facet for international comparative research. A typology is of special interest, as we might gain further comparative insight into the questions when certain types of local lists come into being and, subsequently, which effects they cause. Concerning the effects we should take a closer look at how these types effect the alteration of patterns of parties' competition, how their existence impacts on parties' behaviour and influences their modes of interaction at the local and regional level. Here, we might ask: to what extent do local lists and local parties act as heralds to party system change? In this respect, it seems that in some cases the local and regional level might not only act genuinely responsive to the development of salient political issues but also function as a testing ground for the success of these political organisations in the electoral arena which eventually leads them to compete on higher levels. In fact, recent developments in Germany indicate that formerly stable horizontal boundaries of the respective party system might be as permeable from bottom up as they are from top down and induce changes for the party system. These processes of political organisation and institutionalisation from bottom up and their effects on party systems will also be part of our international workshop "Independent Local Lists and Local Parties – Challengers from Bottom-Up?". For these aspects, we wish to develop a theoretical and conceptual framework which grasps the phenomenon of entry and success of new political actors and their impact on parties and party systems. All in all, this framework should be derived from the analysis and comparison of local lists and parties and it should focus on one or integrate the following three key aspects:

(1) Typologies of Local Lists and Local Parties

(2) Local Lists and Local Parties as Challengers from Bottom-Up?

(3) Party System Change in Comparative Perspective

Subsequently, we would like to publish the revised workshop papers along with the theoretical and empirical findings of our workshop in an edited volume or in a special edition of an international journal. Please send your abstracts which should be no longer than one and a half page by Tuesday, **June 2nd 2009** to rebecca.plassa@politik.uni-halle.de . Accepted authors will be notified.

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China's 30 years of 'Opening up and reform': Continuities and Change

Dates: 16th-19th September 2009

Call for Papers Deadline: June 15, 2009

Location: University of Nottingham-Ningbo-China

2009 marks a fundamental milestone in modern Chinese history and its body politic as China commenced its "peaceful rise" and it is inevitable that it has come to occupy a distinguished place on the global stage. After sixty years of Communist rule and thirty years of 'reform and opening up' China has seen gigantic leaps in its economic and social transformation, worked on political rapprochement and has cemented its new place as an indispensable global actor. This so-called 'peaceful rise and development' has attracted incessant debate about China's new role in the world today. According to some observers China is an unrelenting pursuer of global dominance and by others an indispensable and responsible partner who has rediscovered her potential and willingness to put it to good use. In large part the future of China's relations with the world rest on whether China chooses to embrace a Victim mentality (????) or a Great Power mentality (????).

This conference is a multidisciplinary meeting that seeks to bring together scholars, practitioners and enthusiasts to engage in rigorous debate on issues that relate to China and the broader world. It is divided into two parts: a scholar's conference from 16-18th September and a post-graduate conference on 19th September which will have a particular focus on methodological questions about research in and on China.

Papers are invited that cover the fields of politics, economics, society, the environment, legal issues, foreign policy, regional security and peace, regional and global governance. In particular, papers related to, though not limited to, the following issues are invited:

- Security and terrorism as issues of statebuilding and state risks in China,
- Transnational relations, diasporas, civil society and the Chinese transformation
- China's soft power and international relations
- China and globalisation discourse
- China's new development discourse, particular focus on China's Africa politics
- Revisiting questions of identity and culture in globalised China
- Nationalism and the state in times of rapid social and economic transformation
- Gender and sexuality, and their transformation in China's rapid changing society
- Rethinking imperialism

The main thrust of the conference will be centred around the debate of how has China reached out to the world. What have China's 30 years of opening and reform meant to the rest of the world? What has been its implications both inwardly and outwardly, has China's transformation had any positive or negative impacts within the global context? Does China's rise pose new challenges? Do we need to re-examine the way China has been viewed within a historical context, and what are the significant continuities and discontinuities?

Postgraduate students are invited to submit papers on their research experience in China.

Because interdisciplinarity is the organizing principle of the conference, the organizers encourage proposals that cross disciplinary, methodological, and national boundaries. The conference will be organised around panels where papers are presented and collectively discussed. Keynote speakers will give impulses to these panels.

It is expected that a number of papers derived from the conference will be considered for inclusion in an edited volume based on the conference proceedings.

Please submit proposals of not more than 400 words to the conference organisers until 15 June 2009: Catherine.goetze@nottingham.edu.cn.

5th Global Conference Pluralism, Inclusion and Citizenship

Dates: November 6-8, 2009

Call for abstracts deadline: June 19, 2009

Location: Salzburg, Austria

Website: www.inter-disciplinary.net/at-the-interface/diversity-recognition/pluralism-inclusion-and-citizenship/

Call for papers:

With this multi-disciplinary project they seek to explore the new developments and changes of the idea of pluralism and their implications for social and political processes of inclusion and citizenship in contemporary societies. The project will also assess the larger context of major world transformations, such as new forms of migration and the massive movements of people across the globe, as well as the impact of the multiple dynamics of globalisation on rootedness and membership (including their tensions and conflicts) and on a general sense of social acceptance and recognition. Looking to encourage innovative trans-disciplinary dialogues, they welcome papers from all disciplines, professions and vocations which struggle to understand what it means for people, the world over, to be citizens in rapidly changing national, social and political landscapes.

In particular papers, workshops and presentations are invited on any of the following themes:

1. Challenging Old Concepts of Citizen and Alien ~ Who is a citizen and who is an alien, a foreigner?
2. Nations, Fluid Boundaries and Citizenship ~ What does it mean, today, to belong to a nation?
3. Institutions, Organizations and Social Movements
4. Persons, Personhood and the Inter-Personal
5. Media and Artistic Representations
6. Transnational Political Interlacing of Contemporary Life
7. New Concepts, New Forms of Inclusion

Papers will be considered on any related theme. 300 word abstracts should be submitted by June 19, 2009. If your paper is accepted for presentation at the conference, an 8 page draft paper should be submitted by October 9, 2009.

300 word abstracts should be submitted simultaneously to both Organising Chairs; abstracts may be in Word, WordPerfect, or RTF formats with the following information and in this order:

a) author(s), b) affiliation, c) email address, d) title of abstract, e) body of abstract.

All papers accepted for and presented at the conference will be eligible for publication in an ISBN eBook. Selected papers may be developed for publication in a themed hard copy volume.

For further details about the project please visit:

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