



# Newsletter

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## From the Secretary

Our interim conference will be held at the Nicholas Copernicus University in Torun, Poland on June 1-4, 2000. The local organizer is Janusz Mucha and practical information will be given in a later newsletter. Some of the session organisers have provided outlines and a first call for papers is in this newsletter. To submit papers, or for further information, get in touch with the listed people.

I'd like to invite everyone to send in their personal web site address for inclusion in a later edition of the directory of RCHS members.

Regarding the membership dues everyone will find in the above right corner of his/her address label the last year s/he has paid for. You can find information about the payment facilities on the last page of this newsletter. An easy to handle individual membership form for ISA is on the its website: <http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/formisa.htm>.

## Letter from the President, No. 2

**There is a War in Europe going on,  
and we deal with the History of Sociology**

**by Dirk Kaesler**

In my last letter I tried to give you my personal opinion of why we as sociologists deal with the history of sociology, and why we should continue to do so. When I wrote that the world-system is in turmoil and in crisis none of us could imagine that some few months later this crisis turned into a War waged by some Western countries against the leadership of an European country. It may be that by the publication of this Newsletter the bombing and killing may be over, it may be that it is still going on.

Such situation poses the question how we as sociologist, i.e. as those whose scholarly duty it is to observe, understand, foresee, and solve problems of their societies, justify to continue to do

research in the area of the history of sociology in such situation. And to organise conferences about such themes as we do with this Newsletter.

My answer has not changed, as you may imagine. If you could follow my ideas about the agenda for sociological intellectuals in the 21st century and therefore support my evaluation of the necessity of a sociological occupation with the history of sociology as being essential for the preservation of the intellectual heritage of sociology you will agree that we have good reasons to continue what we have done.

Let us discuss this type of question in the heart of Europe, in Tartu. Not in a separate session, like "War as a theme in the history of sociology", although who ever feels qualified to do so should step forward with organising such session, but in all the sessions. I think and hope that we have good answers.

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## Neil Gross, 1999 Winner of the Leo P. Chall Dissertation Fellowship in the History of Sociology

RCCHS's Nominating Committee (Professors Patricia Lengermann, Cornell University, Vladimir Kulygin, Moscow and Dirk Kaesler, Marburg) nominated three candidates out of eleven applicants and the Board of Sociological Abstracts selected Neil Gross as the 1999 winner of the Leo P. Chall Dissertation Fellowship. Congratulations! Below Neil gives an overview on his project.

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In the first decades of the twentieth century, American pragmatism – the philosophical viewpoint developed by Charles Peirce, William James, and John Dewey – was widely influential in American universities. Although it did not attain paradigmatic status in any academic field, pragmatism was debated and discussed by prominent philosophers, sociologists, economists, theologians, educationalists, and legal scholars, some of whom were deeply affected by what the pragmatists had to say.

In the 1950s and 1960s, however, pragmatism receded from the forefront of American intellectual life. Analytic philosophy, which became the dominant intellectual orientation in most American philosophy departments during the period, pushed pragmatism out of the philosophical mainstream. In other disciplines, pragmatism's decline "was abetted by a variety of new influences including existential-

ism, crisis theology, the cold war, psychoanalysis, [and] European modernism..." (Dickstein 1998:9).

Then, beginning in the 1970s, a renewed interest in pragmatism developed. In philosophy, a number of well-known analytic thinkers (e.g. Richard Rorty and Hilary Putnam) began to argue that analytic philosophy's rejection of certain pragmatist ideas had been ill-considered. At the same time, the few philosophers who had remained committed to pragmatism during the years of its decline (e.g. Richard Bernstein and John E. Smith) found new appreciation for their work. A scholarly organization – the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy – was founded, in part to promote pragmatist scholarship, and a number of philosophers associated with the organization began to publish prolifically on pragmatist themes (e.g. Thomas Alexander, Vincent Colapietro, Charlene Haddock Seigfried). The principal journal of pragmatism, the *Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society*, saw its pages swell with contributions, and *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, an American philosophical review that had been discontinued in the 1890s, was brought back to life to serve as a second outlet for articles written in the spirit of what has been called the "classical" tradition in American philosophy (the pragmatists, George Santayana, Josiah Royce, etc.).

But the resurgence of pragmatism has by no means been limited to the discipline of philosophy.

Recent decades have witnessed the publication of major studies of Peirce, James, and Dewey by intellectual historians (e.g. Joseph Brent, George Cotkin, James Kloppenberg, Robert Westbrook). Pragmatist ideas have been incorporated into the social thought of Jürgen Habermas, whose work has become widely influential in the United States. Other social and political theorists (e.g. Hans Joas, Eugene Halton, Robert Bellah, Charles Anderson, Marion Smiley, Timothy Kaufman-Osborn) have looked to pragmatism for inspiration, as have literary critics (e.g. Stanley Fish, Richard Poirier) and legal scholars (e.g. Richard Posner, Thomas Grey, Margaret Radin). Surveying this flurry of activity from the vantage point of the mid 1990s, Kloppenberg (1996:100-1) concludes that "pragmatism today is not only alive and well, it is ubiquitous. References to pragmatism occur with dizzying frequency from philosophy to social science, from the study of literature to that of ethnicity, from feminism to legal theory."

What accounts for this renewal of interest in the pragmatists, a renewal that Joas (1997:vii) calls "both unexpected and dramatic"? My dissertation attempts to answer this question by employing the theoretical tools of the sociology of ideas – that branch of the sociology of knowledge that seeks to understand the ideational practices of specialized knowledge producers. Drawing on the work of Alvin Gouldner, Randall Collins, Pierre Bourdieu, Charles Camic, and others, I try to develop a theoretical understanding of the process through which thinkers become attached to certain intellectual orientations. In addition, I attempt to identify the structural conditions of the intellectual field under which intellectual movements – social networks that arise on the basis of these attachments – are likely to thrive. I then apply this theoretical framework to the case of the pragmatist renaissance. Paying particular attention to the discipline of philosophy, I first map the structural contours of the American philosophical field in the 1970s – the decade in which the contemporary

pragmatist movement began to crystallize. I then analyze the transcripts of interviews I have conducted with pragmatist scholars (mostly philosophers, but also sociologists, intellectual historians, literary critics, and legal scholars – nearly 70 interviews in all) in an effort to link the intellectual trajectories of individual pragmatists to this larger structural context.

I wish to express my gratitude to the Research Committee for the History of Sociology for their willingness to support this endeavor.

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**Neil Gross** (ngross@ssc.wisc.edu) is a doctoral candidate in sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is presently writing, with Charles Camic, a book chapter on "The New Sociology of Ideas," and, with Robert Alun Jones, is preparing an English translation of Emile Durkheim's recently discovered 1883-4 lectures on philosophy, to be published by Cambridge University Press. He is the co-author, also with Camic, of an article in the Annual Review of Sociology on "Contemporary Developments in Sociological Theory," and is the author of a 1996 article in Sociological Theory about Durkheim's 1913-14 lectures on pragmatism and sociology. He has reviewed books for Theory and Society, Contemporary Sociology, and the Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences. He will defend his dissertation in the summer of 2000.

## RCHS-Intermin Conference, Torun, Poland, June 1-4, 2000

### Torun

"An over 760-year-old town lying on the River Vistula, about 200 km north-west of Warsaw, Torun is one of the oldest and, in the past, was one of the richest cities in Poland. It owed its development mostly to its advantageous position on trade routes linking the south-western and north-eastern countries of Europe. It was also famous for the manufacture of gingerbread.

Today Torun has a population of over 200,000 and is an important agricultural, industrial, academic, and cultural centre. It has several museums, including the Copernicus museum, as well as numerous libraries and theatres. There are three higher education establishments and various academic institutions. The city has traditionally been a

centre for academic conferences of a national and international character.

Torun is one of only a few towns in Poland to have retained its former buildings largely unscathed, including city walls, Gothic churches, the Town Hall, and numerous townhouses and mansions. In 1997 the town was included on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Many scholars of merit in Polish science and culture, as well as in the international arena, have come from Torun, including Nicholas Copernicus, astronomer and creator of the heliocentric system, and Fryderyk Skarbek, economist and writer."

Source: www.cc.uni.torun.pl/en

## Planned Sessions and Call for Papers

General information regarding the program of the interim conference: Below you will find abstracts for some of the proposed sessions and the names and addresses of the organizers. Sessions suggested during the business meeting in Montreal and their proponents added at the end. Additional session may be suggested. Anyone who is interested to organize a session should contact the secretary and send him particularities about the topics. Deadline for submitting session is August 25, 1999. An announcement of the session topics will be made in the September 1999 newsletter.

Those members - and still non-members - who are interested to give a paper should send an abstract of at least 200 words directly to the organizer. Deadline for submitting abstracts: December 20, 1999. A provisional program will appear in the January newsletter in 2000.

### Biographies in the history of sociology

In the history of sociology we all are familiar with some very influential autobiographies (e.g. Beatrice Webb 1926), with famous historical biographies (e.g. Marianne Weber 1926), but also some prominent scholarly biographies of select sociologists (e.g. Hans-Georg Drescher 1991; Friedrich Lenger 1994; Steven Lukes 1973; Arthur Mitzman 1970; Kitty Muggeridge 1967; Mary Pickering 1994; Henk E. S. Woldring 1986). Not only have some of them impregnated our knowledge and impression of the times and lives concerned but also shaped our ideas about the main ideas of these authors.

In this session papers are invited that deal with the impact and importance of biographies for the reconstruction and understanding of the history of sociology, but also with the challenge to write in this genre from a sociological point of view.

**Organizer:** Dirk Kaesler (Institut für Soziologie, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Am Grün 1, Fronhof, D-35032 Marburg, Germany; FAX: (49) 6421 - 28 8978; Email: kaesler@mail.uni-marburg.de)

### Sociologists in Two Worlds

The aim of this session is to reflect on the life and work of sociologists who have spent substantial parts of their adult lives in more than one country, working in the context of different national sociological traditions. There are many examples, including Florian Znaniecki in Poland and the United States, Paul Lazarsfeld in Austria and the United States, Karl Mannheim in Germany and Britain, Norbert Elias in Germany, Britain and the Netherlands, Everett Hughes in Canada and the United States, Alfred Schutz in Austria and the United States, Edward Shils in the United States and Britain, Claude Lévi-Strauss in France and Brazil, and so on. Papers may focus on the life of the scholar, their work in the two different societies, the national contexts, or some mix of the three. A paired comparison might also be attempted.

**Organizer:** Martin Bulmer, Professor of Sociology, University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey GU2 5XH, UK. Telephone: (+44) 1483 259456 Fax (+44) 1483 259551; Email: m.bulmer@soc.surrey.ac.uk

### Value-Incommensurability at the Turns of the Centuries

About a century ago several scholars appeared with similar anti-metaphysic messages, formulated rather independently from each other. The difficulties to judge between different competing ultimate values on rational and intersubjective grounds seemingly meant both problems and prospects for dealing with uncontrolled value intrusion and objectivity, which appears as a perennial paradigmatic divide over the last two centuries.

There are clear affinities between Hans Kelsen's legal positivism, Weber's "scientific value-relativism", the Finlandian sociologist Edvard Westermarck's cultural-anthropological relativism and the Swedish philosopher Axel Hägerström's so called value-nihilism. Hägerström's negative value ontology is the most radical position, inspired by Stevenson's "emotivism", claiming that there is no "science in moral, only about morals"; according to Hägerström value judgements were to be compared to sneezings or coughs, cognitively meaningless, "neither false, nor true".

The various expressions of anti-metaphysics and anti-natural law "relativism" might well be seen as a response to what Ernst Troeltsch had characterized as the crisis of historicism, i.e. a moral crisis of "polytheism" in the wake of the demise of natural law value objectivism. We need points of departure for rationalizing means-end-oriented value hierarchies but lack intersubjective criteria of selection.

Several of the themes are "ever fresh". Both Weber and Hägerström are relevant for current "post-modern" debates about - for instance - "Beyond Left and Right", "The necessity of responsible choice" and "Lokalvernunft" as well as "The End of ideologies" and "the is-ought-gulf-question". The wishful strive for firm value basis by neo-Aristotelian refoundations and recent communitarians reflects a shift of the burden of proof, in dealing with a painful insight of Enlightenment. For instance Zygmunt Bauman's search for ethics seemingly shares the problem formulation with a radical nihilist as Hägerström.

Papers dealing with the problems of value-incommensurability and its perils and consequences, and how this has been dealt with in various discursive communities (like Heidelberg neo-Kantians, neo-Thomists or US-Straussians), are welcome.

**Organizer:** Sven Eliaeson, Box 3340, SE-712 94 Grythyttan, Sweden, Email: Sven.Eliaeson@kau.se

### Neo-Kantianism and the Problem of Values

Neo-Kantianism (1870-1930) is a critical period in German intellectual history when a number of thinkers from many different areas took up the problem of values. As heirs to Marx and Nietzsche, thinkers such as Toennies, Simmel, Weber, and Troeltsch attempted to investigate in what ways values were introduced, continued, or changed by various people and differing groups. Thus, the problem of val-

ues lies at the very foundation of classical German Sociology. The organizer welcomes papers on a wide variety of topics provided that they are centered on the Neo-Kantians and their approaches to the problem of values.

**Organizer:** Christopher Adair-Toteff, The American University in Bulgaria, 2700 Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, Email: csat@nws.aubg.bg. (I may not be in email contact for this summer)

### **In Search of a 'Good Society': The Concept of Sociology as a 'Moral Science' in the History of Sociology**

The presentations during the session on this issue during the World Congress in Montréal in 1998 left several questions unanswered. This session continues this research on the different courses of the concept of sociology as a scholarly enterprise to formulate scientific designs for the "good society" in different national traditions. The session will attempt to have input in particular from research traditions in Western and Central Europe. Again the subject discussed is: where does sociology stand in the debate with other academic experts about values and morals as we enter the 21st century?

**Organizer:** Maarten Mentzel School of Systems Engineering and Policy Analysis (SEPA), Delft University of Technology, P.O. Box 5015, 2600 GA Delft NL, Tel. +31 (15) 278 8458/8380; Fax +31 (15) 278 3429; Email: mentzel@sepa.tudelft.nl

### **William James and Sociology**

William James is remembered for his influence on the development of psychology and philosophy. His impact on sociology is much greater than it is generally acknowledged. For instance, Durkheim delivered a series of lectures on Pragmatism in which William James is seriously discussed. Weber, Mannheim, Sorel, Mead, Cooley, Parsons and others have also felt the need to address James and his ideas. Nevertheless, sociological theorists and historians of sociology have tended not to give James the attention he deserves. The proposed panel is a timely opportunity to bring together papers on James and his importance to the history of sociology, and to sociological theory today.

**Organizer:** Jack Barbalet. Sociology - Arts, Australian National University, GPO Box 4, Canberra ACT 0200, Australia, Email: jack.barbalet@anu.edu.au

### **Archives on the History of Sociology**

Archives are of central importance to work in the history of sociology, and their character and roles merit serious attention. RCHS members might usefully aim to reach some consensus on what kinds of archive are needed, and then to do what they can to get gaps in provision in their own spheres of activity filled. This session hopes to contribute to that process, as well as encouraging creative use of the archives which are available. Papers are invited which propose principles to be followed in the creation of an adequate archive for the history of sociology, which give analytical descriptions of existing archives (especially less-known ones) and new potential uses for them, which illustrate imaginative ways

of using archival material, or which relate to the topic in some other way.

**Organizer:** Jennifer Platt, Arts E, University of Sussex, Brighton BN1 9QN, Sussex, England. tel. 01273 606755 x2446; fax 01273 673563; Email: j.platt@sussex.ac.uk

### **Reification Revisited**

This session aims to stimulate a dialogue between classical and critical theories of reification and fetishism, from Hegel and Marx to Lukacs and Habermas, and the stream of new theories which, by taking a materialist turn, have reopened debates about the performance of social order and the ontology of social institutions. The materialist turn taken by new approaches such as the constructivist studies of science and technology, the anthropology and geography of material culture, or the new sociologies of time and space, emphatically points towards the formative and grounding significance of 'things' in the stabilization of social reality - a fact which has supposedly been lost on mainstream social and political theory. The session will be concerned to inquire if, and if so, to what extent, classical and modern sociologies have indeed neglected 'object-centered sociality', and what insights a renewed confrontation with the historical record may yield for a critical theory of reification.

**Organizers:** Dick Pels, Dept. of Human Sciences, Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middx. UB8 3PH, United Kingdom, phone: 31-20-5252262; Fax: 31-20-5252446; Email: dick.pels@brunel.ac.uk, and Frederic Vandenberghe, Dept of Human Sciences, Uxbridge, Middx. UB8 3PH, United Kingdom, Email: f.vandenberghe@brunel.ac.uk

### **The History of Predictions Made for the Year 2000**

During the last decades social scientists refer frequently to the year 2000 as a reference point for predictions, and prophecies too. After arriving the magical watershed date it seems to make sense to look back to the some of the forecastings and prophecies. This session will deal with sociological and historical analysis of some of these studies, their preconditions and discuss the validity of the proposed past predictions, in substantive and methodological perspective.

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### **Schools and Research Programmes in Sociology and their Dynamics**

The history of Sociology tends to be focused on the 'Great men' of the discipline, but in addition it is clear that there have been important networks and groupings of sociological scholars, and their work and the social mechanisms at play in producing this

work continue to need exploration. This session offers the opportunity to explore the area of collective scholarship.

**Organizer:** Charles Crothers, Dept. of Sociology, University of Natal, King George V Avenue, Durban, Natal 4001, South Africa, phone: 27-31-2602442; Fax: 27-31-2602347; Email: crothers@mtb.und.ac.za.

### **Centenaries: Simmel's 'Philosophie des Geldes,' Jellinek's 'Allgemeine Staatslehre' et.al.**

**Organizer:** Donald Levine, Dept. of Sociology, University of Chicago, 1126 East 59th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637, USA, phone: 1-312-7027917; Fax: 1-312-7024849; Email: dlok@midway.uchicago.edu

### **Fin-de-siècle revisited**

**Organizer:** Hans-Peter Müller, Center for European Studies, NYU, King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center, 53 Washington Sq. South, New York, NY 10012, USA, phone: 1-212-9983717; Fax: 1-212-9954188;

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### **Issues of Inclusion: Women Sociologists, Minority Sociologists, and the Sociological Canon**

**Organizer:** Patricia Lengermann, 613 Utica St., Ithaca, NY 14850, USA, phone: 1-607-2777396; Email: pm14@cornell.edu.

### **Author meets Critics**

Suggestions should be sent to the secretary, including names of authors, titles of books and possible critics.

### **General Sessions**

According to the tradition of RCHS papers who won't fit in one of the above mentioned sessions could presented here.

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## **History of the social and behavioural sciences in the new International Encyclopedia**

**by Peter Wagner**

In its January issue, the RCHS newsletter reported about the project to edit an *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, an endeavour that situates itself in the short but remarkable tradition instituted by the *Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences* from the 1930s and the *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences* of 1968. Everybody who works on the history of the social sciences knows that traditions are problematic. One of their features is that, once constructed, they make changes within continuities visible. It is telling, for instance, that there was a move from the British to the American spelling of 'encyclopaedia' from the first to the second of these reference works. And the later edition carried the denomination 'international' in its title, though arguably - one would need to design indicators - it was less international than its predecessor. As one moves to the third edition, those title changes are kept, and in addition the behavioural sciences are added at this most visible level of evidence, the cover.

It is not up to me to comment on the overall outlay of this new project, the editors-in-chief, Neil Smelser and Paul Baltes, can speak with a more authoritative voice. However, there is one other change which will be of specific interest to the members of RCHS, namely the introduction of a section on the history of the social and behavioural sciences in the preparation of the encyclopaedia, a section for which I act as the editor. (It may need emphasising that the existence of such a section has no impact on the actual organisation of the vol-

umes, since the encyclopaedia will be organised alphabetically throughout.) On the one hand, the importance of this innovation should probably not be exaggerated, since we speak here of one section out of thirty and of one hundred articles among roughly 5,000. On the other hand, though, its introduction may signal a significant shift in orientation. It is a standard form for an encyclopaedia article, in whatever field, to start with an introduction on the development of the object or concept under study over time. History in this sense has never been absent from reference works. In contrast, the ambition to provide a report of the current state of the art almost conventionally proceeds by distinguishing the present from the past. Such historiography, however, has mostly been classic Whiggish historiography, which sees past events as leading up to a present that is constitutively superior to the past. Time is then nothing but a marker of distinction that underlines the present.

The introduction of a special section, in contrast, acknowledges the historicity of the social and behavioural sciences themselves, as one may want to say. The specific task of the entries in this section is thus to underline the continuous reshaping of the social and behavioural sciences in historical time. The forms of social knowledge are treated as historical phenomena, be they institutionalised in academia and codified in disciplines or not. As a consequence, the current form of these sciences is no longer necessarily considered to be the 'highest' form that has hitherto been reached. Rather, each approach to social knowledge stands in a particular relation to its as well as to our own historical time. The aim of this 'historical' section, therefore, is to allow the readers of the encyclopaedia to reappropriate historical forms of social thought - be-

yond gaining an overview over the contemporary state of research and debate. In a sense, the introduction of such a section recognises important intellectual changes since the 1968 edition was sent off to the publishers.

In current jargon, the idea of a 'linguistic turn' in the human and social sciences captures many important aspects of these changes, if it is loosely understood as an increased attention to the language in which the sciences express their statements, propositions, interpretations and representations. More specifically, parallel attempts to develop a historiography of concepts have emerged since the 1960s around the work of Michel Foucault in France, by the 'Cambridge historians' around JGA Pocock and Quentin Skinner in England, by the 'conceptual historians' of the *Geschichtliche Grundbegriffe* in Germany and by historians of historiography such as Hayden White in the US. The sociology of scientific knowledge has at the same time sharpened its analysis of the development of science and technology in their social contexts, although analyses of the social sciences have remained remarkably scarce (a section on 'Science and technology studies' is edited by Sheila Jasanoff for the encyclopaedia). In their sum, these developments have led to a re-opening of many issues in the social sciences that appeared to be solved and closed in the view of some of the contributors of the 1968 encyclopaedia. The philosophy of the social sciences has revived, and issues of concept formation and methodology have returned to the agenda, often also entailing a reappraisal of many classical formulations (a section on 'Philosophy' is edited by Philip Pettit and one on 'Logic of inquiry and research design' by Thomas Cook and Charles Ragin).

At the same time, such critical reappraisal also coincides with what is sometimes seen as a crisis of the social sciences. The social sciences have been on the rise from the late eighteenth century onwards in their currently still easily recognisable forms, such as the economic, statistical and sociological modes of explanation. However, they may well wither away during a period in which social phenomena to which key concepts had been attached (such as state, society, nation and class) are weakened and may turn out to be themselves historically ephemeral. If a social world emerged, in which there were only individuals in truly globalised networks of relations, the knowledge of that world would certainly have to be different from social science as we know it. While I take such an outcome to be unlikely and even implausible already on the conceptual level, the very proposition demands critical inquiry into the relation between the history and the philosophy of the social and behavioural sciences.

In the context of such considerations, contributors to the section on the history of the social and behavioural sciences are being asked to focus on the ways in which concepts or currents of thought have developed under varying historical conditions or on the ways in which historical events or processes have had an impact on social thought. Roughly, articles in this section fall into three categories. First, the emergence and development of

schools, disciplines and approaches to the social and behavioural sciences are being discussed. Examples are eugenics, functionalism and the relation of the social and behavioural sciences to the humanities. Second, the history of selected concepts of these sciences is to be traced. Examples here are *Gestalt*, interest and work. And thirdly, the impact of major historical events and processes on these sciences is to be assessed. Examples from this section include the French Revolution, the social question and totalitarianism.

For evident reasons, there will never be the overview over the history of the social and behavioural sciences that one may dream of. First of all, space is scarce. One hundred articles of altogether 300,000 words may sound much. But it means that no more than 3,000 words each can be devoted to the history of psychoanalysis or the impact of Enlightenment thought on the social sciences. Second, the authors one may want to enlist may be unavailable - for a variety of reasons an important one of which is, not surprisingly, time. And it can be predicted, thirdly, that what will emerge under these constraints will look different from what one expected. The reason for this is that the social world cannot be controlled - but this is an old, though sometimes forgotten, insight of the social sciences.

**Peter Wagner**, European University Institute, Florence, and University of Warwick.

### **Sociological Abstracts, LLC. Announces The Leo P. Chall Dissertation Fellowship in the History of Sociology**

The Leo P. Chall Fellowship is open to Phd candidates who are writing a dissertation that is intended as a contribution to the history of sociology. This \$ 5,000 fellowship will be awarded in January 2000.

Applicants are requested to submit the following information:

(1) A limited précis (3 pages, single-spaced) of the dissertation proposal, which includes:

- (A) A description of the project.
- (B) An explanation of how the research will contribute to the field.
- (C) A description of the work completed to date.

(2) Plans for completing the dissertation.

(3) Two letters of recommendation.

(4) A complete academic c.v., including exam results and grade transcripts where available.

(5) A listing of current or previous awards or fellowships and publications.

The deadline is 1 September 1999. Address your submission to:

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Secretary of the Research Committee History of  
Sociology (RCHS)  
Address: see page 1

# New Members

## Andreas Hess

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Some recent publications:

Die politische Soziologie C. Wright Mills', Opladen: Leske+Budrich 1995.

Unheimliche Begegnung der dritten Art: W.E.B. Du Bois, C.L.R. James und die westliche Zivilisation, in: Blätter für deutsche und internationale Politik Nr. 2 (Februar 1997), 205-14.

Zwischen öffentlicher und privater Sphäre: Saloons und Mondscheinkneipen als gesellschaftliche Institutionen, in: Leviathan 3/1997 (September), 362-80.

C. Wright Mills, Franz Neumann und die Diskussion um die zivile Gesellschaft, in: Zeitschrift für kritische Theorie, Heft 7 (Oktober 1998), 63-73.

C. Wright Mills (1916-1962), in: Dirk Kaesler (ed.): Klassiker der Soziologie, München: C.H. Beck 1999.

Forthcoming:

"The Individual is a Minority" - The Thin Line Between Universalism and Particularism, in: Soundings, Spring Issue 1999.

The Economy of Morals - An Attempt to Understand Some Central Concepts in the Work of Albert O. Hirschman (Paper to be presented at the BSA Conference "For Sociology" in Glasgow, April 1999). This paper will appear in a slightly revised version in: Review of International Political Economy.

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Recent Publications:

"The Exotic Effect: Foucault and the Question of Cultural Alterity." European Journal of Social Theory 2 (1999).

"The Adventures of the Structure." Thesis Eleven 55 (1998).

"La rencontre de l'altérité: vers une hybridité politique." In Pluralisme et délibération: Enjeux de la philosophie politique contemporaine. Edited by K. Mellos and P. Savidan. Ottawa: Presses de l'Université d'Ottawa/University of Ottawa Press, 1999.

Imagined Places: The Politics of Making Space. Melbourne: School of Sociology, Politics and Anthropology, La Trobe University, 1998 (co-edited with C. Houston and A. Watson).

"The Death of Myth and the Rechantment of the City: Surrealism and Modernity in Interwar Paris." In Imagined Places: The Politics of Making Space. Edited by C. Houston, F. Kurasawa and A. Watson. Melbourne: School of Sociology, Politics and Anthropology, La Trobe University, 1998.

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„Ideologia i prawda”, (Ideology and Truth) in R. Cichocki (ed.), Teorie społeczne a możliwości praktyczne. (Social Theories and Practical Possibilities) Poznan: "Media G-T", 1997, pp. 125-149.

Stanislaw Kozyr-Kowalski, Andrzej Przystalski, Jan Włodarek (eds.), Krytyka rozumu socjologicznego. Praca zbiorowa z okazji 100-lecia urodzin Tadeusza Szczurkiewicza, (Critique of Sociological Reason: A Collection of Treatises on the Occasion of the Centennial Anniversary of the Birth of Tadeusz Szczurkiewicz), Poznan: Zysk i S-ka, 1997, 652 pp.

"Oblicza rozumu socjologicznego", (Various Faces of the Sociological Reason) in S. Kozyr-Kowalski, A. Przystalski, J. Włodarek (eds.), Krytyka rozumu socjologicznego. Praca zbiorowa z okazji 100-lecia urodzin Tadeusza Szczurkiewicza, (Critique of Sociological Reason: A Collection of Treatises on the Occasion of the Centennial Anniversary of the Birth of Tadeusz Szczurkiewicz), Poznan: Zysk i S-ka, 1997, pp. 13-56,

„Zasady socjologicznej analizy własności”, (Rules of the Sociological Analysis of Ownership) in S. Kozyr-Kowalski, A. Przystalski, J. Włodarek, Krytyka rozumu socjologicznego. Praca zbiorowa z okazji 100-lecia urodzin Tadeusza Szczurkiewicza, Poznan: Zysk i S-ka Wydawnictwo, 1997, pp. 382-407.

„Klasyki socjologii i nowe czasy”, (Classics of Sociology and the New Times) in K. Doktor, W. Kwasniewicz, A. Kwilecki (eds.), Sociologia: Teoria i działanie. Księga pamiątkowa ku czci Władysława Markiewicza, (Sociology: Theory and Action. The Book Devoted to Władysław Markiewicz), Warszawa: IFiS PAN, 1997, pp. 83-101.

„Ortodoksja po starogrecku i mit po Sorelowsku”, (Orthodoxy in Ancient Greek and Myth in Sorel's Language) Samorządność Robotnicza, (The Workers' Self-Government) No. 17, 1997, pp. 17-19.

„Ideology and Truth”, Dialogue and Universalism, Vol. VII, No. 5-6, 1997, pp. 141-165.

"Urzednicy panstwa jako stan społeczny", (State's Officialdom as a Modern Social Estate) in R. Kozłowski (ed.), Hegel a współczesność, (Hegel and the Contemporary World), Poznan: Wydawnictwo Poznanskiego Towarzystwa Przyjaciół Nauk, 1997, pp. 100-131.

„Hegel nauki a Hegel ideologii”, (Hegel of Social Science versus Hegel of Ideology), Przegląd Religioznawczy, (The Review of Religion Study), 1997, No. 3 (185), pp. 35-61.

„Microclass and Macroclass of Society”, Dialogue and Universalism, Vol. VIII, No. 7-8 / 1998, pp. 195-217.

#### Juliana Lutz

I studied Sociology at the University of Vienna, leading to a 'Magister'. My Diploma thesis is titled 'Der Naturbegriff und das Gesellschaft-Natur-Verhältnis in der frühen Soziologie' ('The concept of nature and the relationship between society and nature within early sociology'). This is still one of my main interests.

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Work in progress:

A case study on a "Chicagoan's" (E.C.Hughes) changing relation to Germany and Austria 1930-1964, plumbing the notion(s) of "Americanization", not least under the aspect of sociology of knowledge.

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# Recent Publications by Members

## Gonzalo Catano

Historia, Sociologia y Política: Ensayos de Historia y Sociología de las ideas [History, sociology and politics: essays in sociology and history of ideas], Bogota: Plaza & Janes 1999, 282 pp.

## Jacques Coenen-Huther

"The paths of recognition: Boudon, Bourdieu and the 'second market' of intellectuals," International Journal of Contemporary Sociology 35, 1998, no.2., 208-216.

"Relation interpersonnelle, interaction et transaction. En marge de l'œuvre de Raymond Boudon," Revue européenne des sciences sociales, tome XXXVI, 1998, N° 112, pp. 247-262.

"Formes et ambiguïtés de la compréhension en situation d'observation," Cahiers internationaux de Sociologie, Vol. CIV, 1998, pp. 77-96.

## Willy Guneriusen

Published in norwegian. The first is on foundational issues in social science - and uses the classical tradition to develop different concepts of actors, structures etc.

Aktør, Handling og struktur. Grunnlagsproblemer i Samfunnsvitenskapene [Actor, action and structure. Foundational problems in social science], Oslo: Tano Aschehoug Forlag, 2. utgave, 1999, 390 pp. (2nd extended edition in January 1999. The 1th edition also translated into Swedish.)

The second book is on different conceptions of modernity within classical and contemporary social theory. It tries particularly to uncover the (often unnoticed) romantic conceptions of modernity within the different traditions.

Å forstå det moderne. Framskrittstro, rasjonalitet, ambivalense og irrasjonalitet i diskursen om det moderne [Understanding modernity. Progress, Rationality, Ambiguity and Irrationality in the Discourse of Modernity], Oslo: Tano Aschehoug Forlag 1999, 300 pp.

## Pat Duffly Hutcheon

"Response to Michael Ruse' Review of 'Leaving the Cave'", Studies in Philosophy and Education 17 (Winter 1998), 159-62.

Building Character and Culture, Westport, CT: Praeger Publications, 1999, 304 pp. \$69.95. Paperback, 304 pages, \$24.95.

## Stephen Kalberg

"Tocqueville and Weber on the Sociological Origins of Citizenship: The Political Culture of American Democracy." Citizenship Studies 1 (July, 1997): 199-222.

Slightly abridged version reprinted in: Max Weber: Democracy and Nationalism, ed. by Ralph Schroeder (London: Macmillan, 1998).

"Geschichte und Gegenwart im Werk Max Webers" (Past and Present in Max Weber's Works). Pp. 76-115 in Frank Welz and Uwe Weisenbacher, eds., Soziologische Theorie und Geschichte: Die Bedeutung der Geschichte für die soziologische Theorie. Düsseldorf: Westdeutscher Verlag, 1998.

"Max Weber's Sociology: Research Strategies and Modes of Analysis." Pp. 208-41 in Charles Camic, ed., Reclaiming the Argument of the Founders. Cambridge, MA: Blackwell, 1997.

"Max Weber's Reflections on the American Political Culture Today: an 'Iron Cage?'" Partisan Review Lxiv, 2 (April, 1997): 196-205. Published in German in Sociologia Internationalis 36, 1 (March, 1998): 1-14 (slightly revised).

## Lynn McDonald

Women Theorists on Society and Politics, Wilfrid Laurier University Press 1998, Paper 336 pp.

## Jennifer Mergu

Nations et nationalismes dans le débat sociologique français 1870-1940 (doctorat de sciences politiques, Université de Paris IX)

"La Politique de Demain selon Emile Durkheim", Etudes durkheimiennes/Durkheim Studies, vol. 5, n.s., 1999

"Notes Critiques - Sciences Sociales" (1900-1906). Bibliographie critique des sciences sociales nées-santes (recueil de textes).

## Janusz Mucha

(Ed.) Dominant Culture as a Foreign Culture Dominant Groups in the Eyes of Minorities, New York: East European Monographs and Columbia University Press 1999, ISBN 0-88033-410-X.

## Anele Vosyliute

(Ed.) Išs Lietuvos sociologijos istorijos [From the history of sociology in Lithuania] II knyga, Vilnius 1999, 250pp.

## Frank Welz

(Ed. with U. Weisenbacher) Soziologische Theorie und Geschichte, Opladen/Wiesbaden: Westdeutscher Verlag, 1998.

# News and Notes

## Wozu taugt ein Klassiker-Kanon in der gegenwärtigen Soziologie? Wissenschaftliche Konferenz anlässlich des Erscheinens der "Klassiker der Soziologie"

Samstag, 17. Juli 1999, 14 – 19 Uhr, Senatssaal der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Unter den Linden 6  
Programm:

Prof. Dr. Hartmut Häußermann (Berlin) Begrüßung  
Prof. Dr. Dirk Kaesler (Marburg, Berlin) Was sind und zu welchem Ende studiert man die Klassiker der Soziologie?

Prof. Dr. Hans-Leo Krämer (Saarbrücken) Die unentschiedene Kanonisierung der Klassiker in Frankreich – zwischen Human- und Sozialwissenschaften.

Prof. Dr. Klaus Allerbeck (Frankfurt) Klassiker der Methodologie?

Prof. Dr. Erhard Stöling (Potsdam) Gipfel, Schluchten, Hochebenen – Die wissenschaftliche Landschaft.

Dr. Andreas Hess (Bangor) Sociology vs. Cultural Studies = Universalism vs. Particularism: The state of sociology from a C. Wright Mills perspective.

Dr. Cornelius Bickel (Kiel) Was lernen wir von Tönnies?

Prof. Dr. Rolf Lindner (Berlin) Robert Park als literarischer Held.

## Florian Znaniecki's Sociological Theory and the Challenges of the 21st Century

Report on an International Conference, Dabrowica n. Lublin, Poland, 22-24 September 1998

This symposium has been organized by Elzbieta Halas, director of the Chair of Sociology at Catholic University of Lublin, to honor the 115th anniversary of the birth, the 40th anniversary of the passing of Florian Znaniecki as well as the 80th anniversary of the publication of "Methodological Note" to the landmark in sociology *The Polish Peasant in Europe and America*. The aim of the conference was to contribute to the integration of the heritage of the 20th century through the enlivening of the interpretation of Znaniecki's works by reference to vital contemporary problems around six leading themes encompassing problem areas studied by Znaniecki and carrying theoretical as well as practical challenges of the turn of the 20th century:

*Pluralistic Cultural Reality Universalism and Localism*

Richard Grathoff (University of Bielefeld), From Cultural Reality to the Cultural Sciences (Chicago-Poznan-Champaign): The Trajectory of a Sociologist at Work

Pierpaolo Donati (University of Bologna), The Challenge of Universalism in a Multicultural Postmodern Society: A Relational Approach

Gary Alan Fine (Northwestern University, Evanston), Framing Norms: The Culture of Expectation and Explanations

*Knowledge in Society: Rationality and Irrationality*

Zygmunt Bauman (University of Leeds), On Understanding Sociology and Understanding through Sociology - or on Florian Znaniecki, the Forerunner of the Hermeneutic Shift

Janusz Gockowski (Jagiellonian University, Krakow), Epistemic and Technical Function of Sociology

*Social Person: Socialization and Individualization*

Horst J. Helle (Ludwig-Maximilian's University, Munich), Similarities in the Work of Simmel and Znaniecki

Leszek Korporowicz (University of Warsaw), Interactive Personality as a Challenge in the World of Interacting Cultures

*State, Nation, Church and World Society: Integration and Globalization*

Helena Znaniecka-Lopata (Loyola University, Chicago), The Cosmopolitan Community of Scholars and Znaniecki's Fifth Type of Society: World

Joanna Kurczewska (Institut of Philosophy and Sociology Polish Academy of Science, Warsaw), Florian Znaniecki Ideas and Contemporary Nations of Central and Eastern Europe

Jan Turowski (Catholic University of Lublin), Florian Znaniecki's Concept of the Nation and the Problem of Overcoming National Antagonisms

*Social Actions: Conflict and Cooperation*

Elzbieta Halas (Catholic University of Lublin), Affective Society: Sentiments and Symbolic Interactions

Marek Ziolkowski (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland), Interests and Values as elements of Social Consciousness

*The Legacy of Methodological Note: Explanation and Interpretation of Social Change*

Luigi Tomasi (University of Trento), The Collaboration between William I. Thomas and Florian Znaniecki: The Actuality of Methodological Note

Zygmunt Dulczewski (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan), The Actuality of Methodological Note

Gabriel Cappai (University of Bayreuth), Migrant Organizations: Their Order and Evolution

Jerzy Smolicz and Margaret Secombe (University of Adelaide), Znaniecki's Memoir Methodology and Changing Attitudes to Cultural Pluralism Among Anglo-Australian University Students

Stanislaw Wargacki (Catholic University of Lublin), Socio-Cultural Change in Papua-New Guinea Context

Adam Szafranski (Catholic University of Lublin), Cultural Symbols of Social Order

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