

***** CALL FOR PAPERS AND APPLICATIONS *****

ECSR and TransEurope Joint Summer School
**„GLOBALIZATION, SOCIAL INEQUALITY AND THE LIFE COURSE:
COMPARATIVE METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES”,
University of Groningen, August 27-31, 2007**

The European Consortium for Social Research (ECSR) and the European Science Foundation (ESF) TransEurope Research Network will be joining forces in 2007 to host a 5-day summer school (Aug. 27-31, 2007), followed by a two-day scientific conference (Sept. 01-02, 2007) to be held in Groningen, the Netherlands. The aim of the summer school, entitled *Globalization, Social Inequality and the Life Course: Comparative Methodological Approaches*, is to introduce junior researchers working in the area of social inequality and the life course and its relation to macro-level changes such as globalization, Europeanization and transnationalization to the comparative methodological approaches.

The Summer School combines two elements of teaching and learning opportunities: (1) a set of lectures and seminars by eminent sociological practitioners, and (2) a set of workshops devoted to more in-depth analysis of specific issues, where participants' own work can be discussed alongside that of the established sociologists.

The school will include both a theoretical introduction to the study of globalization, social inequality and the life course as well as applied methodological training using macro-level measures and micro-level life course data.

At the end of the Research School, students will attend and actively take part in the subsequent joint ECSR and TransEurope conference on "Globalization Social Inequality and the Life Course".

SPEAKERS

The training will be provided by senior researchers with a high international standing in the area of globalization, social inequality, life course and quantitative statistical analysis. A preliminary list of lecturers during the summer school includes:

Gøsta Esping-Andersen (Sociology, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain)

Gary Gereffi (Department of Sociology, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina USA)

Axel Dreher (KOF & Department of Management, Technology, and Economics, Zürich, Switzerland)

Hans-Peter Blossfeld (University of Bamberg, Germany)

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For participants who do not receive financial assistance, the cost for the Summer School will be 650 EUR, which includes fees, accommodation (in one-person rooms), lunches and dinners. Fees are reduced for those wishing to stay in a 2-person bedroom with another participant. There are a limited number of grants available, which will be given on a competitive basis.

IMPORTANT DATES

Application	01 May 2007
Notification of acceptance	15 May 2007
Registration deadline	15 June 2007
Payment of Summer School Fee	01 July 2007
Paper submission deadline	01 August 2007

Applications can be submitted using the electronic application form on the summer school webpage.

For further information about the Summer School please visit the SUMMER SCHOOL WEBPAGE: <http://www.transeurope-project.org/page.php?id=324> or contact us at: transeurope@rug.nl or the Summer School Organizer directly, Melinda Mills at m.c.mills@rug.nl.

For further information about the successive scientific conference please visit the CONFERENCE WEBPAGE at: <http://www.transeurope-project.org/page.php?id=323>

ORGANIZERS

ECSR, <http://kunweb.uci.kun.nl/ecsr>

Organized annually by the ECSR network member institutions, the Summer School contributes to the creation of a network of excellence of research centers in Europe and helps researchers to get acquainted with each other and with the research facilities in various European countries.

TransEurope Research Network www.transeurope-project.org

The ESF TransEurope Research Network is an interdisciplinary research network comprising scientific experts from 7 European countries in Political Science, Demography, Economics, and Sociology. Its main scientific focus is to conceptualize, operationalize, test, and compare the impact of transnational shifts on life course inequality across Europe. At the same time, the Programme seeks to bring together national experts and junior researchers within Europe and create the opportunity for them to collaborate on innovative and path-breaking comparative research.