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IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE LAUNCH OF THE NEW PROJECTS WITHIN THE

HESP REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

The **HESP Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching** (ReSET) aims to develop and nurture teaching excellence at the undergraduate university level. The program establishes a framework for the long-term collaborative development of scholarly teaching in areas important to the region's undergraduate humanities and social sciences curricula.

While ReSET projects address diverse subjects, fields and disciplines, they share the same approach based on:

- developing reflexive scholarly and innovative undergraduate teaching;
- critical rethinking of the subject, drawing on the best and most current international scholarship;
- a collaborative structure fostering peer exchange and learning among the regional and international faculty.

Rooted in the concept of continuous development and self-renewal of university academics, ReSET creates opportunities for qualified and dedicated regional and international faculty to make a substantial contribution to the revision and advancement of teaching and learning in their subjects and fosters their leadership in the process of educational change in the region.

The projects listed below will commence during the Summer of 2007 and are now open to applications and statements of interest from the junior faculty teaching at the undergraduate university programs in the humanities and social sciences in the countries of Eastern, Southeastern Europe, the NIS and Mongolia.

HESP's funding to the projects, as a rule, provides coverage of all major costs of participation for the candidates from the target region. Non-regional faculty are encouraged to participate in the activities of the Seminar on a self- or co-funding basis. Please note that HESP neither recruits nor selects the participants of the individual projects; each project operates independently and the recruiting, funding and organizational procedures vary between projects. All inquiries and applications should be directed to the organizers of the projects according to the contact information for each project provided below.

RESET SEMINAR PROJECTS

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- **Alternative Culture Beyond Borders: Past and Present of the Arts and Media in the Context of Globalization**
- **Multiculturalism, Religion and Foundations of Morality in Contemporary Political Philosophy**
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- **New Political Economics**

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- **Methodology of History**
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RESET SEMINAR PROJECTS

ReSET SEMINAR PROJECTS target young university faculty in developing excellence in teaching through active engagement and critical rethinking of foundation and current scholarship in a subject area central to the undergraduate curriculum. The Projects involve up to 30 junior faculty participants from the region collaborating with an international team of resource faculty on revising and advancing their teaching from the point of view of currency within the international scholarly debate. At the initial stage, as necessary, the ReSET Seminar Projects work to establish and critique the theoretical and methodological grounding of the subject through the review of key concepts, texts and approaches while at the same time enhance the participants' capacities for critical synthesis and inquiry within the subject in the undergraduate classroom. ReSET Seminar Projects convene for periods of three years.

TEACHING CLASSICS: FUNDAMENTAL VALUES IN THE CHANGING WORLD

Disciplines and Academic Areas Humanities - philosophy, linguistics, history, law and the studies of multiculturalism

Project Period June 2007 – June 2010

Host Institution(s) Novosibirsk State University, Russia

Working Language(s) English, Russian

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Project Description

The collaborative international project will be carried out by an international team of scholars and educators and involve junior faculty and advanced graduate students from Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and other NIS (participants from East-European countries and Mongolia are also welcome). We plan to accomplish a number of tasks, closely related to each other, and conduct three general seminars to take place in Novosibirsk State University (Russia), – the university, located in a big scientific centre and well known for its fresh interdisciplinary approaches to education and research. The project of this scope will certainly become an important educational and academic event in the region. New materials will be made accessible to the junior university teachers and students in various fields of humanities, new curricula, readers and scholarly publications will be prepared and new international society established which lay the foundation for the future productive cooperation of the Western scholars and the regional faculty and advanced graduate students. The participation in these activities will become an important step towards the professional carrier for young scholars and university educators, involved in the project. The main justification for this work would be achievement of the real collaboration within the team. This would allow to look at our problem from various prospective, to apply the approaches, originated from different traditions, in order to reach mutual understanding and cooperation. We expect that the dialogue will be fruitful, which enrich our knowledge of the Classical Tradition (including such important issues, as classical values, multiculturalism, critical thinking, etc.) as well as teaching skills.

Participants Eligibility

Disciplines	Humanities, esp. philosophy, philology, law and the studies of multiculturalism
Region/countries	East-European and Eurasian Region, particularly, NIS
Academic standing/level/prerequisites	We invite to participate educators at university level on early stages of their career from the target region; actively involved in classical studies; preferably holding a <i>kandidatskaya</i> degree or equivalent
Other criteria	Each participant must have a good command of English. Additional requirements: at least basic knowledge of classical languages (Greek, Latin, Arabic, Hebrew, Church Slavonic, etc.), literature, the methodology of classical studies and work with contemporary scholarly publications at the advanced level.
Deadline for applications	May 15, 2007
Application procedure	Completed application form (will be send out to interested persons upon request); application essay; a sample syllabus; a CV with a list of publications; a scholarly paper (preferably in English)

Contact information for applicants and general inquiries

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Other important information

It is essential that participants be committed to work as a group for an extended period of time and have a clear understanding of his/her responsibilities and mission as an educator and be able to formulate his/her educational strategies and philosophy.

BUILDING ANTHROPOLOGY IN EURASIA

Disciplines and Academic Areas	Social/Cultural Anthropology
Project Period	June 2007 to May 2010
Host Institutions	Aigine Cultural Research Center; Secondary co-hosts: Program on Central Asia and the Caucasus, Harvard University, and the Dept. of Cultural Anthropology and Archaeology, American University-Central Asia
Working Language	English
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Core Resource Faculty	
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Project Description	In Eurasia, anthropology is new and exciting. The region, until 15 years ago, had been almost entirely insulated from the inspirations and approaches of a field that had undergone dynamic conceptual growth for over a century, and which had also had tremendous impact on other fields of study in the West. This project will help to foster a new generation of anthropological and anthropologically-informed scholarship by scholars of the region, and will work toward the introduction of anthropology curricula in higher education. Participants will explore the ways that anthropological field methods, theory, discursive strategies and teaching methods can be put to good use in their research and teaching.
Participants Eligibility	
Disciplines	Anthropology, related social science and humanities fields (incl. cultural studies, history, political science, sociology)
Region/countries	Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Mongolia, Afghanistan, Southern Russia, and Western China
Academic standing/level/prerequisites	Participants will be scholars a) with advanced degrees in their fields, or b) having completed undergraduate education in their field and currently enrolled in an advanced degree program (doctorate, candidate)
Other criteria	Ability to use spoken and written English effectively for scholarly purposes
Deadline for applications	April 20, 2007

Application procedure Application form; essay on “What I Can Bring to the Seminar and How I Expect to Benefit from It” (required); writing sample (required); syllabus of an actual or proposed course taught by the applicant (optional); a letter of support from applicant’s department (required); description of English ability citing examples of contexts where both written and spoken English have been used for scholarly purposes (required); one or two letters of recommendation (optional).

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NATIONAL HISTORIOGRAPHIES IN POST-SOVIET CENTRAL ASIA

Discipline History

Project Period From June 2007 to June 2010

Host Institution Educational Center Bilim-Central Asia

Working Languages Russian (auxiliary English)

Project Directors

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Project Description
 (approx. 100 words)

The project aims at examining the development of national Histories in Post-Soviet Central Asian states putting the History writing process in the context of theories and concepts existing in social sciences. Trends in National historiographies will be addressed from perspective of global integration processes and approaches reflecting new visions on a global history of human society. Targeting primarily young university teachers from Central Asia the program will provide them with an opportunity to incorporate research into teaching curricula and develop innovative courses in National historiographies of Central Asia and improve their teaching excellence in the discipline.

Participants Eligibility

Disciplines	History, Anthology
Region/countries	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan
Academic standing/level/prerequisites	Ph.D. students, Ph. D., history teachers and researchers
Other criteria	Be engaged in teaching history and/or research on Central Asian History

Deadline for applications May 15, 2007
Application procedure Essay, CV and one letter of recommendation

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**ALTERNATIVE CULTURE BEYOND BORDERS:
PAST AND PRESENT OF THE ARTS AND MEDIA
IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBALIZATION**

Disciplines and Academic Areas Anthropology, Archives and Museum Studies, Comparative Literature, Cultural Studies, Gender Studies, History, History of Art, Media Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology

Project Period June 2007 – June 2010

Host Institutions St. Petersburg State University

Working Language English

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Project Description The concept of *alternative culture* has played a significant role in the way scholars and researchers have understood the character of social, cultural and even political life throughout modernity. Through a comparative study of alternative cultures across the world, but especially across the East-West divide, this project explores the continued relevance and significance of the concept of alternative culture in the era of globalization—a moment during which the frameworks within which culture is studied have been placed into question and new theories of culture are being developed. The goal of the project is to develop an exciting new area of interdisciplinary study that will reframe our approach to the study of culture in both contemporary and historical perspective.

Participants Eligibility

Disciplines Anthropology, Archives and Museum Studies, Comparative Literature, Cultural Studies, Gender Studies, History, History of Art, Media Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology
Region/countries Central and South-Eastern Europe, the Baltic States, NIS, Mongolia, and Turkey
Academic standing/level/prerequisites The program is designed for junior faculty from the higher education institutions who intend to pursue comparative, interdisciplinary research on alternative culture(s), globalization, identities and the arts and media, with a geographical emphasis on the post-communist transitions
Other criteria Participants should: 1) to be ready to take part in the three-year program; 2) be committed to the development of new teaching practices and research into new theoretical frameworks; and 3) deliver or plan to deliver courses pertaining to the themes of the program
Deadline for applications May 15, 2007
Application procedure On-line application, essay, interview

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MULTICULTURALISM, RELIGION AND FOUNDATIONS OF MORALITY IN CONTEMPORARY POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY

Disciplines and Academic Areas Philosophy, Political Sciences
Project Period From 06/2007 to 05/2010
Host Institutions Gorky Ural State University, Ekaterinburg, Russia
Working Languages English (main), Russian (auxiliary)

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Project Description

The main focus of the project is the challenges to the theories of democracy and the classical conception of liberal rights posed by the processes of globalization and the formation of highly multicultural and pluralistic societies both in the West and in the target region. The project approaches its topic through discussion of both the methodology and the substance of mostly contemporary debates in political philosophy and theory. As such, the project aims to equip the participants with the conceptual tools and knowledge necessary to follow and participate in the debate about the topic of multiculturalism at an international academic level.

Participants Eligibility

Disciplines	Philosophy, political science, history, international relations
Region/countries	Eastern and Central European Countries, Central Asia
Academic standing/level/prerequisites	Applicants should hold a BA in the field and be actively engaged in teaching at the universities of the region.
Other criteria	Good English language skills
Deadline for applications	June 15, 2007
Application procedure	Essay, CV, letter of interest, phone interview.

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CONTEMPORARY LEGAL THEORY

Disciplines and Academic Areas	Legal Theory/Philosophy of Law
Project Period	From August 2007 to August 2009
Host Institutions	Dept. of Humanities, Novosibirsk State Academy of Architecture and Arts, Eurasian Political Science Network
Working Languages	English, Russian

Project Directors

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Project Description

The project addresses the need to develop and reform teaching law courses in post-Communist countries and will concentrate on recent developments in contemporary legal theory, focusing on its most fundamental and pertinent issues. It will strive to enrich and broaden understanding of legal theory in the region by familiarizing younger faculty with its greatest achievements of the last decades. The project aims at developing teaching and analytical skills of those involved in teaching legal subjects. It will help them to master research methodology, train them in course design, interactive teaching methods and integration of research and teaching.

Participants Eligibility

Disciplines	Philosophy of law, Philosophy, Legal theory, Jurisprudence
Region/countries	Commonwealth of Independent States
Academic standing/level/prerequisites	Young university teachers of legal subjects, or post-graduate students intending to teach in the nearest future
Other criteria	Motivation to introduce new methods of teaching and research, working knowledge of English (preferable) and Russian
Deadline for applications	June 30, 2007

Application procedure Application Form, statement of purpose, CV, essay on the topic, course syllabus and sample publications. Phone interview may be conducted.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS IN TEACHING SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

Disciplines and Academic Areas Environmental Ethics

Project Period From 06/2007 to 05/2009

Host Institution Department of Philosophy for Faculties of Social Sciences and Humanities, Mordovian Ogarev State University

Working Languages Russian, English

Project Directors

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Project Description

The project is to promote intellectual and methodological support to development of Environmental Ethics in Higher education in forms of separate courses or thematic modules in other social science and humanities disciplines. It intends to increase competence in Environmental Ethics of the teachers of social sciences and humanities; to develop methodology of ethical-environmental analysis; to introduce and promote new educational technologies in teaching Environmental Ethics.

Participants Eligibility

Disciplines	Philosophy, Ethics, Sociology, Law, Economics and other social and humanitarian disciplines
Region/countries	Russia, CIS, and Baltic states
Academic standing/level/prerequisites	Young faculty in higher education institution
Other criteria	- experience in teaching social sciences and humanities in higher school; - English at the level of reading, strong command in Russian; - commitment to goals of the project demonstrated in application essay; - likelihood of reaching large number of students.
Deadline for applications	April 20, 2007.
Application procedure	CV, short essay

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REDISCOVERING SOCIAL INEQUALITY AND EXCLUSION AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF THE STATE SOCIALISM: REGIONAL CONTEXT

Disciplines and Academic Areas Anthropology, Sociology, History, Law, Demography, Political Science, Public policy, Economics, Law, History, Psychology, Philosophy.

Project Period From June 2007 to June 2010

Host Institution St. Petersburg State University

Working Languages English and Russian

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Project Description

The major purpose of the proposed program is to help scholars from NIS countries to rethink inequality issues in the context of understanding of the historical, political and economic processes that generate inequalities and exclusion in different post-Soviet countries. This understanding can help us to approach the main present - day dilemma of transition. How should the NIS societies provide feeling of security for their people and how they should transform social institutions so that people feel in control of their own lives?

Participants Eligibility

Disciplines	Anthropology, Sociology, History, Law, Demography, Political Science, Social Geography, Public policy, Economics, Law, History, Psychology, Philosophy.
Region/countries	NIS
Academic standing/level/prerequisites	University faculty teaching in the project fields
Other criteria	fluent (academic) English and Russian language skills
Deadline for applications	June 1, 2007
Application procedure	CV, essay, application form, preliminary curricular plan

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NEW POLITICAL ECONOMICS

Academic Areas	Institutional Economics
Project Period	From July 2007 to July 2010
Host Institutions	New Economic School, Moscow, and Economics Education and Research Consortium, Kiev (Ukraine) representative office
Working Languages	English and Russian

Project Directors

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Project Description

The project's goal is to enhance the knowledge among CIS economics faculty of the recent political economy literature, which looks into the role of institutions in shaping economic decision-making, blocking or promoting efficient allocation of resources, and supporting "bad" or "good" market outcomes. A careful analysis of these institutional developments, mostly driven by political considerations, can explain many failures in transition and developing economies, while still adhering to the fundamental principles of economic science.

Participants Eligibility

Disciplines Public Economics, Microeconomics, Institutional Economics and Game Theory
Region/countries The former USSR, mainly Russia and Ukraine
Academic standing/level/prerequisites Calculus, Linear Algebra and basic Microeconomics
Other criteria Priority will be given to young faculty
Deadline for applications April 20, 2007
Application procedure An application form with an emphasis on teaching experience, a CV, a letter of reference (recommendation), a research sample and a statement of purpose.

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RESET CHALLENGES SEMINARS

ReSET Challenges Seminars build upon the extensive experience of innovative scholarly teaching of the participating academics and focus on development of teaching in particularly new or challenging subjects and areas in need of significant revision in the discipline. The projects facilitate flexibly structured intensive interaction within the international groups of approximately 15 regional faculty participants and a resource faculty team working as academic peers on integrating their research and teaching to bring new courses and approaches to the classroom. The projects, often building on previous joint work in ReSET and/or other similar educational programs, convene for two consecutive years. Special attention is given to the discussion and dissemination of the experience and outcomes of the project throughout the wider regional academic community.

METHODOLOGY OF HISTORY

Discipline	History
Project Period	From (month/year) to (months/year) 06.2007-06.2009
Host Institution	National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy"
Working Languages	English, Russian
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Project Description	The project aims at reassessment of content and methods of teaching history in post-communist countries of Eastern Europe, based on innovative historical research, experience of ReSET projects and of teaching history at CEU. The participants will develop model courses and position papers on key problems of teaching history in post-communist countries. The project will contribute to the efforts of building a network of methodologically conscious and innovatively oriented University faculty in the region and to strengthening ties of local academics with CEU.
Participants Eligibility	
Disciplines	History, Sociology, Antropology
Region/countries	Any, primarily Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova
Academic standing/level/prerequisites	PhD or equivalent, considerable teaching experience, serious publication record

Other criteria	Fluent English
Deadline for applications	May 30, 2007
Application procedure	Submit CV, List of publications and one publication of your choice, possible interview

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VISUAL STUDIES OF IMMEDIA: EXPLORING POSTMODERN IMMEDIACY OF MASS MEDIA

Disciplines and Academic Areas Cultural and Visual Studies, Media Studies, Sociology

Project Period From September 2007 till September 2009

Host Institution European Humanities University, Vilnius, Lithuania

Working Languages English, Russian

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Project Description The project is focused on the development of conceptual and methodological ground for the analysis of contemporary media culture (as a dominant cultural form in postmodern age) and the promotion of the presence of academic thought in public sphere. The project's aims are to encourage the introduction of innovative (in form and content) courses related to the studies of mass media into the University curricula with the application of digital technologies; to develop creative skills for the production of multimedia products for didactic and other purposes among University faculty and to provide incentives for the interdisciplinary and international cooperation amongst academics in the region.

Participants Eligibility

Disciplines	Cultural Studies, Media Studies, Sociology, History, Philosophy
Region/countries	Belarus, Lithuania, Russia, Poland, Czech Republic, Ukraine
Academic standing/level/prerequisites	Junior university academics, teaching in subjects related to Media and Visual Culture; proficiency in English and Russian is required
Other criteria	Ph.D. is an advantage. The preference will be given to those who have experience of collaboration with mass media or creative work in different cultural and media projects
Deadline for applications	June 1, 2007
Application procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application form (to be filled in English) • Curriculum Vitae, including list of publications (in English) • Statement of Purpose (a brief description of the applicants' current professional interests and goals, how the theme of the project corresponds to their academic background and current professional activities, how they see the participation in the ReSET Seminar project would enhance their academic and professional development, how they can effectively contribute to the program (optional – English or Russian)) • Writing sample on the theme of the project or a Syllabus of an academic course developed or taught by the applicant in the subject of the project (optional – English or Russian)

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**CULTURES OF MEMORY AND EMANCIPATORY POLITICS:
RE-VISIONING THE PAST AND COMMUNALITY
IN THE POST-YUGOSLAV SPACES**

Disciplines and Academic Areas	Cultural, political and gender studies, anthropology, literature, sociology
Project Period	1 August 2007 – 1 August 2009 (24 months)
Host Institution	<i>"The City"</i> , Centre for Research, Art and Civic Engagement, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Working Languages	English and South-Slavic languages: Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian

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Project Description

The project has a rhizome-like structure both in terms of its lines of research and the organization of participants. Brining together researchers working at the cross-roads of cultural and literary theory, political theory, sociology and anthropology, the first core session addresses common concerns and later divides into distinct interdisciplinary, yet connected, research pathways. These will undertake research towards themes like: the revision of cultural memory in the former Yugoslav region, the recasting of past and communality in post-Yugoslav space and potentials for emancipatory politics, and so forth. Both core sessions (total of two) as well as specific pathways (and their specific sessions and other activities) will ensure a concrete, flexible, and deliverable manner of devising, developing, and testing teaching and research methodologies that can be applied in junior faculty's research projects and teaching. The rhizome-like organization of the participants ensures their greater mobility and mutual exchange, encourages their independence and creativity, and sets in motion potential team-work both in teaching and researching after the completion of the project.

Participants Eligibility

Disciplines Cultural studies, political theory, gender studies, anthropology, literature, sociology (as well as other disciplines in humanities and in social sciences)
Region/countries Post-Yugoslav countries
Academic standing/level/prerequisites MA and PhD students involved in teaching and research of target disciplines in the regional faculties and research centres.
Other criteria A good knowledge of English language, working knowledge of the basic concepts used in the discipline/s
Deadline for applications June 1, 2007
Application procedure Application form, CV, reference, assessment of published research work in the field, possibility of an interview

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Other important information

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Biljana Kasic PhD, University of Zadar, Professor in the Department of Sociology, Co-ordinator of Women Studies in Zagreb

Renata Jambresic Kirin, Research Associate at the Institute of Ethnology and Folklore Research in Zagreb, Lecturer at the Centre for Women's Studies, Zagreb

Jelisaveta Blagojevic, Lecturer at Centre for Women's studies, Faculty of Political Science, Belgrade and at Faculty for Media and Communication Singidunum.

Dubravka Ugresic, writer and scholar, various post in Netherlands and Europe

Wendy Brown, Professor of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, US

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Terry Eagleton, Professor of Cultural Theory, University of Manchester, UK

Shoshana Felman, Woodruff Professor of Comparative Literature, Emory University, US

Sari Wastell, Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of London, Goldsmiths, UK

Kirsten Campbell, Lecturer (social and legal studies), Department of Sociology, University of London, Goldsmiths, UK

COMPARATIVE POLITICS AND POST-COMMUNISM: THEORETICAL AND METHODOLOGICAL PROBLEMS IN THE STUDY OF POST-SOVIET EURASIA

Academic Area: Political Science
Project period: June 2007 - May 2009
Host Institution: Eurasian Political Studies Network (EPSN) and Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences (MSSES), Russia
Working Languages: Russian (reading knowledge of English is required)
Program Co-Directors: *Richard Sakwa*, Professor, Head of the Department, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent, UK, Chair of the EPSN Advisory Board
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Vladimir Gelman, Professor, Faculty of Political Science and Sociology, European University at St.-Petersburg, Russia

Project Description:

This two-year project is designed as training and master class for political science university teachers. The seminar is devoted to the analysis of the recent developments in the field of post-transitology comparative studies. With the assistance of the resource faculty from leading Western and regional schools, the seminar will equip the participants with necessary background and skills and provide them with the opportunities for professional growth in the world of teaching and learning, rooted in the tradition of collaboration and peer review. The participants of the seminar will engage in the activities focused on developing curricula, teaching materials and innovative approaches to teaching in comparative politics. The seminar will evolve around discussions and master classes focusing on the new conceptual frameworks for comparative study of regime changes in Post-Soviet Eurasia, on the problems of political contestation and electoral governance in Post-Soviet context, on the analysis of the links between globalization and the development of democratic forms. The Seminar starts with contact Summer session in Moscow (13 July 2007 - 27 July 2007). Three other contact sessions are planned in 2008-2009. Various inter-session activities will follow, including conferences, work in small groups and personal consultations with the tutors.

Participants Eligibility:

Disciplines: Political Science
Region/countries: NIS
Other criteria: individuals holding junior teaching positions or postgraduate students engaged as part-time teachers and interested in pursuing academic career; fluent in Russian (reading knowledge of English is required)

Application requirements: CV with the list of basic publications and brief description the courses taught by the applicant; a prospective course outline (maximum 2 pages, including the core bibliography), statement of purpose; letter of support from the home department.

Deadline for applications: April 10, 2007

Contact information for applicants and other general inquiries:

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