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## From the Secretary

The program of the interim conference contains some thirty papers and looks promising. Any suggestions for additional papers or cancellations should arrive me very quickly. The earlier I receive notes the easier we could rearrange parts of the program. I will be sending out a final program immediately before the travelling to Torun has to start.

Again I'd like to remind all participants, session organizers and presenters of papers that due to the rules of RCHS every active participant should be a member in good standing. To simplify matters people who are only members of RCHS can pay their dues in cash at Torun. All members who are also individual ISA members are strongly invited to renew their ISA and RCHS membership before the end of March 2000. This date is crucial for two reasons: First for the number of sessions we will obtain at the next World Congress in Brisbane in July 2002 and secondly because we're planning to apply for a ISA Newsletter Grant for 2000 and the amount of money we'll receive depends on the number of ISA members in good standing. The chances are good to reach the highest category, which would allow producing further thick newsletters.

## Letter from the President, No. 4

### The heart of the RCHS shall beat in Torun in June 2000

by Dirk Kaesler

Those of you who belong to this Research Committee for a longer period of time know that our "Interim Conferences" always have been the "heart" of our scholarly activities. Of course, most of us enjoy – to a certain degree – the big circus of the World Congresses, but when it comes to the serious business of reporting our recent findings and results and when it comes to re-establish the internal identity of our RCHS, in particular, it always have been the "Interim Conferences" that provided us with the spirit of being among working colleagues. Sociologists who deal with the history of sociology are not alone: that has always been the main message of our Interim Conferences.

Those RCHS-members who are fairly new to the RCHS might not know that it is according to ISA-regulations that all RCs have to meet every two years: once as an integral part of the World Congresses and once in between. For our recent history this, of course, meant Montreal (1998) and Amsterdam.

All of us who participated in the Amsterdam Interim Conference May 16-18, 1996, still remember very vividly the congenial surroundings of SISWO and Amsterdam, and the perfect preparation and hospitality of our colleague Dick Pels and his helpers: next to those fourteen ses-

sions with their high-quality programme we still remember our "sociological boat trip" that ended at that wonderful Indonesian restaurant. And then came Montreal...

And now Torun is ahead! When our colleague Janusz Mucha from Nicholas Copernicus University in Torun in Poland during the Montreal Business Meeting offered that he and his colleagues would very much like to invite us to their university we all were very excited. Our conference there shall provide us not only with the wonderful opportunity to gain some impressions of the social situation of this central European country at the moment and of the situation of this renowned university but also of the state of Polish sociology. And not only of the state of our art at the moment - our Polish hosts promised that they would take the opportunity to present us with some contributions about the history of Polish sociology, a perfect and very appropriate offer for our RC.

I write this letter without knowing all the details of the programme the Secretary shall publish in this NL. But I am certain that this Interim Conference, as all of them in the past, shall also demonstrate the friendly and warm hospitalities of our colleagues who have offered to act as local organisers. We shall learn a lot – and have some fun also. Looking forward to seeing you in Torun!

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## Interim Conference, Torun, Poland, June 1-4, 2000: Preliminary Program

### Thursday, June 1, 2000

7.p.m. Informal gathering at a restaurant (to be announced)

### Friday, June 2, 2000

9 a.m. Opening ceremonies

9:30 – 12:00 SESSION 1 In Search of a 'Good Society': The Concept of Sociology as a 'Moral Science' in the History of Sociology

Session organizer and presenter: Maarten Mentzel (Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands, e-mail: mentzel@sepa.tudelft.nl)

**Piotr Sztompka** (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland):

Florian Znaniecki's vision of the future civilization and its relevance for the XXI century

**Dirk Kaesler** (Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany; e-mail: kaesler@mail.uni-marburg.de):

Solidarity and sociology? Is there still a place for sociology as a 'moral science'?

**Barbara A. Misztal** (Griffith University, Australia; e-mail: B.Misztal@mailbox.gu.edu.au):

Durkheim: The desirability of normal

**Maarten Mentzel** (Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands; e-mail: mentzel@sepa.tudelft.nl)

Visions of the good society: Approaches, periods, and national traditions

#### 14:00 – 16:00: General Sessions 1

**Stef Adriaenssens** (Brussels, Belgium; e-mail: stef.adriaenssens@kubrusse.ac.be):

The bones of dead white men: Is there a future for the history of sociology?

**David Kettler** (Bard College, USA; e-mail: kettler@bard.edu):

Political education: Max Weber's contested legacy

**Grazyna Kubica** (Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland, email:

kubica@grodzki.phils.uj.edu.pl):

On Bronislaw Malinowski

**Juliana Lutz** (University of Vienna, Austria, e-mail: Juliana.lutz@univie.ac.at):

The history of ecology in social thought

#### 14:00 – 17:30: SESSION 2 Archives on the History of Sociology

Session organizer and presenter: Jennifer Platt (University of Sussex, England, e-mail: J.Platt@sussex.ac.uk)

**Michael R. Hill** (University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA; e-mail: mdeegan@unl.edu (Attention Michael Hill):

Archival data and disciplinary knowledge in the history of sociology

**Uta Gerhardt** (University of Heidelberg; e-mail: Uta.Gerhardt@urz.uni-heidelberg.de):

An unknown classic: What the use of the Harvard University Archives Parsons papers has added to the understanding of Parsons' sociology

**Wlodzimierz Wincławski** (University of Torun, Poland; e-mail: winc@cc.uni.torun.pl):

The need for an archive of Polish sociology

**Jennifer Platt** (University of Sussex, England; e-mail: J.Platt@sussex.ac.uk):

National needs for the sociological archive – and the British situation

**Christian Fleck** (University of Graz, Austria; e-mail: Christian.fleck@kfunigraz.ac.at):

Is the creation of our own archives a solution? – A report about ten years of experience

**Panel:** Paper presenters and Martin Bulmer will discuss the issues raised and address some of the issues about ways in which archives and our use of them can be improved.

#### 18:00 Business Meeting RCHS

### Saturday June 3, 2000

#### 9:00 – 11:00: SESSION 3 Value-Incommensurability at the Turns of the Centuries

Session organizer and presenter: Sven Eliaeson (University of Karlstad, Sweden; e-mail: sven.eliaeson@kau.se)

**Lennart Olausson** (University of Gothenburg, Sweden):

Cohen, Adler and Rickert: Value-incommensurabilities and neo-Kantianisms

**Ola Agevall** (Mälardalen University College, Sweden; e-mail: ola.agevall@svi.hv.se):

Max Weber's unfinished - Weber's argument in the essays on Roscher and Knies

**H H Bruun** (Ambassade de Danemark, Paris, France):

Wert vs. Interesse: Weber's dependence on Rickert

**Sven Eliaeson** (University of Karlstad, Sweden; e-mail: sven.eliaeson@kau.se):

Modes of value-incommensurability: Max Weber's 'Swedish relatives' Axel Hägerström and Gunnar Myrdal

#### 11:30 – 12:30 General Session 2

**Mike F. Keen** (Indiana University South Bend, USA; e-mail: mkeen@iusb.edu) & **Janusz**

**Mucha** (Nicholas Copernicus University, Torun, Poland; e-mail: jmuch@cc.uni.torun.pl):

History in the making: Sociology and the transformation of Eastern and Central Europe

**Sergej Flere** (University of Maribor, Slovenia; e-mail: p\_flere@hotmail.com):

Ideology and Sociology: The treatment of the stratification phenomenon in Yugoslav sociology, 1960-90

#### 9:00 – 11:00 SESSION 4 Sociologists in Two Worlds

Organiser and presider: Martin Bulmer, University of Surrey U.K.; e-mail: m.bulmer@soc.surrey.ac.uk

**Helena Znaniecki Lopata** (Loyola University of Chicago, USA; e-mail: hlopata@luc.edu)

Florian Znaniecki 1882-1958

**Barbara Ballis Lal** (UCLA, USA; e-mail: lal@ucla.edu):

André Béteille: Indian sociologist in two worlds

**Christian Fleck** (University of Graz, Austria; e-mail: christian.fleck@kfunigraz.ac.at) & **Dirk Raith** (University of Graz, Austria; e-mail: raithd@kfunigraz.ac.at):

Emigré social scientists from Austria: A propography

Martin Bulmer (University of Surrey, England; e-mail: m.bulmer@soc.surrey.ac.uk):

Central European criminologists in Britain: Leon Radzinowicz and Hermann Mannheim

11:30 Author meets Critics

**Reinhart Blomert**, Intellektuelle im Aufbruch. Karl Mannheim, Alfred Weber, Norbert Elias und die Heidelberger Sozialwissenschaften der Zwischenkriegszeit, München: C. Hanser Verlag 1999.

Commentators: to be announced later.

#### 14:00 – 18:00 SESSION 5 Biographies in the History of Sociology

Organizer and presenter: Dirk Kaesler (Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany; e-mail: kaesler@mail.uni-marburg.de):

**Mary Evans** (University of Kent, England; e-mail: M.S.Evans@ukc.ac.uk):

Missing persons: The impossibility of auto/biography

**Ulf Himmelstrand** (University of Uppsala, Sweden; e-mail: ulf.himmelstrand@soc.uu.se):

Surviving intellectually as a sociologist in a totalitarian society: Three different Russian careers

**Patricia Vannier** (Toulouse, France; e-mail: pat.vannier@wanadoo.fr):

Autobiographies by French sociologists after World War II: their impact on the interpretation of the history of French sociology

**Marcel Fournier** (Université de Montréal, Canada; e-mail: fournima@SOCIO.Umontreal.ca):

How to write the biography of Marcel Mauss?

**Aino Sinnemäki** (University of Helsinki, Finland; e-mail: SINNEMAK@valt.helsinki.fi):

How to write an intellectual biography of Erik Alldredge?

**Dirk Kaesler** (Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany; e-mail: kaesler@mail.uni-marburg.de):

How to write a socio-biography of Max Weber?

**Sam Whimster** (London Guildhall University, England; e-mail: whimster@lgu.ac.uk):

The biographer's biography: The case of Marianne Weber

#### 14:00 – 15:30 SESSION 6 Contemporary Concerns, Traditional Inscriptions: The Chicago School of Sociology

Session Chairman: Martin Bulmer (University of Surrey; England, e-mail: m.bulmer@soc.surrey.ac.uk)

**Barbara Ballis Lal** (UCLA, USA; e-mail: lal@ucla.edu):

Contemporary concerns, traditional inscriptions: An overview of developments

**Ken Plummer** (Essex University, England)

Documents of life revisited: Twenty years on

**Ivan Light** (UCLA, USA; email: light@soc.ucla.edu)

The Chicago school theorists discover immigration: Lessons and missteps

#### 14:00 – 15:30 General Session 3

**Luigi Tomasi** (University of Trento, Italy and Phnom Penh, Cambodia; e-mail: ltomasi@gelso.unitn.it):

Early research in the brief history of Cambodian sociology

**Irmela Gorges** (Fachhochschule für Verwaltung und Rechtspflege Berlin, Germany; e-mail: Irmela.Gorges@fhv.Verwalt-Berlin.de):

Research strategies of political parties

**Anele Vosyliūte** (Vilnius, Lithuania; e-mail: vosylan@ktl.mii.lt):

The vision of social rightness and consolidation of nation in the works of Lithuanian sociologists

#### 16:00 Sightseeing Trip

#### 20:00 RCHS Dinner

All participants are invited, but a small fee will be collected. Register during the conference.

## Transportation

From Warsaw Airport / Warszawa-Okecie exists a Special Airport City Bus line to Central Railway Station (Warszawa Centralna). Departs every 20 to 30 min between 6 a.m and 11 p.m.

It is not advisable to use a taxi for this distance!

From Warszawa Centralna (Central Railway Station) there are at least three fast trains to Torun, departing around 5:45 a.m., 6:45 a.m., 7:00 a.m., and 3:00 p.m. In between slower trains depart at 9:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:45 a.m., 1:12 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m, and 7:45 p.m.

Fast trains need around 3 hours, the slower one between 3 ½ and 4 hours.

One-way-fair is 76 PLZ / US \$ 18 for first class, and 38 PLZ / US \$ 9 for the second class, the express train at 5:30 p.m. costs 90 PLZ / 22 US \$.

From Torun to Warsaw the fast trains depart at 7:10 a.m., 8:24 a.m., 1:18 a.m., 8:18 p.m.; slower trains in between in similar intervals as above.

Be aware that this time schedule is from the winter schedule and may not be valid at the time of your travelling. You have to check it out.

There are also coaches from Warsaw to Torun. The line's name is POLSKI EXPRES. Between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. they run every hour. The departure is from the stand at Aleja Jana Pawla II, very close to the Warsaw's Central Station. There is also a communication with this coach stand from the Warsaw Airport. In Torun, the coaches stop in the downtown, very close to the nearest taxi stand at the Teatralny Square. The one-way price is 37 PLZ / US \$ 9.

## Lodging

Janusz Mucha arranged the following: 50 beds in the two-bed rooms at the university. To make reservations send an e-mail to4 jmuch@cc.uni.torun.pl.

Prices: 40 PLZ or \$ 9 for a bed/night or 70 PLZ or about \$ 17 for the room, breakfast included. This dormitory is located on the so-called campus, about 20 minutes of walk to the Institute of Sociology.

The address is DS 10 (Dom Studencki No 10), ul. Gagarina 21, 87-100 Torun, tel. (48-56) 654 2959, 611-4362.

Until end of March 2000, we have a reservation of TEN one-bed rooms in a downtown hotel ORBIS HELIOS, The price is 330 PLZ or 80 US \$ for a bed/night. The reservation is on the password ISA-UMK.

Address: ul. Kraszewskiego 1-3, 87-100 Torun, tel. (48-56) 655-5416, 655-5429, fax: 655-5429, e-mail: helios@orbis.pl.

Until the end of March 2000, we have a reservation, password the same, in the HOTEL GEOFIZYKA, ul. Wojska Polskiego 24, 87-100 Torun, tel. (48-56) 623-0015, 660-7172, fax: 623-0711.

Other Hotel:

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Ks. J. Popieluski 2, 87-100 Torun, Tel.: (+48 56) 622 89 00, 622 70 85, Fax: (+48 56) 622 13 41, e-mail: kosmos@orbis.pl.

9 Single Rooms: 110 DEM / 55 US \$, 48 Double Rooms: 150-170 DEM / 75 \$ - 85 \$. Rates per room per night, incl. Breakfast

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Bulwar Filadelfijski 12, 87-100 Torun, Tel.: (+48 56) 622 60 49, 622 82 74, Fax: (+48 56) 622 51 14, e-mail: osir@ascomp.torun.pl.

12 Single Rooms: 115-120 PLZ / 28 – 30 US \$,  
18 Double Rooms: 148-165 PLZ / 35 – 40 US \$,  
1 Triple room: 180 PLZ / 44 US \$  
Suite: 200 PLZ / 48 US \$.

## Leo P. Chall Dissertation Fellowship 2000 Winner

RCHS's Nominating Committee (Professors Patricia Lengermann, Cornell University, Vladimir Kulygin, Moscow, and Dirk Kaesler, Marburg) nominated three candidates out of eight applicants and the Board of Sociological Abstracts selected Eszter Pál, a graduate student at the Department of Historical Sociology of the Institute of Sociology and Social Policy at the

Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, Hungary as the 1999 winner of the Leo P. Chall Dissertation Fellowship. Congratulations!

The theme of her Ph. D. thesis is "Analogical Reasoning in Sociological Thought: Classical Organicism and its Legacies" and we will hear more from here in the next newsletter.

## Recent Publications

### Karl-Ludwig Ay

„Der Konflikt zwischen Kirche und Staat im 18. Jahrhundert und die Säkularisation des Klosters Andechs,“ in: Region - Territorium - Nationalstaat - Europa. Beiträge zu einer europäischen Geschichtslandschaft, Festschrift für Ludwig Hammermayer, eds. Wolf D. Gruner & Markus Völkel (Rostocker Beiträge zur Deutschen und europäischen Geschichte, Band 4), Universität Rostock 1998, S. 147-168.

„Max Weber: A German Intellectual and the Question of War Guilt after the Great War,“ in: Max Weber and the Culture of Anarchy, ed. Sam Whimster, London: Macmillan Press 1999, pp. 110-128.

„Konfessionelle, ökonomische und kulturelle Entwicklungslinien in Deutschland und Max Webers Protestantismuskonzept,“ in: Konfessionalisierung und Region, eds. Peer Frieß & Rolf Kießling (Forum Suevicum. Beiträge zur Geschichte Ostschwabens und der benachbarten Regionen, Band 3), Konstanz: Universitätsverlag Konstanz 1999.

### Uta Gerhardt

Bernard Barber & Uta Gerhardt, eds. Agenda für Sociology: Classic Sources and Current Uses of Talcott Parsons' Work, Baden-Baden: Nomos 1999, 251 pp.

Besides an introduction from Barber and Gerhardt the volume contains six papers among them from RCHS members:

Edward A. Tiryakian, "An Emergent French Connection: Revisiting Parsons's Durkheims",  
Uta Gerhardt, "National Socialism and the Politics of 'The Structure of Social Action'."

### Stephen Kalberg

"Tocqueville, Weber et la culture politique américaine" in: La Revue du MAUSS semestrielle. No. 14/Second Semestre 1999; pp. 302-24.

### Mike Forrest Keen

Stalking the Sociological Imagination: J. Edgar Hoover's FBI Surveillance of American Sociology, Westport, CT: Greenwood Press 1999 (=Contributions in Sociology, No. 126)

## Directory of Members: Corrections and Addenda

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## Dues Information

The basic RCHS subscription is US\$10 for one year, or \$30 for 4 years. For students, however, it is \$5 or \$15. This reduced rate also applies to others from non-OECD countries that would have difficulty in paying the full rate; if unable to arrange even the reduced rate, please write to the Secretary to explain the circumstances and ask for free membership. RCHS is a Research Committee of ISA, so RCHS members are expected to be ISA members.

There is also a facility for paying to the central ISA, which enables those who wish to do so to use a credit card; a copy of their form is on <http://www.ucm.es/info/isa/formisa.htm>, and it can be used even if you are not then also paying the ISA subscription - *though only if you are an ISA member*. Here - with apologies for the complexity, which our need to avoid our account's high foreign-exchange charges makes necessary - is how to pay if *not* doing so via the ISA.

**During the time of Christian Fleck's stay in the United States he will accept US cheques for the RCHS membership dues. Make cheques payable to Christian Fleck.**

**Only people using a British bank account should send their dues to the past-secretary, Professor Jennifer Platt;** this can be done either by sending a cheque made out to "RCHS Platt", or by direct transfer to Girobank account 12 574 8302. (The cheque should be in £ sterling, with the dollar amount translated into the equivalent at the tourist rate of exchange; at the time of writing, that is c. £6.08 or £18.24.) **All other members should send the money to the president of RCHS, Prof. Dirk Kaesler,** Universität Marburg, Institut für Soziologie, Am Grün 1, D 35037 Marburg, Germany, or, in continental Europe, to minimize bank charges use the

Postal Giro Service: Postgiroamt München (BLZ 700 100 80), Account 822 22-809 Kaesler RCHS. He will inform the Secretary, so only one letter is required. **Please think at the same time of sending news of publications, meetings, work in progress etc., plus any address changes.**

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