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SOCIAL POLIS survey papers

SOCIAL POLIS Existential Field survey papers available on-line

Dear Scientific Officers, Partners and Stakeholders, all survey papers covering Existential Fields and presented at the Vienna conference are available on-line, you can find them either on the Social Polis website (http://www.socialpolis.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=81&Itemid=58)

or on the blog of the conference (<http://socialpolis1.wordpress.com/about/>).

They are protected files, and therefore you need to use the password **vienna2009** (case sensitive) for accessing them.

We kindly invite you to leave comments and suggest amendments to the papers, as they are draft versions and will be improved toward publication in a scientific journal.

Urbact - CoNet Meeting Malmö

On June 25 Sarah Habersack presented Social Polis at the CoNet Meeting in Malmö. The CoNet- Cohesion Network is a project in the UrbAct programme II (<http://www.urbact.eu/>) and consists of representatives from 11 different European city administrations, who work together on integrated projects to foster social cohesion at a neighbourhood level.

During this meeting she also visited projects of the City of Malmö and met with the organizers and participants of the Social Polis stakeholder workshop “Intercultural competence among young people in deprived neighbourhoods”, which was also presented at the Social Polis conference. The organization and implementation of their projects showed a very interesting and exemplary transdisciplinary approach.

For more information, please contact sarah.habersack@wu-wien.ac.at or Mikael Stigendal from the University of Malmö (mikael.stigendal@samhallsanalys.se).

Ciudadania Translocal Citizenship

Local and transnational citizenship in Catalonia: participation and political integration of immigrants in Barcelona, Girona, Leida and Tarragona

This new project supported by Social Polis started on the 11th of May.

This project aims to make a comparative analysis of the local practices of integration of immigrants in the capital cities of four provinces in Catalonia. The research will focus its analysis on public policies, as well as on perceptions and practices of local government representatives, immigrant communities and individuals. It seeks to understand differences and similarities in the construction of urban citizenship and of territorial governance in Catalonia. The immigrant groups selected are from Morocco, Rumania, Ecuador, and Senegal.

The project takes into account the transnational dimension of the immigrants' associations as well as the local policies of co-development in order to understand the nexus between local inclusion and transnationality in the context of political integration of immigrants. In this way the project revisits the concept of urban citizenship from three analytical perspectives: :

- (1) As a construction developing from policies and structure of opportunities;
- (2) As an instrument of integration for groups of immigrants;
- (3) As a locus for transnational compromise.

Moreover, there a transversal objective: to identify governance mechanisms at the local scale and their interconnections with other scales of government.

The research team includes: Eva Ostergaard-Nielsen (Project director), Marisol Garcia, Eva Anduiza Perea, Miriam Acebillo Baqué, Irina Ciornei (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain) and Liz Johana Rincón Suárez (Universitat de Barcelona, Spain & Universidad de Rosario, Colombia).

The Project is supported by Generalitat de Catalunya - Departament d' Innovació, Univesitats i Empresa and by Social Polis.

For further information: <http://pagines.uab.cat/translocalcat>

New JRF publications

Joseph Rowntree Foundation is an independent charity which carries out research aiming to understand the root causes of social problems, to identify ways of overcoming them, and to show how social needs can be satisfied.

Below you can find the links to three new publications by the JRF:

Political debate about economic inequality: An information resource

<<http://josephrowntreefoundation.cmail1.com/t/y//hutdb/iiphijht/y>>

An exploration of politicians' attitudes to economic inequality.

Understanding attitudes to tackling economic inequality

<<http://josephrowntreefoundation.cmail1.com/t/y//hutdb/iiphijht/j>>

An exploration of the underlying 'drivers' of public attitudes towards economic inequality and welfare policy.

What are the implications of attitudes to economic inequality?

<<http://josephrowntreefoundation.cmail1.com/t/y//hutdb/iiphijht/t>>

This collection of three Viewpoints responds to work by the Fabian Society and Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) that looks at attitudes towards economic inequality and how to tackle it, and the political debate around it.

New Research Calls from Puca

PUCA, the Plan Urbanisme Construction Architecture of the French Government, has issued a new call for papers on urban mobility in peri-urban areas. The call is open to researchers from any country as long as they write in French.

For further information: http://rp.urbanisme.equipement.gouv.fr/puca/consultations/ao_mobilite_mai09.pdf

Published URBAN-NET Framework Research Agenda

The URBAN-NET project addresses urban sustainability in Europe. Its overall aim is to increase the cooperation and coordination between European Member and Associated States through networking and collaboration on joint research activities.

It has now published its Strategic Research Framework in the Field of Urban Sustainability.

This framework promotes the vision of the sustainable city by focusing on future research needs and activities that will stimulate the planning, financing, performance, dissemination and utilisation of research amongst all stakeholders at all levels including local, regional, national, transnational and European.

Through a process of extensive stakeholders engagement four priority research areas emerged out of 15 original fields: **Integrated urban management and city leadership; Sustainable land-use in city regions; Climate Change in the urban context; Health quality of life and public spaces**

For further information: http://www.socialpolis.eu/images_events/framework_brochure.pdf

Upcoming conferences

Date	Title
23 Jul 09	ISA-RC21 conference: Inequality, Inclusion and the Sense of Belonging Where?
15 Jul 09 - 17 Jul 09	Conference and call for paper: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in Times of Crises - Istanbul

IMISCOE meeting

The University of Lisbon, one of the Lead Partner of Social Polis, is organizing a workshop during the annual IMISCOE (International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion research network) meeting, which will be held on the 10th and 11th of September in Stockholm. The title of the workshop is "Housing and diversity: Strategies, Conditions, Preferences, Pathways and Encounters".

A call for papers is open. If you are interested please send your abstract not later than 10th July, 2009 to: bs@fl.ul.pt. Abstracts should be not longer than 250 words. The results of the selection process will be available by 17th July 2009. Final papers should be sent no later than 30th August, 2009. Cluster B5 will cover the transport costs and the cost of accommodation for two nights for those who present a paper.

For further information:

http://www.socialpolis.eu/images/stories/event_docs/Call%20for%20papers%20Stockholm.clusterB5.pdf

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