

# Announcements

## Samuel H. Beer Dissertation Prize

The Executive Committee of the British Politics Group is now accepting nominations for the Samuel H. Beer Dissertation Prize. Established to encourage the study of British politics by North American graduate students in order to develop a new generation of scholars in the British field, the Prize carries a value of £125. Doctoral dissertations in British politics completed during the calendar years 1993, 1994 or 1995 are eligible. Either a supervising professor or a department's director of graduate studies may nominate a dissertation. No one person may nominate more than one dissertation.

A copy of the nominated dissertation, along with a brief letter of nomination, should be sent to Donley T. Studlar, Executive Secretary of the British Politics Group, at the Department of Political Science, P.O. Box 6317, Morgantown, WV 26506-6317 no later than March 1, 1996. The principal criterion for awarding the Prize is the dissertation's contribution to the understanding of British politics, regardless of whether the study is exclusively British or comparative research. The winner of the award will be announced at the BPG's annual business meeting at the 1996 APSA convention in San Francisco.

## Johan Skytte Prize in Political Science

The Foundation for the Chair in Eloquence and Government at Uppsala University has established an annual prize, the Johan Skytte Prize in Political Science, of 350,000 Swedish crowns (approximately 45,000 US dollars) to the scholar who in the view of the Foundation has made the most valuable contribution to political science. Research in all areas of the discipline will be considered: political theory, comparative politics, public administration and international relations.

The Johan Skytte Chair in Eloquence and Government was founded in 1622 and is today one of the oldest professorships in the world. Since its inception the department has been situated in the same medieval building, and the

farms that were part of the initial donation still help to finance research, including this new prize.

The prize will be awarded at a solemn ceremony in Uppsala on October 1, 1996. The laureate will be chosen by the Foundation on the recommendation of a Prize Committee.

Members of the profession are hereby invited to nominate candidates for the prize. Nominations, including a short motivation, should be sent no later than November 30, 1995, to: Leif Lewin, Department of Government, Skytteanum, Box 514, S-751 20 UPPSALA, Sweden.

## The Washington Center Development Seminar

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars announces a professional development program for faculty to be held in conjunction with its Campaign '96 academic seminars for college students in January and August of 1996. Campaign '96: In Pursuit of the Presidency, will be held January 15-19, 1996 in Washington, D.C. Campaign '96: The Republican National Convention will be held August 4-16, 1996 in San Diego, and Campaign '96: The Democratic National Convention will be held August 18-30 in Chicago.

The programs consist of lectures, tours, site visits, briefings, and, at the national conventions, the possibility of short-term fieldwork assignments if requested. David Kozak, professor of public policy at Gannon University is the Faculty Director of the Program.

Faculty selected for the program will attend program activities and meet daily as a group with a senior political scientist for a discussion of convention politics, research agendas, and teaching strategies.

The Washington Center is a nonprofit educational organization that provides full-time academic internships and short-term academic seminars for college students. Since 1984, The Washington Center has sponsored academic seminar programs at each national political convention and presidential inauguration.

For an application, contact Gary Alvino, Director of Campaign '96, The

Washington Center, 1101 Fourteenth St., N.W., Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20005. Phone: (800) 486-8921; Fax: (202) 336-7609; Internet: garya@twc.edu

## International Scientific Society for World Economy and World Politics

Founded in 1990, the International Scientific Society of World Economy and World Politics seeks to promote research in international relations and cooperation in the widest sense of the word. In this manner one tries to contribute in a scientific way to a peaceful community and prosperity for everyone. Headquartered in Berlin, the society consists of a number of research groups, the newest of which is the research group on World Order.

The establishment of a world-order is discussed by many. This stems from the necessity of solving a number of international problems. The question is which form of cooperation is most efficient. A question of a totally different nature is if supranatural solutions, such as a European or world government, are feasible.

The research group wants to be active with the set goals of the society by studying, writing of books and articles, and holding and participating in scientific conferences, symposia, etc. The Society publishes a monthly journal 'Berichte', to which all members may submit articles. These pieces can be related to a number of sciences including: economics and finance, law, environment, sociology, public/social administration, techniques, politics, philosophy and ethics amongst others.

Membership in the society cost DM 60 annually. Interested individuals should contact Prof. mr drs J. Berkouwer, Kerkweg 83, 2825 NA Berkenwoude, The Netherlands; Fax: (31) 1826-2453.

## The International Social Survey Program

The International Social Survey Program (ISSP) is a continuing, annual program of crossnational collaboration. It brings together pre-existing, social

science projects and coordinates research goals, thereby adding a cross-national perspective to the individual, national studies.

ISSP evolved from a bilateral collaboration between the Allgemeinen Bevölkerungsumfragen der Sozialwissenschaften (ALLBUS) of the Zentrum fuer Umfragen, Methoden, und Analysen (ZUMA) in Mannheim, West Germany and the General Social Survey (GSS) of the National Opinion Research Center (NORC), University of Chicago. Both the ALLBUS and the GSS are replicating, time series studies. The ALLBUS has been conducted biennially since 1980 and the GSS annually (except for 1979 and 1981) since 1972. In 1982 ZUMA and the NORC devoted a small segment of the ALLBUS and GSS to a common set of questions on job values, important areas of life, abortion, and feminism. (A merged data set is available from the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan.) Again in 1984 collaboration was carried out, this time on class differences, equality, and the welfare state.

Meanwhile, in late 1983 Social and Community Planning Research (SCPR), London, which was starting a social indicators series called the British Social Attitudes Survey (BSA) similar to the ALLBUS and GSS, secured funds from the Nuffield Foundation to hold meetings to further international collaboration. Representatives from ZUMA, NORC, SCPR, and the Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University organized ISSP in 1984 and agreed to 1) jointly develop topical modules dealing with important areas of social science, 2) field the modules as a fifteen-minute supplement to the regular national surveys (or a special survey if necessary), 3) include an extensive common core of background variables, and 4) make the data available to the social science community as soon as possible.

Each research organization funds all of its own costs. There are no central funds. The merging of the data into a crossnational data set is performed by the Zentralarchiv fuer Empirische Sozialforschung, University of Cologne.

Since 1984, ISSP has grown to 22 nations, the founding four—Germany, the United States, Great Britain, and Australia—plus Austria, Italy, Ireland, Hungary, the Netherlands, Israel, Norway, the Philippines, New Zealand, Russia, Japan, Bulgaria, Canada, and the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Poland, Sweden, and Spain. In addition, East Germany was added to the German

sample upon reunification. The affiliated organizations are listed in Table 1. Other nations have replicated particular modules without being ISSP members (Poland, in 1987, and Switzerland, in 1987 and 1993).

The annual topics for ISSP are developed over several years by a sub-committee and pretested in various countries. The annual plenary meeting of ISSP then adopts the final questionnaire. The ISSP researchers especially concentrate on developing the questions that are 1) meaningful and relevant to all countries and 2) can be expressed in an equivalent manner in all relevant languages. The questionnaire is originally drafted in British English and then translated to other languages using standard back translation procedures.

For further information contact the ISSP Secretariat, Peter Mohler, ZUMA, B2, 1, D-6800, Mannheim, Germany.

### Annotated Bibliography of Papers Using GSS

The 10th edition of the *Annotated Bibliography of Papers Using the General Social Surveys* by Tom W. Smith, Bradley J. Arnold, and Jennifer K. Wesely has been compiled. It contains 2,985 entries in the main section, plus a supplement with 186 additional listings. All entries in the main section include a full reference, a list of non-GSS data sources, the GSS years used, the GSS variables analyzed, and a short abstract. There is an index by GSS variables. Machine-readable versions in WordPerfect and ASCII are available from the GSS for \$15. Please specify which format is desired and whether a 3.5 or 5.25 diskette is preferred. The printed version is distributed by the Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research and costs \$30 for Consortium members and \$35 for non-members.

Contact GSS/NORC for disk version at 1155 East 60th St., Chicago, IL 60637; Fax: (312) 753-7886; Phone: (312) 753-7500. For printed version contact ICPSR, Box 1248, Ann Arbor, MI 48106; Fax: (313) 764-8041; Phone: (313) 764-2570.

### Centre for Research into Elections and Social Trends

October 1994 saw the formal start of the work of the Centre for Research into Elections and Social Trends (CREST). Successor to the Joint Unit

for the Study of Social Trends (JUSST), CREST is a new Research Centre funded by the (British) Economic and Social Research Council with responsibility for a major programme of work in electoral behaviour and social attitudes, from both a British and an international perspective.

The cornerstone of the Centre's work is the British Election Panel Survey (BEPS). A sample of 2,000 people who were first interviewed after the 1992 general election as part of that year's British Election Study are being interviewed regularly every 6–12 months between now and the next general election due to be held by the spring of 1997. Similarly, a new panel of respondents will be recruited after the next election and similarly interviewed on a regular basis until at least 1999.

Most panel studies of electoral behaviour are either very long term studies which interview their respondents after two or more general elections or else cover the relatively short period of an election campaign. BEPS bridges the gap between these two by interviewing a group of voters regularly throughout the lifetime of a parliament. For the first time, it will be possible to examine the relationship between how voters vote in mid-term local and European elections and how they vote in general elections. The panel will permit extensive analysis of a number of potential short and medium term influences on voting behaviour such as the mass media, party leadership and economic evaluations where it is often difficult to disentangle cause and effect.

Members of CREST are also responsible for the annual British Social Attitudes Survey. Inaugurated in 1983 and core-funded by the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trust, the survey interviews 3,600 respondents every year on a wide range of social topics. The survey, whose results are published in an annual book each year, has rapidly become the most authoritative source of information on long-term trends in social attitudes in Britain.

International collaboration is an important part of the Centre's activity. It is responsible for the participation of the British Social Attitudes survey in the International Social Survey Programme which embraces 22 countries who design and administer identical questionnaires each year. The Centre is a member of the Cross-National Election Project (CNEP) in which identical questions on the sources of political information have been administered at election time in seven countries. CREST is also active in the International Committee for Research into

Elections and Representative Democracy (ICORE) which is promoting collaborative research programmes between national teams of election specialists, including the administration between now and the end of the century of a common module on democracy and election systems in over 40 countries throughout the world.

The Centre is based at Social and Community Planning Research, London and Nuffield College, Oxford where the directors are Roger Jowell and Anthony

Heath, respectively. The Deputy Director is John Curtice of the University of Strathclyde from whom further details about the work of the Centre can be obtained at Department of Government, University of Strathclyde, 16 Richmond St., Glasgow G1 1XQ, United Kingdom: Phone (44 41) 552-4400, ext. 4223; Fax (44 41) 552-5677.

### New Degree Offered by American University

The School of Public Affairs at The American University is pleased to announce the creation of a new Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree. Like the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree, the MPP will be administered by the Department of Public Administration. Anyone seeking detailed information should contact the DPA office at (202) 885-2375.

### Correction

The listing of new officers elected by the National Conference of Black Political Scientists that appeared in the June 1995 issue of *PS* is for the year 1995-1996. The current president is Lenneal Henderson, University of Baltimore.

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