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NEWSLETTER

Election results

I can report that conducting the elections through *SurveyMonkey* was successful. 47 members voted.

The results of the voting are:

For vice president: Árpád von Klimó (46 votes)

The new members of the executive board are: Catherine Portuges (35 votes) and James Niessen (33 votes). **Congratulations.**

Thus the current board-members are:

President: Alice Freifeld, U. of Florida, Gainesville. Term: 2014-2016. Email: freifeld@ufl.edu

Vice-President: Árpád von Klimó, Catholic U. of America, Term: 2014-2016. Email:

klimo@cua.edu

Secretary-Treasurer: Susan Glanz, St. John's U. Email: glanzs@stjohns.edu

Executive Committee:

Edit Nagy, U. of Florida, Gainesville. Term will expire Dec. 31, 2014. Email: nagyedit@yahoo.com

Leslie Waters, Utica Coll. Term will expire Dec. 31, 2014. Email: leslie.waters@fulbrightmail.org

James Niessen, Archibald S. Alexander Library, Rutgers U., New Brunswick. Term will expire Dec.

31, 2016. Email: niessen@rci.rutgers.edu;

Catherine Portuges, The University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Term will expire Dec. 31, 2016.

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The deadline for submitting proposals for several conferences is close, so just a few reminders:

- a. The next AHEA conference will be held at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Center for European Studies, May 8-10, 2014, with the theme of: ***Preserving the Past, Finding the Future***. The **Call for Papers** is posted at <http://ahea.net/conferences/2014>. Submission deadline is **January 8, 2014**.
- b. The theme of the **Hungarian Studies Association of Canada's** conference is ***Borders without Boundaries***. The Hungarian Studies Association of Canada (HSAC) is holding its 29th Annual Conference in conjunction with the Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences of Canada at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, from May 24 to May 26th, 2014. The deadline for submission is **January 10, 2014**. Abstracts to Judy Young (judyyoung@drache.ca) **and** to Judith Szapor (judith.szapor@mcgill.ca)
- c. The 46th Annual ASEEEES Convention will be held in San Antonio, Texas, from Thursday, November 20, to Sunday, November 23, 2014 at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter. The theme of the convention is ***25 Years after the Fall of the Berlin Wall: Historical Legacies and New Beginnings***.

Submissions for panels, roundtables and meetings must be received by **January 15, 2014**. The online submission closes at 12:01 am PT on Jan. 16, 2014.

- d. **Trust and Happiness in the History of Political Thought** - Third International Conference of the European Society for the History of Political Thought, will be held at Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, on **September 17-19, 2014**. In political and public discourse, as well as in political science and theory, debates concerning trust, fidelity, happiness, well-being, social contract and capital, and the connections between them, have intensified over the past two decades. The Society, <http://europoliticalthought.wordpress.com/> now invites proposals that bring the perspectives and methods of the history of political thought to bear on these concepts and connections in ancient, medieval, and modern European contexts. Prospective participants are also encouraged to reflect on the wider implications of their empirical topic for the state of the art and the overall relevance of the field. A round-table discussion during the conference is also planned to address these issues. Please send your proposals for individual papers (max. 200 words) or full panels (max. 600 words) with a short CV to trustandhappiness@ceu.hu by **15 January, 2014**. Please note that incomplete or late proposals will not be accepted. We hope to notify the authors of accepted proposals before 15 March, 2014. Contact: László Kontler (kontlerl@ceu.hu), CEU Department of History. See more at: <http://www.ceu.hu/event/2014-09-17/trust-and-happiness-history-political-thought-third-international-conference#sthash.otMFakFV.dpuf>



Publications by our members:

Alice Freifeld, "A kijózanodot tömeg," *Határokön Túl: Tanulmánykötet Mark Pittaway (1971-2010) emlékére*. Szerkesztette: Bartha Eszter & Varga Zsuzsanna (L'Harmattan, 2012).

Robert Nemes, "Mapping Hungary's Borderlands" in *Shatterzone of Empires*, ed. Omer Bartov and Eric Weitz (Indiana University Press, 2013), 209-227
_____, "Obstacles to Nationalization on the Hungarian-Romanian Language Frontier," *Austrian History Yearbook*, 43 (2012): 28-44

Raphael Vago: Ethnic Minority Groups in Europe with Avi Primor and Dr. Raphael Vago on http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxQXsk_ZCrM



Other call for papers:

1. An international conference is being organized on 21-22 March 2014 centered around the theme of "Sport in politics and throughout history". The conference is under the patronage of the Secretary general of the Council of Europe organized by the Joseph Károlyi Foundation, Fehérvárurgó/ HUNGARY with the support of the French Institute and the Goethe Institute, Budapest. The conference will examine in a comparative approach the various problems emerging through sport practice, international competitions and their political exploitation, thus showing also the role of sport as a mean of communication (with its "public" and among its "public"), sport becoming

often a show and sportsmen becoming a star and sport a commercial product. The role of sport in national identity and citizenship building but also as an instrument for social and political integration will be presented. The role of the Council of Europe, the UN and UNICEF in the field of struggle against violence will widen the debate concerning sport and youth.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided and the papers will be published.

For further information, Contact: Angelica Károlyi: angelica@karolyi.org.hu. Tel: 36-21-311-0426. (www.karolyi.org.hu)

2. **57th conference of the 2014 Clute Institute** will be held in Munich, Germany from June 8 - 12, 2014. The conference will focus on 6 topics:

- The Arts & Humanities track provides a forum for faculty from all over the world to address the impact of culture on social and economic development.
- The Business & Economics track provides a forum for faculty to present their research on any accounting, CIS/CMS, economics, finance, management, marketing, related teaching, or other business-related topics.

- The Education track provides a forum for faculty and administrators to share proven and innovative methods in teaching at all levels of education. All teaching or academic related topics are welcome, such as teaching methods, distance-learning, tenure, curriculum, accreditation, ESL, K-12 education, higher education, or other education-related topics.

- The Engineering Education track provides a forum for faculty to present papers that focus on theory, practice, assessment, and mainstreaming of innovative engineering education strategies.

- The Energy Policy track provides a forum for faculty to present papers that contribute to the understanding of international energy policy. Papers from all aspects of international energy development and usage and related fields are welcome and may include, but are not limited to, fields that impact on energy policy, such as international business, foreign trade, foreign currency, and international politics.

- The Health Sciences track provides a forum for faculty to share health science practice, research, and education knowledge.

For more information on this conference and future conferences, visit www.CluteInstitute.com.

Clute Institute, 6901 S. Pierce St. # 239, Littleton, CO 80128. Email: staff@cluteinstitute.com

Visit the website at <http://cluteinstitute.com/conferences/2014MUconf.html>

3. A conference titled **Revolting Peripheries** is being organized University of Bielsko-Biała, Poland, from **June 25 – 27, 2014**.

Papers are invited that center around the readings of the periphery that reveal how what is deemed peripheral tampers with, contests, appropriates, and misuses the very logic of the center in order to challenge the legitimacy of the center/periphery designation underlying political conceptualizations past and present. “Revolting,” therefore, gestures discursively in at least two directions. On one hand, it is meant to register the center’s sentiments towards the periphery, its hegemonic logic, gaze and taste, the manifold ways in which it finds the periphery repulsive and offensive. “Revolting” would thus be seen as a quality the periphery acquires when it is seen as refusing (something it has always done) the center’s passifying/pacifying practices. If what is revolting conveys “a strong sense of aversion to something perceived as dangerous because of its powers to contaminate, infect, or pollute by proximity, contact, or ingestion” (William Ian Miller) then it can be seen as a particularly cogent trope for how the center imagines and deals with the periphery. On the other hand, “revolting” is meant to capture the periphery’s various forms of dis/engagement with and rebellion against the center’s “dictates of interest,” however conceived, including the very interest in upkeeping the center/peripheries modes of thinking.

To summon up the term “peripheries” is undoubtedly a problematic gesture indebted, as it is, to hegemonic ways of thinking and performed, arbitrarily, from within the center (e.g. Gayatri Spivak, Edward Said, Meyda Yeğenoğlu). The most common association would probably be the exhausted center/periphery binary understood as a product of the Western(-ized) Mind attempting to socio-economically conquer larger and larger geopolitical areas. Expected to be passive and penetrable, in the dominant political imagination peripheries have been constructed as places not capable of undermining the center’s authority, of posing any serious threats or coming up with viable socio-economic and cultural alternatives. However, when they do not comply with the expectation, when they do rise up against the center’s power, when they try to constitute themselves as subjects in their own right, they tend to be seen as irrational, non-human, thus violent and active; it is then that the Western(-ized) Mind, attempting to prevent its body politic from being contaminated, untangled or barbarically invaded, takes action to contain or pacify them.

While the center has frequently attempted to magnanimously give voice to the marginal, it continued to reassert and consolidate its own vocal authority. Alternatively, in its ambition to valorize the periphery, the center has appropriated peripheral lives and cultures to further stage its own superiority and maintain hierarchies (cultural, political and economic). Either way, the centre has persistently imagined its relationship with the periphery as one-directional: instituting itself as the sole author and dispenser of values, ideas, knowledge and money, it has passionately defended its inviolable purity and vigorously denied any influences from the margins. But, to unthink the dominant conceptualizations, is it enough to argue that there are many different centres and peripheries? How enabling, politically speaking, is it to say that centrality depends (to use the post-Marxist apparatus) on one’s ability to - in a favorable socio-economic climate - enact the hegemonic binding which results in one’s subjugating, overcoding or marginalizing other imaginaries? What is more, could it be argued that in upholding the center/peripheries binary and in trying to emancipate and grant subjectivities to the “peripheral” identities/voices/practices, political and cultural thinkers contribute to the “hegemony of the hegemonic formation” (J.K. Gibson-Graham) and, as a result, petrify an imaginary in which subalterns will never be able to speak?

Please send paper proposals of no more than 300 words and a short bio to the conference organizers at: revoltingperipheries2014@gmail.com

Deadline for proposals: **February 15, 2014**. All received submissions will be acknowledged, with notification of acceptance by 28 February 2014.

Magdalena Czader-Wiśniowska, University of Bielsko-Biała, Willowa 2, B101, 43-300 Bielsko-Biała, Poland/ Phone: 48 33 8279 265

Email: revoltingperipheries2014@gmail.com

Visit the website at <http://https://www.facebook.com/revoltingperipheries2014>

4. Food and The First World War

This one day symposium seeks to combine the two 'hottest' areas of recent historical research: food and the First World War.

In 2014, to mark the centenary of the Great War eight speakers will explore the moral, nutritional, social and economic role of food and drink on the Western Front and beyond.

The conference is sponsored by the Society for the Study of French History and the Economic History Society.

Bryce Evans, Liverpool Hope University, Hope Park, Taggart Avenue ,Liverpool

Email: foodandthefirstworldwar@gmail.com evansb1@hope.ac.uk

Visit the website at <http://www.foodandww1.wordpress.com>

5. **The International Institute of Social and Economic Sciences** is organizing 3 conferences this summer. The 10th International Academic Conference will be held in June 3-6, 2014 in Vienna, Austria, in Trend Parkhotel Schönbrunn; the 11th will be held in Reykjavik, Iceland, in Grand Hotel Reykjavik (June 24-27, 2014); and the next one will be held in Prague, Czech Republic, at University of Economics, Prague from September 1-4, 2014.

Scholars, researchers, as well as corporation and government executives will participate.

The following conference tracks are being organized:

Business and Economics, Quantitative Methods, Social Sciences and Humanities, Teaching and Education, Health and Welfare, Environment and Sustainable Development, Law in Society, Energy Resources and Policy.

For more information visit the website at <http://www.iises.net/conferences/>

6. **53rd Annual Financial Literacy and Economic Education Conference**—a nationwide meeting of K–12 educators, local CEE affiliates from across the country, Federal Reserve partners, and other educators in this field. The conference is scheduled for Oct.8-11, 2014 in Dallas, Tx. For more info: <http://www.councilforeconed.org/events/cee-national-conference/>

7. **Nationalist Responses to Economic and Political Crises** - Conference is organized by the Nationalism Studies Program at Central European University (CEU) and the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN). The conference website: <http://nationalism.ceu.hu/Conference2014>. **The deadline** to submit proposals is **January 27, 2014**.

Proposals must be submitted to: asn.ceu.2014@gmail.com

The focus of the conference Nationalist Responses to Economic and Political Crises will be nationalism and ethnic conflict in Central Europe, the Balkans, the former Soviet Union, the Middle East and Central Eurasia. Special attention will be given to themes discussing the relationship between economic crises, nationalism and politicized ethnicity.

The year 2014 will be the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War I, and also the 70th anniversary of the Holocaust in **Hungary**. Thematic panel proposals and individual papers dealing with these events, as well as with the connections between them (both in the Hungarian context and more generally), are also welcome.

The conference invites proposals devoted to comparative perspectives on nationalism-related issues, empirical case studies as well as papers on theoretical approaches that need not be grounded in any particular geographic region. Disciplines represented include political science, philosophy, history, anthropology, sociology, international relations, economics, political geography, sociolinguistics, literature, and related fields.

Conference panels will be organized under five sections:

- Central and Eastern Europe
- Balkans
- Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus and the Caucasus
- Middle East and Central Eurasia
- Nationalism studies (for comparative and theoretical proposals not specifically related to any of the sub-regions)



Websites of possible of possible interest:

<http://www.doaj.org/> is a directory of open access journals. Search is possible for journals and articles, by language, field of interest, etc.

Parallel to the Hungarian Film Festival held in LA in Nov. 2013 several documentary films were made accessible online at: [Hungarian Documentary Film Festival Online](#).

These are: [Silenced shames](#) (Elhallgatott Gyalázat), dir: Fruzsina Skrabsky (2013, 53 min.)

[King of Crabs](#) (A rákok királya) dir. Zsigmond Dezső (2013, 60 min.)

[Heritage](#) (Megmaradni) dir. Réka Pigniczky (2013, 63 min.)

[Life in the shadow of the Iron Curtain](#) (A nyomsavor I. Rész. Élet a vasfüggöny mentén) dir. János Erdélyi (2013, 52 min.)

[East-West Passage](#) (Kelet-nyugat átjáró) dir: Gábor Zsigmond Papp (2009, 52 min.)

[Rickshaw Rush](#) (Riksaláz), dir: Gergő Somogyvári (2012, 55 min.)

[In Search of The Eight](#) (A nyolcak nyomában), dir. Péter Szalay (2011, 60 min.)

[In sorrow, grief and misery](#) (Keservét a bűnnek, bajnak) dir. Gábor Balogh (2013, 48 min.)

[The Unknowns](#) (Inconnu) dir. János Gulyás, (2009, 75 min.)

[Mali Zoli](#) (Malizoli), dir: András Kisfaludy (2010-2012, 69 min.)

[Last Call – Dresden Dolls](#) (dir. János Szász (2012, 47 min.)

[Plain Rock](#) (Alföldi Rock) dir: Szomjas György (2011, 82 min.)

[Strong](#) (Hópárduc Talpra áll), dir: András Kollman (2011, 88 min.)

[Caught Between Two Worlds](#) Ket világ között (2011, 67min * Nagy Viktor Oszkar)

[Triptych – Three Film Ballads](#) Triptichon – Harom Filmballada



Summer Research Grants for Research on Central and East Europe

Applications for the Summer Research Grant must be received by **MARCH 1, 2014**. Applicants will be notified approximately one month later.

The grant is available to graduate students (MA or higher) and scholars who are U.S. citizens.

Summer Research Scholars will be given access to a workspace and computer facilities in the Wilson Center library. Grants are for 2 months during the summer and offer a stipend of \$3,200 per month, as well as residency at the Wilson Center.

Project Scope

EES offers summer research scholarships to scholars working on policy relevant projects on East Europe. EES offers residential research scholar grants to scholars working on policy relevant projects on the following countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, **Hungary**, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, and Slovenia. Projects should focus on fields in the social sciences and humanities including, but not limited to: Anthropology, History, Political Science, Slavic Languages and Literatures, and Sociology. All projects should aim to highlight their potential policy relevance.

Application Information

To apply for a Title VIII Summer Research Grant, the applicant must submit the following:

- a concise description of his/her research project;
- a curriculum vitae;
- a statement of preferred and alternate dates of residence in Washington, DC;
- two letters of recommendation in support of the research to be conducted at the Center.

Please mail all application materials to:

Global Europe Program , Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
One Woodrow Wilson Plaza, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004-3027
Or send by email: European.Studies@WilsonCenter.org



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Thank you! Let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, healthy, productive and successful 2014!

Susan