

Newsletter 02/2002

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Dear friends and colleagues:

This is the first ISERP electronic newsletter, which will provide monthly information including ISERP workshops and conferences, programs and funding opportunities, and new research projects. We hope this provides a convenient way for ISERP to stay in touch with our far-flung community.

FUCHS APPOINTED TO BLOOMBERG STAFF

Congratulations to Ester Fuchs, who has been appointed as special advisor for governance and strategic planning for Michael Bloomberg's new administration. Professor Fuchs, a political scientist at Barnard and Columbia, and a Faculty Fellow at ISERP, also advised Bloomberg during his mayoral campaign. She was the founding director of the Center for Urban Research and Policy, which was established in 1992 and joined ISERP in 2000.

NEW FACULTY FELLOWS

We welcome the following new ISERP faculty fellows. Expect additional new appointees in the March newsletter.

J. Lawrence Aber, School of Public Health
Jeanne Brooks-Gunn, Teachers College
Nicholas De Genova, Anthropology/Latino Studies
Ana Diez Roux, School of Public Health
Lena Edlund, Economics
Nabila el-Bassel, School of Social Work
Lance Freeman, School of Architecture
Irwin Garfinkel, School of Social Work
Lucy Goodhart, Political Science
Kenneth Leonard, Economics
Malgosia Madajewicz, School of International and Public Affairs
Nicole Marwell, Sociology/Latino Studies
Lorraine Minnite, Political Science
Michael Morris, Business
Rohini Pande, Economics
Susan Sturm, Law School

SEED GRANTS

Congratulations to these seed grant recipients from the fall competition.

The Strength of the Weak State

Principal Investigator(s): Robert Lieberman and Sean Farhang

Climbing the Sky State-Building and Transformation in Elite Recruitment

Principal Investigator(s): William McAllister

Social Drivers of Amazonian Forest and Habitat Loss

Principal Investigator(s): Alex Pfaff, James Gibbs, Rajiv Sethi, Eutaquio Reis, Claudio de A. Bohrer

The last deadline this year for ISERP's research and policy seed grants will be March 15. The RFP is posted on the ISERP website; contact K. Neckerman (kmn2@columbia.edu) for more information.

NEW RESEARCH PROJECTS

We are pleased to report that ISERP investigators have recently received funding for the following projects. See our website for more information about these and other ISERP research projects.

Narrative Networks The World Trade Center Tragedy

Funding Source: National Science Foundation

Principal Investigator(s): Peter Bearman and Mary Marshall-Clark

The September 11, 2001 Oral History Narrative and Memory

Funding Source: Rockefeller Foundation

Principal Investigator(s): Peter Bearman and Mary Marshall-Clark

Pathways of Property Transformation Careers of Enterprise Networks in Hungary, 1989-2000

Funding Source: National Science Foundation

Principal Investigator(s): David Stark

Understanding and Improving Protective Decision Making

Funding Source: National Science Foundation

Principal Investigator(s): David Krantz

Structuring Land Use to Preserve Habitat During Development Social Drivers of Brazilian Amazon Forest Fragmentation and Loss of Habitat

Funding Source: Tinker Foundation

Principal Investigator(s): Alex Pfaff

International Expert Conference Humanitarian Action in the Wake of September 11, 2001 A US-Europe Dialogue

Funding Source: Berghof Foundation

Principal Investigator(s): Dennis Dijkzeul

ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION PLANNING GRANT

We are very pleased to report that ISERP and Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health were jointly awarded a grant to collaborate in the planning of a proposed new Robert Wood Johnson Scholars program, the Health and Society Scholars. The goal of the program is to train a new generation of leaders from a wide spectrum of disciplines to examine the social, behavioral, environmental, biological, and health care factors that interact to affect the health of a population. Co-Directors of this project are Peter Bearman at ISERP and Bruce Link at Public Health.

The other planning sites are Harvard, Michigan, Penn, Wisconsin-Madison, and (in collaboration) UC-Berkeley and UC-San Francisco.

WORKING PAPERS

Working Papers in ISERP's new series are now available on-line and (for a modest charge) in print. See the ISERP website or contact the ISERP office for more information.

ISERP EVENTS

ISERP sponsors a number of regular workshops and seminars. The ISERP website posts a regularly updated list of events for Spring 2002 and for the current week; in many cases papers are available on-line. Our current roster of workshops and seminars.

American Political Development and Institutions

American Society and Politics

Contentious Politics

Historical Dynamics

Multidisciplinary Approaches to Human Decision Making

Political Economy

Political Psychology

Sawyer Seminar Democracy and Inequality

20th Century American Politics and Society

Urban Issues