

Newsletter 05/2002

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NEW WEBSITE

Those of you who have labored through our website will be happy to find an overhauled site at <http://www.iserp.columbia.edu/>. Many thanks to Jonathan Phillips for his design and production, to Leah Lubin for shepherding us to completion, and to both for their patience.

SEED GRANTS

Congratulations to the following new seed grant recipients:

Policy Seed Grant

The Cool City Project: NYC Urban Heat Island Mitigation Strategies

Principal Investigators: Joyce Rosenthal (Public Health), Patrick Kinney (Public Health), Hillary Brown (Planning), Elliott Sclar (Planning) and Christopher Small (Lamont Doherty Earth Observatory)

Research Seed Grants

Economic Globalization and International Peace

Principal Investigator: Erik Gartzke (Political Science)

Residential Segregation and Human Capital Formation

Principal Investigators: Lalith Munasinghe (Barnard Economics) and Rajiv Sethi (Barnard Economics)

FACULTY FELLOWS

Please welcome these new Faculty Fellows to the ISERP community:

Ran Kivetz (Business)

Michael Riordan (Economics/Business)

COLUMBIA IRB POLICY ON RESEARCH USING PUBLIC-USE DATASETS

Columbia's IRB is considering a policy of pre-approving analysis of certain public-use data, such as datasets from the Census Bureau and ICPSR. Under this policy, researchers would not be required to file with IRB for exempt status, as they might otherwise be required to do under the stricter guidelines now under development. Columbia researchers using pre-approved datasets would simply be required to notify the IRB by email that they are using this data. Again, this policy has not officially been adopted; it is simply under consideration.

The University of Wisconsin currently has such a policy, which you can view at <http://www.rsp.wisc.edu/humansubs/datasets.html>. If you have any questions, or would like to propose additional datasets or data centers/archives for inclusion, contact Kathy Neckerman at kmn2@columbia.edu.

SPECIAL EVENT

Evolve New York Open Studio

Sponsored by ISERP's Center on Organizational Innovation (COI)

Thursday & Friday, May 9 & 10, 2002

555 Lerner Hall

- 9 a.m., May 9: Memorials as Experience and Form

- 1:30 p.m., May 9: Representations in Urban Redevelopment
- 3:30 p.m., May 9: Rethinking the Regional Economy
- 9 a.m., May 10: Site, City, Region: Local Traffic, Global Flows
- 1:30 p.m., May 10: State, Market, Alliances

COI, in partnership with Columbia's Department of Urban Planning, is organizing a two-day conference to showcase studio projects related to the rebuilding of Lower Manhattan. In the aftermath of 9/11, numerous architecture, urban planning, and design studios have focused their efforts on rethinking downtown New York and proposing solutions for the redevelopment of the WTC site. This common focus offers the rare opportunity for wider collaboration and exchange among the academic design and urban policy community. This partnership between social scientists and urban planners seeks to understand the emergent design of social space as the outcome of heterogeneous actors subscribing to disparate principles of evaluation and accountability.

For more information please write to coi-iserp@columbia.edu.