

Newsletter 10/2003

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VISITING RESEARCHERS

This month, ISERP welcomes:

László Bruszt is Associate Professor of Political Science at the Central European University in Budapest where he is the former Provost and Acting Rector. He has recently accepted an offer to join the faculty of the European University Institute in Florence. Bruszt is co-author, with David Stark, of *Postsocialist Pathways: Transforming Politics and Property in Eastern Europe*, a comparative study of the opportunities and dilemmas posed by the simultaneous extension of property rights and citizenship rights. During Fall 2003, Bruszt will be in residence at ISERP's Center on Organizational Innovation, working with Stark and Balazs Vedres on their NSF-supported research project on technologies of civil society.

GRANT INFORMATION/EVENTS

October 3: ISERP Seed Grants Presentation:

On Friday, October 3, from 11am-12noon in IAB 801, ISERP Associate Director Kathy Neckerman will discuss the ISERP seed grants program with information and advice for prospective applicants to the program.

ISERP's Seed Grant program supports the initial stages of new social science research projects, with a special emphasis on innovative, interdisciplinary, and collaborative research. The next deadline for new Seed Grant proposals is October 15, 2003. For more details, please visit: http://www.iserp.columbia.edu/initiatives/seed_grants/grant_program.html

RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT

Please visit the Research Development Office's website for information on grant development and administration services at ISERP, including grant seeking support, proposal submission, grant administration and human subjects assistance. On the site you will also find useful tools for proposal development including a budget worksheet and tips on NSF Fastlane submissions. If you have any questions or comments, please send them to Kristin Murphy (km632@columbia.edu).

http://www.iserp.columbia.edu/services/services/research_development.html

Also, please note that all new human subjects protocols must now be submitted through RASCAL, Columbia's on-line grants processing system. To arrange RASCAL training sessions for departments or individuals, call the RASCAL Help Line at (212) 870-3480. For more information about RASCAL, please visit: <https://www.rascal.columbia.edu>.

ISERP WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

ISERP sponsors or co-sponsors regular workshops and seminars. Starred workshops meet weekly, others meet once or twice a month.

- Contentious Politics (M 4-6)*
- International Politics Seminar (M 4-6)
- Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (M 6:30-8:30)*
- 20th Century Amer. Politics & Society (Th 4:10-6)
- Human Decision Making Seminar (Th 5:15-6:30)*
- American Society and Politics (F 10-12)
- Health & Society Scholars (F 10-12)
- ISERP Graduate Fellows (F 12-2)

- Historical Dynamics (TBA)
- Political Economy (TBA)
- Political Psychology (October 18)

For more details on schedules and locations, please visit:

http://www.iserp.columbia.edu/news/calendars/workshop_schedules.html

QMSS

Master's students interested in RA work:

Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS) is ISERP's interdisciplinary Master's degree program in quantitative methods. Through the program, QMSS students develop quantitative research techniques and analytical skills. Representing a diverse range of experiences and interests, QMSS students are well prepared for work in the social sciences, and many are eager to get involved in research opportunities with Columbia faculty. Many students are work/study eligible as well. To find out more about how these students might contribute to your project, please contact QMSS Director, Chris Weiss, at cw2036@columbia.edu.

HEALTH & SOCIETY SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT COLUMBIA - SHORT COURSES

The following short course is open free of charge to faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students at Columbia University, as well as faculty and postdoctoral fellows at other sites of the RWJ Health & Society Scholars Program. Please send an email expressing your interest to chssp@columbia.edu and we will notify you as soon as the short courses open for registration.

- October 9, 10: Short Course - "Social Network Analysis - Methods and Application," presented by Balazs Vedres (9am-4pm, Mailman SPH, 722 W. 168th St., Room 739).
Registration required

For more details, please visit our calendar of events at: <http://chssp.columbia.edu/Calendar.asp>.

HEALTH & SOCIETY SCHOLARS PROGRAM - SEED GRANTS/MICROGRANTS

To promote new population health research at Columbia, the Health and Society Scholar's Program sponsors two internal grant competitions. The Seed Grant and Microgrant Programs are intended to support projects with innovative approaches in population health, which provide opportunities for Scholar training and investigation, and build connections between public health and the social sciences. All H&SS affiliate faculty and Scholars are eligible to apply.

For more details about applying, please visit: <http://www.chssp.columbia.edu/content.asp?cid=9>