Announcements

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

CSCL 2002

**Computer Support for Collaborative Learning:
Foundations for a CSD Community**

http://www.cscl2002.org

January 7-11, 2002
Omni Resort Hotel
Boulder, Colorado, USA

Conference Overview

CSCL (Computer Support for Collaborative Learning) 2002 is an international conference to be held near Boulder, Colorado, USA, on January 7-11, 2002. CSCL 2002 will explore opportunities for computer and Internet technology to support collaborative forms of learning and teaching. The theme this year focuses on strengthening the foundations for the field of CSCL: theory, technology, evaluation and community building.

The CSCL conference is a major event that brings together people involved in all aspects of the field of CSCL, including research, education, training and technology. The conference will be highly interactive, with opportunities for people with different interests, backgrounds and specialties to learn, share and collaborate. There will be featured presentations, research papers with discussion, poster sessions, tutorials introducing special topics, workshops exploring specialties, demos of commercial and experimental technologies, a doctoral consortium and other interactive events.

For detailed up-to-date information please visit the conference website: http://www.cscl2002.org/

For specific questions about the conference that are not answered at the conference website, please contact: Shana Lourie at: shana@cs.colorado.edu

Important Deadlines
- June 1, 2001   Submissions due
- Aug. 15, 2001   Authors of submissions notified
- Sept. 15, 2001   Revised versions of submissions
- Oct. 15, 2001   Student Volunteer applications
- Nov. 1, 2001   Deadline for early registration
- Jan. 7-11, 2002 CSCL 2002 conference

Submissions & Presentation Formats

Submissions on all topics within the field of CSCL are welcome. Special consideration will be given to submissions that address foundational issues of the field. All submissions will be rigorously peer reviewed. They must be submitted electronically, properly formatted and fit on 10 pages or less. Submissions that are accepted by the Program Committee will be published in the official conference proceedings and may be presented at the conference.

A variety of presentation formats will be available for accepted submissions. Traditional formal presentations (e.g., a talk with slides) will be grouped with related submissions and a discussant will lead interaction with the audience. There will also be poster sessions, where presenters can display their work and discuss it informally with viewers. Roundtables will allow a group of people who have read a paper to discuss it intensively with the author. In addition, submitters may propose tutorials, panels, workshops, demos, interactive events, asynchronous interactions or other innovative formats. Students may apply for the doctoral consortium, where they can discuss their Ph.D. dissertation topics with other students and faculty.

Special consideration will be given to high quality submissions that contribute to the foundations of CSCL including publication in a planned edited book, a journal special edition and featured presentations at the conference. Foundational submissions can, for instance, provide overviews of the field, critical comparisons of relevant theories, methodological proposals or visions of collaborative learning. The best of these may be presented as plenary talks. Submissions with a student first author are eligible for a best student paper cash prize.

Special procedures apply to submissions intended for tutorials, workshops, demos, interactive events and the doctoral consortium. Detailed instructions provided at the conference web site: http://www.cscl2002.org/

Workshops
Please see our website and discuss submission ideas with one of the Co-Chairs:
Tamara Sumner, Sumner@colorado.edu, or
Paul Mulholland, P.Mulholland@open.ac.uk
Workshops provide a valuable opportunity for

researchers and practitioners to discuss and share ideas around innovative, timely, or controversial topics of relevance to the CSCL community. Proposals should discuss the purpose and organization of the workshop, emphasizing how the workshop will facilitate discussion and engagement amongst the participants. Initial workshop proposals should not exceed 3 pages.

Tutorials

Please see our website and discuss submission ideas with the Chair:
Anders Morch, a.i.morch@intermedia.uio.no

Tutorials offer a limited number of participants the opportunity to learn about specific concepts, methods and techniques from any of the focal areas of theory, technology, evaluation and community building.

We particularly invite tutorials that experiment with new forms of interaction between learners and teachers, such as employing innovative technologies, actively engaging the learners in design or evaluation, exploring distributed settings within the format of a conference, and pedagogical principles and theories that will help to strengthen CSCL community building.

Interactive Events

Please see our website and discuss submission ideas with the Chair:
Daniel Suthers, Suthers@hawaii.edu

Interactive events are intended to engage conference participants in exploring current issues of CSCL design, experiencing new technologies, and sharing methods for research and practice. Proposals are invited on any of the focal areas of theory, technology, evaluation and community building. Possible formats are limited only by proposers' imaginations, but should include a significant measure of participation by attendees.

Doctoral Consortium

Please see our website and discuss submission ideas with the Co-Chairs:
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The Doctoral Consortium provides an opportunity for Ph.D. students who have successfully completed their dissertation proposal in fields related to CSCL to share their work-in-progress with peers and faculty selected from across the field.

Location

The conference will be held at the new Omni Conference Center outside of Boulder, at the foot of the Rocky Mountains. There will be opportunities for informal discussions with colleagues from around the world, as well as hiking on nearby trails, shopping in the new Flatirons Crossing Mall, and dining and entertainment in Boulder and Denver. For skiers, snowboarders, and snowshoers, CSCL 2002 promises to be a great winter location! Arrangements can be made for ski passes and transportation to local resorts before and after the conference. For those who can't do without the Internet, you can stay connected through the Ethernet drops in each Omni guest room.

More about CSCL

CSCL has been developing for several years and has entered a vibrant period of activity internationally. The acceptance of the Web and the recognition of the importance of distance education in various countries have made advances in CSCL particularly urgent. Broad concerns about the limitations of traditional educational approaches in an increasingly global and technological world underscore the need to realize the potentials of collaborative learning and computer support.

CSCL holds a number of promises:
- To develop a theoretical understanding of learning as a collaborative process that is socially and culturally situated.
- To develop technologies that mediate collaboration, that augment cognitive skill development, and that make knowledge and knowledge-building communities more broadly accessible.
- To develop ways of observing and assessing collaborative learning and knowledge building.
- To develop a community of researchers and practitioners working together to realize the promises of CSCL.

Important steps have been taken in each of these areas in the past several years, as reported at previous CSCL conferences. A variety of CSCL systems have been developed and numerous studies have been conducted of their use in classrooms. However, further progress is needed to provide a solid foundation for CSCL as a robust, effective research field. We need to start to coalesce and strengthen a set of coherent foundations – without imposing a narrow approach or stifling the healthy interchange of conflicting interdisciplinary

perspectives. The CSCL 2002 conference in Boulder will be a catalyst for this. As we propose, explore and evaluate new tools, studies and techniques, we will consider how these specifics contribute to the foundations of an educationally important research field.

Sponsors
CSCL 2002 is supported by the University of Colorado at Boulder:
- The Center for LifeLong Learning and Design (L3D)
- The Department of Computer Science
- The Institute of Cognitive Science
- The Coleman Institute, and by
- Microsoft Research

Transforming Spaces: the Topological Turn in Technology Studies

Darmstadt, Germany
March 22-24, 2002

Organized by the post-graduate school "Technology and Society" at the University of Technology Darmstadt with financial support from the German Research Council.[1]

This conference will problematize the spatial character of the relationship between technology and human beings. It addresses two interrelated questions:

To what extent do machines and media organize society three-dimensionally-thus ordering the spaces in which modern life takes place? And, conversely, to what extent do material and communicative structures open up new mental and physical spaces-thus transforming the boundaries of daily life?

To denote our explicit concern with spatiality we propose the mathematical term "topology."

The days are gone, when "technology" meant only the material means used by rational human seeking goals in accordance with principles of maximum efficiency and economic return. Today, scholars in the interdisciplinary field of "technology studies" emphasize the symbolic and discursive character of our artifact-saturated universe, as well as the machine's subtle perpetuation of social inequalities and political conditions. These scholars have begun to discuss technology as a medium, as a human- created "ambience" that infiltrates interpersonal relations and permeates society. Focusing

on the spatial dimension of materials and media, this conference intends to shape developments in the field. Technology has become a kind of second nature in modern life. For instance, cell telephones, computers, and the internet enable us to become more independent of physical location. The death of distance has been declared. Simultaneously, however, they have influenced mobility and cognitive patterns, as well as re-drawn the boundaries between the private and public spheres. By bringing out the spatial character of modern technology, the conference takes seriously its "topological" nature-both on a physical and discursive level. And, by focusing on urban structures, simulation techniques, and visualizing media in daily life, it intends to investigate the spatial character of technology in various settings and from various theoretical points of view.

Technologies, we argue, are far more than passive physical presences. They mediate between human beings, they bridge physical distance, and they contribute to the transformation of individual identities. They allow people to interact at new places, they open up new mental spaces, and they help us to visualize new arenas for action. The spatial character of the human-made world is not limited to computers and other information technologies.

Machines and media also impose on the world a certain multi-dimensional "order of things." In urban settings especially, buildings, streets, and lighting systems make up a set of material "dispositives" that strongly define what "degrees of freedom" citizens may enjoy.

The conference will be divided into four sections, each consisting of one 45-minute plenary speech and two parallel paper sessions, each of which will include four presentations. There will be 20 minutes scheduled for the oral presentation of each paper, followed by 15 minutes discussion. To guarantee insightful introductions to the various topics, four internationally outstanding plenary speakers have already accepted the invitation; cf. program below.

One-page abstracts for papers, accompanied by a one-page CV, may be sent to Professor Mikael Hård, Department of History, Technical University Darmstadt, Schloss, DE-64283 Darmstadt, Germany: hard@ifs.tu-darmstadt.de, before Nov. 1, 2001.

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[1]http://www.ifs.tu-darmstadt.de/gradkoll/index.html

Program

Section 1: Coping with Urban Places: Physical Structures and Daily Life in the Modern City

Plenary Speaker 1:
Thomas J. Misa,
Illinois Institute of Technology:
Creating the Vertical City: Skyscrapers as Sociol-technical Milieus

Section 2: Coping with the Dimensions: Visual Technologies and the Re-ordering of Spaces

Plenary Speaker 2:
David Gugerli,
Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zurich:
Visualizing the Human Body

Section 3: Virtual Entertainment, the Arts, and Emerging Lifestyles

Plenary Speaker 3:
Lev Manovich,
University of California at San Diego:
Image-space:
a Case Study in Post-media Aesthetics

Section 4: The Spatial Dimension of Human- non-human Interaction

Plenary Speaker 4:
Kevin Hetherington,
Lancaster University:
Relationality, Topology and the Disposal of Space

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Princeton-Northwestern Junior Scholars' Workshop on Embedded Enterprise in Comparative Perspective

April 11 -14, 2002
Princeton University
http://www.princeton.edu/~embedded/

We are inviting proposals for participation in an interdisciplinary young scholars' workshop on embedded enterprise in comparative perspective. The workshop will provide an opportunity for intensive exchange among graduate students and recent Ph.D.s, and a select group of faculty mentors from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds in the social sciences and regional studies.

Participants will rotate through 5-7 (theoretically, methodologically, and regionally organized) subgroups to ensure a maximum of contact among all workshop members. One among several regionally organized sessions will be devoted to a discussion of embedded enterprise in Japan. Junior scholars working on Japan are therefore especially encouraged to submit proposals, but we welcome research on all other regions as well.

The conference will take place on the campus of Princeton University beginning on Thursday afternoon, April 11 through Sunday, April 14, 2002. All participants will present their work in small group sessions which will be organized thematically. Accommodations will be provided and transportation costs partially reimbursed.

Participants should be doctoral candidates and have completed some portion of fieldwork by the time of the workshop, or they should have defended their dissertation after January 1, 1999. Projects limited to research on the United States and projects which do not involve fieldwork cannot be considered. Participants will be expected to submit, by March 1, a written basis for substantive discussion. This may consist of anything from initial conceptualizations of field observations to, polished dissertation chapters, to papers that are ready for publication. Since participants are required to thoroughly review a subset of other written submissions prior to the workshop, these submissions should be limited to 35 double-spaced pages. Proposals up to 1,000 words are due by December 1, 2001.

Submission guidelines and more information about the workshop can be found at: http://www.princeton.edu/~embedded/

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

With INSNA support: Second European Thematic Conference for Network Analysts

Thematic Conference for Network Analysts
University of Lille I, France
May 30-31, 2002

Micro-macro Relations : Advances in the Contribution of Structural Analysis

http://www.univ-lille1.fr/lilnet/

Organization: Alexis Ferrand, Emmanuel Lazega

The success of the 2000 thematic conference of network analysts in Maastricht (2000), on network sampling, organized by Marinus Spreen, Ove Frank,

and Tom Snijders, is an incentive to organize a new such conference, this time on a different topic: advances in structural thinking and modeling of micro-macro relations in the social sciences.

At this early stage, we are looking for any expression of interest, support, and contribution to the organization of the conference (titles of papers, suggestions of sessions, training seminars, etc). Theoretical and/or methodological, empirical and/or simulation-based presentations focusing on the topic of micro-macro relations in all kinds of substantive fields will be most welcome.

We think that it is appropriate to organize such a meeting on this general topic, based on the following thinking.

Traditionally, the ways in which the social sciences have framed the micro-macro link have reflected various basic theoretical assumptions. Market mechanisms, or religious beliefs concerning 'the sacred,' or formal politics have been considered central to multilevel social orders. Formal parliamentary politics, for example, presuppose that actors choose legitimate representatives who sit on assemblies and committees making rules and public policies for society as a whole, then promoting and enforcing locally their global conception of the common good. Structural approaches to this issue have tended to insist on more informal politics. The latter presuppose that members of a social setting also politicize their exchanges, solidarities, controls, and regulatory activities. This informal politicization can be assumed to use identities, cultural dispositions, legitimacies and norms provided from above by society at large to guide members actions at the local level. Or it can be assumed to rest on members' uses of power that is derived from resource interdependencies or pre-existing opportunity structures. Such power differences maintain or establish constraints on everyone (but on some more than on others, though) at the micro level. Because members react to the constraints imposed on them by norms, opportunity structures, or resource dependencies, or all of the above, changes can be introduced from 'below' in the structures that were previously exercising these constraints from 'above'. Dynamic thinking is thus brought into the picture, almost by definition, in this approach to the micro-macro issue.

Many of these various actor- or structure-oriented approaches have already benefited from methods and measurements provided by network analysis. For example, power can be measured by various kinds of centrality; constraints and auto-nomy by variable measures of density; social niches and division of work by measures of both approximated structural equivalence and cohesion; etc. However, thinking about the micro- macro relationship based, for example, on knowledge of the dynamics of structures has is lacking. Does a broadly-conceived structural approach to social life have something to say about such a dynamic link?

Today, there seem to be trends in network analysis that could converge in this direction. Traditionally, most network analysts have looked at the micro-macro link above all as a technical issue. For example, at one end, current network analysts have been trained (largely by blockmodeling) to think about social structure in terms of identifying differentiated social positions and the interdependencies between them. In this approach, it is the way in which individual nodes in the network are distinguished by patterns of incoming and outgoing ties that is examined. In this approach, the interest can focus on how individual behavior and outcomes of various sorts differ across network members and their categories (or multilevel contexts). However, at the other end, current or p* models have a different focus, asking what local processes might be responsible for the overall structure. They assume local sub-structural constraints (or dependencies) and argue that once the analysis has taken account of these local structural tendencies, the overall structure is put together "independently" from these pieces — i.e. there is no global structure beyond the local structural tendencies. Global structure or structural tendencies (such as a bipartition of the network into friendship cliques, for example) can be explained in terms of local constraints (tendency for friends of friends to be friends, for example).

Can the two approaches be made usefully complementary by introducing structural reasoning on the micro-macro relationship such as that outlined above? Reaching the macro level and a classification of members of a social setting based on the description of relational substructures at the dyadic or higher order level, where the focus is on ties, cannot be done purely mechanically. Can theoretical (but hopefully realistic) assumptions cited above about actors, their forms of rationality, their capacity to politicize their exchanges, controls and regulatory activities, be useful to the establishment of this complementarity? Is this where network analysts are brought back to the traditional and dynamic connections between the micro and the macro levels of analysis in the social sciences?

The goal of this conference is to provide and confront contributions to this debate by social scientists using network analysis.

The Universite des Sciences et Technologies de Lille I and the Clerse-Cnrs will host the conference. Lille is the capital of the Flandres, in the middle of a triangle made up of Paris, Brussels and London, and thus easily accessible by train from any of these metropoles.

To contact us, express interest, propose ideas, topics, or sessions for the conference :
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CALL FOR PAPERS

International Conference on
Cultural Attitudes Towards Technology and Communication

(CATaC'02)

12-15 July 2002
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

http://www.it.murdoch.edu.au/~sudweeks/catac02/

Conference theme:
The Net(s) of Power:
Language, Culture and Technology

The powers of the Nets can be construed in many ways – political, economic, and social. Power can also be construed in terms of Foucault's "positive power" and Bourdieu's notion of "cultural capital" – decentered forms of power that encourage "voluntary" submission, such as English as a *lingua franca* on the Net. Similarly, Hofstede's category of "power distance" points to the role of status in encouraging technology diffusion, as low-status persons seek to emulate high-status persons. Through these diverse forms of power, the language(s) and media of the Net may reshape the cultural assumptions of its globally-distributed users – thus raising the dangers of "computer- mediated colonisation" ("Disneyfication" – a la Cees Hamelink).

This biennial conference series aims to provide an international forum for the presentation and discussion of cutting-edge research on how diverse cultural attitudes shape the implementation and use of information and communication technologies (ICT). "Cultural attitudes" here includes cultural values and communicative preferences that may be embedded in both the content and form of ICT – thus threatening to make ICT less the agent of a promised democratic global village and more an agent of cultural homogenisation and imperialism. The conference series brings together scholars from around the globe who provide diverse perspectives, both in terms of the specific culture(s) they highlight in their presentations and discussions, and in terms of the discipline(s) through which they approach the conference theme. The first conference in the series was held in London in 1998[2]. An overview of the themes and presentations of CATaC'98, is on the web[3]. The second conference in the series was held in Perth in 2000[4].

Original full papers (especially those which connect theoretical frameworks with specific examples of cultural values, practices, etc.) and short papers (e.g. describing current research projects and preliminary results) are invited. Papers should articulate the connections between specific cultural values as well as current and/or possible future communicative practices involving information and communication technologies. We seek papers which, taken together, will help readers, researchers, and practitioners of computer- mediated communication – especially in the service of "electronic democracy" – better understand the role of diverse cultural attitudes as hindering and/or furthering the implementation of global computer communications systems.

Topics of particular interested include but are not limited to:

- Impact of information and communication technologies on local and indigenous languages and cultures.
- Politics of the electronic global village in democratising or preserving hierarchy.
- Communicative attitudes and practices in industrialised and industrialising countries.
- Role of gender in cultural expectations regarding appropriate communicative behaviours.
- Ethical issues related to information and communication technologies, and the impact on culture and communication behaviours.

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[2](www. it.murdoch. edu.au/~sudweeks/catac98/)
[3]www.it.murdoch.edu.au/~sudweeks/catac98/01_ess.html
[4](www.it.murdoch.edu.au/~sudweeks/ catac00/)

- Issues of social justice raised by the dual problems of "the digital divide" and "computer-mediated colonisation," including theoretical and practical ways of overcoming these problems.

Submissions

All submissions will be peer reviewed by an international panel of scholars and researchers. There will be the opportunity for selected papers to appear in special issues of journals and a book. Papers in previous conferences have appeared in, for example, the Electronic Journal of Communication/La Revue Electronique de Communication, AI and Society Journal, Javnost-The Public, and New Media and Society. A book, Culture, Technology, Communication: towards an Intercultural Global Village, edited by Charles Ess with Fay Sudweeks, SUNY Press, New York, is due for release in July 2001.

Initial submissions are to be emailed as an attachment (Word, HTML, PDF) to: catac@it.murdoch. edu.au.

Submission of a paper implies that it has not been submitted or published elsewhere. At least one author of each accepted paper is expected to present the paper at the conference.

Important Dates

Full papers: 15 March 2002
Short papers: 29 March 2002
Notification of acceptance: 5 April 2002
Final formatted papers: 26 April 2002

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CALL FOR PAPERS

ISA Research Committee on Sociology of Sport RC27
XV ISA World Congress of Sociology
Brisbane, Australia
July 7-13, 2002

Research Committee on Sociology of Sport RC27 invites proposals of papers for the sessions at the

XV ISA World Congress of Sociology to be held in Brisbane, Australia, July 7-13, 2002.

Send your proposal to the below listed sessions chairs before November 30, 2001.

Session 1: Globalization in sport: Analytical, theoretical and comparative issues
Chair: Christopher Hallinan, Australia:
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Session 2: World politics, global markets and the sportization of world society
Chair: Hans Peter Stamm, Switzerland:
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Session 3: Modern and post-modern perspectives on sport
Chair: Fabien Ohl, France:
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Session 4: Inequality in sport
Chair: Euhna Koh, Croatia:
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Session 5: Sport and gender
Chair: Cora Burnett Louw, South Africa:
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Session 6: Sport and sexuality
Chair:Mari-Kristin Sisjord, Norway:
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Session 7: Sport, exercise and health in a sociological perspective
Chair: Kari Fasting, Norway:
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Session 8: Sport and media
Chair: Kevin Young, UK,
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Session 9: Sport, politics and organisational issues
Chair: Bart Vanreusel, Belgium
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Session 10: Open papers/posters
Chair: Mari-Kristin Sisjord, Norway
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Special session 1: Leisure and sport
Joint session of RC13 Sociology of Leisure and RC27 Sociology of Sport

Chairs: Francis Lobo, Australia:

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Call for Papers

RECONCILIATION THROUGH COMMUNICATION

**52nd Annual Conference of the International Communication Association
Jointly Sponsored by the
Korean Society for Journalism and Communication Study**

July 15–19, 2002 • SEOUL, KOREA

ICA's 2002 annual conference meets in the majestic city of Seoul, Korea, but its theme was launched in Australia in 2000. In the Sydney Olympics, athletes from North and South Korea touched people around the world by entering the Olympic Stadium under the same flag, offering a gesture of reconciliation between two countries that share not only a peninsula, but also a common linguistic and ethnic heritage and culture. One key to continued progress in normalization of relationships and rapprochement between South and North Korea is effective communication. To that end, this year's conference theme is "Reconciliation Through Communication."

This conference theme is offered as much more than a symbolic gesture. It is offered in recognition that a great deal of important communication scholarship in areas such as political communication, philosophy of communication, diversity and multiculturalism, conflict resolution, violence and aggression, technology and the digital divide, and cognate areas can contribute immeasurably to the level of understanding and accommodation necessary for reconciliation. Such research is useful in order for tensions to be eased and for peace to be established on the Korean Peninsula, and it is useful for understanding the deepest elements of symbolic interaction, as well as for improving our everyday lives. The vital role of judicious communication in reconciliation was illustrated quite dramatically by the dilemma that emerged in the aftermath of the collision of U.S. and Chinese aircraft over the South China Sea in the spring of 2001. Communication scholars around the world held their collective breaths as the leaders of the two nations scurried to learn and apply fundamental principles of conflict resolution through communication.

Reconciliation is sorely needed in numerous aspects of our discipline other than political communication, and this conference theme is offered as a challenge for ICA's members to productively address a number of other divides during our time together in Seoul, as well as in preconference and postconference meetings to be held in diverse locations throughout Southeast Asia. This includes the need for a ceasefire and appeasement in the battle over epistemological and methodological turfs, where collaboration offers so much more potential than do undermining and conflict. Major changes have taken place in some of our traditionally valued institutions, such as families. Conflicts between intimates have been a problem throughout history, but the stresses and complex lifestyles of modern times make domestic understanding a major challenge. Scholars with interests in family communication, interpersonal communication, organizational communication, and conflict resolution should be able to capitalize on the conference theme of "Reconciliation Through Communication" to provide new insights into what is required to address critical problems affecting domestic well- being and even tranquility.

Much of modern communication utilizes media technologies. For most scholars, our modern media appendages have greatly extended our reach. But these same enabling technologies can be disabling for those denied access to advanced communication systems and networks, who must compete as "have nots" against the "haves" in an increasingly challenging global marketplace. "Reconciliation Through Communication" includes the need to address numerous facets of the digital divide. These suggested opportunities for engaging the conference theme are meant to be illustrative rather than limiting. Your creativity in explicating and extending this conference theme is anticipated and welcomed. One special feature of the 52nd annual conference is that it is being cosponsored by the Korean Society for Journalism and Communication Studies (KSJCS), whose members and programs will be intermingled with those of ICA. The KSJCS Organizing Committee has been working with the ICA Steering Committee from the outset to plan this conference as well as preconference meetings and postconference excursions. This experience of having two organizations working together in a joint planning effort has presented a microcosm of the sort of understanding and fusion that we hope that the Seoul conference can achieve. We are also extremely grateful to the Korean American Com-

munication Association (KACA), whose officers have been instrumental in bringing this conference to the Eastern Pearl, and whose President serves on the ICA Steering Committee for this conference. As you begin to use the conference theme as a frame for the scholarship that you will share in Seoul in 2002, a bit of historical background on issues involved in reconciliation in a couple of critical areas of concern may be useful:

Korea's recorded past appeared as early as the 3rd century B.C., and its unitary history as a political entity began when Silla unified the country in 668 A.D. The last Korean dynasty, the Chosun Dynasty, was established in 1392 and endured for 518 years, until the beginning of the Japanese occupation in 1910. Japanese occupation ended in 1945, with the end of WWII. In 1948, two separate regimes emerged—the Republic of Korea (South Korea) and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea). The Korean War began in 1950 and ended in 1953. It should be noted that the period of separation of the two Koreas due to ideological and political differences and conflict has been relatively short historically, less than 5% of the time of a unified Korea. Although many commentators think that a new horizon is emerging in progress toward a reunified Korea, a number of remaining issues potentially thwart reconciliation. Among them are disagreements about a national security law, current symbolic efforts such as family reunions by the two Koreas, and the nature of any new government that should lead a new (con)federation. Internet searches will reveal a number of sites, many in several languages, that provide dialogue for discourse analysis, public records for political communication analysis, and ample fodder for various forms of communication assessment regarding issues involving Korean efforts at reconciliation.

Toward Meaningful Dialogue Between East and West

During approximately the same historical period that Aristotle was beginning to theorize about communication in ancient Greece, knowledge about communication was building independently in the Far East. Broadly speaking, communication in ancient Asia was modeled on various philosophical systems, the most influential being Taoism and Confucianism, which emerged in China, and Buddhism, which emerged in India in the 6th century B.C. and then spread to other Asian countries.

Communication principles in Asia were deduced from philosophy rather than induced from practical needs at particular moments. The three major philosophies that developed in Asia in the 6th and 5th centuries B.C. established sets of beliefs that allowed for convergence toward a broad Asian model of communication oriented primarily inwardly rather than outwardly. The primary goal of communication in this generalized Asian model was knowledge of the self and of the essence of the world, rather than informing and influencing others or manipulating the external world.

Although Eastern and Western communication models have influenced each other increasingly, tremendous opportunities for productive dialogue and theoretical development exist from directly comparing transcendental, philosophical Eastern models with transactional, political Western models of communication. Breakthrough conceptualizations and research on the explication and potential integration of Eastern and Western communication models would be of particular value at the 52nd annual ICA conference. Contributions are invited on this and related topics, especially those spanning divisions and interest groups. Joint proposals from members of ICA and KSJCS or other Asian regional communication associations would be warmly welcomed. —J.B.

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To begin exploring the beautiful country of Korea in preparation for ICA's 2002 conference in Seoul, visit the Korean National Tourism booth (#2) at the Washington conference or consult these web sites:

http://www.knto.or.kr
http://www.lifeinkorea.com
http://www.korea.insights.co.kr
http://www.koreatips.net

Submitting Competitive Papers, Panels, or Other Proposals

ICA considers contributions to the conference in several different forms. To submit a paper, panel, or other proposal to ICA for possible presentation, you must first decide whether yours best fits the conference theme or one of the divisions or interest groups. Possible topics pertinent to the conference theme are described above, and instructions for submitting theme proposals are given in the next section. Papers or panels related to one of ICA's 17 divisions or interest groups are described below in the sections entitled "Divisions" and "Interest Groups."

IMPORTANT:

See the comprehensive instructions for papers, panels, proposals at: http://www.icahdq.org and http://www.icahdq.org/2002Call2paper.pdf *before* you prepare or submit anything for this conference.

Divisions

Information Systems

Completed papers and extended abstracts to:

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See http://www.icahdq.org/2002Call2paper.pdf for submission guidelines for this division.

Mass Communication

Completed papers and panels to:

K. "Vish" Viswanath, PhD, Health Communication & Informatics Research Branch, Behavioral Research Program, Division of Cancer Control & Population Sciences, National Cancer Institute, 6130 Executive Blvd., EPN 4070, Bethesda, MD 20892-7363.
[Rockville, MD 20852 - express mail]
Phone: 301-594-6644 • Fax: 301-480-2198
Email Address: viswanav@mail.nih.gov

The Mass Communication Division welcomes paper submissions on various topics, including research on factors that redefine the nature of mass communication and communication media, research that explains or explores effects of or interactions with media systems, and the changing role of mass communication in society, among other subjects.

New appraisals of mass communication theory are especially welcome, particularly those related to the conference theme's emphasis on reconciliation through communication. Research based on qualitative or quantitative approaches, as well as a range of theoretical approaches, including political economy and critical theory, are acceptable.

Interpersonal Communication

Completed papers and panel proposals to:
Laura Stafford
School of Journalism & Communication
3016 Derby Hall
154 N. Oval Mall
Ohio State University
Columbus, OH 43210 USA
Phone: 614-292-3400 • Fax: 614-292-2055
Email: stafford.3@osu.edu

This division is interested in papers and panel proposals that address communication processes and outcomes in a broadly construed view of interpersonal contexts, including relational, institutional, social, and cultural. Interest is in the fundamental means by which human beings create, express, interpret, and negotiate their communicative interactions with one another. Papers reflecting diverse theoretical perspectives and both quantitative and qualitative methodological approaches are encouraged. Papers may address pragmatic concerns, theory development, or both.

Organizational Communication

Completed papers only to:

Nosh Contractor, Speech Communication Department, University of Illinois, 244 Lincoln Hall, 702 S. Wright St., Urbana, IL 61801 USA.
Phone: 217-333-7780 • Fax: 217-244-1598
Email: nosh@uiuc.edu

The Organizational Communication Division (OCD) focuses on the description, analysis, understanding, and critique of communication practices in contemporary organizational life. The OCD is concerned not only with internal organizational affairs (such as supervisory-subordinate relations, employee socialization, worker participation, and media/technology usage), but also with interorganizational networks and the roles of the organization in the larger society. OCD members study organizations in all sectors of society (public, private, and independent) and adopt perspectives that include empirical, interpre-

tive, critical, and postmodern. The OCD is committed to the uses of multiple methodologies for data gathering and data analysis and especially to the triangulation of diverse and complementary research methods. Both theoretical and applied projects are encouraged. Topics of interest to OCD members range from micro-examinations of negotiation and bargaining tactics to macro-analyses of discourses of globalization. All these concerns, perspectives, and topics are appropriate for paper and panel submissions. The OCD welcomes submission of special panels and programs that truly will enhance multicultural and multinational interaction, moving the study of organizational communication beyond its accustomed domains. See the comprehensive instructions for papers, panels, proposals at:

http://www.icahdq.org/2002Call2paper.pdf

Intercultural & Development Communication

International & Development Communication

Completed papers and panel proposals to:

Karin Gwinn Wilkins, Department of Radio-TV-Film, University of Texas at Austin, CMA 6.118, Austin, TX 78712-1091 USA.
Phone: 512-471-2007 • Fax: 512-471-4077
Email: kwilkins@mail.utexas.edu

Intercultural Communication

Completed papers and panel proposals to:

Richard Wiseman, Speech Communication Department (CP-420), California State University, Fullerton, CA 92834-6868 USA
Phone: 714-278-3902 • Fax: 714-278-3377
Email: rwiseman@fullerton.edu

The Intercultural and Development Communication Division welcomes (1) full papers and (2) panel proposals across disciplinary and paradigmatic orthodoxies that focus on international, intercultural, and national development topics. Approximately 50% of papers and panel submissions are generally accepted based on review by at least three peers. Mail your submission to either Wilkins or Wiseman, depending on topic relevance.

Political Communication

Submit five (5) paper copies only to:
Christina Holtz-Bacha, Political Communication Division, j ICA Headquarters.
(Call or check website for new mailing address)
Email: christina.holtz-bacha@uni-mainz.de

The Political Communication Division supports research and theory development on the topic of politics and communication. The scope of this topic is broad, as political communication takes place in many settings, including within and between small groups and individuals, organizations, the media, cultures, and nations. Studies of communication in government, media, individual political figures, campaigns, and advocacy groups are all within the purview of this division. The division welcomes papers that address political communication problems at all levels of analysis using a variety of methodologies.

Instructional & Developmental Communication

Mail five copies to:

Patti M. Valkenburg, Instructional/Developmental Comm Div/ICA, Amsterdam School of Communications Research, University of Amsterdam, Oude Hoogstraat 24, 1012 CE Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
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The Instructional and Developmental Communication Division is concerned with two broad areas: (1) communication related to any learning or instructional process, and (2) communication related to developmental processes across the life span. The division encourages papers and panel proposals that deal with either or both of these topic areas. Division members share a variety of research interests, including, but not restricted to, teacher-student interaction, teaching styles, instructional technology, the impact of mass media on children's development, the development of communication skills across the life span, and communication between generations across the life span.

Health Communication

Submit five (5) copies of completed papers to:

Michael Slater, Dept. of Journalism & Technical Communication, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523 USA.
Phone: 970-491-5485 • Fax: 970-491-2908
Email: michael.slater@colostate.edu

The Health Communication Division is committed to excellence in research and theory development regarding health and communication. The applica-

tion of theory to health communication problems as well as the development of theory is of interest to the division. Communicating about health takes place intra-individually, interpersonally, within groups and networks, in health care settings, in the mass media, and in the society as a whole. The division welcomes papers that address health communication at all levels of analysis and that use either qualitative or quantitative methods.

Philosophy of Communication

Completed papers, extended abstracts, panels to:

John Nguyet Erni, Philosophy of Communication Division, j ICA Headquarters.
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The Philosophy of Communication Division is interested in receiving papers concerned with theoretical, analytical, and political issues that cut across the various boundaries that are often taken for granted within the study of communication. Its primary goal is to provide a forum in which scholars can explore the relations and intersections between the study of communication and a wide range of contemporary philosophical concerns, arguments, and positions, as they are developed in various local, national, and international contexts. The division offers a lively forum for contemporary ideas, from cultural studies and postmodernism to semiotics and the philosophy of language to phenomenological and interpretive study of communication events. Given the conference's location in Seoul, Korea, we particularly welcome papers addressing issues of communication, globalization, cultural difference, political economy, and alternative modernities in diverse philosophical traditions. We also encourage collaboration between Asian and non-Asian scholars of communication.

Communication and Technology

Completed papers and panels to:
Teresa M. Harrison, ICA CAT Division, P. O. Box 57, Rotterdam Junction, NY 12150 USA
Phone: 518-276-8261 • Fax: 518-276-4092
Email: harrison@rpi.edu

The Communication and Technology Division is committed to excellence in research and theory development regarding the causes, consequences,

and/or context of old, present, and new communication technologies. Studies may focus on the intra-individual, inter-individual, small group, organizational, nation-state, or international levels of analysis. Papers need not be limited to classical communication paradigms. Papers that use disciplinary foci, including, but not limited to, economics, psychology, sociology, political science, information and computer science, and history, are welcomed. Likewise, all methodological approaches, including quantitative, qualitative, historical, critical, institutional, and humanistic, are encouraged. Papers reflecting the conference theme will receive special consideration. Authors should review and comply with general ICA guidance for competitive papers/proposals.

Public Relations

Completed papers and panels to:

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Phone: 613-562-5800 ext. 3833 • Fax: 613-562-5240
Email: ferguson@uottawa.ca

The Public Relations Division encourages the submission of research papers (both faculty and student) and panel proposals (including theme sessions) that focus on the theory and practice of public relations.

Feminist Scholarship

Completed papers and panel proposals to:

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The Feminist Scholarship Division is interested in receiving papers and panel proposals that explore the relationship of gender and communication, both mediated and non-mediated, within a context of feminist theories, methodologies, and practices. The division explores issues such as feminist pedagogy; international commonalities and differences by race, class, and gender; women's alternative media; and feminist cultural studies. Research papers must be complete in order to be considered. In addition to research papers, the division encourages the submis-

sion of panel proposals on current problems and issues in the field, from a feminist perspective.

Popular Communication

Five hard copies of completed papers and panels to:

Jonathan David Tankel, PhD, Department of Communication, Indiana U-Purdue U Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, IN 46805-1499 USA.
Phone: 219-481-5789 • Fax: 219-481-6183
Email: tankel@ipfw.edu

The Popular Communication Division is concerned with providing a forum for the scholarly investigation, analysis, and dialogue among communication researchers interested in popular communication and popular culture. Division members employ diverse theoretical approaches and methodological tools in exploring a wide range of artifacts, processes, effects, and meanings that are associated with the shaping of popular communication and popular culture. The group particularly values critical research that regards popular communication and popular culture as a locus from which to generate useful and provocative questions about everyday life. Submissions that address the conference theme are particularly welcomed.

Language & Social Interaction

Completed papers, extended abstracts, and panel proposals to:

Stuart Sigman, Dean, School of Communication, Emerson College, 120 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116-4624 USA.
Phone: 617-824-8573 • Fax: 617-824-8569
Email: stuart_sigman@emerson.edu

The Language and Social Interaction Division welcomes submissions about the social uses or qualities of language, and/or the processes or structures of social interaction that either analyze data, pursue theoretical issues, or address methodological concerns. Research appropriate to the division may rely on either qualitative or quantitative data, and usually takes an approach grounded in the traditions of rhetorical analysis, ethnography of communication, conversation analysis, social psychology of language, discourse studies, narrative studies, linguistics (especially applied linguistics or sociolinguistics), or semiotics. Work that focuses on nonverbal aspects of interaction and speech is also appropriate.

Communication Law & Policy

Completed papers and panel proposals to:

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The Communication Law and Policy Division welcomes research from the full range of scholarly perspectives, including but not limited to legal, historical, empirical, ethnographic, critical, and cultural studies. The common element that connects researchers in this realm is a shared interest in observing, analyzing, explaining, and informing the law and policymaking process in communication systems. Studies may focus on policy perspectives within any country or internationally.

Interest Groups

Visual Communication

Completed papers, extended abstracts, and panel proposals to:

Catherine L. Preston, Department of Theater & Film, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-2175, USA.
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The Visual Communication Interest Group seeks to enhance the understanding of the visual in all its forms, from moving and still images and displays in television, video, and film, to art and design and print and digital media. The group provides a forum for the discussion of research in the creation, processing, function, meaning, and critical consequences of visual representation. Representing an area that touches on all other communication fields, investigating such areas as the interaction of the visual with public policy and law, mass communication processes, corporate image and organization, technology and human interaction, elite and popular culture, philosophy of communication, education, and the social sphere, the Visual Communication Interest Group welcomes interdisciplinary study as well as targeted analyses of all aspects of the visual communication experience.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, & Transgender Studies

Completed papers, extended abstracts, and panel proposals to:

Sue A. Lanky, School of Journalism & Mass Communication, University of Iowa, Seashore Hall W608, Iowa City, IA 52242-1592 USA.
Phone: 319-335-3367 • FAX: 319-335-5210
email: sue-lafky@uiowa.edu

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies is concerned with the analysis and critique of sexual systems, discourses, and representations, particularly those that animate, inform, and impinge upon the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. Such systems and discourses occur in institutional, community, domestic, and intimate contexts; are closely connected to other social and cultural practices (such as nationalism, education, or popular entertainment); and play a critical role in the formation and communication of individual and group identity. Members also work with the ICA leadership to represent the concerns of lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, and transgender scholars in the Association.

Travel Grants

Travel grants to support minority students to attend ICA conferences were proposed by the Diversity Task Force and approved by the ICA Board of Directors in 1994. The grants are financed by a $2 surcharge on each conference registration fee. To be considered for a travel grant, minority student members (African American, Hispanic/ Latino/a, Native American, Pacific Islander) must indicate on their paper submissions to divisions and interest groups that they wish to be considered for a grant. Divisions and interest groups will be asked to submit one or two nominations to the Diversity Task Force, and grant recipients will be chosen from among these nominees. Typically, up to five grants of $500 each will be awarded to students per year.

Conference Policies

Attendees from "soft currency" countries may apply for financial support for the cost of convention registration only. Please apply for consideration at the time papers are submitted by attaching a separate letter addressed to the program planner listed above.

Conference Registration Fee

As of 1993, ICA's Board of Directors removed conference fees as a benefit from all membership categories except Life Membership. Therefore, everyone except life members must pay the registration fee to participate in the conference.

Conference Secretariat

Michael L. Haley, International Communication Association, P.O. Box 9589, Austin, TX 78766 USA.
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For further information about the 2002 conference, visit ICA's Internet website: http://www.icahdq.org. The website also provides information about ICA's history, its officers, publications, divisions and interest groups, current membership directory, and conference program and allows downloading of a membership application form or conference registration form.

International Conference on Questionnaire Development, Evaluation, and Testing Methods (QDET)

November 14-17, 2002
Radisson Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina

QDET will be the first international conference devoted exclusively to the methods used for questionnaire development, evaluation, and testing, and will bring together researchers and survey practitioners working in this area, to stimulate research papers that contribute to the science of reducing measurement error through questionnaire evaluation, to provide documentation of the current practices, and to stimulate new ideas for future practice.

Cognitive interviewing, behavior coding, interviewer/respondent debriefing, usability testing, split-sample experiments, psychometric analysis, establishment survey testing, question design for special populations, and questionnaire standards and practical issues.

General Questions about the Qdet Conference
Contact Jennifer Rothgeb:
Jennifer.m.rothgeb@census.gov

The QDET conference is sponsored by ASA/SRM, AAPOR, IASS, CASRO, and CMOR.

SPECIAL ISSUES

Social Science Computer Review
Volume 19, No. 3
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Special Issue on the Simulation of Social Agents

The forthcoming fall issue of Social Science Computer Review, guest edited by David L. Sallach and Charles N. Macal, treats the growing field of social agent simulation. This e-mail contains an advance table of contents and is a call for further contributions on this topic, for which our journal seeks continued coverage.

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The Simulation of Social Agents: An Introduction. (David L. Sallach and Charles N. Macal)

Dynamics of Status Symbols and Social Complexity. (Roberto Pedone and Rosario Conte)

Studying Performance and Learning with ABIR: The Effects of Knowledge, Mobilizing Agents, and Predictability. (A. Maurits van der Veen, Ian S. Lustick, and Dan Miodownik)

Toward a Socio-generic Solution: Examining Language Formation Processes through Swarm Modelling. (Teresa Satterfield)

Simulation of the Learning of Norms.   (Harko Verhagen)

Towards Strength and Stability: Agent-Based Modeling of Infrastructure Markets. (Michael J. North)

[Additional article not part of symposium]
The Impacts of Emoticons on Message Interpretation in Computer-Mediated Communication. (Joseph B. Walther and Kyle P. D'Addario)

Reports and Communications

The Acquisition of Computer-Aided Dispatch Systems: Administrative and Political Considerations.
(Dale Nesbary)
Resources for Computerized Crime Mapping
G. David Garson and Irvin Vann
Creativity-Aiding Software
Stuart Nagel
News and Notes
G. David Garson

Software Reviews

Latent Gold, reviewed by G. David Garson

Metanoia: A Fundamental Transformation of the Mind, reviewed by Pam Gauvreau

Book Reviews

Two Reviews of Science, Technology, and Democracy, by Daniel Lee Kleinman, ed.; reviewed by John W. Murphy and Carl Grafton

Mapping Cyberspace: Social Research on the Electronic Frontier, by Joseph Behar, ed.; reviewed by Carl Grafton

Human Services Technology: Understanding, Designing, and Implementing Computer and Internet Applications in the Social Sciences, Second Edition, by Dick Schoech; reviewed by G. David Garson

VBA for Modelers: Developing Decision Support Systems with Microsoft Excel, by S. Christian Albright; reviewed by Carl Grafton

SPECIAL ISSUE

The Information Society

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Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) and Community Networking

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Manuscripts due: January 15, 2002

Even as the term "movement" is beginning to be applied to ICT-supported community networking to characterize an emergent body of concerns in the

research and practitioner communities worldwide, the terms "community," "community network," and "community networking," and their relationship, are in need of clarification and definition. As a working definition, community networking refers to the process by which a community- focussed technological system (an ICT- supported community network) develops and evolves in a geographically anchored, physical community. This special issue is interested in several aspects of this process, both as they relate to the development and evolution of the community network and of the idea of community itself. Although we are especially concerned in this special issue with the developmental process, research reports on outcomes from use of such networks in communities would be of interest as well.

There is a growing body of research on the consequences of the structuring and use of community networks on communication patterns, social relations, and collective action. This research is valuable and necessary. The process by which an ICT-supported community network is planned, designed, and implemented in a community has attracted relatively less critical attention. How and where does the idea of such a network originate in a community? How do residents and institutions mobilize around the idea, and why? Who participates and who does not in different aspects of its development, and why?

ICT-supported community networks can be powerful agents of community networking. As with technologies in general, they are shaped by social, political and economic choices. Such choices "are part of the history of a…system and are embedded in the social structure which support its (the technology's) development and use" (Iacono & Kling, 1988). The term community networking highlights the process, and the play of social, political and economic systems and interests therein, which shapes these choices in a community. These choices, in turn, can have beneficial or detrimental (intended and unintended) consequences for community building and the idea of community. This special issue invites papers that offer nuanced description and analysis of ICT-supported community networking projects in communities worldwide. Papers on all forms of technologically-mediated community networking are welcome, ranging from development and use of telecenters in the developing world to so-called next generation community networking initiatives, featuring, among

others, broadband telecommunications technologies and/or localnets (Serra, 2000) – locally-focused segments of the Internet.

Topics of interest include but are not limited to:
- Participation and representation in community network development
- Relationships between the community network and the physical host community
- Community networking, community building and the communitarian ideal
- Political economy of community networking
- Community network governance
- Community networking and the Digital Divide
- Community networking as a tool for social and economic justice

Submissions may consider these and related issues from social science, philosophical, public policy and interdisciplinary perspectives. Submissions may be conceptual or empirical, and may employ quantitative, qualitative or case study approaches. We invite contributions both from researchers and practitioners. Submissions that relate findings and arguments to existing theory, or that clearly delineate implications for the development and refinement of theory, are strongly encouraged.

We encourage prospective authors to become familiar with TIS and to discuss possible articles with the Special Issue editor. Authors may email an abstract (1,500 words) to the Special Issue editor for comments. Deadline for receiving abstracts is October 30, 2001.

Manuscript guidelines and a list of the titles and abstracts of articles published in TIS can be found on the journal's web site. Papers will be subject to the normal review process of The Information Society, and should follow the standard guidelines for submission to the journal. See information for authors at:
http://www.slis.indiana.edu/TIS

Please note in your submission letter that you want your manuscript to be reviewed for the Special Issue on "ICTs and Community Networking." If you have questions or suggestions regarding the special issue, please correspond directly with the issue editor, Murali Venkatesh at:
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JOB OPENINGS

Duke University

The Rachel Carson Professorship in Marine Affairs and Policy in the Nicholas School of Environment and Earth Sciences

The Nicholas School of Environment and Earth Sciences at Duke University, a multi-disciplinary School with undergraduate, professional masters and Ph.D. programs, invites applications for the Rachel Carson Chair in Marine Affairs and Policy, a tenure-track position. This position, to be based at the Duke University Marine Laboratory in Beaufort, NC, is open to candidates with a Ph.D. in one of the environmental social sciences, with a preference for assistant or associate level candidates. Applicants should have an extramurally funded research program; strong background in the application of both quantitative and qualitative social science research methods; teaching ability at both the undergraduate and graduate levels; and a strong field research orientation. Research themes could include, but are not limited to, resource management, the policy-making process, socio-cultural aspects of coastal constituencies, or comparative international policy regimes. In addition, candidates should have a demonstrated interest in applications of social science to contemporary coastal and marine issues.

It is our intention to fill this position for the fall of 2002, and we will begin reviewing applications on November 1, 2001. A letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references should be sent to:

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Chair, Rachel Carson Chair Search Committee
Duke University Marine Laboratory
135 Duke Marine Lab Road
Beaufort, NC 28516-9721

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McMaster University

The Department of Political Science, in conjunction with the Programme in Communication Studies, invites applications for a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level commencing July 1, 2002. The Department seeks candidates in Political Theory and Communication Studies. In Political Theory, the successful applicant will be required to teach at both the graduate and undergraduate levels and to participate in the Department's Ph.D. programme. In Communication Studies, he/she should have the ability to teach the introductory course and upper-level undergraduate courses. Communication Studies is a new interdisciplinary programme which was introduced in September 2001. The candidate should also have a completed Ph.D. or be near completion. Outstanding research and teaching potential are necessary qualifications for this position. The Department expects the person who takes up the position to engage in an independent research programme yielding significant peer-reviewed publications.

Applications, including a CV, three academic letters of reference, and a copy of a recent publication or paper, should be sent to:

Dr. Richard Stubbs, Chair
Department of Political Science
McMaster University
1280 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario L8S 4M4

Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be considered first for this position. McMaster University is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from all qualified candidates, including aboriginal peoples, persons with disabilities, members of visible minorities and women.

Deadline for applications: January 4, 2002

University of Groningen

At the Department of Sociology of the University of Groningen, there is a vacancy for a Full Professor in Sociology, specifically Research Methodology .

The Department is part of the Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The Department of Sociology is responsible for the Bachelor's and Master's degrees in sociology. The research of the department is part of the Interuniversity Center for Social Science Theory and Methodology (ICS). The ICS is a Research and Graduate School recognized by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, with the University of Groningen as the managing partner, and Utrecht University and the University of Nijmegen as other partners. The ICS has been appointed a Marie Curie Training Site by the European Commission.

The Department is oriented toward systematic theory elaboration (when possible using mathematical models), empirical testing of these models (when possible using advanced statistical models), and the development of theories and techniques for policy analysis and social intervention. At present these theories and models are directed especially at interventions in organisations, labor markets, school systems, informal support networks in health care, and collective decision making.

The vacancy

In the Department of Sociology, successors for three full professors are sought in a period of a few years, while the present professors will remain working part time for some years. The three new professors must have partly overlapping competencies in systematic theory elaboration, research methodology, and policy analysis directed toward social intervention. The present vacancy is the second in the row, after filling the vacancy in Sociological Theory. A professor is sought who will contribute to the continuation of the high quality of the Department and the Research and Graduate School ICS.

The new full professor:
< will contribute to the Bachelor's and Master's curricula
< will contribute to integration and innovation in the sociology curriculum, especially in the field of Research Metholodogy

< will contribute within the context of the ICS Research Program to the development of models and methods for theoretically guided social interventions, especially in the domains of problems of coordination and cooperation, and problems of the evolution and maintenance of solidary behavior is expected to develop one or several highly innovative research programmes which will provide a context for the research by PhD students and postdocs
< is expected to play a leading role in the ICS as a member of the ICS Board and one of the possible future Scientific Directors.

Profile
< PhD in sociology, statistics, or related discipline
< publications in important international journals on Social Research Methodology, preferably in at least two of the following domains:
  C development of innovative designs and techniques of data collection
  C development and/or application of statistical models that are integrated with theoretical models
  C development of measurement models for important social science concepts
  C development and/or application of research methods for social intervention and policy analysis
< development and/or application of theory-guided empirical research or social interventions in one of the following areas of application is desirable: organisations, labor markets, school systems, informal support networks in health care, and collective decision making
< dedication to, and experience with teaching research methods
< succesful experience with acquiring external research funding
< a good network of contacts
< good managament qualities.

Information
Information can be obtained from the chairman of the search committee:

Prof.dr. Tom A.B. Snijders,
tel. +31-50-3636188,
email t.a.b.snijders@ppsw.rug.nl

The structure report on the vacant chair can be accessed at:

http://stat.gamma.rug.nl/snijders/StrucRapMenT.html

More information about the ICS can be found at internet page: http://www.ics-graduateschool.nl/

Interested persons are requested to send a letter of application, with a CV and three relevant publications, to:

Rijksuniversiteit Groningen,
Afdeling Personeel & Organisatie ,
Postbus 72, 9700 AB Groningen.

The number of this vacancy is: 201184, please mention this number on the envelope and on top of your letter.

Closing date: October 24, 2001.

Tom A.B. Snijders, ICS
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University of Osnabrück

The Institute for Environmental Systems Science, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, at the University of Osnabrück, invites applications for a RESEARCH ASSOCIATE (salary group C1) at the new chair of "Management of resource flows" where innovative concepts for managing transformation processes towards sustainability are developed with an emphasis on an improved understanding of dynamics and management of actor networks and the development of flow based indicators for environmental, economic and social sustainability.

Research will be developed in close exchange with industry and public authorities. The successful candidate will build up a research group on modelling and analysing the dynamics and organization of social networks. Of interest are investigations on the quantification of social capital, the importance of social embeddedness and structural organization for the economic performance of organizations and companies, the development of network concepts bridging disciplines. Participation in the teaching of students in systems science is expected.

Candidates should hold a PhD in computer science, social science, economics or a related field. The position corresponds to an assistant professor appointment and is limited to a period of five years. The University of Osnabrück is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from women.

Prof. Claudia Pahl-Wostl (currently in Switzerland), Swiss Federal Institute of Environmental Science and Technology (EAWAG), Überlandstr. 133, CH-8600 Dübendorf.
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Attn: the president

Compliments of the season. Grace and peace and love From this part of the Atlantic to you. I hope my Letter does not cause you too much embarrassment as I Write to you in good faith. Based on the contact Address given to me by a friend who works at the Nigerian embassy in your country. Please excuse my Intrusion into your private life.

I am barrister Abu Dada, I represent Mohammed Abaca, Son of the late Gen. Sani Abacha, who was the former Military head of state in Nigeria. He died in 1998.

Since his death, the family has been loosing a lot of Money due to vindictive government officials who are Bent on dealing with the family. Based on this Therefore, the family has asked me to seek for a Foreign partner who can work with us as to move out The total sum of US $75,000,000.00 (seventy five Million united states dollars), presently in their Possession. This money was of course, acquired by the Late president and is now kept secretly by the family.

The Swiss government has already frozen all the Accounts of the family in Switzerland, and some other Countries would soon follow to do the same. This bid by some government officials to deal with this family has made it necessary that we seek your assistance in receiving this money and in investing it on behalf of The family.

This must be a joint venture transaction and we must All work together. Since this money is still cash, Extra security measures have been taken to

protect it from theft or seizure, pending when agreement is reached on when and how to move it into any of your Nominated bank accounts. I have personally worked out All modalities for the peaceful conclusion of this Transaction. The transaction definitely would be handled in phases and the first phase will involve the Moving of US $25,000,000. (twenty five million United States dollars).

My clients are willing to give you a reasonable Percentage of this money as soon as the transaction is concluded. I will, however, based on the grounds that You are willing to work with us and also all contentious issues discussed before the commencement of this transaction. You may also discuss your percentage before we start to work. As soon as I hear from you, I will give you all necessary details as to How we intend to carry out the whole transaction.

Please, do not entertain any fears, as all necessary Modalities are in place, and I assure you of all Success and safety in this transaction.

Please, this transaction requires absolute confidentiality and you would be expected to treat it as such until the funds are moved out of this country.

Please, you will also ignore this letter and respect Our trust in you by not exposing this transaction, even If you are not interested.

I look forwards to working with you.

Thank you.

Truly yours
Barrister Abu Dada .

It's a Small World, eh?

Dear Sir,

I would like to firstly send to you the best wishes of good health and success in your pursuits.

I am a senior official of the West Africa Project Contracts Consortium of my country. There is a pending business transaction of interest which I would like to execute with you. I have been mandated, as a matter of trust by my colleagues who are part of the project, to look for a reliable overseas partner to assist us in the execution of this transaction. That is why I am sending you this e-mail.

We also wish to invest in foreign stock markets, Estates and other businesses in your country, your advise and assistance will be required as I already plan to visit you in the next couple of weeks hopefully after the successful completion of the transaction. I am looking forward to doing this transaction with you and I solicit your utmost confidence and trust.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this e-mail by using the above e-mail address so that I can bring you into a more detailed picture of this transaction when I hear from you.

Best regards,
ARCH. JOSEPH ADEBAYO

Editor's note: *there is some doubt about the validity of the last two positions on the above list. Caution is advised.*