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This newsletter is a publication of the European Civil Society Network (CiSoNet). It contains information on project activities and events. It contains as well a listing of research reports, relevant papers and articles, and brief comments on recent, related books. CiSoNet (Contract No.: HPSE-CT-2002-60051) was officially launched on 1 February 2003. The project is coordinated by the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB) and funded by the 5th Framework of the European Union. It aims to stimulate cross-disciplinary research concentrating on transnational dimensions of civil society. For further information please visit our website at the following address: <<http://cisonet.wz-berlin.de>>

EVENTS

A conference on *Markets and Civil Society in Europe* organised by Víctor Pérez-Díaz (co-ordinator of the CiSoNet research programme on markets and civil society in Europe), took place in Madrid from 23 to 25 September 2004. The conference was hosted by the Analistas Socio-Políticos (ASP) Research Center, Madrid, assisted by the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB), and funded by the European Union's Fifth Framework Programme, under the auspices of the "European Civil Society Network". The aim of the conference was to clarify the relationship between markets and civil society, and to explore the problematique of that relationship within different political and social contexts. The conference dealt with

issues such as the impact of markets on different forms of civil society and vice versa. Contributors and discussants addressed questions concerning the effect of the relationship between markets and civil society on matters like individual freedom, social cohesion, economic effectiveness and democratic governance. Further, conference contributions considered the theoretical (and policy) implications of this exploration for a theory of civil society encompassing the public sphere and relations between markets, the state and corporate actors.

A detailed conference programme is available on our website; see <<http://cisonet.wz-berlin.de/activities.en.htm>>.

Conference papers are also available to CiSoNet members, who may download these from the “members only” section at <http://cisonet.wz-berlin.de>.

Jürgen Nautz from the Department of Economics at the University of Vienna and Ton Nijhuis from the Duitsland Instituut at the University of Amsterdam (DIA) in cooperation with Dragica Vujadinovic-Milinkovic from the Center for Democratic Transition (CEDET) at the University of Belgrade will organise a workshop under the auspices of the European Civil Society Network entitled *Civil Society and Family: A Research Agenda*. The one- to two-day workshop is scheduled to be held in March 2005 (tentatively from the 3rd to the 5th). The workshop programme is expected to be available by the end of this year and retrievable from <http://cisonet.wz-berlin.de/activities.en.htm>.

Newsletter readers will be informed accordingly as soon as the programme is accessible.

Arnd Bauerkämper from the Berlin School for Comparative European History (Berliner Kolleg für Vergleichende Geschichte Europas) (BKVGE) and Jürgen Nautz from the Department of Economics at the University of Vienna will organise a conference entitled “*Churches and Civil Society*”, which will take place in Berlin in 2005/2006. More information may be obtained by contacting the BKVGE, *E-mail*: zvge@zedat.fu-berlin.de.

PUBLIC LECTURES

Dieter Gosewinkel from the WZB held a public lecture on “Civil Society — A Perspective from Its Borders”, on October 26, 2004. He was a guest at the conference entitled *Civil Society — A Concept of Good Order? Perspectives of Civil Society in South-East Asia*, which was organised by the Heinrich-Böll-Foundation in Berlin.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP REPORTS

The following reports on activities organised within the European Civil Society Network are available online from CiSoNet: <http://cisonet.wz-berlin.de/activities.en.htm>.

Report on the conference, “Resources and Dynamics of European Civil Society — Strategies, Actors and Organisations” (26-28 February, 2004), by Pal Tamás.

Report on the conference, “The Future of the European Polity” (3-4 June 2003), by John Keane.

Report on the conference “Languages of Civil Society — Europe and Beyond” (6-8 November 2003), based on drafts by Peter Wagner and Jürgen Kocka, compiled by Agnes Arndt.

Report on the workshop, “European Polity and Governance” (5 November 2003), by John Keane.

Report on the workshop, “Europe Encountering the Other” (12-14 June

2003), by Dieter Gosewinkel and Hartmut Kaelble.

RESEARCH REPORTS AND WORKING PAPERS

Recently prepared research reports and working papers from the European Civil Society Network are available to CiSoNet members and can be viewed online or downloaded from our website: <<http://cisonet.wz-berlin.de>>.

Christopher Coyne and Peter Boettke: “An entrepreneurial theory of social and cultural change”, 2004.

Laszlo Bruszt: “The politics of civic combinations”, 2004.

Henryk Domanski: “Determinants of legitimization in Europe: Empirical analysis for 21 countries”, 2004.

Sidonia Jedrzejewska and Sven Eliaeson: “Neo-liberalism and civil society: Swedish exceptionalism and Polish pluralism”, 2004.

John Keane: “Eleven theses on markets and civil society”, 2004.

Mladen Lazic: “Class, civil society and liberal values in Serbia”, 2004.

Víctor Pérez-Díaz: “Markets as social conversations — An essay on the markets' contribution to civility and to a civil society on European soil”, 2004.

Jesús Remón: “Dispute resolution systems and global markets: Why arbitration?” 2004.

Andrzej Rychard: “Entrepreneurs, consumers and civility: The case of Poland”, 2004.

Stefan Voigt: “Civil society elements in European court systems: Towards a comparative analysis”, 2004.

ARTICLES

The following articles on civil society and related issues have been recently published by members and associated partners of the European Civil Society Network.

Heinz-Gerhard Haupt, Jürgen Kocka, “Comparative history: Methods, aims, problems”, In: Deborah Cohen and Maura O’Connor (eds), *Comparison and History*, New York, 2004, pp. 23-39.

PERSONNEL

The State Committee for Scientific Research, by order of resolution on 16 September 2004, awarded the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences the status of Centre of Excellence in the field of Social Science. This is the only such centre in the social sciences and humanities in Poland. The title of the project for which the award was granted is “Modernization and its influence on social integration and the development of human resources —Modern SPO”. This project was carried out in conjunction with several research groups and the Institute’s educational programme facilities, namely, the Centre for Social Studies and the Graduate School for Social Research.

EDITOR'S NOTE

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