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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

The second CiSoNet conference was held in Budapest, from the 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2004. This conference, organised by Professor Pal Tamás and the Hungarian Academy of Science, focussed on the RESOURCES AND DYNAMICS OF EUROPEAN CIVIL SOCIETY – STRATEGIES, ACTORS AND ORGANISATIONS. The conference proved to be highly successful and instructive; it provided the participants with many empirical and theoretical insights into the realities of civil society in Eastern and Western Europe today. A detailed programme is available at our website; see <http://cisonet.wz-berlin.de/activities.en.htm>.

The third CiSoNet conference is scheduled to take place in London from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2004.

This conference, entitled THE FUTURE OF THE EUROPEAN POLITY, will be organised by Professor John Keane and the Centre for the Study of Democracy (CSD) at the University of Westminster, London. Coordination and liaison will be managed by the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB); the University of London's Birkbeck College will collaborate with the CSD and the WZB on this project.

Proven experts in the area of civil society and European integration have been invited to address the issue of the relationship between civil society and new forms of governance, as well as the question of societal participation and representation in Europe. Among the principal contributors will be Robert Cooper, Michelle Everson, Thomas Ferenczi, Chantal Mouffe, Patrizia

Nanz, Pierre Rosanvallon, Philippe Schmitter, Alex Warleigh and Stephan Wernicke.

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

The conference papers are also available in advance to CiSoNet members, who may download these from <http://cisonet.wz-berlin.de/members/papers.htm>.

The fourth CiSoNet conference on **MARKETS AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN EUROPE** will be held in Madrid from the 23rd to the 25th of September 2004. The organiser will be Professor Víctor Pérez-Díaz from the Analistas Socio-Políticos (ASP) Research Center, Madrid. The conference programme will include the presentation and discussion of 17 papers by well known specialists in the field. More information may be obtained by contacting the ASP (*E-mail*: [asp@ctv.es](mailto:asp@ctv.es)).

## **CONFERENCE / 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 workshop, **EUROPE ENCOUNTERING THE OTHER** (12-14 June 2003), by Dieter Gosewinkel and Hartmut Kaelble.

Report on the Workshop, **EUROPEAN POLITY AND GOVERNANCE**, (5 November 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.

## **RESEARCH REPORTS**

Research reports from the European Civil Society Network, which have been prepared and discussed thus far, are available to CiSoNet members and can be viewed online or downloaded from our website: <http://cisonet.wz-berlin.de/members/papers.htm>.

Peter Hallberg, Björn Wittrock, “Languages of Civil Society: Preliminary Notes on Origins and Usage”, 2003.

Jody Jensen, Ferenc Miszlivetz, “Expanding Horizons: The Concept of Civil Society Before and After 1989”, 2003.

Shin Jong-Hwa, Jean Terrier and Peter Wagner, “The Languages of Civil Society: Varieties of Interpretation”, 2003.

Arnd Bauerkämper in cooperation with Christoph Gumb, “Actors of Transnational Civil Society – Europe from the Late Eighteenth to the Twentieth Century”, 2004.

## WORKING PAPERS

The European Civil Society Network also produces working papers which have been presented at various CiSoNet workshops or conferences. These are available online to CiSoNet members: <http://cisonet.wz-berlin.de/members/papers.htm>.

Saïd Amir Arjomand, "Coffeehouses, Guilds and Oriental Despotism: Government and Civil Society in Late 17<sup>th</sup>-Early 18<sup>th</sup> Century Istanbul and Isphahan, and As Seen from Paris and London", 2003.

Rama S. Melkote, "Contextualising Civil Society", 2003.

Gautier Pirotte, "La greffe d'une société civile en Europe de l'Est et en Afrique subsaharienne. Réflexions à partir des expériences transitionnelles en Roumanie et au Bénin", 2003.

Comi M. Toulabor, "Dynamique et consolidation de la société civile au Ghana", 2003.

Máté Szabó, "Globalisierung, Europäisierung und die Zivilgesellschaft in Ungarn. Die Lage zwischen Systemwechsel und EU-Beitritt", 2004.

## ARTICLES

Below are listed some recently published articles on civil society and related issues by members and associated partners of the European Civil Society Network.

Arnd Bauerkämper, Einleitung: Die Praxis der Zivilgesellschaft. Die Akteure und ihr Handeln in historisch-sozialwissenschaftlicher Perspektive. In: Arnd Bauerkämper (eds), *Die Praxis der Zivilgesellschaft. Akteure, Handeln und Strukturen im internationalen Vergleich*, Frankfurt am Main: Campus Verlag 2003, pp. 7-30.

Dieter Gosewinkel, Sven Reichardt (eds), *Ambivalenzen der Zivilgesellschaft. Gegenbegriffe, Gewalt und Macht*. WZB discussion paper SP IV 2004-501. Berlin, 2004.

Dieter Gosewinkel, Dieter Rucht, "History meets sociology": Zivilgesellschaft als Prozess. In: Dieter Gosewinkel, Dieter Rucht, Wolfgang van den Daele, Jürgen Kocka (eds), *Zivilgesellschaft – national und transnational. WZB-Jahrbuch 2003*. Berlin: edition sigma, 2004, pp. 29-60.

Jürgen Kocka, Civil Society from a historical perspective. In: *European Review*, 12 (1), 2004, pp. 65-79.

Jürgen Kocka, Gewerkschaften und Zivilgesellschaft – Dimensionen eines Konfliktverhältnisses. In: *Gewerkschaftliche Monatshefte*, 54, 2003, pp. 610-616.

Jürgen Kocka, Die Rolle der Stiftungen in der Bürgergesellschaft der Zukunft. In: *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte. Beilage zur Wochenzeitung Das Parlament*, B 14/2004, 29. März 2004, pp. 3-7.

Sven Reichardt, Gewalt und Zivilität im Wandel. Konzeptionelle

Überlegungen zur Zivilgesellschaft aus historischer Sicht. In: Dieter Gosewinkel, Dieter Rucht, Wolfgang van den Daele, Jürgen Kocka (eds), *Zivilgesellschaft – national und transnational. WZB-Jahrbuch 2003*. Berlin: edition sigma, 2004, pp. 61-81.

Sven Reichardt, Civil Society – A Concept for Comparative Historical Research. In: Annette Zimmer, Eckhard Priller (eds), *Future of Civil Society. Making Central European Nonprofit-Organizations Work*. Wiesbaden, 2004, pp. 35-55.

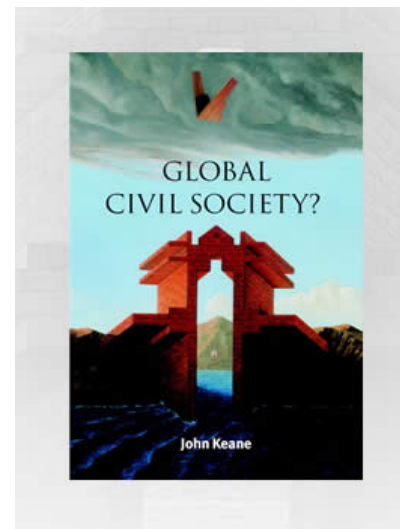
## BOOKS

Arnd Bauerkämper ist the editor of the 2003 published book *Die Praxis der Zivilgesellschaft. Akteure, Handeln und Strukturen im internationalen Vergleich* (Frankfurt am Main: Campus Verlag 2003). The volume deals with the resources and capabilities on the part of the actors of civil society. It pleads for a definition of ‘civil society’ based on agency.

Dieter Gosewinkel, Dieter Rucht, Wolfgang van den Daele and Jürgen Kocka were joint editors of the volume *Zivilgesellschaft – national und transnational* (WZB-Jahrbuch 2003, Berlin, edition sigma, 2004). The book focuses on the national and transnational dimensions of civil society and contains multidisciplinary research contributions.

In 2003, John Keane published a book entitled *Global Civil Society?*

(Cambridge, UK and New York, Cambridge University Press, 2003). This work was acclaimed by Amitai Etzioni to be “the most learned, erudite, and encompassing book on the global civil society of this century”.



John Keane has also just published *Violence and Democracy* (Cambridge and New York, Cambridge University Press, 2004), a comprehensive study of violence, civil society and problems of democracy.

The development of civil society and its broad organisational spectrum is the focus of a recently published handbook entitled *Future of Civil Society – Making Central European Nonprofit-Organizations Work* (Wiesbaden: VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften, 2004), edited by Annette Zimmer and Eckhard Priller. The handbook’s objectives are twofold: first, it provides an overview of civil society traditions in Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland and the Slovak Republic; second, it makes

practical knowledge available to civil society organisations. More than 50 leading experts in non-profit research from the Visegrád countries, Germany, Austria, and the United States have contributed to this volume.

*Between Authoritarianism and Democracy: Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia – Civil Society and Political Culture* (Belgrade, CEDET, 2004) is the title of a new book on civil society by Dragica Vujadinovic, Lino Veljak, Vladimir Goati and Veselin Pavicevic. This is the initial volume of a series on civil society and political culture; it is devoted to the problems of institutional framework and addresses issues concerning different political systems, party systems, electoral systems and judicial systems.

#### *Forthcoming*

David Chandler, Senior Lecturer in International Relations, CSD, University of Westminster, has two books on global civil society scheduled to appear in autumn 2004. The first is a monograph entitled *Constructing Global Civil Society? Morality and Power in International Relations*, to be published by Palgrave-Macmillan. The second is a co-edited volume entitled *Global Civil Society: Contested Futures*, which will contain chapters by John Keane, Mary Kaldor, Ronnie Lipschutz, Richard Falk and others; the planned work will be published by Routledge.

## **PERSONNEL**

Professor Mladen Lazic from the University of Belgrade was a visiting scholar at the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB) in January/February 2004. During his stay, Professor Lazic worked on an empirical survey on civil society in the former Yugoslavia.

In July 2004, Professor John Keane will be a visiting scholar for one month at the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB).

## **EDITOR'S NOTE**

This newsletter is published in conjunction with the European Civil Society Network (CiSoNet) project. The next edition is scheduled to appear in August 2004.

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