

MEĐUNARODNE KONFERENCIJE

MEĐUNARODNE KONFERENCIJE S PODRUČJA SOCIJALNE POLITIKE U 2008. GODINI

IAB – Institut za istraživanje zapošljavanja

Međunarodna konferencija: »Politike aktivacije na rubovima društva: izazov europskim socijalnim državama«

Nuremberg, Njemačka
od 15. do 16. svibnja 2008.

»Aktivacija« je postala značajna paradigma kada je riječ o tržištu rada i socijalnim politikama u Europi. Ne samo da je u kratkom vremenu ušla u politički govor u mnogim europskim zemljama, već je postala ključna referentna točka za restrukturiranje socijalnih država, njihovih zakonskih okvira, političkih programa i socijalnih usluga.

Nasuprot SAD-u, koje bilježe rast siromaštva i socijalne isključenosti, u Europi postoji konsenzus da je osnovna odgovornost socijalne države osiguranje minimuma životnog standarda građana. Tako se u europskom političkom životu sve više upotrebljava izraz »fleksivnosti« (*flexicurity*), koji implicira povećanje fleksibilnosti tržišta rada uz zadržavanje potrebne razine socijalne sigurnosti.

Između ostalog, konferencija će otvoriti pitanja o tome da li postoji specifičan europski model aktivacije te kakve rezultate polučuje metoda otvorene koordinacije u Europskoj uniji, o iskustvima i primjerima dobre prakse programa aktivacije na lokalnoj razini, metodološkim pristupima u evaluaciji programa, povezanosti aktivacije tržišta rada i socijalne isključenosti te drugim relevantnim pitanjima.

Detalji konferencije dostupni su na stranici: <http://www.socsci.aau.dk/~rathlev/espanet/espanet2/IAB.pdf>

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ON SOCIAL POLICY IN 2008.

IAB - Institute for Employment Research

International conference: "Activa- tion policies on the fringes of society: a challenge for European welfare states"

Nuremberg, Germany
May 15 – 16, 2008.

Activation has become a prominent paradigm with regard to both labour market and social policies in Europe. Not only has it permeated political oratory in a short period of time across a wide range of European countries, but it has also become a crucial reference point for the restructuring of the modern welfare state in its legal and administrative structures, in its political programmes and social services.

Contrary to the US, where poverty and social exclusion have increased, in Europe there is a strong consensus on the fact that the welfare state has essential responsibilities in securing a minimum living standard of its citizenry. "Flexicurity" became a political catch-word intended to represent a political paradigm which implies improving flexibility on the labour market while guaranteeing a sufficient level of social security at the same time.

The conference will address questions on whether there is a specific European agenda of activation and what is the impact of the EU's Open Method of Coordination, on what experiences are being made and if there are best practices at local level. Further, it will be discussed what are the methodological requirements for evaluation of activation programmes, what is the interplay between labour market activation and social exclusion and other relevant issues. Further details: <http://www.socsci.aau.dk/~rathlev/espanet/espanet2/IAB.pdf>

SPA – Social Policy Association

**Godišnja konferencija:
»Ispitivanje granica«**

Edinburgh University
od 23. do 25. lipnja 2008.

Međunarodna godišnja konferencija SPA pod nazivom »Ispitivanje granica« održat će se na *Edinburgh University* od 23. do 25. lipnja 2008. Očekuju se radovi na teme iz sljedećih područja: Reforma socijalne skrbi; Djeca i obitelj; Rad, gospodarstvo i socijalna skrb; Upravljanje i teritorijalna socijalna politika; Komparativne analize; Socijalna politika Europske Unije; Međunarodne i globalne perspektive; Socijalna politika u zemljama u razvoju; Teorijske i metodološke inovacije; Zdravlje; Socijalni rad i socijalna skrb; Kriminalitet i kazeno pravo; Migracije, izbjeglice i tražitelji azila; Socijalno tržište; Perspektive za korisnike; Invalidnost; Podučavanje i učenje te slobodna tema.

Radovi u formi sažetaka trebaju biti poslani do 1. veljače 2008. godine na adresu: spa08@ed.ac.uk

Za više informacija o konferenciji, posjetite stranicu: <http://www.social-policy.com/conferences.aspx>

33. Globalna konferencija ICSW – International Council on Social Welfare

»Dinamike socijalne skrbi u uvjetima globalizacije: lekcije iz prošlosti, izazovi sadašnjice i budućnosti«

Tours, Francuska
od 30. lipnja do 4. srpnja 2008.

U prvim desetljećima postojanja ICSW-a, socijalna skrb uglavnom se svodila na socijalni rad i usluge, da bi se njezino područje postupno proširilo na socijalnu

SPA – Social Policy Association

**Annual conference:
“Challenging Boundaries”**

Edinburgh University
June 23 – 25, 2008.

The annual international SPA conference “Challenging Boundaries” will be held at Edinburgh University from 23 until 25 June 2008. Papers are sought within the broad theme of the conference in the following streams: Welfare reform; Children and families; Work, economy and welfare; Governance and territorial social policy; Comparative analyses; EU social policy; International and global perspectives; Social policy in developing countries; Theoretical and methodological innovation; Health; Social work and social care; Crime and criminal justice; Migration, refugees, asylum-seekers; Welfare markets; User perspectives; Disability; Teaching and learning and Open stream.

Paper proposals should be in the form of an abstract sent before February 1, 2008, as e-mail attachment to: spa08@ed.ac.uk. For more information, please visit the website: <http://www.social-policy.com/conferences.aspx>

33rd Global Conference of ICSW – International Council on Social Welfare

“The dynamics of social welfare in globalization: lessons from the past, challenges for today and tomorrow”

Tours, France
June 30 to July 4, 2008.

Social welfare, in the first decades of ICSW, was mainly restricted to social services and social work. Gradually, the domain was broadened to social protec-

zaštitu i borbu protiv siromaštva, sve više uzimajući u obzir pitanje globalizacije i društvenog razvoja.

Na tragu rečenog, konferencija u povodu 80. godišnjice ISCW-a tematizirat će tri područja: socijalni rad, socijalnu zaštitu i društveni razvoj. U sklopu prve plenarne sjednice na temu socijalnog rada raspravljat će se o rastućoj ulozi civilnog društva unutar sustava socijalne skrbi, ulozi socijalnih radnika u borbi protiv diskriminacije i nejednakosti te o tome tko su ciljane skupine socijalnih intervencija. Nadalje, sjednica na temu socijalne zaštite otvorit će pitanja utjecaja demografskih i financijskih pritisaka na sustav socijalne skrbi, politike zapošljavanja u uvjetima globalizacije te pitanje suočavanja s novim socijalnim rizicima. Konačno, sjednica na temu socijalnog razvoja omogućit će raspravu o politikama smanjenja siromaštva, ali također i raspravu o ljudskim pravima, multikulturalizmu, održivom razvoju te drugim povezanim temama.

Više o konferenciji dostupno na stranici: www.icsw2008.org/en/

ISA - Međunarodna sociološka asocijacija
Radna grupa WG6 – Socijalni indikatori

**Prvi ISA sociološki forum:
»Sociološko istraživanje
i javna rasprava«**

**»Da li se stvari mijenjaju na bolje
ili na gore i zašto? Uloga socijalnih
indikatora u javnim politikama«**

Barcelona, Španjolska
od 5. do 8. rujna 2008.

Socijalni indikatori prvenstveno su dizajnirani za mjerenje kvalitete socijalnih sustava, praćenje određenih promjena te za usporedbu kvalitete života u različitim narodima, kao i različitih populacija unutar neke zemlje.

tion and fighting poverty, also taking into account the issues of social development and globalization.

Therefore, the conference organized on the 80. anniversary of the ICSW will focus on three domains of social welfare: social work, social protection and social development. Within the first plenary session on social work, it will be discussed the growing role of civil society, the role of social workers in the struggle against inequalities and discrimination and what are the targets of social work. Further, the plenary session on social protection will address the issue of demographic and financial pressures on welfare systems, work and employment in a global world and the question of challenging new risks. Finally, the plenary session on social development will enable the debate on poverty reduction policies, human rights, multiculturalism, sustainable development and other related issues.

More on the conference available from: www.icsw2008.org/en

ISA – International Sociological Association
WG6 - Social Indicators

**First ISA Forum of Sociology:
“Sociological Research
and Public Debate”**

**“Are things getting better or worse,
and why? The role of social indicators
to inform public policy”**

Barcelona, Spain
September 5 - 8, 2008

Social Indicators have been designed primarily to measure the quality of life of the individual citizen and societal qualities, to monitor respective changes across time and to compare how people live in different nations as well as various population groups within countries.

Sustav indikatora, zajedno sa socijalnom slikom kao najznačajnijim primjerom primjene socijalnih indikatora, pružaju odgovor na pitanje: Da li se stvari mijenjaju na bolje ili na gore i zašto? Pored opisnih podataka o trenutnom stanju stvari i tome da li se ono mijenja na bolje ili na gore, uvid u mehanizme u pozadini tih procesa od ključne je važnosti pri kreiranju i usmjeravanju politika.

Sjednica radne grupe »Socijalni indikatori« bit će prilika za prezentaciju rezultata istraživanja o trendovima društvenog razvoja, kao i za ocjenu značaja socijalnih indikatora i socijalnih slika u vođenju javnih politika. Radna grupa poziva na slanje radova na temu praćenja kvalitete života temeljeno na indikatorima, radova koji se bave pitanjima metodologije istraživanja te primjera dobre prakse u izradi socijalnih slika. Nadalje, dobrodošli su radovi u kojima se raspravljaju jakosti i slabosti upotrebe indikatora, kao i primjeri pojedinačnih inicijativa za praćenje i izradu socijalnih slika u svrhu kreiranja politika.

Detaljnije informacije možete naći na: http://www.isa-sociology.org/barcelona_2008/

ISA – Međunarodna sociološka asocijacija
Istraživački odbor RC11 – Sociologija starenja

Prvi ISA sociološki forum: »Sociološko istraživanje i javna rasprava«

»Raznolikost starenja: diskursi i rasprave«

Barcelona, Španjolska
od 5. do 8. rujna 2008.

Starenje stanovništva i njegove posljedice na društvo i pojedince postale su popularne teme u kontekstu reformi javnih poli-

Indicator systems as well as social reports as a major application of social indicators research are thus providing answers to the elementary question: "Are things getting better or worse, and why?" Beyond the descriptive information on how things are and whether they are changing to the better or worse, it is of crucial importance for 'steering' and policy making to get causal insights into the mechanisms behind those processes.

The sessions organised by Working Group 'Social Indicators' will provide opportunities to present results of research on monitoring trends social progress and to reflect the role of social indicators and social reporting to guide public policy. The Working Group welcomes papers addressing the issues on indicator-based monitoring of the quality of life and societies, papers on related methodological issues and examples of 'good practice' in policy-relevant social measurement and reporting. Also papers discussing the characteristics which qualify or disqualify indicators as well as specific monitoring and reporting initiatives for policy making purposes would be welcomed.

For more detailed information visit: http://www.isa-sociology.org/barcelona_2008/

ISA – International Sociological Association
RC11 - Sociology of Ageing

**First ISA Forum of Sociology:
"Sociological Research and Public Debate"**

"Diversities of ageing: discourses and debates"

Barcelona, Spain
September, 5 -8. 2008.

Demographic ageing and its consequences for our societies and the people living in them have become popular themes of

tika. Gotovo sva društva u svijetu pogođena su promjenama strukture stanovništva, uključujući smanjenje udjela mladih i rast udjela starog stanovništva. Starenje stanovništva ne mora nužno imati kobne posljedice po pojedince, društva i njihove socijalne sustave, već nosi sa sobom izazov traženja ravnoteže mladih i starih, uspostavljanja međugeneracijske podrške te socijalne integracije. Na starenje se može gledati kao na faktor rizika, ali i kao na priliku za ostvarivanje novih mogućnosti.

Sve veća individualizacija rezultira sve većom »raznolikošću starenja«, a otuda i porastom broja različitih diskursa i rasprava o tim pitanjima.

U tu svrhu istraživački odbor »Sociologija starenja« Međunarodne sociološke asocijacije želi osigurati platformu za raspravu na navedenu temu.

Više informacija o samoj konferenciji potražite na: http://www.isa-sociology.org/barcelona_2008/rc/rc11.htm

ESPANET

Konferencija: »Prekogranični utjecaji u socijalnoj politici«

Helsinki, Finska

Od 18. do 20. rujna 2008.

U uvjetima globalizacije, širenje ideja iz područja socijalne politike vrlo je aktualan proces. Uz globalizaciju, na njega utječu i aktivnosti međunarodnih organizacija kao što su UN, Svjetska Banka, MMF, OECD i EU.

ESPANet-ova konferencija tematski je usmjerena na pitanje budućnosti širenja prekograničnih utjecaja i analizu prijašnjih iskustava te će omogućiti forum za raspravu o primjerima razmjene i integracije ideja,

policy reform. Almost all societies worldwide are affected by changes of their population structures, with a decreasing share of younger people and a growing proportion of older people living in them.

Population ageing is not necessarily apocalyptic for individuals, societies and their social systems – it means finding new ways of communicating between the generations, of supporting each other, of social inclusion and social integration. Ageing can become a risk factor – or an opportunity for realising new potentials.

Increasingly individualised life courses mean growing “diversities of ageing” – and more diversity in “discourses and debates” about ageing.

Research Committee ‘Sociology of Ageing’ wants to provide a platform for these discourses and debates on the diversity of ageing.

Further details about the conference available from: http://www.isa-sociology.org/barcelona_2008/rc/rc11.htm

ESPANET

Conference: “Cross-border influences in social policy”

Helsinki, Finland

September 18 – 20, 2008.

In the conditions of globalization today, the diffusion of ideas concerning social policy across national borders is highly topical. Diffusion of ideas has been accelerated by the process of globalization itself, and also by activities of international organizations such as the UN, the World Bank, the IMF, the OECD and the EU.

This ESPANet Conference thus looks forward into the global future of cross-border influences in social policy, but also analyzes the earlier experience of diffusion of social policy ideas and offers

kao i raspravu o metodologiji istraživanja međunarodnih utjecaja u socijalnoj politici.

Konferenciji će prethoditi dvodnevna doktorska radionica, organizirana u suradnji ESPAnet-a i RECWOWE-a, europske mreže za pitanje usklađivanja rada i socijalne sigurnosti.

Organizacijskim odborom predsjedava Finska udruga za socijalnu politiku zajedno s predstavnicima Sveučilišta u Helsinkiju i tri nacionalna istraživačka instituta iz područja socijalne politike.

Više o konferenciji saznajte na: <http://www.etk.fi/espanet2008>

a forum for debating policy learning and lessons from exporting, importing and integrating ideas. It also enables discussing methodological issues in doing research on cross-border influences in social policy.

The Conference will be preceded by a two-day doctoral workshop, arranged jointly by ESPAnet and RECWOWE, a European network of excellence on Reconciling Work and Welfare.

The local organizing committee is headed by the Finnish Association of Social Policy with representatives from the University of Helsinki and three national research institutes in the field of social policy.

More on the conference available from: <http://www.etk.fi/espanet2008>



International Consortium for Social Development

INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT,
(European Branch)

And

ALEXANDRU IOAN CUZA UNIVERSITY (co-organiser)
invites you to the 11th Biennial European ICSD Conference on

**European societies in transition
- Social development and social work**

The conference will take place on **25-27 June 2008** at the **Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași**, (www.uaic.ro), **Romania**.

Papers on the following subtopics are welcome:

- Strategies, models and values in social and community work
- Social inclusion of vulnerable groups, particularly children and minorities
- Civil societies and the state: The role of religious communities.

The topics for the conference are mainly inspired by the present status of social work and social welfare in the Romanian society, but will hopefully attract and inspire teachers, researchers and practitioners in the social area in many societies in transition and also worldwide.

Romania became a member of the European Union on 1 January 2007. The country is in the process of rapid and profound transformation from a typical post-Soviet society to a modern society.

Iași is the most important political, economic and cultural centre of Moldavia (North-Easter part of Romania) and one of the oldest cities in the country. Presuming that for most of the participants it will be the first visit to Iași, a **post-conference tour** will be organised on **28-29 June 2008** with visits to some of the many important historical sites in the region, including monasteries with famous outside frescoes.

Please reserve the end of June 2008 for this professional meeting and a unique cultural experience. The programme, Registration form, Call for papers, information on accommodation and other practical information will be available at the Conference homepage <http://www-gewi.uni-graz.at/sozpaed/iasi/>

Welcome to the European ICSD conference in **Iași!**

On behalf of the Board of the European Branch of ICSD and the Conference Organising Committee,

Roar Sundby
President of the ICSD, European Branch

Prof. Gheorge Popa
Chairman of the Local Organising Committee

