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SUS.DIV News

What's up in SUS.DIV?

Training initiatives and joint workshops

Partners of the SUS.DIV network have reported on training initiatives and joint workshops they have organised.

- UMB Banska Bystrica together with other SUS.DIV partners (Tilburg University; Institute of Ethnology of the Czech Academy of Sciences; University of Miskolc; and Institute of Economy, Sofia) organised a joint workshop "Sustainable Diversity in a Globalising World: Global and Local in Postsocialist Cities of Central and Eastern Europe". The workshop took place on the 8 – 9 November 2009 in Bratislava. The objective of the workshop was to discuss the processes and the impact of glocalisation on cultural diversity and sustainability in Central and Eastern Europe. Arie de Ruijter gave an excellent theoretical introduction to the topic. The keynote speech was given by Ulf Hannerz (Sweden), a renowned social anthropologist and world expert on globalisation. The programme continued with the presentation of urban case studies from six countries: Czech Republic (Zdenek Uherek), Poland (Craig Young, UK), Hungary (László Kürti), Russia (Thomas Boren, Sweden), Bulgaria (Iskra Balkanska) and Slovakia (Alexandra Bitusikova). Around forty participants from various institutions and sectors (academia, research institutions, private non-profit organisations and municipalities) actively took part in the workshop by discussing issues related to the topic with the speakers. A social dinner for all speakers from the SUS.DIV network and invited external partners was organised in a nearby village Slovensky Grob, the traditional centre of 'goose feasts'. This has been a perfect networking and bonding occasion opening doors to new collaborations.
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- Giovanni Prarolo and Thierry Verdier co-organised the three-day conference "Economics of Culture, Institutions, and Crime" held at FEEM in Milan from 20th to 22nd January 2010. The Conference received funding from SUS.DIV, FEEM, and University of Padua and organisational support from PSE and CEPR.
After a strict selection procedure (they received 105 papers from the five continents!), they set up an intense programme consisting of 24 high-quality papers (including 6 papers by PhD students). Among the presenters were Alberto Alesina, Dean of the economics department at Harvard, who talked about family values and labor market regulations, and Larry Blume from Cornell University who presented a paper on stigma and social control. Ernesto Shargrotsky from University Torcuato di Tella talked about the links between military service and criminal behavior and Guido Tabellini, Dean of Bocconi University, addressed issues of social capital and political accountability. The Conference raised the interest of "Il Sole 24 Ore", the most important Italian newspaper on economics. SUS.DIV's word spreads around! For more information: giovanni.prarolo@feem.it



Partner in the picture

Institute of Economics at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia (Bulgaria)

Since the very beginning, the participants of the Institute of Economics in Sofia (Bulgaria) have been really proud and happy to participate in the SUS.DIV project. For well-known historic reasons cultural diversity has been neglected, and certainly not well studied in Bulgaria. Since the events of the beginning of the 1990s, the main subject of the network is increasingly considered as being one of the sources and results of human and economic development in Bulgaria.

In relation with the network's objective and the increased cultural, social and economic diversity in Bulgaria, we have concentrated our work on two fields. First, we participate in studies with other partners. Second, we try to elucidate the manifestation of diversity and its impact on economic development. We try to deal with the link between diversity and sustainability and with the evidence that migration and the establishment of foreign companies in Bulgaria create a different economic and social climate in the country.

The research topics of the institute are amongst others the Bulgarian Migration to Germany and other European states, FDI and remittances from migrants to Bulgaria, the increased diversity in Sofia and its impacts on economic development. Furthermore, we will publish a book on Sustainable development and diversity in Bulgaria, presenting a collection of papers dealing with the issue of sustainability in the development of the municipalities in Bulgaria, the role and significance of the environment to foster a sustainable economic development, the impact of climate change, corporate social responsibility and others.

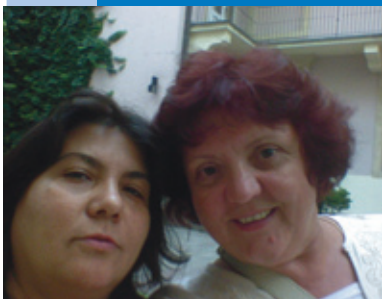
The institute will continue studying diversity in Bulgaria, for which the acquired knowledge on diversity and its impact on creativity and economic growth will be very useful. Furthermore, we are eager to continue our research with SUS.DIV partners in the future.

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Academy of European Studies and Communication Management, The Hague (The Netherlands)

With approximately 20,000 students representing 135 nationalities and 170 different degree programmes, The Hague University of Applied Sciences is one of the most diverse institutions of higher education in the Netherlands.

The Academy of European Studies and Communication Management – ESCM (formerly known as HEBO), is the designated partner for the SUS.DIV network on behalf of The Hague University. It is also part of the research task group Diversity through the Arts, led by Suzanne Kuechler from UCL London. Its members include Hisham Elkadi, Rosella Lo Conte, Ljiljana Simic, Alaknanda Patel, László Kürti and Manuela Hernández.





The task group has recently finished and delivered the final manuscript for a joint publication on Festivals and Diversity, edited by László Kürti and Susanne Küchler. The book will be published this year by Sean Kingston. Also, they have all actively contributed to the recently published Annotated Bibliography, which was coordinated by Rosella Lo Conte.

In March 2010, the Diversity and Anti-discrimination Programme and the ESCM Academy of The Hague University will be hosting an international, multidisciplinary seminar on Stereotyping and Visual Communication. In April 2010, Oracle (represented by Ljiljana Simic) will be organising another seminar on the topic of Poverty, social inclusion within sustainable diversity challenges.

Additionally, Manuela Hernández will be at Deakin University Australia, offering a workshop to staff and students of the Architecture and Building Faculty (led by Hisham Elkadi) on the topics of diversity and intercultural sensitivity (February 2010). László Kürti will also act as a visiting professor to the ESCM academy in the period of April-May, offering a workshop on media and communication.

Did you know?

- The book **"The Multiple Realities of Multilingualism Personal Narratives and Researchers' Perspectives"** by Elka Todeva and Jasone Cenoz of the SUS.DIV network, has been published recently. This book is the very first collection of first-person language learning narratives that offers rich introspective data on the various processes and forces shaping the development and maintenance of multiple languages (seven and more) in a single individual. The writers are twelve multilinguals who have been influenced by quite different contextual factors and who have learned a wide range and combination of dialects and languages from both similar and very different linguistic families. The combinations explored in the narratives include some lesser-known languages that come from under-researched areas, such as the African continent, certain parts of Asia, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe.

Do you have important publications? Do you want to share important achievements with your fellow SUS.DIV-ians and others? Please let us know for the next News.



Agenda

- **Innovative views on diversity in organizations – “Muslim Women on the labor market: between religion and secularism”**
 23 February 2010, Universiteit Hasselt, Diepenbeek, Belgium
[\[www.uhasselt.be/sein/lectures\]](http://www.uhasselt.be/sein/lectures)
- **Seminar on Stereotyping and Visual Communication in Modern New Media**
 17-18 March 2010, The Hague University, The Netherlands
 Contact M.J.HernandezSanchez@hhs.nl for more info
- **Third Latin American and European Meeting on Organisation Studies**
 7-10 April 2010, Buenos Aires, Argentina
[\[www.egosnet.org\]](http://www.egosnet.org)
- **Gender, Work and Organization: 6th International Interdisciplinary Conference**
 21-23 June 2010, Keele Univeristy, Staffordshire, UK
 Contact tuzin.baycanlevent@itu.edu.tr for more information on the call for abstracts
- **10th International Conference on Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations**
 19-21 July 2010, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland
[\[www.diversity-conference.com\]](http://www.diversity-conference.com)
- **10th International Conference on Knowledge, Culture and Change in Organisations**
 26-29 July 2010, HEC Montréal, Canada
[\[www.managementconference.com\]](http://www.managementconference.com)
- **Policy Research Centre on Equal Opportunities 2nd “Equal is not enough” Conference “Challenging differences and inequalities in contemporary societies”**
 1-3 December 2010, Antwerp, Belgium
[\[www.equalisnotenough.org\]](http://www.equalisnotenough.org)
- **Other?** Please let us know your agenda for you to attract more participants.