

RC21 NEWS REPORT FOR PARTICIPATION

RC21- coming meetings & launch of journal

First of all, let us draw attention to our coming RC21 meetings prior to the 2012 IPSA meeting in Madrid!

September 15-17, 2010, RC21 conference at the University of Aalborg, Denmark, on "Opportunities for an educated citizen democracy".

This conference is an initiative of the Research Committee on Political Socialization and Education (RC21) in cooperation with University of Aalborg Institute of Economics, Politics and Administration, and with the Research Committee on Psycho-Politics (RC29) of the International Political Science Association.

The Aalborg conference will address the issue of opportunities for an educated citizen democracy. To which degree are contemporary notions of representative liberal democracy compatible with ideals of participative democracy? How does ideas of citizenship as “involvement in public affairs” - aiming at educating the citizenry by gaining the knowledge, skills and values relevant to the nature and practices of this normative model of democracy - match current transitions of social reality? Much mainstream debate on citizenship has been premised on the assumption that citizens are fully formed individuals able to express their interests in the public domain. Still, many groups in society do not have access to the avenues of communication necessary for them to participate in society. In 21. Century, citizenship, as accounted for by e.g. T.H. Marshall, may not give a comprehensive theoretical framework for understanding, what it means to be political in an age characterized by globalization and post modernity – or what it means to be a citizen in a digital era.

Conference theme & call for papers.

We welcome all papers within research field of Political socialization and education - a special focus is given to:

Civic involvement

Social capital

Political literacy

Communication and New Media

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2011 meeting at the Jagellonian University, Krakau, Poland.

Also this meeting will be a joint RC21-RC29 event!

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Secondly, we would like to thank all those involved in the wonderful Santiago meeting and especially the participants in the four RC21 panels and one joint RC21-RC29 panel. All five panels were very topical and well attended. The panels were entitled:

Education for democratic citizenship (303) Monday July 13, 9.00- 10.55

Democracy and Political Socialization (570) Monday July 13, 13.00- 14.55

Civic Education at School (571) Tuesday July 14, 11.00- 12.55

Policy Issues for Socialization and Education (572) July 15, 11.00- 12.55

Leadership: Perspectives from Political Psychology and Political Socialization (Joint RC21 - RC29 panel, 583)

Thirdly, we would like to draw your attention to the RC21- RC29 journal *Politics, Culture & Socialization* (Barbara Budrich Publishers).

The journal welcomes manuscripts in the sphere of political socialization & education, and political psychology.

Please submit manuscripts to Lieuwe Kalkhoven, Editorial Board Assistant, located at the University of Antwerp, Belgium, Faculty of Political & Social Sciences, Sint- Jacobstraat 2, 2000 Antwerp, Belgium or lieuwe.kalkhoven@ua.ac.be

Finally: It is a great honour to let you know that Vivien McMahon, mcmahonvl@appstate.edu, is raising money for the Dr. Daniel B. German Eminent Professorship in Political Science. Professor German is the former President of IPSA RC21, and still active as our Vice-President.

RC21 welcomes your initiatives! Further information on RC21 activities and membership, as well as on the journal *Politics, Culture & Socialization*, can be found at the RC21 section of the IPSA site (which now replaces the site www.politicalsocialization.org), as well as in the RC21 Newsletters sent to the members. Do not hesitate to contact us.

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