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ARE PLEASED TO INVITE THE JUNIOR UNIVERSITY TEACHERS IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
IN THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE AND EURASIA
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECTS OF THE

REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING (ReSET)

The **HESP Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching (ReSET)** aims to develop and nurture teaching excellence at the undergraduate university level. The program establishes a framework for the long-term collaborative development of scholarly teaching in areas important to the region's undergraduate humanities and social sciences curricula. While ReSET projects address diverse subjects, fields and disciplines, they share the approach based on:

- developing reflexive scholarly and innovative undergraduate teaching;
- critical rethinking of the subject, drawing on the best and most current international scholarship;
- a collaborative structure fostering peer exchange and learning among the regional and international faculty.

Rooted in the concept of continuous development and self-renewal of university academics, ReSET creates opportunities for qualified and dedicated regional and international faculty to make a substantial contribution to the revision and advancement of teaching and learning in their subjects and fosters their leadership in the process of educational change in the region.

The following projects will commence during the Summer of 2009 and are now open to applications and statements of interest from the junior faculty teaching at the undergraduate university programs in the relevant academic subjects in the countries of Southeastern Europe, the NIS and Mongolia:

- **CONCEPTION OF "ETERNAL CAPITALS"- FROM ANCIENT COSMOPOLITAN CITIES TO MODERN MEGAPOLISES**
- **JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND POLITICAL REGIMES: RE-INTERPRETING CLASSICS, RETHINKING TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP**
- **RETHINKING THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AGENDA**
- **COMPARATIVE STUDY OF EVERYDAY LIFE: CURRENT THEORETICAL PARADIGMS, METHODOLOGICAL ORIENTATIONS AND TEACHING PRACTICES**
- **PHILOSOPHY AND MEDIA**
- **CONTEMPORARY CONFLICTS AS AN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY THREAT: TOWARDS AN INTEGRATED TEACHING AND RESEARCH PROGRAM**
- **EUROPEAN VISIONS AND DIVISIONS: COMPARATIVE STUDIES FOR ADVANCES IN TEACHING SOCIOLOGY**
- **LIVING OUTSIDE THE LAW: INSTITUTIONAL APPROACHES TOWARD STUDYING THE EXTRALEGAL SECTOR IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE (RESET CHALLENGES SEMINAR)**

HESP's funding to the projects, as a rule, provides coverage of all major costs of participation for the candidates from the target region. Non-regional university academics are encouraged to participate in the activities of the Seminar on a self- or co-funding basis.

Please note that HESP neither recruits nor selects the participants of the individual projects and does not provide funding to the participants on an individual basis; each project operates independently and the recruiting, funding and organizational procedures vary between projects. All inquiries and applications should be directed to the organizers of the projects according to the contact information for each project provided further. Individuals who are interested in participation in the projects are encouraged to contact the project organizers immediately, to meet the upcoming application deadlines.

CONCEPTION OF “ETERNAL CAPITALS” – FROM ANCIENT COSMOPOLITAN CITIES TO MODERN MEGAPOLISES

DISCIPLINE History (Ancient History)
PROJECT PERIOD July 2009 - July 2012

HOST INSTITUTION Iv. Javakhsivili Tbilisi State University
WORKING LANGUAGES English

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project aims to advance teaching of History with integration of scholarly work and methodology, which would be focused on two steps: 1) reconstruction of the Ancient World through patterns of cities studied in comparative context and 2) juxtaposing ancient cities with Medieval and Modern counterparts, researched in context of contemporary social-political and cultural studies. The Project will focus on challenging strict compartmentalized study of History on increasing levels of sophistication of the content and methodology. The Project aims to present Ancient History/civilization, as the subject area with an inherently interdisciplinary nature; to develop curricula and broaden methodological approaches to accommodate the diversity of the fields.

PARTICIPANTS ELIGIBILITY

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| Disciplines | History, Ethnology, Anthropology, Cultural Studies, Oriental Studies and Classical Studies |
| Region/countries | NIS, Central Asia and South Caucasus |
| Academic profile | MA or higher, full-time university teaching position |
| Other criteria | Recommendation of academic advisor and dean/ head of department, sufficient knowledge of English language |
| Application procedure | CV; Essay |

Deadline for applications **May 10, 2009**

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JUSTICE, FREEDOM AND POLITICAL REGIMES: RE-INTERPRETING CLASSICS, RETHINKING TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP

DISCIPLINE Political philosophy, political theory
PROJECT PERIOD July 2009 - July 2012

HOST INSTITUTION American University - Central Asia
WORKING LANGUAGE English, (Russian as a second language)

PROJECT DIRECTORS

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CORE RESOURCE FACULTY

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The main goal of this ReSET project is the development of reflexive scholarly teaching of political theory and political philosophy on the undergraduate level through critical re-thinking of a variety of concepts, topics, theories and sources in a collaborative project fostering peer exchange and learning among regional and international faculty. The main focus will be on critical reading of classical texts in political philosophy, identification of political philosophy problems, interpretation and explanation of contemporary political ideas and revising or building undergraduate curriculum around the dialogue between the contemporary political ideas and issues and classical theoretical texts and concepts.

PARTICIPANTS ELIGIBILITY

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| Disciplines | Political philosophy, Political Theory |
| Region/countries | Central Asia, post-soviet states |
| Academic profile | Teaching political theory, political science at university level institutions and/or doing research in the same disciplines |
| Other criteria | English language is mandatory (at least good level of reading and comprehension) |
| Application procedure | Application; CV; Letter of motivation |

Deadline for applications April 25, 2009

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RETHINKING THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AGENDA

DISCIPLINE International Relations/International Security
PROJECT PERIOD July 2009 - July 2012

HOST INSTITUTION Al-Farabi Kazakh National University
WORKING LANGUAGE English and Russian

PROJECT DIRECTORS

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CORE RESOURCE FACULTY

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project aims to contribute innovative theoretical insights and develop new teaching methods to the study of international security in post-communist Eurasia. Re-conceptualizing the international security agenda, with a focus on non-traditional (non state centric and non military) dimensions of security will equip the participating university faculty (and their perspective students) with the analytical tools to understand the challenges that are likely to define the 21st century. By so doing the seminar will seek to bring theoretical and methodological innovation to the way in which international security is taught and studied in the target region.

PARTICIPANTS ELIGIBILITY

Disciplines International Relations/Political Science
Region/countries Former Soviet Union and Mongolia
Academic profile Hold a teaching position at universities in the target region (early career)
Other criteria Knowledge of English and Russian
Application procedure Application form; sample written work; course syllabus

Deadline for applications **May 10, 2009**

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COMPARATIVE STUDY OF EVERYDAY LIFE: CURRENT THEORETICAL PARADIGMS, METHODOLOGICAL ORIENTATIONS AND TEACHING PRACTICES

DISCIPLINE Sociology of Everyday Life, Comparative Sociology, Cultural Anthropology, Social Philosophy, Political Science, Visual Methods in Social Sciences, Journalism

PROJECT PERIOD June 2009 – May 2012

HOST INSTITUTION St. Petersburg State University

WORKING LANGUAGE English

PROJECT DIRECTORS

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project deals with the problems of a new paradigmatic turn in sociological scholarship and teaching that is a turn to studying everyday life. The development of such a Project aims to explore the strengths and limitations of theoretical and empirical analyses of the so-called “first sociology” (sociology of social organisms and big systems) and “second sociology” (sociology of actors and behavior) for the social sciences in the region. The new focus is on social existence manifested by social events of various scales. This sociology of social existence provides a new angle of vision, which promises to advance considerably our understanding of real life in the region.

PARTICIPANTS ELIGIBILITY

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| Disciplines | Sociology, Anthropology, Social Philosophy, Political Science, Journalism, Cultural Studies |
| Region/countries | former Soviet Union countries |

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| Academic profile | Young faculty members, teaching classes at the Universities; PhD. students who plan to teach in the universities |
| Other criteria | Project's working language is English (minimum score of 550 TOEFL/ IELTS or equivalent e.g. the Oxford and Cambridge English Proficiency Certificates) |
| Application procedure | Statement of Purpose; Curriculum Vitae; Letter of recommendation from the person who works closely with an applicant; List of publications relevant to the theme of the school; List of books/articles read by the applicant on the subject of the project; Short Essay or a Writing Sample on the theme of the project or a Syllabus of an academic course developed or taught by the applicant in the discipline of the project |

Deadline for applications **May 15, 2009**

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PHILOSOPHY AND MEDIA

DISCIPLINE Interdisciplinary: Philosophy, Media Studies, Cultural Studies
PROJECT PERIOD July 2009 – May 2012

HOST INSTITUTION Petro Vasylenko Kharkiv National Technical University of Agriculture
WORKING LANGUAGE English

PROJECT ORGANIZERS

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CORE RESOURCE FACULTY

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A principle objective of the project is to promote innovative undergraduate teaching in the region, and to develop cutting-edge courses on media and philosophy based on an interdisciplinary approach and thus to foster a mode of scholarship that will make the scholars in the region competitive at the level of international scholarship. The project will also provide the media scholars in the region with an exciting chance to move to the forefront of the international development of a more philosophical approach to media study.

PARTICIPANTS ELIGIBILITY

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| Disciplines | Philosophy, Cultural Studies, Media Studies, and Communications Studies |
| Region/countries | Countries of NIS and Eastern Europe |
| Academic profile | Junior faculty |
| Other criteria | Knowledge of English |
| Application procedure | Application form with a Statement of Purpose, including the Statement of the knowledge of English; Curriculum Vitae; List of publications relevant to the theme of the project; Short Essay or a Writing Sample on the theme of the project or a Syllabus of an academic course developed or taught by the applicant in the subject of the project. |

Deadline for applications **May 1, 2009**

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CONTEMPORARY CONFLICTS AS AN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY THREAT: TOWARDS AN INTEGRATED TEACHING AND RESEARCH PROGRAM

DISCIPLINE Political Science, International Relations, Economics and International Law
PROJECT PERIOD June 2009 – June 2012

HOST INSTITUTION Donetsk State Management University, Ukraine
WORKING LANGUAGE English

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The systematic study of conflict and conflict management is an almost completely neglected topic in the academic curricula in the target region despite the prevalence of conflict there. Similarly, very little research is carried out, which further diminishes the prospects of high-quality modules and courses. This means that not only the basics of an established sub-field in international relations remain uncovered in current curricula but even more so that new issues are not studied at all either. Addressing this significant shortcoming can only be achieved through a broad regional and international academic collaboration, in which faculty and participants are partners in an intellectual endeavor to develop, apply, and disseminate a new research agenda, appropriate teaching formats, and relevant teaching and research skills based on an interdisciplinary and theoretically and methodologically open and integrative approach.

PARTICIPANTS ELIGIBILITY

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| Disciplines | Political Science, International Relations, Economics and International Law |
| Region/countries | Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Russia, Uzbekistan, and Ukraine |
| Academic profile | MA degree or equivalent in Political Science, International Relations, History, Economics or Law |
| Other criteria | Full-time teaching position at the programs of undergraduate specialization, extraordinary motivation and keen interest in learning and sharing knowledge and experience |
| Application procedure | Application form with personal information; CV; Statement of purpose; One page syllabus; One page research proposal |

Deadline for applications **May 10, 2009**

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EUROPEAN VISIONS AND DIVISIONS: COMPARATIVE STUDIES FOR ADVANCES IN TEACHING SOCIOLOGY

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| DISCIPLINE | Sociology |
| PROJECT PERIOD | September 2009 - September 2012 |
| HOST INSTITUTION | National Taras Shevchenko University of Kiev, Faculty Sociology |
| WORKING LANGUAGE | English |

PROJECT DIRECTORS

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The core goal of this project is to involve scholars in theoretical and empirical discussions on common and divided European space in its past and future development via implementation of outcomes of comparative studies and the most important research findings into the university curriculum.

PARTICIPANTS ELIGIBILITY

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| Disciplines | Sociology |
| Region/countries | Ukraine, Russia, Moldova, Belarus, Georgia, Baltic Countries and East European post-communist countries |
| Academic profile | Junior Faculty, teaching related courses |
| Other criteria | Upper-intermediate English |
| Application procedure | Course syllabus proposed by the applicant for revision; 2 reference letters (from home Department and from a professor acquainted with scholarly achievements of the applicant); 1-page motivation letter; CV |

Deadline for applications **June 15, 2009**

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LIVING OUTSIDE THE LAW: INSTITUTIONAL APPROACHES FOR STUDYING THE EXTRALEGAL SECTOR IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

ReSET CHALLENGES SEMINAR

DISCIPLINE Sociology, Law, Economics, Anthropology, Political Science, Demography, and Management

PROJECT PERIOD June 2009 - April 2011

HOST INSTITUTION National University of Mongolia

WORKING LANGUAGE English

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is built upon the 2006-2009 ReSET Seminar "Institutions and Public Policy" and based on the institutional theories and approaches. It aims not only at improving teaching and incorporating institutionalist topics into the existing curricula, but also at connecting teaching and research, with special emphasis on comparative studies. The proposed initiative aims at improving undergraduate teaching by enlarging the scope of the choices of courses related to institutional economics at higher education institutions in the region. The courses can be elective, optional, or specialized courses, or subcomponents of the existing courses on institutional economics or economic sociology.

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PARTICIPANTS ELIGIBILITY

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| Disciplines | Sociology, Law, Economics, Anthropology, Political Science, Demography, and Management |
| Region/countries | Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Russia (the Eastern Siberia regions of Chita, Irkutsk, Kemerovo, Buryat Republic and Tuva Republic) |
| Academic profile | Full or part-time teaching positions; at least Master's degree in Economics, Sociology, Political Science and Government, Anthropology, Law, History, Demography, Statistics or relevant field with interest in the subject of study – various dimensions of the extralegal sector |
| Other criteria | Excellent command of English |
| Application procedure | Written statement of research interest; Proof of English language proficiency, e.g. TOEFL, GRE, GMAT scores, Certificates of English language courses; Sample of written work |

Deadline for applications **May 1, 2009**

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ReSET SEMINAR PROJECTS

- Foster the development of scholarly teaching in **subject areas central to the undergraduate curricula** through generating **critical rethinking of the current and foundation scholarship and on the state of teaching and curricula** in the subject in the region.
- Work to establish and critique the theoretical and methodological grounding of the subject through the review of key concepts, texts and approaches and challenge the existing orthodoxies in the academic subjects locally, regionally and internationally;
- Bring about change in undergraduate classroom through creative revision of teaching in light of the most progressive scholarship and approaches to learning, and enhancing the capacities for critical synthesis and inquiry;
- Create collaborative groups of 25-30 junior faculty participants from the region and international teams of resource faculty, which engage in intensive learning and debate on the subject matter, reflection on teaching philosophies and experiences and practical experimentation with the outcomes of project work in the classroom.

HESP offers support for the ReSET Seminars projects for up to three consecutive years. The priority is given to the projects that aim to contribute to the development of areas of specialization in the undergraduate curriculum.

ReSET CHALLENGES PROJECTS

- Involve smaller groups of academic colleagues who, building upon their significant experiences in development of university teaching and curricula in the region, endeavor to generate change in the undergraduate education on the regional level by focusing on **particularly new or challenging subjects and curricular areas in need of substantial revision**.
- Work actively to advance the methodology of learning and teaching in the discipline through active international collaboration, challenging traditionalist patterns in design of curricula and application of scholarship in teaching, and active scholarly engagement;
- Create venues and stimulate the debate on the issues of scholarly teaching and development of learning in the chosen subject area on a broader national, regional and international level, generate resources and methodologies for discussion and dissemination in the wider regional academic community, in effort to maximize the impact on the level of departments, institutions and national curricula.

The ReSET Challenges projects support flexibly structured programs of intensive interaction within the groups of 15-20 regional faculty participants and international resource faculty working as academic peers during, on average, two consecutive years.

GENERAL PROGRAM INQUIRIES

HESP REGIONAL SEMINAR FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

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