

Announcements

Third Stein Rokkan Prize Announced

The International Social Science Council, in conjunction with the Conjunto Universitario Candido Mendes (Rio de Janeiro) announces that the Stein Rokkan Prize will be awarded for the third time in the fall of 1986.

The prize is intended to crown a seminal contribution in comparative social science research written in English, French or German, by a scholar under 40 years of age on December 31, 1986. It can be a manuscript, printed book, or collected works in each case published after 1984.

Four copies of manuscripts typed double-spaced or of printed works shall be delivered to the International Social Science Council before February 1, 1986, together with a formal letter of application with evidence of the candidate's age attached.

The award shall be made by the ISSC General Assembly meeting in the fall of 1986 on the recommendation of the ISSC Executive Committee. Its decision shall be final and not subject to appeal or revision.

The prize is in the amount of \$2,000 U.S. It may be divided between two or more applicants, should it be found difficult to adjudicate between equally valuable works submitted. For further inquiries, please write to: Secretary General, International Social Science Council, UNESCO, 1, rue Miollis, 75015 Paris, France. □

Award Established in International Security Studies

The Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society in conjunction with Pergamon-Brassey's International Defense Publishers has established an award for the best book manuscript on international security studies as judged by the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society. A prize of \$2,000

(U.S.) will be awarded as a nonrefundable advance against royalties to the author(s) of the book manuscript. Pergamon-Brassey's International Defense Publishers will publish the book.

Submissions or further inquiries should be addressed to the Secretariat of the IUS, Box 46, 1126 East 59th Street, Chicago, IL 60637. □

Dissertation Award Offered

The National Council for the Social Studies is sponsoring an Exemplary Dissertation Award competition in order to recognize excellence in research conducted by doctoral candidates in areas related to social studies education. The author of the selected dissertation will receive a certificate of merit and \$150.

The award will be conferred on the basis of dissertation research in the pursuit of the doctoral degree. Research is broadly defined to include experimental, conceptual, historical, philosophical, and other modes appropriate to the problem investigated. For a dissertation to be selected for the award, it must make a significant contribution to the field of social education. The dissertation must also be outstanding in the areas of problem statement, analysis of related literature, methods and procedures, analysis of data, and discussion of results.

To be eligible for the 1985 award, the dissertation must have been completed between June 16, 1984 and June 15, 1985. Nominations should include four copies of an abstract, not more than three 8½" x 11" pages, typed, double-spaced, submitted to the chairperson by June 15, 1985. The heading of each copy of the abstract must include the author's name, address, telephone number, name of institution where degree was completed, name of major advisor, and date of degree completion. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for acknowledgement. After reviewing the abstracts, the subcommittee may ask for the submission of the completed dissertation by August 1, 1985.

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Send materials to: Ted Shanoski, Department of History, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA 17815. □

Award Offered for Social Science History Publication

The Allan Sharlin Award is given annually for the outstanding article or book published in 1984 in social science history. The award is sponsored by the Social Science History Association, and the amount of the award is \$500. Individuals who wish to submit or nominate articles or books should write to one of the members of the Award Committee: David Levine, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, 252 Bloor St. W., Toronto, Ontario M5S 1V6; Harvey J. Graff, School of Arts and Humanities, University of Texas-Dallas, Box 830688, Richardson, TX 75083; or Patrick Horan, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. The deadline for submissions is May 30, 1985. □

Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies Initiated

JIS is the official journal of the International Christian Studies Association, co-sponsored and published by the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research, initially to appear in two double issues per year, beginning in 1986.

JIS welcomes contributions to the quest for advancing knowledge and achieving new scientific breakthroughs in understanding God, man, and the universe. *JIS* seeks new insight into the relationship between man and his Savior, Jesus Christ. *JIS* offers an open forum for an international, interdisciplinary, and interfaith dialogue to encourage the discovery of the unknown at the interstices of the social sciences and humanities, the arts and the natural sciences, and the exploration of the focal point of synthesis between fact and value, physics and metaphysics, theory and practice. Thus, *JIS* aspires to celebrate the Spirit of God as it

energizes and enlightens the spirit of man.

JIS Thematic Issues: 2001 (Future of Interdisciplinary Research); Orwell and Huxley; Capitalism, Socialism and Human Rights; Religion and Politics; Artificial Intelligence; The Second Reformation; Knowledge, Ethics and Faith. Manuscript deadline: October 1, 1985 for Vol. I, No. 1/2; January 1 and July 1 for subsequent issues. Manuscript format (max. 25 pages): Brief in-text citations, alphabetical references at the end. Submit three copies of the manuscript, a 100-word abstract, and postage for return of manuscript. Since manuscripts are refereed anonymously, author's name, affiliation and address should appear on a separate sheet. Annual subscription (made out to ICISA): \$25 individual; \$15 student; \$50 institutional (overseas airmail, add \$10). All inquiries to: Oskar Gruenwald, *JIS* Editor, 2828 Third Street #11, Santa Monica, CA 90405. □

International Studies Quarterly Invites Manuscripts

Effective January 1, 1985, *International Studies Quarterly* will be edited by Professors Richard K. Ashley, Patrick L. Lauderdale, Pat McGowan, and Stephen G. Walker at Arizona State University.

International Studies Quarterly, the official journal of the International Studies Association, seeks to acquaint a broad audience of readers with the best work being done in the variety of intellectual traditions included under the rubric of international studies. *ISQ* is directed to a wide community of scholars in many different countries and in many areas of research. The editors seek substantial contributions that (1) are interdisciplinary in nature and scope, (2) reflect the various political, economic, social and cultural factors that underlie differing outlooks on problems that affect more than one society, or (3) treat important theoretical issues or analyze substantive policy questions of a long-term nature.

Persons wishing to submit manuscripts to *International Studies Quarterly* should

submit four copies, with abstract, to the Editors, Department of Political Science, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287.

Manuscripts should follow the format described in "Editorial Policies and Instructions to Authors" published in each issue of the journal. □

***Journal of Politics* Welcomes Articles and Book Reviews**

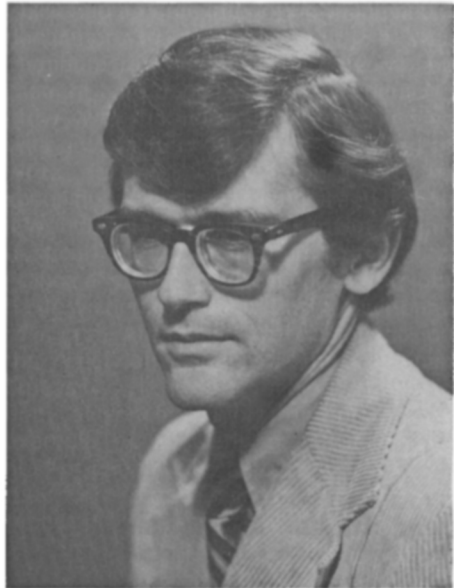
The Journal of Politics is a general journal publishing articles from all the diverse perspectives and areas of interest within the discipline. The *Journal* publishes empirically based articles that adopt a scientific approach to advancing knowledge of political behavior, action, and processes as well as articles adopting traditional and historical approaches to the study of politics and political thought. The *Journal* would particularly encourage scholars in the areas of comparative politics and international relations to submit articles for consideration. The *Journal* also encourages political scientists dealing in a rigorous, analytic manner with politically relevant topics (e.g., monetary policy, discrimination, energy, welfare, etc.) to submit articles for consideration.

Micheal W. Giles, chairman of the Department of Political Science at Emory University, assumed the editorship of the *Journal* in December 1984 with Eleanor Main as associate editor. Manuscripts and correspondence should be addressed to Micheal W. Giles, Editor, *Journal of Politics*, Department of Political Science, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322.

Effective January 1985 the book review editor of the *Journal* is Cecil L. Eubanks of Louisiana State University. Book review editorial consultants are Ronald E. Weber and Peter Zwick of Louisiana State University. The book review section publishes reviews and review essays. Scholars interested in contributing reviews should contact the book review editor. Those interested in writing unsolicited essays should submit their ideas to the book review editor for prior authorization. Contact: Cecil L. Eubanks,



Micheal Giles of Emory University is the new editor of the *Journal of Politics*.



Cecil L. Eubanks of Louisiana State University has been named book review editor of the *Journal of Politics*.

Book Review Editor, *Journal of Politics*,
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70803. □

Publius Invites Manuscripts on State Constitutions

Publius: The Journal of Federalism invites manuscript submissions for a special topical issue entitled "New Roles for State Constitutions in the Federal System" to be published in 1987 under the guest editorship of Mary Cornelia Porter and G. Alan Tarr.

This issue will examine (1) new developments and changes in state constitutions and state constitutional law; (2) legal and political issues involving the autonomy and scope of state constitutional interpretation, especially in the areas of individual liberties and civil rights; (3) principles and theories of state high court interpretations of state constitutions; (4) comparative analyses of how constitutional issues common to the various states have been handled by state courts and other agencies; (5) patterns of influence among states in the development of state constitutional law; (6) the interplay between state politics and state constitutional law; (7) comparative analyses of how the states and the federal government have addressed similar constitutional problems; (8) the influence of the federal government, especially interpretations of the U.S. Constitution, on state constitutional law; (9) changes in the climate of judicial federalism; and (10) the influences of state constitutional law on interpretations of U.S. constitutional law. Proposals on related topics other than those listed above will also be considered by the editors.

Proposals for articles (four copies) should be sent to G. Alan Tarr, Department of Political Science, Rutgers—The State University, Camden, NJ 08102, by *November 15, 1985*. Manuscripts (four copies) will be due to Professor Tarr by *September 15, 1986*. □

Publius Invites Manuscripts on Biocommunalism

Publius: The Journal of Federalism invites manuscript submissions for a special issue to be published in 1987 on "Bi-communal Societies and Politics: Bicephalous Federalism and/or Consociationalism."

The issue will examine cases of countries in which political processes are primarily shaped by conflict or cooperation (perhaps consociational, federal, or confederal) between two major cultural, linguistic, ethnic, or newcomer/old-timer dyads. Of course, in all such situations, there are other minor groups besides the two dominant ones. Since bi-communalism may encourage a rigidity of outlook as well as greater permanence of identity (a zero-sum narrow alley without adequate elbowroom?), one general question seems to impose itself: Do these conditions arise because there are only two communities or because of history, foreign involvement (promised, active, anticipated), developmental discrimination and ensuing socioeconomic disparities, cultural self-confidence or insecurity, disparity in political skill and clout, or still other factors. In this context some insights from game theory would be welcome. Proposals for articles (three copies) should be sent by *December 15, 1985*, to Ivo D. Duchacek, Box 634, Kent, CT 06757, and one copy to Robert Abrams, Department of Political Science, Brooklyn College, Bedford Avenue and Avenue H, Brooklyn, NY 11210. □

Microcomputer Journal Published

A journal founded by faculty members at North Carolina State University, *The Social Science Microcomputer Review*, will soon be available nationwide. Founded in 1982, the journal serves as a national forum for communication among social scientists interested in using microcomputers in teaching and research.

With the spring 1985 issue, the journal will be published by the Duke University

Press. The editor is G. David Garson, assistant dean in the NCSU School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The journal, to be published four times a year, will feature research articles, institutional news, programming tips, software evaluations and tutorials. It also will be a source of public-domain computer software for social sciences. □

Social Science Computer Networks Formed

Two nationwide professional computer networks for the social sciences were announced by the Social Science Research and Instructional Computing (SSRIC) Laboratory of North Carolina State University (NCSU) on January 24, 1985. Through a cooperative agreement with Wadsworth Publishing, Inc., the NCSU SSRIC Laboratory is developing national computer networks for social scientists. The two networks are called "SocNet" (for sociologists) and "PoliNet" (for political scientists).

SocNet and PoliNet will feature electronic mail, on-line teleconferencing, social science news, and machine-readable information files that will permit on-line coauthorship of manuscripts, and rapid exchange of data files and bibliographies. Both networks are scheduled to be tested this spring and summer and will be available for full access by the social science community in September 1985.

Further details about SocNet and PoliNet will be disseminated through the *Social Science Microcomputer Review*, announcements in other disciplinary media, direct mailings, and demonstrations at professional meetings. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Frank M. Howell, Project Director, Professional Networking in the Social Sciences, SSRIC Laboratory, Box 8101, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695-8101. Phone: (919) 737-3114 or ext. 3067. □

Ph.D. Program Established in Women and Politics

Beginning in academic year 1985-86, graduate students at Rutgers University will be able to select Women and Politics as either a major or a minor area of concentration for a Ph.D. in political science. The program is designed to familiarize students with approaches, concepts, and methods of women's studies as they apply to political science. Courses and research requirements focus on gender relations as they affect politics and include the study of politically relevant gender differences, women as political actors, and the impact of gender on political institutions, public policy and conceptions of the political.

Graduate students in the program will have the opportunity to work with the Center for the American Woman and Politics, a unit of the Eagleton Institute of Politics. Rutgers also has an endowed chair in Women's Studies that is occupied on a rotating basis by prominent scholars. Students can combine a focus on Women and Politics with a specialization in a variety of traditional fields and/or new areas of concentration.

Students can apply for fall admission to the graduate program through July 1. To be considered for financial aid, applications must be received by March 1.

For more information, write: Rutgers—The State University of New Jersey, Department of Political Science, Hickman Hall, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. □

Peace Corps Volunteers Evaluate Central American Experience

The National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) and the RPCV Committee on Central America announce the completion of a first-ever survey of RPCVs who served in Central America. The former volunteers discuss violence that they witnessed or suffered, aspects of U.S. policy seen as positive by Central Americans, how and why many Central American governments have not met basic human needs, U.S. media coverage

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of the region and North American misperceptions, and productive and counterproductive U.S. policies.

To order a copy of *Voices of Experience in Central America: Former Peace Corps Volunteers' Insights into a Troubled Region*, send a check for \$10 to RPCV Committee on Central America, P.O. Box 53163, Washington, DC 20009. A summary of the report can be ordered for \$6. □

Memorial Collection Held at Barker History Center

The Memorial Collection (including four partially edited and unpublished manuscripts) of the late Professor David Rodnick, sociologist and cultural anthropologist, are now on deposit with the Barker History Center of the General Libraries at the University of Texas at Austin. Parties interested in their use please contact: Amie Rodnick, 813 West 11th Street, Suite A, Austin, TX 78701; (512) 477-2226. □

Summer Short Courses Offered in Social Research

In addition to their regular four- and eight-week graduate level courses on quantitative methods in social and behavioral sciences, this summer the Survey Research Center and the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research will sponsor four intensive, short courses on selected topics in social research.

Two of the courses are in the area of survey research:

- *Utilizing Surveys and Polling Data* (July 8-12), will be offered by Michael Traugott and Stanley Presser and will offer training in the interpretation and use of survey results for those whose work involves the use and interpretation of survey data.
- *Telephone Survey Methods* (September 6-8), will be taught by Charles Cannell, Robert Groves, and William Nicholls and will present recent developments in the conduct of surveys by

telephone, including the use of methods of Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI).

Two other short courses are devoted to multivariate analysis:

- *LISREL Models* (July 8-12), will be taught by Kenneth Bollen and will examine linear structural equations with and without latent variables. The topics treated include: path analysis, factor analysis, structural equations, measurement error, estimation procedures, and model identification, fit and modification.
- *Logit and Log-linear Models* (July 15-19), will be taught by John Fox and will examine logit models (which are closely analogous to linear models) and log-linear models (for contingency tables) as applied to the analysis of quantitative categorical data.

For further information and applications contact Duane Alwin, SRC, (313) 764-6595, or Henry Heitowit, ICPSR, (313) 764-8392, P.O. Box 1248, Ann Arbor, MI 48106. □

Hyneman Endowment Committee Seeks Funds for Lectures

Indiana University and the Charles S. Hyneman Endowment Committee welcome your participation in the establishment of the Charles S. Hyneman Distinguished Lecture Series. The Hyneman lectureship will be sponsored annually by the Department of Political Science and will be delivered on the Bloomington campus of Indiana University, in the memory of Charles Hyneman, who died in Bloomington on January 20, 1985.

The lecture series will be devoted to the examination of those questions which Charles Hyneman addressed during his career as a political scientist, including the popular control of American government, and the origins, evolution and role of representative government in the United States. In establishing this lectureship we seek to insure that these questions will continue to be considered and debated by generations of students

to come, fostering scholarly inquiry into the enduring issues of democratic government.

Contributions may be made payable to: Indiana University Foundation-Hyneman, and sent to the Department of Political Science, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405. □

Political Research Newsletter Available

The European Consortium for Political Research was founded in 1970 with the aim of fostering communication and collaboration between political science scholars across Europe. The membership is kept informed of the Consortium's activities by means of the *News Circular* which is published three times a year in March, June, and November. The June issue, larger than the others, contains the titles of all papers presented at the annual Joint Sessions of Workshops, which attracts 300-400 participants.

The *News Circular* is now being offered to academics, who although not members of the Consortium, may be interested in participating in its activities or reading its publications. The cost is seven pounds per year, including postage, and payable in advance in sterling to: Central Services, European Consortium for Political Research, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester CO4 3SQ, Essex, England.

Recipients of the *News Circular* also receive all other important Consortium mailings, including the academic program for the Joint Sessions of Workshops. □

Summer School Offered on Data Analysis

The Essex University Department of Government and European Consortium for Political Research will be sponsoring the 18th school in social science data analysis and collection. Introductory, intermediate, and advanced level classes will be held in three continuous but independent sessions from July 12 to August 23, 1985. Special emphasis will be on

introductory courses for participants who lack any training in statistics or computing. Full supporting interactive computing facilities, including the use of microcomputers, will be available.

Financial support may be available to participants from their own institutions or National Research Councils. The organizers particularly wish to attract advanced students, researchers and academics. Interested persons should write to: The Organizing Secretary, 18th Essex Summer School, Department of Government, University of Essex, Colchester CO4 3SQ, England. □

CIS Offers Paperbound Supreme Court Records and Briefs

Congressional Information Service, Inc. (CIS) now provides paperbound copies of briefs and other pertinent materials for selected U.S. Supreme Court cases through its new Law Reprints service. The service recently was acquired by CIS from Bureau of National Affairs.

Annual subscriptions to Law Reprints are available in six subject areas. The service covers argued and non-argued cases in the fields of securities regulation, trade regulation, and patent/trademark/copyright law, as well as argued cases in tax, labor, and criminal law. For each case subscribers receive the full texts of briefs by all parties and all *amicus curiae*, plus all jurisdictional statements and petitions for writs in the Court's files.

At the end of the Supreme Court term CIS publishes a subject index to the case documents that have been covered for that term. The index is included in the price of an annual subscription.

CIS, located in Bethesda, Maryland, is a commercial indexer and micropublisher of government documents. The company also makes available microfiche editions of U.S. Reports, plus microfiche collections of records and briefs for the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit.

For more information, write: Law Reprints, Congressional Information

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Service, Inc., P.O. Box 30056,
Bethesda, MD 20814.

Free Booklet Offered on Humanities Grants

The National Endowment for the Humanities has published *Overview of Endowment Programs 1985-86*. The booklet contains: a year's worth of application deadline dates; an agency telephone directory; a list of all of the state humanities councils with phone numbers; descriptions of special NEH initiatives and events; a list of other free NEH publications; a paragraph or two about how to apply, eligibility requirements, and how applications are evaluated; and a subscription form for the bimonthly journal, *Humanities*.

For a free copy of *Overview*, write to the National Endowment for the Humanities, Public Affairs Office, Room 409, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20506.

Newsletter Analyzes Federal Budget for Social Sciences

A recent issue of *COSSA Washington Update* contains federal government proposed budgets for social and behavioral science research for FY 1986. Comparison figures are given for fiscal years 1981 through 1986. To obtain a copy of the issue (Vol. IV, No. 3, February 15, 1985) send \$2 prepaid to COSSA Washington Update, Consortium of Social Science Associations, 1200 17th Street, N.W., Suite 520, Washington, DC 20036.

Modeling International Conflict Is Subject of Seminar

Based on the premise that recent, significant advances in studying interna-

tional conflict had been forged by scholars from a variety of perspectives sharing the common thread of dynamic analysis, via a memorandum of understanding, funding was provided by the U.S. and Swiss National Science Foundations to bring together a small group of distinguished scholars for a four-day seminar. These scholars included political scientists, economists, sociologists, historians, anthropologists, and mathematicians, as well as physicists and industrial engineers. This seminar was convened in Boulder, Colorado, October 31-November 3, 1984. Through the courtesy of the National Center for Atmospheric Research and its director, Wilmont Hess, the facilities of the Damon Seminar Room and of NCAR in general were made available for the seminar.

The main purpose of the seminar was to focus on the analysis of international conflicts as evolving processes. Until recently, most analyses of international relations have depended upon structural, static perspectives which are not especially consonant with the recurring episodic nature of many aspects of the international order, such as the outbreak of disputes, crises, and escalation processes. "Dynamic" contexts that were juxtaposed at the conference included stochastic modeling, combat modeling, models of political competition, dynamic game theory, rational decision-making within dynamic constraints, mathematical modeling, artificial intelligence, and simulation.

Substantively, the conference addressed some of the major questions in the field of international relations. In particular, deterrence strategies, arms races, bargaining power, war initiation, decisional anticipation and forecasting, and escalation processes each provided major theoretical touchstones for much discussion, as did questions of guerilla war, military tactics, political reliability, and coalition formation.

A volume of conference proceedings is currently being edited by Michael D. Ward and Urs Luterbacher for publication by Lynne Rienner Publishing. The published volume, entitled "Dynamic Models of Understanding International Conflict," will be available directly from the pub-

lisher early in summer 1985 (Lynne Rienner Publishing, 948 North Street #8, Boulder, CO 80302). Prepaid orders mentioning *PS* will receive a 20 percent discount from the list price (\$35 + \$1.50 shipping). □

Politics and Market Economies Addressed by Symposium

The department of political science at the University of Minnesota, working under the auspices of the Benjamin Evans Lippincott Professorship in Political Economy, sponsored a symposium on the question of "Politics and Governance in Market Economies."

The symposium, which was organized by Raymond Duvall, ran serially from April 18 to May 23, 1984.

Participants in the symposium were:

Charles Kindleberger, "Politics and Governance in Market Economies: An Historical Overview" (Stephen Krasner, discussant).

Robert Keohane, "Reciprocity as a Principle of Governance among Market Economy Countries" (Raymond Vernon, discussant).

James Kurth, "Politics of the World Market: Industrial Sectors Versus State Structures" (Douglas North, discussant).

Peter Katzenstein, "Coping with Change: Industrial Adjustment Strategies in the United States, Japan, and West Germany" (George Eades, discussant).

Theda Skocpol, "Between Federal Democracy and Business Hegemony: Explaining Public Social Provision in the United States" (John Myles, discussant).

David Cameron, "Politics, Public Policy, and Economic Inequality in Advanced Capitalist Societies" (Sheldon Danziger, discussant).

The papers, including comments by the discussants, are being gathered for publication, under the editorship of Professor Duvall; papers may be obtained on request from their authors. □

International Conference Held on Political Systems and the Women's Movement

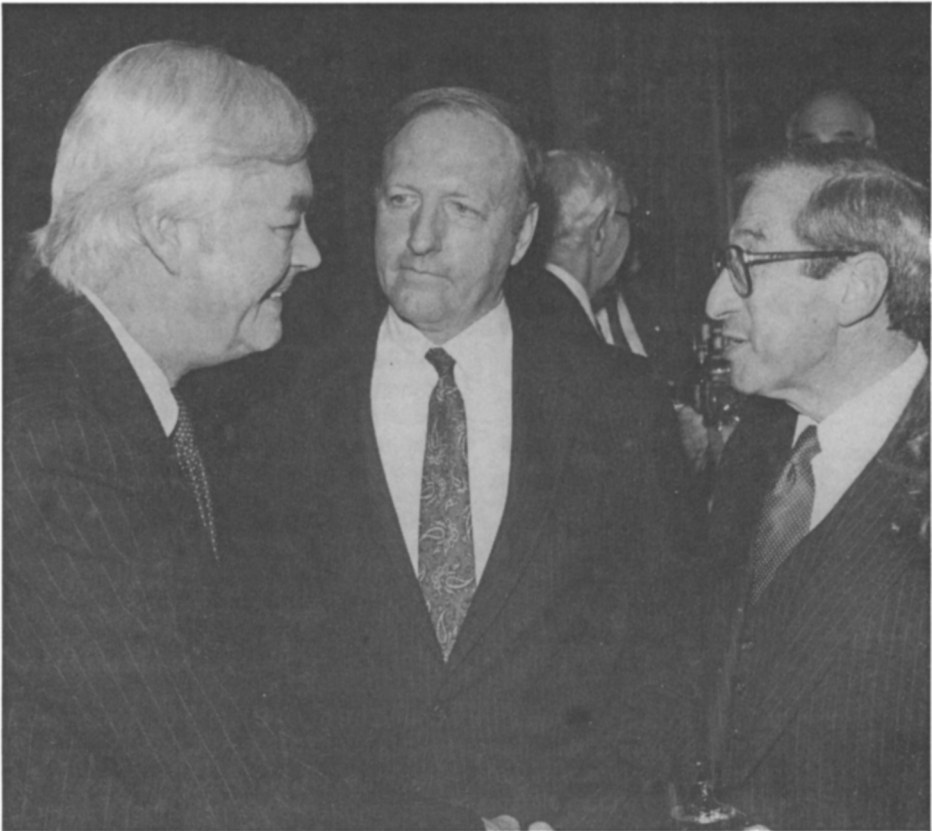
The Sex Roles and Politics Research Committee of the International Political Science Association held a conference on "Political Systems and the Women's Movement: A Comparative Analysis of Barriers and Openings" in Sofia, Bulgaria on October 15-20, 1984. This conference was organized by Nora Ananieva of the Bulgarian Political Science Association and hosted by the Committee of the Movement of Bulgarian Women. Fourteen papers were presented and the paper presenters came from ten different countries. They included papers from Zimbabwe, Poland, Turkey, India, Brazil, United States, Sweden, Denmark, England, Finland, and Federal Republic of Germany. Copies of the Transnational Publishers book, *Women's Use of the Political World of Men*, edited by Judith Stiehm were distributed to all participants at the meeting. Drude Dahlerup of Denmark and Fanny Tabak of Brazil who served as co-chair for the Research Committee this year, announced that a similar volume on the Sofia papers is planned. □

Iowa Conference Holds Annual Meeting

The Iowa Conference of Political Scientists met November 17, 1984, at the University of Iowa for its annual meeting. As 1984 president of the conference, James Rhodes (Luther College) presided at the meeting and G. Robert Boynton (University of Iowa) as secretary-treasurer arranged the conference.

The program included panels on the 1984 election, politics and policy in executive-legislative relations, and agriculture policies.

The conference elected G. Robert Boynton (Iowa) as president and Donald Racheter (Central College) as secretary-treasurer. The 1985 meeting will be held at Central College in the fall. □



Inauguration of the Brookings Institution's Center for Public Policy Education, formerly the Advanced Study Program. Left to right: Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, A. Lee Fritschler, Director of the Center for Public Policy Education, and Hans Weill, former Brookings Science Fellow.

Center for Public Policy Education Established

The Brookings Institution announces the establishment of the Center for Public Policy Education. This initiative reaffirms the educational mission of the Institution by extending the activities of its Advanced Study Program. The new Center will broaden the reach of the Institution's conference and seminar series, disseminate more widely the results of Brookings research, and serve as a national resource for public policy education and development.

The Center for Public Policy Education offers a comprehensive program that will:

- develop innovative programs responsive to the changing needs of today's leaders;
- bring together executives from all sectors to discuss the major questions and policy alternatives facing decision makers now and in the future;
- extend the work of Brookings scholars to larger audiences through conferences and new communications technologies;
- offer public forums on major policy issues;
- increase the international scope of Brookings educational activities;
- strengthen the successful conference and seminar series offered in the past by the Advanced Study Program.

For more information, write The Brookings Institution, Center for Public Policy Education, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20036. □

Ford Foundation Evaluates Social Welfare

The Ford Foundation has announced a major initiative to reexamine social welfare policy in the United States. The Foundation will fund a three-year project that will undertake research, policy analysis, and public discussion on possible courses of action to cope with the rising costs of Social Security, medical care, and other social welfare programs.

"Our aim," said Franklin A. Thomas, Ford Foundation president, "is to stimulate a wide-ranging inquiry into alternative approaches to providing essential social insurance and welfare services, taking into account changes in the economy, in the family and work, and in the nation's age profile."

An executive panel headed by Irving S. Shapiro, former chief executive of E. I. duPont de Nemours & Company and a member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, will oversee the project, conduct its own explorations and discussions, and at the conclusion make recommendations on new social policies to protect future generations of Americans. Working with the executive panel will be two advisory committees made up of scholars and social policy experts who will recommend subjects for research and alternative policies for consideration. Columbia University professor of government Charles V. Hamilton will head the staff directing the project.

A research advisory committee, which will be headed by Hugh Heclo of Harvard University, will recommend areas of study to the Foundation for funding. Among the subjects that will be investigated are: the effects of social welfare programs on work, savings, labor mobility, and family stability; long-term welfare dependency and the intergenerational transmission of poverty; public-private approaches to social welfare; and

the effects of international developments on domestic social policy.

A policy advisory committee, headed by Robert Reischauer of the Urban Institute, will advise the Foundation on how to engage policymakers and practitioners in a continuing discussion of alternative approaches. People who have had direct experience administering social insurance, health, and welfare programs will participate in meetings to consider research results and explore policy options.

The Foundation's project also will look to a broad cross section of the public to participate in discussions of social welfare issues and to add new ideas to the range of alternatives under consideration.

In preparation for its final report, the executive panel will conduct its own explorations and deliberate on the results of the research, policy, and public engagement components. The panel will then issue a policy statement on our national commitment to provide essential social insurance and welfare services. The aim of this statement will be to help focus the nation's attention on the need for medium- to long-range solutions to problems posed by current policies and to offer a series of steps to achieve them. □

Articles Sought on Ethnic Group Participation

Articles are needed on the dynamics of participation of black Americans in their attempts to influence American foreign policy toward South Africa, and on the activities of Greek lobbies. The articles will be included in an anthology on the participation of ethnic groups in the American foreign policy process.

For further details, contact M. E. Ahrari, Department of Political Science, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27834. Phone: (919) 757-6030/6189. □

Consortium Asks for Help from Grass Roots

The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) represents more than 175,000 American scientists across the full range of the social and behavioral science disciplines, functioning as a bridge between the academic research community and the Washington community. COSSA was initially established as an informal coalition of the major disciplinary associations in the social sciences, including political science. Today it has grown into a recognized representative of the social sciences with 27 specialized research groups as affiliate members and 40 research universities as contributors.

Since 1981 when COSSA established a Washington office in response to the severe cuts in social science research at the National Science Foundation (NSF), it has lobbied both the Congress and the Executive Branch in support of social science research. They have been successful, thanks to the willingness of social scientists to help, in restoring much of the funding cuts at NSF. COSSA continues to focus on NSF, but has also in the past few years monitored and lobbied on developments in other agencies where extramural social science research is supported.

As students of lobbying know, it is important to have a Washington presence for a cause, but the best persuasion of members of Congress is done by constituents from the individual districts and states. To help COSSA develop a stronger grass roots operation we are asking readers of *PS* who wish to help in COSSA's efforts to fill out the form provided and return it to COSSA, 1200 17th Street, N.W., Suite 520, Washington, DC 20036.

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Congressional or Executive Branch people you are willing to lobby on behalf of social science:
