

**CONTRIBUTIONS OF AREA STUDIES TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF
ETHNIC TENSIONS:
INTERDISCIPLINARY METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES**

Warsaw, Poland, December 14 – 19, 2009

Conference and Workshop

Organizer

***Cross-National Studies: Interdisciplinary Research and Training Program – CONSIRT,
The Ohio State University (OSU) and Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN)***

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DESCRIPTION

The "Contributions of Area Studies to the Knowledge of Ethnic Tensions: Interdisciplinary Methodological Approaches" combines a three-day conference (December 14 – 16) on substantive and methodological issues in area studies of ethnic tensions with a three-day workshop (December 17 – 19) on multilevel analysis of survey data, necessarily including contextual data.

The purpose of the conference is to bring together scholars from different disciplines and different countries on the topic of ethnic tension. In multiethnic societies, ethnic tensions range from open domestic conflict to more subtle forms such as prejudice and discrimination. We invite papers that examine causes and consequences of both ethnic tensions and ethnic cooperation. We seek interdisciplinary perspectives on identifying where, when, how and why these tensions emerge, including remarkable instances of absence of tension.

Extant research on ethnic tensions is seriously constrained by an overwhelmingly discipline-specific approach. To overcome this shortcoming, the conference explores creative methodologies that (a) recognize elements common across disciplines and (b) allow for the unique contributions of specific disciplines.

The intimate size of the conference leaves ample time for exchanges and discussion, both formal and informal, which will facilitate the creation of a durable international collaborative network.

To strengthen interdisciplinary methodology on ethnic tensions, a three-day workshop on multilevel analysis of survey data follows the conference. A maximum of 14 doctoral students/young scholars will participate, to allow for adequate small group discussion and individualized attention from the instructor. Analyses will involve mainly the European Social Survey data set.

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP VENUE

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PROGRAM CONFERENCE

The conference addresses the following main themes:

- Terrorism, Security and Exclusion: Causes and Consequences of Ethnic Tensions
- Prejudice and Discrimination: The Salience of Ethnicity in the 21st Century
- Representation of Ethnic Tensions in Literature and Arts
- Ethno-Religious Tensions, Old and New
- The Social and Political Costs of Ethnic Tension
- Ethnic Tensions in a Globalizing World

Monday, December 14

Sala Lustrana

11:00 – 11:30

Henryk Domanski, Andrzej Rychard, and Kazimierz M. Slomczynski

Opening of the Conference

11:30 – 12:30

KEY-NOTE LECTURE by William I. Brustein – The Ohio State University, USA

“Cross-National Studies: A Comparative and Empirical Examination of European Anti-Semitism before the Holocaust”

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:00

SESSION 1: Terrorism, Security and Exclusion: Causes and Consequences of Ethnic Tensions

Chair: Joshua K. Dubrow, IFiS-PAN, Poland

1. “The Social Roots of Ethnic Terrorism” – J. Craig Jenkins, The Ohio State University, USA (with Edward Crenshaw, Kris Robison and Kelsey Johnson)
2. “Security Dilemmas and Ethnic Intolerance in the Western Balkans” – Kristen Ringdal, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway (with Tanja Ellingsen, Albert Simkus and Zan Strabac)
3. “Exclusion from the Nation: Social Distances from National Minorities and Immigrants” – Aleksandra Jasinska-Kania, University of Warsaw, Poland
4. “Refugees in Poland: Mechanisms of Ethnic Exclusion” – Slawomir Lodzinski, University of Warsaw, Poland

Tuesday, December 15

Sala Lustrana

9:30 – 10:30

SPECIAL SESSION: OSCE Promoting Human Rights: How to Monitor and Prevent Hate Crimes?

Chair: Irina Tomescu-Dubrow, IFiS-PAN, Poland

Presentation by the Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), Warsaw, Poland

Larry Olomofe, Deputy Head, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department OSCE-ODIHR, and Azra Junuzovic, Hate Crime Reporting Officer, OSCE-ODIHR

Tuesday, December 15 - continued

10:30 – 10:45

Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:30

SESSION 2: Prejudice and Discrimination: The Salience of Ethnicity in the 21st Century

Chair: Diana Cheianu-Andrei, Moldova State University, Moldova

1. “Occupational Context and Anti-immigrant Prejudice” – Robert Kunovich, University of Texas-Arlington, USA
2. “Unfavorable Inclusion: Welfare Transfers and Prejudices against the Roma in Romania” – Cristina Rat, Babes-Bolyai University, Romania
3. “Immigrant Threat: Elite Perceptions in Europe” – Carrie Smith Keller, The Ohio State University, USA

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:30

SESSION 3: Representation of Ethnic Tensions in Literature and Arts

Chair: Raya Muttarak, European University Institute, Italy

1. “Representing ‘Cultural Superiority’ and Creating Ethnic Boundaries in Slovak History Textbooks in the 20th Century” – Andrej Findor, Institute of European Studies and International Relations, Slovakia
2. “Polish and Jewish Experience of World War II in Wilhelm Sasnal's Painting” – Adam Ostolski, Krytyka Polityczna, Poland
3. “Representations of Jews in Polish Film” – Kamila Żyto, University of Lodz, Poland

15:30 – 15:45

Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:15

SESSION 4: Ethno-Religious Tensions, Old and New

Chair: Andrej Findor, Institute of European Studies and International Relations, Slovakia

1. “Islam in Poland and in Western Europe: Between Ethnicity and Universal *Umma*” – Renata Włoch, University of Warsaw, Poland
2. “Between Tension and Ties: Armenian Immigrants in Turkey” – Lülüfer Körtükmez, Ege University, Turkey
3. “Ethno-Religious Changes in the Western Balkans, 15th – 17th Century: Muslims in Kosovo” – Marta Kołczyńska, Graduate School for Social Research, Poland

Wednesday, December 16

Sala Lustrana

10:30 – 12:30

SESSION 5: Constructing Identities in Multiethnic Societies

Chair: Cristina Rat, Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

1. “Exploring the Link between Horizontally Concentrated Power and Ethnic Mobilization in post Soviet Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia” – Stela Garaz, Central European University, Hungary
2. “Ethnic Minorities in the Republic of Moldova: Intercultural Dialogue among the Young” – Diana Cheianu-Andrei, Moldova State University, Moldova
3. “Any Benefits from Growing Up in an Interethnic Family? Comparing Maternal Health Access and Cognitive Development of Mixed Ethnic, Second Generation and British Children in the UK” – Raya Muttarak, European University Institute, Italy
4. “Constructing Identity through Sport during Time of Ethnic Tensions: Catholics and the Gaelic Athletic Association in Northern Ireland” – Dorota Woroniecka, University of Warsaw, Poland

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00

KEY-NOTE LECTURE by Janusz Mucha – AGH University of Science and Technology, Poland
“Ethnic Tensions and Post-Communist Democratization in Central and Eastern Europe”

15:00 – 15:15

Coffee Break

15:15 – 16:30

PANEL DISCUSSION AND CONCLUDING COMMENTS

“Area Studies and Interdisciplinary Methodological Approaches”

Chair: Kazimierz M. Słomczyński, CONSIRT

Panelists:

William I. Brustein, The Ohio State University, USA

Janusz Mucha, AGH University of Science and Technology, Poland

Robert Kunovich, University of Texas-Arlington, USA

WORKSHOP: QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS OF SURVEY DATA

Thursday, December 17

10:00 – 11:15

Room 154

Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling – Robert Kunovich and/or Kazimierz M. Slomczynski

11:15 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30

Room 154

Introduction to Hierarchical Modeling – Robert Kunovich and/or Kazimierz M. Slomczynski

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:30

Room 201

Computer Lab – Irina Tomescu-Dubrow

Friday, December 18

10:00 – 11:15

Room 154

Hierarchical Modeling with Contextual Data – Kazimierz M. Slomczynski

11:15 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:30

Room 201

Computer Lab – Irina Tomescu-Dubrow

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:30

Room 211

Individual Consultations – Robert Kunovich, Kazimierz M. Slomczynski, Irina Tomescu-Dubrow

Saturday, December 19

10:00 – 11:15

Room 154

Special Issues in Hierarchical Modeling: Binary and Nominal Variables – Robert Kunovich and/or Kazimierz M. Slomczynski

11:15 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30

Room 154

Special Issues in Hierarchical Modeling: Latent Variables – Robert Kunovich and/or Kazimierz M. Slomczynski

12:30 – 13:30

Common Lunch and Closing Comments