

ABSTRACTS

SOCIOLOGY: PROFESSION AND VOCATION

Interview with Professor Piotr Sztompka

Andrey Rezaev and Alexander Tavrovsky ask Professor Piotr Sztompka about his life and academic career.

Sztompka P. One Sociology or Many?

This is a Russian translation of Piotr Sztompka's article published in *The ISA Handbook of Diverse Sociological Traditions* / Ed. by Sujata Patel. SAGE, 2010. P. 21–28.

SOCIOLOGY OF EVERYDAY LIFE

Zvonovsky V. Direct and Mediated Experience of Space Appropriation

The article deals with spatial aspect of social interactions, in particular, with different types of personal space development. The study focuses on the factors affecting this process: the individual's own experience, experience transmitted in the process of socialization, scientific and professional information, and experience delivered via social communication channels. The author comes to the conclusion that in spite of the growing influence of mediated experience, particularly, mass communication, individual's own experience retains its influence in the process of forming his/her ideas about space.

SOCIOLOGY OF MORALITY

Osipov G. The “Third Dimension” in Pitirim Sorokin's Sociology: An Assessment of Modern Society's Morals

The paper shows how the ideas of Pitirim Sorokin concerning characteristics of a society's morals could be evolved. According to Sorokin, social morals, or human “quality” depend on the proportion of altruism and egoism. The paper substantiates the hypothesis that correlation of social norms and practices of behaviour are affected and determined by macroeconomic proportions or social production. The author offers a statistical model binding macroeconomic and behavioral parameters and demonstrates its potential for a quantitative comparison of different moral characteristics of modern societies. He shows that deterioration of macro-proportions leads to a relative growth of the social segment that disregards the existing professional, moral, and cultural norms.

SOCIAL STRATIFICATION

Filippova S. Cemetery as a Symbolic Space of Social Stratification

This article provides the analysis of contemporary model of the cemetery and its space. The author aimed at empirical exploration of the modern city cemetery and

related practices to show how the stratification in modern society affects the space of the cemetery. As part of the qualitative study the author examines the problem of ranking the burial places in cemeteries, shows the mechanism of providing places in the cemetery, the attitude of respondents to the existing order of distribution of places, their representations of the ideal model of the cemetery. The author concludes that the cemetery is a powerful transformational field of stratificational structure of society; therefore the study of the principles of distribution of places in the cemetery may help in understanding the criteria of socio-economic stratification and, more generally, stratificational structure of society.

MIGRATION STUDIES

Wiener B., Tavrovsky A. Migrants in St. Petersburg Labour Markets

Based on the theory of segmented labor markets an attempt is made to answer the question of how the structure of the economy and labour markets of a migrant-receiving country has an impact on their employability. A qualitative research was made in St. Petersburg concerning the willingness of enterprises to provide employment for migrants and to invest in improving their skills.

SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Kazartseva E. Acculturation Strategies of the Russian-Speaking Youth in Berlin

This paper treats the issue of the adaptation of Russian-speaking youth in Germany. Basing on research material collected in late 2007 – early 2008 in Berlin the author describes and analyzes four types of acculturation strategies of immigrants aged 16 to 27 years: assimilation, integration, separation and marginalization.

METHODS

Malinina T. Methodology of Dependency Analysis of Labour and Consumption

This paper considers various economic and sociological approaches to the analysis of relations between labour and consumption. It is shown that in consumption-value measurement the inverse dependency of a measure of labour on consumption breaks value equality (the labour measure defines a measure of consumption and is equivalent to it) and is expressed by an inequality: the labour, which is necessary according to conditions of consumption, is more than the labour, which is necessary according to conditions of production.

ESSAY

Utkin A. Russia and Russians in American Imagology

This essay deals with the image of Russia and CIS-countries in American politics. The author looks at the events of 1990-s when Russia has undermined its

image in the United States. Then a positive shift of the image is considered. The author argues that during the reign of George Bush Jr. the opposing forces in the US had different perspectives on the importance of Russia in the global geopolitical order. The author discusses the principles of President Obama's political culture which will become the source of the perception of Russia in the future.

NEWS / INFORMATION

The Conference “Development of Social Services in the Field of HIV Prevention”

The Conference “Development of social services in the field of HIV prevention” was aimed at scientifically grounded in depth discussion of the practical issues related to the role of social services in HIV Prevention. It was organized within the Project “From the Main Line” implemented by NGO Bethany Social Services (St. Petersburg), St. Petersburg State University, Center for Social Assistance to Families and Children (Krasnogvardeyskiy District, St. Petersburg) with support from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX). It was held 12 November 2009 in St. Petersburg.

First Summer Session of the International Project “Comparative Study of Everyday Life: Current Theoretical Paradigms, Methodological Orientations and Teaching Practices”

The International Project “Comparative Study of Everyday Life: Current Theoretical Paradigms, Methodological Orientations and Teaching Practices” was organized by the Chair of Comparative Sociology, Faculty of Sociology, SPSU with the help of “Open Society” Institute in the framework of The International Higher Education Support Program (HESP) Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching (ReSET) and Sociology Department, Jagiellonian University, Krakow. The academic director of the Project is Professor Piotr Sztompka. The First Summer Session was held at Raivola, near St. Petersburg, 13–25 July 2009.

NEW BOOKS ON SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES

Safronov P.

Volkov V., Kharkhordin O. Theory of Practices. St. Petersburg: EU in St. Petersburg, 2008. – 298 P.

Grek N.

Chernova Zh. Family Policy in Europe and Russia: Gender Analysis. St. Petersburg: Norma, 2008. – 328 P.