





# GRADFACTs

March 2011

**THE NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH**

<b>Mon</b> 	<b>Tues 1</b>	<b>Wed 2</b> Economics Department Seminar	<b>Thurs 3</b> Gender Studies Lecture: Michael Schober Philosophy Workshop	<b>Fri 4</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Politics Speaker Series Knitting Memories, Demanding Rights	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Philosophy Workshop	<b>11</b> 
<b>14</b> <b>Spring Break</b> <b>March 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>15</b> Spring Break	<b>16</b> Spring Break	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b> Spring Break
<b>21</b> Transgressing Borders in the Balkans	<b>22</b> Economics Department Seminar	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Memory : Silence Screen and Spectacle Philosophy Workshop	<b>25</b> Memory : Silence Screen and Spectacle
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Economics Department Seminar	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b>	<b>March 2011</b>

# **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

Control + click to link to any section of GRADFACTs listed below.

**NEWS AND EVENTS** - 4 -

STUDENT NEWS - 4 -

NSSR EVENTS - 5 -

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DEADLINES** - 14 -

**EXTERNAL FUNDING AND CAREER SERVICES** - 18 -

WORKSHOPS - 19 -

**DIRECTORY** - 21 -

## **NEWS AND EVENTS**

### **Student News**

#### **Economics PhD Aleksandr Gevorkyan Publishes First Book**

2010 Economics Graduate Aleksandr Gevorkyan published his first book with Routledge in the Studies on the Modern World Economy. The book is titled *Innovative Fiscal Policy and Economic Development in Transition Economies*.

Gevorkyan's book explores the problems of fiscal policy as an instrument of economic and social development in the modern environment, primarily focusing on the transition economies of Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia. Evaluating the transformational experience in these countries, this work meets a need for a critical analysis in the aftermath of the 1990s market liberalization reforms, of current trends and to outline the roadmap for future development.

It is available on the Routledge website [here](#).

## **NSSR Events**

### **Economics Department Seminars**

**Truman Bewley**, Yale University Topic TBA  
Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011, 12:30 pm

**Ha-Joon Chang**, University of Cambridge, "23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism"  
Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 pm  
6 E 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 1103

**Arindrajit Dube**, UMass Amherst, "Do Frictions Matter in the Labor Market? Accessions, Separations and Minimum Wage Effects"  
Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 2011, 4:00 pm  
6 E 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 1103

### **Gender Studies Lecture Series: MICHAEL SCHOBER**

Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011, 5:00 – 6:30 pm

NSSR Dean, Michael Schober, will share his work on avatars or virtual interviewers, the racialized dynamics of avatar interviewing and virtualized data gathering, and the way in which gendered effects may or may not be included in the consideration and use of such technologies.

Come discuss how race and gender affect the disclosure of sensitive information in avatar

interviewing, impacting the interactive dynamics of this type of data production and affecting the kind of data that is generated from such techniques.

Location: 80 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Room 802  
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

### **NSSR Philosophy Workshops**

Thursdays 6:00 – 8:00 pm

March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Robert Pippen, "After the Beautiful: Hegel and the Philosophy of Visual Modernism"

March 10<sup>th</sup>: Chauncey Maher, "Action Individuation: A Normative-Functional Approach"

March 24<sup>th</sup>: R. Lanier Anderson

Location: 6 E 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 1103  
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

### **Politics Speaker Series, Jason Frank**

Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 2011, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

The Politics Department of The New School for Social Research invites you to a talk by Professor **Jason Frank** of Cornell University entitled, "'Delightful Horror': Edmund Burke and the Aesthetics of Democratic Revolution."

Jason Frank is an Associate Professor in the Government Department at Cornell University. He is currently completing a new book entitled *Publius and Political Imagination* (Rowman & Littlefield, forthcoming), and editing another on the political thought of Herman Melville. He is the co-editor of *Vocations of Political Theory* (University of Minnesota Press, 2000) and of a recent double issue of the journal *Diacritics* 37:2-3 (“Taking Exception to the Exception”).

Location: 80 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 529  
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

### **Knitting Memories, Demanding Rights The *Scarf of Hope* Movement in Post-War Peru**



Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 2011, 6:00 – 800 pm

Thirty years after the Shining Path initiated a protracted war in Peru that caused around 70,000 deaths and disappearances, justice and democracy continue to be a challenge. As the result of cooperation between Lima artists and campesino women, a new form of protest and mobilization has

emerged: the Scarf of Hope. Inspired by the identification of individuals by their clothing during exhumations, and the unique style of knitting particular to different families and individuals, women all over the country are knitting thousands of scarves with the names and images of the disappeared. Knitting sessions are opportunities for establishing community links, telling stories and demonstrating outside of the sites of state power.

Speakers include: **Marina García Burgos**, photographer and one of the creators of the Scarf of Hope Project; **Eduardo González**, Director of the Truth and Memory Program at the International Center for Transitional Justice.

Location: 66 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Orozco Room

Admission: RSVP to [TCDS@newschool.edu](mailto:TCDS@newschool.edu)

### **Transgressing Borders in the Balkans: The State of Art**

Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 2011, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

This panel, part of the week-long Perforations Festival New York, will offer insight into practices and ideas of contemporary drama, dance and performance arts in Southeastern Europe (Bulgaria, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia, and Macedonia).

Panelists include: **Zvonko Dobrovic**, producer and artistic director of Perforations and Queer Zagreb festivals in Croatia; **Ivica Buljan**, one of the region's



most prolific and recognized theater directors; **Igor Josifov**, body artist from Macedonia; **Petra Kovačić**, performance installation artist; and **Fritzie Brown**, director of ArtsLink international exchange program. The panel will be moderated by **Vesna Kesic**, Croatian journalist, activist and researcher and graduate of The New School.

Location: 66 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, room 510  
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

### **Memory: Silence, Screen and Spectacle**

Thursday – Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 2011

The fourth annual interdisciplinary memory studies conference brings together scholars and students of memory.

This conference addresses the tension between loud, often spectacular aspects of the past and the forgotten pasts we strain to hear. For those in the booming field of memory studies, this tension is especially productive. As the past often serves as a screen on which we project our ambitions and aspirations, what is silenced and what is remembered tell us much about the present and future. The conflict between silence and spectacle also illuminates what has been selected for remembering and why, allows alternative memories and understandings to emerge, reminds us that forgetting is sometimes necessary, and ultimately

deepens our understanding of memory and its processes.

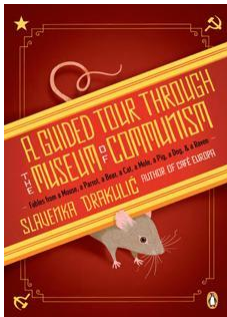
Panel and workshop themes may include Remembering and Forgetting 9/11; Truth Commissions: Spectacle and Silence; Memory and Truth; Silences, Memory, and U.S. Counterterrorism; Human Rights, Law, and Memory; Tourism and the Memory Market; New Media, Memory, and Silence; Archives, Communities, and Memory; Screening Silence: Visual Memory and Forgetting; and Nostalgia: Silence, Screen, and Spectacle.

Speakers include **Marianne Hirsch**, professor of comparative literature, Columbia University; **Leo Spitzer**, professor of history, Dartmouth College; **Robin Wagner-Pacifi**, professor of sociology, The New School for Social Research; **Daniel Levy**, professor of sociology, SUNY Stony Brook; **Rick Crownshaw**, professor of English, Goldsmith College, University of London; **Susan Pearce**, professor of sociology and anthropology, West Virginia University; **Jeffrey Olick**, professor of sociology, University of Virginia; **Barbie Zelizer**, professor of communications, University of Pennsylvania; **Louis Bickford** of the graduate program in International Affairs, The New School; **Cynthia Milton**, professor of history, Université de Montréal; **Diana Taylor**, professor of performance studies and Spanish, NYU. In addition to panel presentations, there will be a screening of *A Film Unfinished* and a discussion with the director, **Yael Hersonski**.

Location: Teresa Lang Student Center, 55 W  
13<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Admission: Free; Reservations required.  
Call 212-229-5580 x3136  
Or email  
[nssrmemoryconference@gmail.com](mailto:nssrmemoryconference@gmail.com)

**Slavenka Drakulić and Katha Pollitt in  
Conversation on *A Guided Tour through the  
Museum of Communism***

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2011, 6:00 pm



Croatian journalist, **Slavenka Drakulić**, whose latest novel *A Guided Tour through the Museum of Communism* is coming out in February, and **Katha Pollitt** from *The Nation* discuss Drakulić's new book, Europe after the "velvet revolution," what happened after the dream of democracy was realized, and the problems and disappointments that Eastern Europeans face today.

Location: 66 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Room 101, Kellen Auditorium  
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

**Coming Out in the Developing World: Exploring Eastern Europe's Hidden Closets, Gay Porn and Human Rights**

Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> 2011, 6:00 – 8:00 pm



What does it mean to be gay in Eastern Europe? While Czech gay porn stars sweeten the American porn market, creating an idyllic Eastern Europe for the viewer, in Belgrade, Serbia, an October gay pride parade was racked with violence as anti-gay protesters threw Molotov cocktails and stones at police, injuring 140 people. This panel seeks to evaluate the present state of LGBT rights and issues in Central and Eastern Europe and address some of the extant tensions and paradoxes between the flourishing gay pornography industry in the Czech Republic, Poland, and Hungary and the seemingly growing homophobia in other parts of the region.

Panelists include: **Michael Lucas**, [gay pornographic actor, director](#) and activist and [founder/CEO](#) of [Lucas Entertainment](#); **Jeffrey Escoffier**, one of the founders of *OUT/LOOK: National Lesbian and Gay Quarterly*, has published widely on LGBTQ history, politics, culture, sexuality, music, and dance.

Location: 66 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street, room 510  
Admission: Free, no tickets or reservations required

### **Psychology Department Workshop Harm Reduction in Addiction Treatment**

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

9:00 am – 11:00 am, **Dr. Lisa Litt** presents “Harm Reduction and Symptom Management in the Treatment of Traumatic Stress and Addiction”

11:00 am – 12:30 pm, **Dr. Arnold Washton** presents “Flexible Goals and Pathways for Change in Substance Abuse Treatment: An Integrative Client-Centered Approach to Abstinence, Moderation, and Harm Reduction”

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm, **Dr. Joseph Ruggiero** presents “Integrative Approaches to Treating Substance Use within the LGBTQI Community”

Location: 6 E 16<sup>th</sup> Street Room 1103  
Admission: \$100, \$50 for NSSR students



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DEADLINES**

### **Student Research and Conference Travel Fund**

The New School for Social Research will provide limited support for eligible student research and conference travel. Students may compete for these funds by submitting a proposal.

Research and conference travel proposals, which should be no more than two pages in length, must address the following:

- Title of research project or conference
- Tentative dates
- For research projects, brief description of the study and explanation of the travel component; preference will be given to Ph.D. students, for their pre-dissertation research projects
- For conference travel—student's role in the conference; title and abstract of paper to be

presented; preference will be given to students presenting papers

- Total itemized budget

Proposals may also include a brief letter/email of endorsement from a faculty member who is the academic advisor for the research project, or who has been consulted about the conference. This endorsement is not required.

Travel grants will not be made from this Fund to participants of the Wroclaw and Cape Town Democracy and Diversity seminars.

Deadline for submission of proposals is April 1, 2011, for travel between June 15, 2011 and December 15, 2011. Your department faculty will review applications. Applicants will be notified by May 1, 2011 for summer and fall awards.

Students receiving support will be required to submit a one-page narrative report upon their return. Travel funds must be expended in the travel period specified above. Unexpended funds cannot be carried forward to the next period. Awards may be subject to taxation.

Applications should be titled "*YOUR NAME*, NSSR Student Research and Conference Travel Fund Proposal" and submitted via e-mail to Tsuya Yee, Director of Academic Support, NSSR Dean's Office, [YeeT@newschool.edu](mailto:YeeT@newschool.edu).

## **Democracy & Diversity Graduate Summer Institute, Wrocław Poland July 8-24, 2011**

The Transregional Center for Democratic Studies of The New School for Social Research is pleased to announce the 20th *Democracy & Diversity* Graduate Summer Institute Wrocław [*Vrot-swaf*], Poland July 8-24, 2011

TCDS is looking forward to welcoming another cohort of up to forty junior scholars from the US, Europe, and other parts of the world to this anniversary session of the *Democracy & Diversity* Institute. This year's program will unfold around the theme *The World in Crisis: A Critical Reading*, and will consider issues of political violence, the salient role of new media, the contestation of gender, and the ethnicization of politics.

For full program information, course descriptions and details on how to apply, please visit our [website](#).

Application Deadline March 14<sup>th</sup> 2011.

For further information email [TCDS@newschool.edu](mailto:TCDS@newschool.edu) or call 212-229-5580 x3136.

### **Course Evaluations Online**

For the spring 2011 semester NSSR will continue conducting course evaluations online. Online evaluations save class time and paper and provide important feedback to NSSR faculty and



administrators. We understand that the end of the semester is a very busy time for everyone, particularly students, but the online submission process is quick and much easier than filling out the same form in class. (Note: If you are taking classes at another division of The New School, please follow the course evaluation process for that division.)

Spring 2011 online evaluations will be available to students for their NSSR courses starting Tuesday, April 26 and will be available based on the last scheduled class for that course (as listed in Alvin).

### **Get Academic Planning and Scholarship Information and Key Student Resources Online**

NSSR students can find lots of useful resources on the [Current Students link](#) on the New School website.

This page compiles some commonly requested documents and information, including resources for

- Consortium Classes
- Internal and External Funding Opportunities
- PhD Guidelines
- Grades and Transcripts
- The Academic Calendar

And many, many more. Just go to [www.newschool.edu](http://www.newschool.edu) and click on the link to The New School for Social Research and you will see 'Current Students' at the bottom left of the page.



## **EXTERNAL FUNDING AND CAREER SERVICES**

The Office of Academic Affairs provides external funding and scholarships information and career guidance to New School for Social Research students. Services include: (1) providing students with scholarships and funding information; (2) assisting NSSR students with CV, cover letter and resume writing, interviewing skills, and job search strategies; (3) workshops and information sessions on various topics including: CV workshops (every month), SPIN database tutorial (twice a semester), Grant Writing workshop, Fulbright workshop, and information sessions on Academic and Non-Academic Careers in Social Sciences.

### **Career Services Office Hours**

Individual appointments can be made Monday through Friday by appointment.

Send an email to [kraemerb@newschool.edu](mailto:kraemerb@newschool.edu), or call 212.229.3790.

### **Contact Career Services**

Beatrice Kraemer  
NSSR Office of Career Services  
Room 1007C  
79 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10003  
Phone: (212) 229-3790  
Fax: (646) 486-0755  
Email: [NSSRcareerservices@newschool.edu](mailto:NSSRcareerservices@newschool.edu)

### **Chronicle of Higher Education**

The Chronicle of Higher Education, a great source of news, information, and job postings for college and university faculty members and administrators, is available for review and reading in the Office of Academic Affairs.

## **Workshops**

### **Networking and Informational Interviewing**

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011, 2:15 – 3:45 pm

How do you find a job? Where are those jobs hidden that everybody talks about? Come to this workshop to find out how you can use your job search time effectively. Learn how to connect with people, how to present yourself and how to structure an informal conversation.

Location: 6 East 16th Street, Room 1005

## **Job Interview Skills for Non-Academic Jobs**

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 2011, 2:15 – 3:45 pm

Learn what to anticipate in the interview, how to answer "trick" questions and how to prepare for those questions that seem to come out of left field. Bring a job ad and practice in a mock interview.

Location: 6 East 16th Street, Room 1005

## **Funding Opportunities**

### **New Funding Database**

The New School for Social Research now subscribes to a new external funding opportunity data base - COS. Both students and faculty tested the site and identified it as a vast improvement to our previous service. The best part is that you do not have to be on campus to access the database.

Just use your New School webmail username and password in order to access the COS funding Opps database through the library website. Look under "Search Electronic Resources and Databases."

The direct link is:

<https://login.libproxy.newschool.edu/login?url=http://www.cos.com.libproxy.newschool.edu/>



## **DIRECTORY**

### **New School for Social Research**

**Michael Schober**, Dean

**Robert Kostrzewa**, Associate Dean of Academic Planning and Administration

**John VanderLippe**, Associate Dean of Faculty and Curriculum

**Ellen Freeberg**, Assistant Dean of Curriculum and Academic Affairs

**Tsuya Yee**, Director of Academic Support

**Beatrice Kraemer**, Director of Career Services

**Kevin Shea**, Office Manager

**Catherine Ruetschlin**, Coordinator of Student Advising

**Mariam Yasin**, Student Assistant

**Melissa Monroe**, Graduate Writing Coordinator

### **Student Advisor Directory**

**Anthropology, Tyler Boersen**

([AnthAdvisor@newschool.edu](mailto:AnthAdvisor@newschool.edu)), 212.229.5757,  
x3016 Anthropology Fax: (212) 229-5595

**Economics, Kate Bahn**

([Econadv@newschool.edu](mailto:Econadv@newschool.edu)), 212.229.5717, x3049  
Economics Fax: (212) 229-5724

**Historical Studies, Jordan Somers**

([HistAdv@newschool.edu](mailto:HistAdv@newschool.edu)), 212.229.5376, x4926  
Historical Studies Fax: (212) 229-5929

**Liberal Studies, Camila Andrade Gripp**

([AndrC675@newschool.edu](mailto:AndrC675@newschool.edu)), 212.229.2747, x3029  
Liberal Studies Fax: (212) 929-2456

**Philosophy, Eric Godoy**

([PhilAdvisor@newschool.edu](mailto:PhilAdvisor@newschool.edu)), 212.229.5707, x3080  
Philosophy Fax: (212) 807-1669

**Political Science, Gerasimos Karavitis**

([PolSciAdv@newschool.edu](mailto:PolSciAdv@newschool.edu)), 212.229.5747, x3086  
Political Science Fax: (212) 807-1669

**Psychology, Elinor Bock, Kristin Stephenson,  
Dana Wohl**

([BockE72@newschool.edu](mailto:BockE72@newschool.edu)); 212.229.5727 x3108  
([StepK452@newschool.edu](mailto:StepK452@newschool.edu)); 212.229.5727 x3107  
([WohlD699@newschool.edu](mailto:WohlD699@newschool.edu)); 212.229.5727 x3109  
Psychology Fax: (212) 989-0846

**Sociology, Daniel Sherwood**

[\(SocAdvisor@newschool.edu\)](mailto:SocAdvisor@newschool.edu), 212.229.5737, x3129

Sociology Fax: (212) 229-5595

The NSSR's monthly newsletter is found on the  
University's web site at

<http://www.newschool.edu/nssr/gradfacts/>

Send items and comments to:

[NSSRAcademicAffairs@newschool.edu](mailto:NSSRAcademicAffairs@newschool.edu)