

Eastern Europe will participate also in the last LIS initiative, which aims to establish a new database from labor force surveys. Luxembourg Employment Study (LES) would complete the perspective of households' well-being with the perspective from their economic participation. LIS/LES base of the statistical microdata would expand comparative analysis of the transformation processes considerably. It could help to cap-

ture the social dimension of an enlarged European integration in some advance as well.

For further information on LIS or to purchase copies of the working papers, interested persons should contact Smeeding via bitnet at "smeeding@suvn" or by fax at (315) 443-1081, or Caroline de Tombeur at "sslisbb@luxcep11" or by fax at (352) 33 27 05.

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This department of sociology is a part of the Faculty of Philosophy at the Charles University where such famous sociologists as T. G. Masaryk and E. Beneš demonstrated interest in social sciences. Looking back the Department has a long but not always flourishing and easy past. After the Sociological Seminar begun by Masaryk at the end of 19th century, the seminar was closed and then re-opened due to Second World War, unfortunately only until 1948/49. The department (the chair) of sociology was actually established in 1965. The political climate after the 1968 invasion forced a temporary closing of the department in 1970 and its next period was penetrated by strong influences and supervision of political *nomenclature*, of ideological press. After 1989, the "velvet revolution", and following general reconstructions of the department, the present staff tries to continue in the tradition of this classical and academic sociological education to cover the recent need of a global educational program in sociology. Its basic values are the freedom of thought, multiparadigmatical approaches, free and large contacts with the international sphere of sociology. It aims to have high quality teachers and students, representing famous traditions in sociology at the Philosophical Faculty.

The scientific profile of the department is connected with teaching and the education

of students in graduate as well as postgraduate and doctoral programs. In 5 years it is possible to get a M.A. degree in sociology or interdisciplinary in sociology with demography, economics, logic, esthetics or other options. There is a specific advantage to this type of faculty: it is really a faculty of Arts making it possible to study sociology in combination with languages, art history, etc.

The studies are oriented especially towards theoretical sociology, with a deeper, historical-comparative background. However the applied disciplines such as sociology of culture, of life style, of work and organization, of management, of public opinion, of youth and generation are also cultivated. The department ensures the standard practical basics in methodology, statistics, etc.

The department also offers two options of postgraduate programs for the public sector (1 year-long, with a re-qualification or innovative character).

A new program on Industrial Relations will be developed within the TEMPUS program in co-operation with Germany, Great Britain and the Netherlands. This shows that there are already some important international contacts. A successful student exchange has existed now for two years with George Washington University in the U.S.A.; the department members went as visiting scholars to universities in Boston and Texas, and there are traditionally many contacts with Austria and Germany.

Research Programme

Concerning the research activity, the department has no laboratory or other specialized basis for a larger empirical survey, but uses good contacts with such institutions as

the Public Opinion Research Institute, Academy of Science, Faculty of Social and Political Science at Charles University and some private research organizations or agencies to explore their data and to involve the students in empirical research on such fields as the transformation of social structures, public opinion or marketing. The research activity of the department depends strongly on funding but there are already some projects (supported by grants) concerning recent changes in our society which some of the department members are arranging or participating in.

The general theme of the project is *The Social Change and the Ways of its Sociological Recognition*. In addition to the work of theoretically oriented colleagues (historical comparison in sociology, problems of operationalization, of interpretation in sociology, problems of human potential, power, of national identity and "social timing", etc.) the new empirical project is starting. It concerns criminological aspects of recent developments in Prague. The basis of the project is done with large international collaboration (comparative study of 8 postcommunist metropolis). The name is *Transformation of Social Environment in Metropolis (selected aspects of anomie and social deviation)*. There are also other individual contributions to the empirical study of social change in the field of labour-markets, analysis of incomes, interpersonal relations in organizations, technological changes in enterprises, etc.

Available Courses

The available courses are divided into two parts. They are defined by concrete combination types of main or profiling disciplines.

Part 1 (2-3 years): Introduction to Sociology, General Sociological Theory, History of Pre-sociological Thinking, History of Sociology, Mathematics, Logics, Methods and Technics of Sociological Research, Statistics, Data Processing, Demography, Basics of Economics, Basics of Social Psychology, Philosophy (introduction and history), and foreign language. There are also some optional lectures in applied sociology, special seminars, etc.

Part 2 (2-3 years): Contemporary Sociological Theories, History of Czech Sociology, Sociology of Life Style and Sociology of Management, optional applications on Sociology of Culture and Sociology of Labour, of Enterprise, Public Opinion Research, Social Work and different optional lectures given also by external teachers. In the case of studying exclusively ("pure") sociology, grounding in another discipline (social psychology, politology) is recommended. This part of the *curriculum* is oriented toward the diploma-work. It has an elective character.

The doctoral studies are based individually in respect to personal interests and research topics. The ability of self-developing, scientific work is required. The leading studies are consulting, discussion, and field work. After the required work (in internal or external form, average 3 years) and completed examinations, the Ph.D. degree can be obtained.

Academic staff

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Methodology of Sociological Research, Operationalization, Qualitative Methods, Head of Research Project.

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History of Social Theories and of Sociology (M. Weber, E. Durkheim).

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General Sociology and Contemporary Sociological Theories, History of Sociology, sociology of ecology, phenomenological sociology and symbolic interactionism.

Visiting scholar at Texas A/M U.S.A.,
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Sociology of Work and Organization, social consequences of technical innovations and social transformation on organizations and professions.

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Theory and Sociology of Management, Sociology of Organization, economic culture.

Olin Fellow at the Institute of Economic Culture, Boston University (1991/1992).

Vladimír Müller, Assistant Professor
Contemporary Sociological Theory, Sociology of Knowledge, Theory of Power, National Identity.

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Sociology of Time, Public Opinion, Sociological Theory.

Visiting scholar at Universität Wien (1991), at Freie Universität Berlin (1992), in Moscow (1990).

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Teaching

This Department, in existence since 1927, has been preparing students for theoretical research, administrative and practice oriented work in sociology, social policy and social work.

Sociology is studied as a single subject or in combination with other disciplines offered at the Faculty of Philosophy. Students graduate with a Masters degree in Sociology (*Magistr*

sociologie) after 10 semesters (5 years) of study.

Social Work and Social Policy is studied in combination with sociology. Students graduate with Bachelor degrees in Social Work (*Bakalář sociální práce*) after five semesters (3 years) of study. They can continue sociological studies to receive a Master's degree in Sociology.

Doctoral and post-doctoral study of Sociology is also offered by this Department.

The general disciplines taught in the initial stages of study include Sociological Theory, Social Policy, Social Programs, Fundamentals of Law, Fundamentals of Psychology, Fundamentals of Economics, Research Methods and Techniques, Computer Literacy, Demography, and Social Psychology. Students of social work study its theory and practice, social casework, and do fieldwork.

Specialized subjects taught at later stages of the study include Sociology in the XX Century, Advanced Research Methods and Techniques, Theory of Management, Social Ecology, Gerontology, Social Pathology, Sociology of the Family, Sociology of Settlements, Criminology and Penology, Social Rehabilitation, Social Program Evaluation, Welfare State and Normative Theory, and Ecology of Labor.

Recent Research

Members and teams from the Department have participated in the following research projects in the last three years: