Meet SASE’s New Treasurer Akos Rona-Tas

Akos Rona-Tas is Professor of Sociology and Department Chair of the Sociology Department at the University of California, San Diego. He is the author of the books *Plastic Money: Constructing Markets for Credit Cards in Eight Postcommunist Countries* (with Alya Guseva); *Great Surprise of the Small Transformation: Demise of Communism and Rise of the Private Sector in Hungary*, several articles in journals including the American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Theory and Society, Socio-Economic Review, Social Science Research, Research on Sociology of Organizations, Journal of Comparative Economics, as well as various chapters in edited volumes. His current research is on credit, risk analysis and the role of scientific uncertainty in policy making.

Q: How did you decide to work in the field of Economic Sociology? Were there other options at the time?

Akos Rona-Tas: My original interest and first publications were in the field of social stratification, mobility and inequalities. But by the early 1990s, stratification research became sterile, trapped in looking for ever more refined statistical methodologies. It was not unlike certain areas of economics at the time. This was the time when inequalities in this country grew enormously but economists were uninterested in the topic and sociologists seemed to care only about finding new ways to analyze two-by-two tables. With more patience and talent, I could have kept...
Important SASE / UC Berkeley Registration Information

Please take note: Early registration (check-in, badge and program retrieval) will begin on Thursday afternoon (June 23), one day prior to the conference, from 2pm to 5pm, at the top floor of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Union/ASUC building. Registration will continue all day Friday and Saturday.

In the event that you have a session Friday morning at 9am and are unable to register on Thursday, you may register after your Friday morning session.

SASE / UC Berkeley Featured Author-Meets-Critics Sessions

This year’s Presidential Author-Meets-Critics sessions will feature:

**Gabriel Abend**, *The Moral Background: An Inquiry into the History of Business Ethics* (with critics Dan Hirschman, Elizabeth Popp Berman, and Steve Vaisey)

**Jens Beckert**, *Imagined Futures: Fictional Expectations and Capitalist Dynamics* (with critics Jenny Andersson, William Deringer, and Akos Rona-Tas)

**Heather Haveman**, *Magazines and the Making of America: Modernization, Community, and Print Culture, 1741-1860* (with critics Lis Clemens, Claude Fischer, and Gabriel Rossman)

**Kimberly Kay Hoang**, *Dealing in Desire: Asian Ascendancy, Western Decline, and the Hidden Currencies of Global Sex Work* (with critics Alice Goffman, Horacio Ortiz, and Leslie Salzinger)
Berkeley! Berkeley! Berkeley!

Get ready for your trip to Berkeley and check out what there is to do in the Bay Area, before or after the conference!

If you're interested in delving deeper yet, Napa Valley is close by, as is the hub of high tech, Silicon Valley, where you can visit the Intel Museum or NASA's Ames Research Center. Or perhaps you're more of a Winchester Mystery House person?

For more on Berkeley, you might rent Frederick Wiseman's lauded documentary At Berkeley and read this to find out why Berkeley is named Berkeley.

Election Results

The results are in! Many thanks to all those who participated in this year's election.

We would like to congratulate Christine Musselin, Sciences Po, Paris, SASE's president elect, and those elected and re-elected to the Executive Council for a three-year term (2016-2019):

Bruno Amable, University Paris I - Panthéon, France

Emily Erikson, Yale University, USA

Karin Knorr Cetina, University of Chicago, USA and University of Konstanz, Germany

Jette Steen Knudsen, Tufts University, USA

Jeanne Lazarus, CSO, Sciences Po (Paris), France

SASE Inaugural Early Career Workshop Award

We are very proud to announce the winners of the inaugural Early Career Workshop Award, sponsored in part by the University of Warwick.

The Early Career Workshop Award provides doctoral students and researchers and young scholars having received their doctorates within the past 3 years an opportunity to workshop a paper with senior researchers from the SASE community.

This year's winners are:

Sonja Avlijas
Lisa Baudot
Simon Bittmann
Christof Brandtner
Benjamin Braun
David Calnitsky
Dean Curran
Guus Dix
Megan Doherty Bea
Pierre-Christian Fink
Alexander Kentikelenis
Karolina Mikolajewska-Zajac
Natalya Naqvi
Michelle Phillips
Chris Rea
Anabel Rieiro
Abdullah Shahid
SASE extends its warm thanks to Helen Callaghan, Pepper Culpeper, Richard Deeg, Glenn Morgan, and Michael A. Witt, who will be leaving the Executive Council this year.

A warm thanks to our Elections Committee - Nitsan Chorev (chair), Olivier Godechot, Josh Whitford, and Zsuzsanna Vargha.

Islamic Banking Center at King Saud University Travel Grants

The Islamic Banking Center (IBC) at King Saud University has generously offered to grant graduate student travel awards ($500 each) to candidates selected for outstanding papers submitted to the Islam and the Construction of New Economic Moralities: Divergence, Convergence and Competing Futures Mini-Conference.

The winners are:

**Dalal Aassouli** (École National Supérieure de Lyon): *Can the Integration of SRI Principles in Islamic Finance Help Bridge the Gap Between Aspirational Islamic Moral Economy and Realistic Islamic Finance?*

**Bridget Kustin** (Johns Hopkins University): *Examining Social Justice in Islamic Finance*

**Fauziah Yuniarti** (Universitas Indonesia): *Islam and Its Impact on Economic and Financial Attitudes in Indonesia*
Call for Nominations: Director at MPIfG Cologne

The Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG) in Cologne, Germany, is seeking nominations (including self-nominations) for a tenured position of director in the fields of political science or sociology.

For more information, see the call for nominations.

MaxPo Visiting Follow Research Stays in Paris

The Max Planck Sciences Po Center on Coping with Instability in Market Societies (MaxPo) is welcoming applications from senior academics for 2-4-month research stays at Sciences Po in the heart of Paris.

MaxPo offers office space, a round-trip ticket, and a stipend to help cover accommodation expenses in Paris. Applicants must have their own additional funding to cover living expenses. Visiting fellows will present their work in MaxPo's seminar program.

Please send a cover letter, CV, and a short description (1-2 pages) of your project, by May 15, 2016 for stays planned for September 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 to vincent.morandi@sciencespo.fr.

For more information, see the MaxPo site.

Historicizing "The Economy" Call for Submissions

Daniel Hirschman, Adam Leeds, and Onur Özgöde are organizing a two-day workshop at Harvard University from 23-24 September 2016 entitled Historicizing "The Economy".

Abstract submissions are due May 1st.

See the workshop website for details.

EAEPE Conference Call for Submissions

The European Association for Evolutionary Political Economy will be holding its 28th annual conference from 3-5 November 2016 at the University of Manchester. The themes for the Economic Sociology section, organized by Jens Maesse and Hanno Pahl, will be "The social logics of Economics" and "Economic sociology and heterodox Economics".

For more, see the EAEPE website.
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