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**International Seminar in  
Selected Research Fields:**  
Education, Research Methods & Criminology

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# 1. Introduction

Three years ago, Prof. Johann Bacher (University Linz), Prof. Jarosław Górniak and Prof. Marian Niezgoda (both University Cracow) decided to organize a Polish-German Seminar for scientists, doctoral staff and students at advanced level, e.g. Ph.D.. There have been already three seminars based on bilateral exchange of ideas, knowledge and results of the research on different sociological issues. This year the meeting took place at the Johannes Kepler University in Linz from April, 23<sup>rd</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Aims of the seminar:

- intensive exchange between scientists and students
- exchange between students and scientists from different countries
- building scientific networks in Europe
- integrating new potential members (e.g. Mazedonia)
- becoming familiar with advanced research techniques
- publishing (write a scientific paper)

## More specific:

- to prepare and discuss scientific papers of professors, scientific staff and students at an advanced label
- to publish a book after the seminar
- to prepare such an application for the project (annual seminars) in the 7 FP.

Some of the participants of the member countries had prepared and presented his or her studies to the selected fields: criminology, education and research methods.

## 2. Participants

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### **3. Scientific Programm**

At this meeting several participants of the seminar presented their studies to topics like criminology, education and research methods:

#### ***Criminology***

- Christina Dastl (JKU): Perception of the phenomenon criminality
- Ingrid Mitgutsch (JKU): Aspects of Stalking in Austrian Criminal Law
- Helmut Hirtenlehner (JKU): Fear of Crime - in the Context of Generalized Insecurity
- Tatjana Stojanovska (SS Cyril Uni): "The role of school in the prevention of drug addiction"
- Wolfgang Rohm (JKU): A Theory of School-Absenteeism
- Christoph Weber (JKU): Cumulating Disadvantages during the transition from Primary School to Secondary Education Stage - Positive Effects of School Participation on the Development of Children in Germany.

#### ***Education***

- Bernhard Prosch & Sandra Alilovic (FAU): The Gestalt approach in university teaching Presentation of professors/students
- George Mladenovski (SS Cyril Uni): Education in a Multicultural Society
- Johann Bacher & Heinz Leitgöb (JKU): "Higher Education in Austria"
- Aleksandra Wagner (UJ): "European PhD on Social Representation and Communication lab meeting as the e-learning project"
- Anna Czermak (UJ): Seeking for education success. The influence of social factor on the real results in educational process in lower secondary school"
- Jolanta Perek-Bialas (UJ): Education expenditures patterns in Polish Households"
- Marian Niezgoda (UJ): Educational change in Poland

## ***Research Methods***

- Joachim Gerich (JKU): Video-Enhanced Self-Administered Computer Interviews
- Josef Haslinger (JKU): Typology of debtors
- Michal Chrzanowski (UJ): Relational databases and data-mining in the use of modern social sciences”
- Jelonek, Anna Jurczak, & Seweryn Krupnik (UJ): Sharing ideas: Malopolska Benchmarking –Measuring Progress Towards Local Strategy and Center of Excellence in Evaluation and Policy Analysis Methodology”
- Jaroslaw Górniak (UJ): Evaluation as social investigation

## ***Miscellaneous***

- Sandra Bünnemann (FAU): The fascination of the foreign - A survey based on the migration-mentality between Germans and Americans and their differences and influencing variables
- Christina Meyer (FAU): The Danish Way of Flexicurity - A Chance for Older Workers on the German Labour Market?”
- Katrin Drasch (FAU): Intragenerational downward mobility in Germany: consequences of the structural changes between 1984 and 2004”
- Joanna Cent (UJ): A potential role of NGOs in monitoring protected areas in Poland
- Szymon Czarnik (UJ): Experimental Study of Redistributive Behavior

## **4. Social Activities and Future prospects**

The presentations were very interesting and offered the seminars participant’s new perspectives regarding sociological fields from different cultural backgrounds. Due to the fact of the enlargement of perspective, in our opinion it is interesting to widen the attending countries. Scandinavian countries, western European countries or countries from other continents might have other solutions to social problems or social political questions than the current member countries.

Because of the problem that some students do not have the possibility to go abroad during their university studies, the seminar offers the chance to exchange minds in an international way. Also in a scientific context it is important to communicate face to face between different countries. Therefore regular meetings are essential. It has to be mentioned that not only the content of each presentation was very interesting but also the seminar recreational activities were very well chosen. A guided tour to Linz and a trip to Gmunden/Traunsee with subsequent dinner offered the possibility to talk together in an unforced way.