

Workshop in Economic Sociology in Budapest

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On September 24-25, 1999 an international workshop was organized with the title of "**New economic actors, institutions and attitudes in Central and Eastern Europe**" in Budapest in the framework of the Hungarian Sociological Association's conference on the experiences of the '90s. The aim of the workshop was to highlight some of the newly emerging topics of economic sociology challenged by the transformation. Akos Rona-Tas (San Diego) did reinterpret the concepts of risk, uncertainty and trust in this framework. Endre Sik (Budapest) analyzed the findings of a research on a local labor market. (His paper is available in the last English issue of the Hungarian Sociological Review.) Vadim Radaev (Moscow) dealt with the attitudes toward market building. Silvano Bolcic (Beograd) summed up the findings concerning the spread of entrepreneurship in Serbia. Krzysztof Jasiecki (Warsaw) dealt with the institutional reasons of the weakness of business associations during the transformation. Mladen Lazic (Beograd) and Balazs Vedres (Budapest) analyzed the changing structure of economic elites and the constellation of economic power. David Lane (Cambridge) applied the term of "chaotic capitalism" on the description of the Russian economic system. Krzysztof Zagorski (Warsaw) analyzed the trends and social explanations of expectations concerning living conditions. Alexander Stoyanov (Sofia) presented the methodological tools and substantive findings of corruption monitoring

A workshop proceedings volume is planned to collect the papers.