Institutions in Context: The Welfare State

6-12 June, 2011

Tampere, Finland

Call for Papers

The University of Tampere is delighted to invite Masters and doctoral students of all appropriate fields and disciplines to participate in a weeklong workshop on Welfare State Institutions. The workshop is organized and hosted by the North American Studies Program and funded by the Jane and Aatos Erkko Foundation.

The purpose of the workshop is to bring together a diverse group of leading scholars and experts\* from Europe and North America – including political scientists, economists, mathematicians, historians, sociologists, medical doctors, teachers and members of government – to discuss the design and impact of welfare state institutions. Particular aspects of the welfare state will include health care and coverage, education, poverty reduction, labor and social democracy. The workshop is designed to approach institutions from a multidisciplinary perspective to provide a richer and more comprehensive understanding of the subject.

Part of each day will be devoted to speaker presentations. The other part is devoted to student presentations to give the students opportunities for comments and suggestions from the scholars and their peers.

A key aspect of the symposium is its location in Finland, a country that is a strong example of the Nordic welfare state structure. One way in which will take advantage of our location is a trip to Stockholm, Sweden to learn about the Swedish welfare state institutions.

Room and board is covered for all students. For international students we will also provide a stipend of €1000 which can be used to cover travel expenses. For Finnish students we will cover domestic travel at the lowest cost rates. The deadline for applications is the 2nd of May 2011. More information and the application form are available at the following link:

 <http://www.uta.fi/laitokset/historia/sivut/english/nam/summerschool.php>

Applicants should send the application form and the listed documents and abstract to katri.sieberg@uta.fi

\* Speakers: John F. Nash Jr, Princeton University; Barbara Barrett, US Ambassador to Finland 2008-2009;

David Rueda, Oxford University; Cathie Jo Martin, Boston University; Pertti Koistinen, University of Tampere; Pauli Kettunen, University of Helsinki; Heikki Ervasti, University of Turku; Lane Kenworthy, University of Arizona; Henry Milner, University of Montreal; Eero Ropo, University of Tampere; Anneli Duffin, Dunstan Middle School, Colorado; Montgomery Van Wart, UCSB; Melissa Marschall, Rice University; Hannele Lopponen, Tammelan School; Hannu Vartianen, University of Helsinki; Greg Duncan, UC Irvine; Arja Rimpelä, University of Tampere; Katerina Sherstyuk, University of Hawaii, Olga Shvetsova, Binghamton University; Lawrence Brown, Columbia University; Markku Sotarauta, University of Tampere; William Heller, Binghamton University; Katri Sieberg, University of Tampere.