## ISSC Stein Rokkan Prize

#### Announcing the ISSC STEIN ROKKAN PRIZE in Comparative Research

The International Social Science Council, in conjunction with the Conjunto Universitario Candido Mendes (Rio de Janeiro) announces that the fifth STEIN ROKKAN PRIZE will be awarded in December 1990.

The prize is intended to reward a very substantial and original contribution in **comparative social science research** by a scholar **under forty years of age on 31st December 1990** It can be either an unpublished manuscript of book length or a printed book or collected works published after December 1987.

**Four copies** of manuscripts typed double space or of printed works should be delivered to the International Social Science Council **before 15 March 1990**, together with a formal **letter of application** with evidence of the candidate's age attached. Work submitted will be evaluated by the International Social Science Council with the assistance of appropriate referee or referees.

The AWARD will be made at the ISSC General Assembly meeting in December 1990. Its decision is final and not subject to appeal or revision.

The Prise is US dollars 2,000. It may be divided between two or more applicants, should it be found difficult to adjudicate between equally valuable works submitted.

For further enquiries, please write to:

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## PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Energy Division of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the United States Census Bureau have pledged some support for a small conference or workshop on **ADVANCED COMPUTING FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.** Thus the following applications seem most suitable:

Economics Planning Transportation studies Sociology Policy analysis Geography and urban studies Government

Topic areas include, but are not limited to:

Supercomputing Satellite tracking & imagery Natural language processing Computer networks Parallel processing Expert systems Databases and information retrieval Advanced microcomputer applications

The conference is tentatively scheduled for Williamsburg, Va. in mid to late 1989. No fee schedule has been proposed; however, any conference fees will be held to a reasonable level to permit the broadest possible participation.

Contributed papers will be accepted at a later date after submission details have been finalized. If you have an idea for additional topic areas, wish to receive additional conference information as it becomes available or are interested in submitting a paper, please contact

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#### CALL FOR PAPER PROPOSALS

#### **ELECTING THE SENATE**

Hosted by the Departments of Political Science at the University of Houston and Rice University, ELECTING THE SENATE, a conference, will be held December 1 & 2, 1989, in Houston under the auspices of the Center for Public Policy and the Rice Institute for Policy Analysis. The conference will bring together scholars with interests in congressional elections to discuss and analyze the 1988 National Elections Study Survey and to identify changes for the proposed 1990 and 1992 waves of the survey.

Proposed panel topics:

- The role of issues in Senate campaigns
- Incumbency and Senate elections
- Small-state/large-state differences
- House-Senate elections comparisons
- Campaign financing
- Six-year election cycle

Those interested in participating in the conference are invited to submit paper proposals or suggest panel topics. Funding is available to cover participant's expenses.

Proposals should be submitted no later than June 1 and should be sent to:

Professor Bruce OppenheimerFDepartment of Political ScienceorIUniversity of HoustonFHouston, Texas 77204-3474F

Professor John Alford Department of Political Science Rice University P. O. Box 1572 Houston, Texas 77251.



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### ANNOUCEMENT

The following is an excerpt from an announcement appearing in the May 1989 issue of the ANTHROPOLOGY NEWSLETTER:

The Bureau of the Census invites proposals from ethnographers of American minority communities to participate through joint statistical agreements in research evaluating the behaviorial causes of census undercounts. Parallel field research at 30 different sites nationwide is planned for the decennial census. Proposals should be received by no later than Tuesday, August 1, 1989.

The research of participating social scientists will be to conduct an independent observation-based enumeration of a small area that will be matched to census results and to explain coverage problems in terms of local sociocultural dynamics.

The joint statistical agreement (JSA) is the Census' vehicle for funding participation in this project... [it] is a cost sharing arrangement between the Bureau of the Census and a nonprofit organization.

Participating principal investigators will conduct the alternative enumeration and coverage evaluation personally. Preferably, applicants should hold a PhD in anthropology, sociology, human geography or a related discipline. Beyond academic credentials, criteria for selection favor researchers who have sustained a relationship with the community proposed for study.

Proposals should include the following materials: (1) a 2-3 page description of the sociocultural characteristics and location of the study site proposed and the applicant principal investigator's and sponsoring organization's prior research or other relationships (such as providing social services) with the particular neighborhood proposed as a site; (2) a vita; (3) a letter from a nonprofit organization agreeing to sponsor the study; and (4) a preliminary budget.

Send proposals to:

Center for Survey Methods Research Bureau of the Census, Room 433, Washington Plaza Bldg, Washington, DC 20233/ Attn: L Brownrigg & L Shinagawa

TEL: 301/763-7976.

Appropriate proposals that arrive early, in May- June 1989, will have an edge.