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From the Editor:

The Center continues to try to provide readers with useful information and material. Individuals are encouraged to submit research notes or project announcements. We will gladly print material that can be of use to our readers.
Center News

1. Constitutional Seminars

The Center began its third year of Seminars focusing on American state constitutional documents in October, 1997. The Delaware Valley Constitution Seminars are held three times each academic year for a small group of scholars in the Philadelphia area. The first year of the seminars focused on colonial foundation documents. Since then, sets of historic state constitutions have been selected by Center Fellow Alan Tarr and Center Associate Robert Williams. The meetings are hosted by Center Associate Joseph Hennessy and are attended by approximately 15 to 20 people. The material continues to stimulate serious discussion and interest among the participants.

2. Mark Twain Conference

The Center conducted a Liberty Fund conference entitled “Freedom and Responsibility in the Works of Mark Twain” in August in Big Sky, Montana. The conference, at Big Sky Lodge and Resort, and sponsored by Liberty Fund, Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana is part of a long list of conferences they conduct each year. The Center regularly conducts these conferences for Liberty Fund. A spring conference on the Works of Albert Gallatin is planned. For a list of readings, contact the Center.

Recently Received Books


Eritrea and Ethiopia: The Federal Experience, is the first book-length scholarly work to examine the African nations’ short-lived experiment with federalism. Tekeste Negash argues that the ten year period of Eritrean federation with Ethiopia (1952-1962) is crucial to understanding the long period of warfare between the two countries which continued into the 1990s. Consequently, this volume focuses on the transition of Eritrea from an Italian colony to its United Nations mandated federation with Ethiopia in the aftermath of World War II. Negash concentrates primarily on the interplay of political party forces in the dissolution of the federation and the protracted war that resulted from its demise.

Negash’s work is derived from the analysis of archival sources provided by the British diplomatic corps formerly stationed in Eritrea. Using these primary sources, Negash is able to reconstruct the slow but steady dissolution of the federation between Eritrea and Ethiopia.

Tekeste Negash’s previous works on the region include: No Medicine for the Bite of a White Snake, Italian Colonialism in Eritrea, and Rethinking Education in Africa. He is a lecturer of history at Uppsala University in Sweden.

Grassroots Leaders document’s the experiences of a group of civic entrepreneurs in California who formed “Joint Venture: Silicon Valley” to reinvigorate the regional economy. The authors argue that globalization, information technologies, demographic shifts and devolution have all greatly altered traditional conceptions of civil society. Rising to fill the void left by this transition from industrial society to the information age, is a new concept of civil society that attempts to reinvigorate public space and create self-governing communities through regional collaboration. Grassroots Leaders tells the story of how civic entrepreneurs have attempted to rebuild their communities in the Silicon Valley, as well as offering some examples from Florida, Ohio, Kansas and Texas. The book traces the policy process from initiation of civic renewal through the implementation phase.


California’s massive influx of immigrants makes it an ideal case-study for how states and the federal government can deal with the transition to a more diverse racial and ethnic society. Immigration in a Changing Economy assesses the effects immigration has had over the last thirty years on California’s demography, economy, people, and institutions and identifies the present and future challenges the issue poses for the state. McCarthy and Vernez focus on issues such as immigrants’ characteristics, their contribution to the economy, their effects on other workers, their demand for public services, and their educational and economic success and that of their offspring.
Covenant and Constitutionalism

The Great Frontier and the Matrix of Federal Democracy

by

Daniel J. Elazar

With the Protestant Reformation and its idea of the federated commonwealth, the covenant tradition in European politics reached its highest point. Then, less than a century later, that idea was transformed into the idea of civil society organized around a political compact and governed by a written constitution consented to by the people it served. This transformation marked the transition from premodern to modern covenantalism. The transition took place in two tracks. The better known was the philosophic track championed by Hobbes, Spinoza, and Locke, which set down the theory and principles of modern democratic and republican civil society. The other, theological track, pioneered by European settlers from various reformed Protestant backgrounds, developed actual republics framed by written constitutions. Together, they led to the establishment of the United States of America in the eighteenth century.

Covenant and Constitutionalism, the third of four volumes in the series of volumes exploring the covenantal tradition in Western politics, traces the trends and the developing relationships of constitutionalism and covenant that ultimately led to the transformation of the latter into the former. It explores these first steps and the subsequent paths that emerged out of the constitutionalized covenantal tradition in Europe such as federalism, communitarianism, and the cooperative movement, and how these covenantal ideas and expressions were both supported by and challenged by liberal democracy and individualism as they unfolded in the latter part of the modern epoch and immediately thereafter.

The book concludes with a look at the covenantal tradition at the beginning of the postmodern epoch and what may be a move to return to it in response to the crises accompanying the human transition to a new epoch after World War II. Covenant and Constitutionalism is a fundamental and original contribution to scholarship of and on Western civilization. As such it will be of deep and lasting interest to historians, social scientists, and theologians of all persuasions.

Transaction Press, $49.95
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Current Research

Project 1
Cities of the Prairie: The Next Generation
This research follows up on Daniel Elazar’s Cities of the Prairie project which has described and analyzed political, social and economic developments in ten Midwestern middle sized communities.

Contact: Daniel Elazar, Center for the Study of Federalism
Dates: January 1, 1995 - December 31, 1997
Availability of final report: Book Entitled Cities of the Prairie: The Next Generation (forthcoming)

Project 2
Federalism Issues in the 105th Congress
This project will identify and describe the most significant pieces of legislation being considered by the current Congress that will affect American federalism.

Contact: Marbach
Start Date: Jan 1, 1998 - August 1, 1998
Availability of final report:

Recent Publications

1. “Winners or Losers? The Impact of Riverboat Gambling on Joliet, Illinois and the Quad Cities”
   “Current Politics and Economics of the United States” (forthcoming)
   The article examines the costs incurred and benefits derived from riverboat gambling in two communities.
   Reprints: contact author

2. “Pennsylvania in the Federal System” and “Sources for Research on Pennsylvania”

The Government and Politics of Pennsylvania University of Nebraska Press (forthcoming) Ellis Katz and Bev Cigler, editors.
The first chapter describes Pennsylvania’s relationship with the federal government and her sister states. The second describes the sources available to students conducting research on various aspects of Pennsylvania government or politics.

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Current Research Activities

Project 1
Interstate Cooperation: The Roles of the State Attorney General
To be Published in Summer 1998 issues of Publius

Project 2
The Initiative
A study of the use of the Initiative by voters in state and local governments.

Recent Publications

“The Changing Roles of the Irish Department Secretary”

“Metropolitan Problems Revisited”
The Regionalist, Spring 1997, pp. 69-75.
“Governance Capacity and Mobilization of Resources” focuses upon cooperative efforts by the national government, State Governments, Local governments, and private firms to solve critical problems and lower the cost of governance.
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  Political Science Quarterly, Summer 1997

- Joan Aron
  U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
  Washington, DC 20055

  "Licensed to Kill? The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Shoreham Plant"
  University of Pittsburgh Press
  Story of federal-state conflict in nuclear energy policy.
  Available February 1998

Project 1

Dilemmas of Scale in America’s Federal Democracy
Edited Volume forthcoming from Cambridge Press
(Publication Late 1998)

The Center will continue to publish results of our Annual Inventory as they are received. Feel free to contact those listed for more information on a specific project.
Turkey Conference
Interactive Relationships Between Central and Local Governments at the Threshold of Twenty-First Century
December 3-4, 1997
Manisa, Turkey

Center Fellows Daniel J. Elazar, Ellis Katz and John Kincaid presented papers at a December 3-4, 1997 conference at Celal Bayar University in Manisa, Turkey. The conference, entitled "Interactive Relationships Between Central and Local Governments at the Threshold of the Twenty-First Century," was co-sponsored by the Turkish Municipal Association and marked the culmination of a series of cooperative efforts between the Center and Turkey's Center for the Study of Local Government, supported, in part, by the United States Information Agency. Turkey has a highly centralized political tradition but appears to be seeking ways for local units of government to enjoy greater autonomy and flexibility. For further information, contact Ellis Katz at the Center.

PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 3, 1997

10.00 - 11.00  Opening Session
               Professor Dr. Tuner Taner
               Rector of Celal Bayar University
               Adil Aygül
               Mayor of Manisa City
               Sarni Gödeniz
               President of the Turkish Municipal Association
               Muzaffer Ecemis
               Governor of Manisa

10.45 - 11.00  Coffee Break

11.00 - 11.30  Introductory Speech on the General Theme of the Conference
               Recent Trends in the interrelationships Between Central and Local Governments
               Dr. Sureyya Sakinc
               Director of the Center for the Study of Local Governments

11.30 - 12.30  I. Session
               Intergovernmental Relations and Decentralization in Constitution Orders
               Chairman Prof. Dr. Rusen Keles,
               Ankara University

12.00 - 12.30  Discussion

12.30 - 2.00  Lunch

2.00 - 3.00  II. Session
               Fiscal Autonomy of Local Governments
               Chairman Prof. Dr. Naeı B. Muter
               Celal Bayar University
               Fiscal Autonomy of Local Governments in U.S.A.
               Professor Dr. John Kincaid
               Lafayette College, PA, U.S.A.

Thursday, December 4, 1997

10.00 - 11.00  III. Session
               Jurisdiction on Local Authorities
               Chairman Professor Dr. Nuri Tortop
               Member of the State Supervisory Council of the Presidency
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               Professor Dr. Ellis Katz
               Temple University, PA, U.S.A.
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ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA
Tuesday, March 24 - Friday, March 27, 1998

Tuesday, 24 March, 1998
IACFS Directors' Meeting (including triennial elections for Executive positions) and Round Table on Recent Developments in Australia

Wednesday, 25 March - Friday, 17 March, 1998
International Workshop
Topic: "Fiscal Arrangements in Federal Countries: Do they affect the capacity of sub-national "regions" to maximize their Economic and Community development potential?"
Five half day sessions on the Mature Federations (Australia, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, and USA), plus special reports on South Africa, Belgium and Italy.

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Section News

Distinguished Scholar Award
Sarah F. Liebschutz, University of Rochester, will chair the Distinguished Scholar Award Committee for 1998. Other members include Dale Krane, University of Nebraska-Omaha and Beryl Radin, SUNY-Albany and USDHHS.

This award recognizes outstanding contributions to federalism and intergovernmental relations over a scholar’s career. In addition to the 1997 award recipient, Ronald Watts, previous awardees include Samuel Beer, Martha Derthick, Daniel Elazar, Richard Nathan, Vincent Ostrom, David Walker, and Dell Wright.

Please send your nominations to Prof. Sarah Liebschutz at Liebsh@aoi.com or c/o Department of Political Science, University of Rochester Rochester, NY 14627.

Best Book Award
Mirian Leif Palley, University of Delaware, will chair the 1998 Best Book Award Committee. Other Committee members include Kenneth Palmer, University of Maine, and David Beam, Illinois Institute of Technology.

The award goes to an author of a book on federalism and intergovernmental relations published at least ten years ago, that has made a lasting contribution to the study of federalism and intergovernmental relations. The 1997 award was given to Diel Wright for Understanding Intergovernmental Relations. Previous winners include Morton Grodzins for The American System and Daniel Elazar for Federalism: A View from the States.

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Best Paper Award
Ann O’M. Bowman, University of South Carolina, who was the Section’s 1997 Program Chair, chairs the Best Paper Award Committee. Other members include Paul Posner, U.S. General Accounting Office, and David Berman, Arizona State University.

Any paper at any panel in the field of federalism and intergovernmental relations presented at the 1997 annual meeting may be nominated. Panel chairs from the Sections 1997 track will also be asked to nominate one paper from their panel.
Send your nominations to Professor Ann O'M. Bowman, Department of Political Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 27208. (803) 777-3109. Fax: (803)777-8255. Email: bowman-ann@sc.edu.

Nominations Sought for Section Officers
The section will elect a new chairperson and three new council members at the 1998 Annual Meeting in Boston. Chair Robert Agranoff and council members David Beam, Ann O'M. Bowman, and Carol Weissert rotate off at the meeting.

Alvin D. Sokolow, University of California-Davis, will chair the Nominations Committee. Other members of the committee include Jocelyn Johnston, University of Kansas, Joseph Marbach, Seton Hall University, and Robert Agranoff (ex officio).

Please send your nominations to Professor Alvin Sokolow, Department of Applied Behavioral Science, University of California, Davis, CA 95816. (916)752-0979. Fax: (916)752-5855. Email: ajsokolow@ucdavis.edu.

1998 Annual Meeting Program
Carol S. Weissert, Michigan State University, the Section's 1998 Program Chair, announces that the Section will sponsor eight panels in Boston, an increase of one panel from the 1997 total. In addition, two panels will be co-sponsored with other sections. Section sponsored panels include:

- Upward Diffusion of Information and Persuasion: States Lobby Congress and the Courts
- Federal Grants: New Approaches to Questions of Design and Impact
- Treaty-based Federalism: The Trials and Tribulations of Tribal Governance
- Devolution and Local Capacity: Can Local Governments Respond and Will States Let Them?
- Barriers to Decentralization in Europe and Latin America
- The Intergovernmental Balance of Power: Devolution and Centralization
- Federalism and the Court in the U.S. and Canada
- Fiscal Decentralization and Policy Making in Developing Countries, Co-sponsored by Comparative Politics

In addition, the Center for the Study of Federalism/PUBLIUS will sponsor two panels:

PUBLIUS: State of American Federalism
University of Nebraska Press American States Series

Please plan to attend as many panels as possible at the 1998 meeting in Boston. Our increasing number of panels is due to attendance. Keep it up!

New Paper Series
The Walker Institute of International Studies at the University of South Carolina announces a new Working Paper Series: Global Perspectives on Regime Change, Transitional Cultures and Social Movements. This series is devoted to exploring the causes and consequences of the increasingly international currents shaping the politics and cultures of nation-states.

The Walker Institute is particularly interested in showcasing the current work of a diverse group of scholars from the disciplines of political science, anthropology, history, economics, and sociology. Papers published in this Series address questions at the forefront of social science research, such as: problems of democratization, demographic transitions, ethnic conflict, and the dynamics of social movements the Series' inaugural papers are now available. For an up-to-date listing of Working Papers and ordering information, visit the website: www.cla.sc.edu/iis/index.html. For further information, contact Dr. Maryjane Osa, Department of Government and International Studies, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208; or email WIWPS@garnet.cla.sc.edu.

IPSA Research Committee
The Research Committee on Federalism and Federation of the International Political Science Association meets annually to discuss research and issues related to comparative federalism and intergovernmental relations. Annual meetings are usually small conferences that lead up to the World Congress. It is expected that the 1998 and 1999 meeting will be related to Committee panels at the 2000 IPSA world Congress in Québec City, Québec, Canada. A number of previous sessions, papers, and proceedings have led to publications.

Committee membership is tied to IPSA membership. For further information, contact the Committee Chair, Prof. Lloyd Brown John, Department of Political Science, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, N9B 3P4. (519)253-4232. Fax: (519) 973-7094. Email: lbj@uwindsor.ca.
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