ALLIANCE OF UNIVERSITIES FOR DEMOCRACY

Seventeenth Annual Conference

5 – 8 November 2006 — Katowice, Poland

HOST INSTITUTION: KATOWICE SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS

Call for Papers

(Submission Deadline – August 21, 2006)

Theme:

The University and the Challenge of Transition Facing Societies in Eastern, South-Eastern and Central Europe

Founded in 1990, the Alliance of Universities for Democracy (AUDEM) is a consortium of American and Central European, East European, and South-East European universities united for the common purpose of supporting institutions of higher learning in North Central/Baltic, Central, South-East and Eastern Europe in the transition to their democratic roles in building civil societies and in market-driven economies. Currently, AUDEM's members number over 110 institutions of higher learning in CEE and the United States. (For more information about the Alliance and its Members, please go to www.audem.org

The Alliance of Universities for Democracy (AUDEM) will hold its Annual Conference in Katowice, Poland from 5 November to 8 November 2006. This year's Conference promises to be one of the more interesting ever. It will also continue to expand on the range of interests of AUDEM. We invite papers and presentations from colleagues in the USA, Canada, Western Europe, the Baltic States, Central Europe, South-Eastern Europe, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Turkey, Central Asia and other newly independent states. Some funding may be available to support participants from AUDEM member universities in Eastern Europe. The funding will be very limited; all participants are encouraged to seek funding from their universities and other sources.

The central themes of this year's AUDEM conference will be the university and the challenge of transition facing societies in Eastern, South-Eastern and Central Europe. Since the founding of AUDEM, we have been concerned with the central theme – as our name indicates – of universities and their relation to democratic societies. Different societies of what we can call the post-1989 generation are, of course, at different stages of change. But always and everywhere the universities as social institutions and centers of learning, scholarship and critical reflection are important in fostering change. This year we ask: how does the university reach out to societies in transition and help them meet the changes – whether of new democracies, of entry into the EU, of Bologna or even of civil tension.

In addition to looking at topics related to our central theme, we also invite presentations that reflect on current political, social and cultural developments in Poland and elsewhere. And we also invite presentations in the arts, humanities and social sciences. But we welcome all topics and we invite you to submit your ideas.

University Partnerships for Education and Democracy. In 2004 at AUDEM's conference in Pécs, Hungary we initiated a major new AUDEM initiative, to develop the University Partnerships for Education and Citizenship (UPEC). This project links member European and US universities with the purpose of enriching democratic citizenship and civic engagement among university students. UPEC has been developed through the collaboration of AUDEM with the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), The Council of Europe, *The New York Times* and *The International Herald Tribune*. UPEC is an extension of the American Democracy Project (ADP), organized in the United States by AASCU and *the New York Times*. ADP is a national project by member universities throughout the United States to advance democratic citizenship and civic engagement among American university students.

We invite interested universities and colleagues in Central and Eastern Europe and North America to work together on UPEC to help advance democratic citizenship and civic engagement in Central and Eastern Europe and the United States. This year we are again devoting an entire track to UPEC. We invite presentations in the UPEC poster session and we invite colleagues to participate in the UPEC roundtable.

University Partnerships in Social Work. This year AUDEM will begin a new project in collaboration with the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The purpose of the project is to prepare professionals to contribute to social work best practice in 1) situations of crisis and disaster, natural or human instigated, global or local, and 2) to target resources to assist parents to protect and keep children safe and assist in training of professionals to locate alternative options for children when necessary. We invite you to join a working group that will design the mission in more detail and develop action steps to implement our mission.

Poster Sessions. This year we introduce another new feature. We will sponsor Poster Sessions on all tracks listed below. This will allow participants to talk with presenters and presenters to meet colleagues interested in their work.

About the AUDEM Conference. The Conference is held in English. It is desirable but not required that presenters bring copies of their presentation or a substantial abstract. Overhead projection and PowerPoint will be available. Time allotted will be about 20 minutes for each paper plus a limited time for questions.

Colleagues may submit one or more presentation proposals. Requirements for submission: A one-page abstract as follows: (a) title of presentation; (b) name(s) of presenter(s); (c) title of presenter; (d) department or faculty and name of university and country; (f) e-mail address, FAX number, mailing address; (g) identify proposal as either a Poster Session or a Panel Presentation; (h) indicate under which track or tracks you are submitting the paper.

In the e-mail proposing the paper, place (a) your name and (b) your paper title (or a short title if necessary) in the subject line.

Send proposals to Mr. Gábor Czéh at the University of Pecs audem@ki.pte.hu

For additional information about the conference, contact Mr. Gábor Czéh at audem@ki.pte.hu.

We very much encourage young scholars and junior faculty to participate. We invite alumni of various exchange programs sponsored by American Councils for International Education and other agencies to contact those agencies to see if support is available. We also invite papers from undergraduate and graduate students. Students should indicate their student status (graduate or undergraduate) when presenting a proposal.

The deadline for receipt of proposals, including titles, authors' names, institutional affiliation and addresses, and an abstract is May 15, 2006. Late proposals may be considered if space is available. Registration will begin around August 1. The AUDEM website (www.audem.org) will contain registration forms and information regarding hotels and registration fee.

NOTE: Colleagues requiring formal letters of invitation for visa or funding purposes should contact us as soon as possible. Invitations will be sent based on the visa requirements of Poland. Inquiries about visa requirements for Poland should be directed to the Polish consulate in your home country. Colleagues are urged to submit early.

NOTICE: Presenters *must* register for the conference. Presentations and presenters will *not* be listed in the printed program if the presenter has not registered. Please watch the AUDEM website – www.audem.org – for information on registration, fees and the like.

Reminder: Submission Deadline – May 15, 2006

Conference Theme:

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TRACKS:

Track A - UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP (UPEC)

1 - UPEC Poster Sessions
UPEC participants are invited to prepare posters illustrating the work they are doing, and conference attendees are invited to take this opportunity to speak with representatives from UPEC partnerships and potential partners.

2 – Informal Roundtable Discussions
UPEC Partners are invited to come and share their experiences. Potential partners are invited to attend to learn about building an UPEC partnership. The focus will be on sharing experiences, learning from one-another and talking about UPEC strategies and objectives

3 - UPEC Plenary Session
Topic: Is the University a Site for Democracy and for Extending Democracy to the Wider Society?

Track B – UNIVERSITY PARTNERHSIPS IN SOCIAL WORK

AUDEM and the Council on Social Work Education will work with interested universities to forge partnerships to address the issues of 1) situations of crisis and disaster, natural or human instigated, global

or local, and 2) targeting resources to assist parents to protect and keep children safe and assist in training of professionals to locate alternative options for children when necessary.

Workshops: workshops will deal with these issues in societies in transition. Presentations are invited.

Track C - POSTER SESSIONS:

Poster Sessions are invited on all topics addressed in the tracks below. Please indicate clearly in your proposal that it is meant for Track C – Poster Session.

Track D - THE BOLOGNA PROCESS: OPPORTUNITY OR THREAT?

Track E - RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CENTRAL, EASTERN AND SOUTH-EAST EUROPE – ELECTIONS, SOCIO-ECONOMIC CHANGES, CULTURE, EU MEMBERSHIP, AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Track F - UNIVERSITIES IN TRANSITIONAL SOCIETIES: LOOKING BACKWARD TO 1989 – LOOKING FORWARD FROM 2006

Track G- ART, LITERATURE AND HUMANITIES

We invite presentations on recent Developments in Art, Music, Cinema and Literature and recent developments in Academic Disciplines and Intellectual Life (e.g., history, philosophy, literary criticism, "public" intellectual life, politics, political science, sociology, etc.)

Track H - THE EMERGING BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN TRANSITIONAL SOCIETIES: BUSINESS & COMMERCE, MANAGEMENT LEADERSHIP, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND ETHICS

Track I – OPEN SESSION

Proposals on subjects not covered above will be entered into Open Sessions.

Note: Students and Graduate Students are invited and encouraged to submit proposals for any of the themes and subjects described above.

AUDEM MEMBERSHIP: We invite institutions to join AUDEM. The Alliance is only as strong as the combined commitment of its member institutions. If the goals of AUDEM are important to you and your university, we urge your university to become a member. Information regarding membership is on the website at www.audem.org.