Newsletter by the Sozialforschungsstelle Dortmund (06/15)

Award for EU project

21.05.2015 – The European funded project „GT-VET: Greening Technical Vocational Education and Training“ (where sfs is involved) was awarded by the European Commission as one of the best Leonardo da Vinci projects 2011/12 (Lifelong Learning Programme). Within this project a „Sustainable Training Module for the European Steel Industry“ was developed for industrial mechanics and electricians of steel companies in cooperation with the European Steel Technology Platform. Developed also as a blueprint for other industrial occupations and sectors the training module is recently further developed for the automotive supplier industry within the “GREEN STAR” project.

http://www.gt-vet.com

Students submit video on „Get Online Week Dortmund 2015“

23.04.2015 – Eleven students from Technical University Dortmund, studying Rehabilitation pedagogy in a course by sfs researcher Dr. Bastian Pelka, have organized the “Get Online Week Dortmund” as part of the European campaign “Get Online Week Europe“. They now published a video describing their campaign.

More about: Students submit video on „Get Online Week Dortmund 2015“

SOCIAL INNOVATION 2015: PATHWAYS TO SOCIAL CHANGE - SAVE THE DATE: 18-19TH NOVEMBER 2015, VIENNA

27.03.2015 – Research, policies and practices in European and global perspectives. “Pathways to Social Change” is going to be the key event on social innovation in the year 2015. It is planned and designed by mutually complementary research projects on social innovation that reach out to world-wide experiences and concepts of social innovation. The conference will connect researchers with policy makers and practitioners of social innovation.
The conference is hosted by two projects under FP 7:
• Social Innovation – Driving Force of Social Change – SI-DRIVE,
• Transformative Social Innovation Theory – TRANSIT,
• and NET4SOCIETY, a network of National Contact Points in Horizon 2020.

Read more here

EUWIN Film Bank

27.03.2015 – EUWIN has produced a series of short films which show how some of Europe’s most exciting companies are engaging employees in enhancing performance, innovation and working lives.

You can access the full Film Bank here:

TU Dortmund University – sfs at workshop “Rethinking the role of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH): towards a reflective and generative perspective” in Brussels

06.03.2015 – On 26th February international experts discussed upon invitation of the University of Bologna (http://www.unibo.it/en) and the EU Office of the Emilia-Romagna Region the contribution of social sciences and humanities in the joint effort of the scientific community towards the interdisciplinarity required by the programme Horizon 2020.

More about: TU Dortmund University – sfs at workshop “Rethinking the role of Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH): towards a reflective and generative perspective” in Brussels

Social Innovation gains worldwide in importance

06.03.2015 – More and more often national governments recognize the importance of social innovation for societal development.

More about: Social Innovation gains worldwide in importance
Position paper on “digital skills for an inclusive Europe”

06.03.2015 – Sfs researchers Bastian Pelka and Christoph Kaletka contribute to a policy paper aiming at better learning opportunities for digitally excluded persons.

More about: Position paper on “digital skills for an inclusive Europe”

On the potential of ICT-enabled social innovation for social policy

27.02.2015 – In an experts workshop in Brussels on February 24/25 the IESI team presented their first mapping results, introducing a first set of initiatives which might drive or influence social policy reforms. The project team shared and discussed the results of the first mapping phase with a group of 25 experts from the fields of (digital) social innovation and inclusion, including Christoph Kaletka and Bastian Pelka (TU Dortmund).

More about: On the potential of ICT-enabled social innovation for social policy


26.02.2015 – The book was published last year in German and now it is available in English. Follow here to get free access.

first edition of the European Journal of Workplace Innovation is available

20.02.2015 – EJWI is an open-access, net-based, peer reviewed, English-language journal designed to build bridges between researchers and practitioners in understanding and developing workplace innovation in Europe.

The stimulating first issue includes articles by Steven Dhondt and Geert Van Hootgem on reshaping workplaces, Bjorn Gustavsen on practical discourse and democratic dialogue, Tuomo Alasoini on Finnish workplace innovation programmes, Peter Totterdill on The Fifth Element and a forum discussion by Richard Ennals.

More about: first edition of the European Journal of Workplace Innovation is available

LIPSE final conference - read the conference report by Bastian Pelka

19.02.2015 – On 3rd and 4th February FP7 project "LIPSE - Learning from Innovation in Public Sector Environments" (www.lipse.org/eventpage/item/25) held their mid-term conference with some interesting preliminary findings on social innovation in the public sector. Presented research findings and discussions highlighted the role of “failed innovations”, the context sensitiveness of innovation, the role of risk in the innovation process and means of feedback and citizen involvement for social innovation processes.

More about: LIPSE final conference - read the conference report by Bastian Pelka

DSI project presents study findings. Read our conference report here.

19.02.2015 – The EU funded project “Digital Social Innovation” (http://digitalsocial.eu/) presented their study findings on 17th February in Brussels. Bastian Pelka and Christoph Kaletka from TUDO participated for the SIMPACT consortium.

More about: DSI project presents study findings. Read our conference report here.
Virality: Contagion Theory in the Age of Networks – See short introduction to Gabriel Tarde’s Theory

13.02.2015 – In context of Sampsons Contagion Approach there is brief introduction to Tarde’s Theory

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8V06C5n5Z_g

ISM Special Issue “Social Innovation in the Public Sector”

06.02.2015 – A Special Issue “Social Innovation in the Public Sector” is edited by Antonius Schröder (Sozialforschungsstelle / Technische Universität Dortmund) and Vishanth Weeradkkody / Ahmad Ghonomein (Brunel Business School, Brunel University) within the “Information Systems Management” ISM, Volume 31, Number 3, 2014.

More about: ISM Special Issue “Social Innovation in the Public Sector”

What matters to people – innovation and society!

26.01.2015 – Prof. Jürgen Howaldt followed the invitation from the German Chancellor Angela Merkel to discuss with other experts from around the globe about innovations and how they can improve wellbeing, prosperity and progress.

More about: What matters to people – innovation and society!
Horizon 2020 project kickoff: „I-LINC“ connecting platforms against youth unemployment

22.01.2015 – With “I-LINC (Platform for ICT learning and inclusion for youth employability and entrepreneurship)” Sozialforschungsstelle (sfs) has started its first project funded under the new European framework programme “Horizon 2020”. On January 13/14 Dr. Christoph Kaletka und Dr. Bastian Pelka joined the kickoff meeting in Brussels and presented the methodological approach for identifying existing networks and initiatives against youth unemployment.

More about: Horizon 2020 project kickoff: „I-LINC“ connecting platforms against youth unemployment

Online SI Balkans platform – under construction

13.01.2015 – Social Innovation Lab announces the developing of a new SI Balkans platform that will enable mapping, promoting and networking of social innovators, as well as others who have interest in this dynamic field. The platform will also serve a resource for information dissemination, online publications and to search fundings related to social innovations (like, for example, Horizon 2020). SIL also invites to check out their new website.

http://socinnovationlab.org/

Work Smarter! European experts explain the what, why and how of workplace innovation

13.01.2015 – In last month’s Bulletin euwin reported about the celebration of the 40+ year career of Palle Banke, one of Denmark’s leading protagonists of workplace innovation. To mark his retirement the Danish Technological Institute organised a workshop for nearly 100 businesses from across the country.

Speakers included EUWIN’s Peter Totterdill, Uli Pekruhl (Switzerland) and Richard Badham (Australia). Now they have shared their knowledge and experience in a short video. Danish speakers can also enjoy presentations by Lone Thellesen (Dacapo) and Palle himself.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDzl3HdnvKY
General notes, job offers und stuff matters

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