PASOS network Internships

The Policy Association for an Open Society (PASOS) offers the opportunity to intern with more than 50 policy research and think tank organizations from Europe, Eurasia, Caucasus, Central Asia. PASOS members provide a broad range of policy research and practice oriented internships every year within organizations dealing with issues such as human rights, economic development, legal reform, management of governmental reforms, social policy, education, health, religion, international cooperation, small enterprise development, public participation and public sector management. The session will offer 60 minutes discussions and Q&A section led and responded by members of the PASOS Board and will help students learn about current and upcoming projects, find out about the possible internships and learn about relevant professional skills and knowledge expectations for prospective Interns.

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Date: March 1st, 2013
Venue: FT 809
Time: 3:15PM - 4:15 PM
Target audience – open to CEU

Guest Speakers invited:
- Jeff Lovitt, Executive Director, PASOS Secretariat, Prague, Czech Republic
  Jeff Lovitt was Director of Communications at the international secretariat of Transparency International, the global anti-corruption NGO, from 2000 until becoming the first Executive Director of the PASOS Secretariat upon its establishment in Prague in 2005. From 1999-2000, he worked as an editor and media consultant in Prague and Bratislava for international companies, including Commerzbank Capital Markets Central Europe, and NGOs, including Forum 2000, the foundation of then Czech President Václav Havel. From 1995-1998, he was Central Europe correspondent for The European newspaper. From 1997-1995, he worked as an editor and journalist in London for The European, the Sunday Times, New Statesman and other publications. He has reported for the Financial Times, and written as an op-ed contributor for the International Herald Tribune. From 1991-93, he was Reviews Editor of the British political weekly Tribune.

- Linda Austere, Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS, Riga, Latvia (PROVIDUS)
  Linda Austere is a policy researcher in the Centre for Public Policy PROVIDUS, based in Riga, Latvia. Her research interests include public sector information, policy process and approaches to policy making as well as performance planning and evaluation practices in the public sector. She graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Latvia (Dipl. Iur., 2006) and Central European University obtaining MA in Public Policy (2007) with a special focus on media, communications and telecommunications (Magyar Telecom Scholar). In addition to her work in non-governmental organizations -- Transparency International – Latvia and PROVIDUS -Linda has served as the advisor to the Minister Defense of the Republic of Latvia focusing on legal issues, governance institutional reform (2009-2010) and been advisor to the acting Minister of Justice (2010). Along with her daily research and policy/advocacy work, Linda has gladly applied her theoretical knowledge as consultant or expert for both non governmental and international organizations and well as governments in Latvia as well as abroad. She speaks fluent Latvian, Russian and English.

- Vugar Bayramov, Center for Economic and Social Development, Baku, Azerbaijan (CESD)
  Vugar Bayramov is the Chairman of the Center for Economic and Social Development (CESD), a PASOS member in Baku. He was a post-doctoral researcher at Washington University in St. Louis, United States, in 2003/2004. He has served as workshop chairman or presenter in many international events and teaches Economics/Finance courses at the Azerbaijan State Economic University. Bayramov has conducted various research projects on economics in the areas of local government, municipality development, and state budget transparency. He is the author of “Oil Revenues Usage Strategy in Azerbaijan”. Bayramov is Co-coordinator of the 2nd Working Group at the EU Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum. He is a member of the Steering Committee of EU Eastern Partnership Program. In 2010, Bayramov was named one of the most 500 influential Muslims in the world by The Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre (RISSC) in Jordan.

- Piotr Kaźmierkiewicz, Institute of Public Affairs Warsaw, Poland
  Piotr Kaźmierkiewicz, a policy analyst at the Institute of Public Affairs in Warsaw, a member of the PASOS network of think tanks. A political scientist, graduate of Southern Oregon University and Central European University, he is author and editor of publications related to European development policy, East European migration trends and policy, relations between the EU and Eastern Partnership states, and future EU enlargement. He is a policy analysis trainer and consultant with a record of collaboration with PASOS, Open Society Foundations, the European Commission, the United Nations Development Programme, and the International Organization for Migration. He has written and co-written numerous publications for PASOS, including The Road to an Open Europe and The Right Approach to Europe. An Advocacy Handbook for Civil Society: Understanding and Influencing EU Policymaking.