

*The Center for
New Institutional Social Sciences*

The mission of the Center for New Institutional Social Sciences (CNISS) is to promote education, research, and discussion to foster a better understanding of political stability, economic growth and social prosperity through the study of institutions and institutional change. An interdisciplinary approach helps the center overcome traditional barriers among the social sciences and sustain comprehensive research in institutional analysis. Educational programs offered include:

Minor in Institutional Social Analysis

An interdisciplinary program that allows undergraduate students to learn about the origins, role, and basic logic and structure of fundamental institutions while providing an opportunity to conduct research with WU faculty.

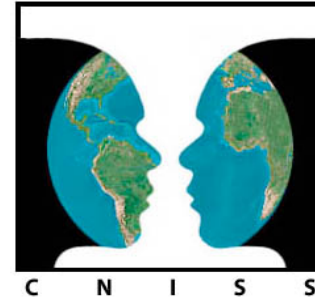
Certificate Program in Institutional Social Sciences

An interdisciplinary program for Ph.D. students that fosters individual research within the student's home department while emphasizing analytical tools and perspectives from other social science disciplines.

International Workshop on Institutional Analysis

A training program for scholars from around the world to understand the new institutional social sciences and their application for improving the performance of political, economic, and social systems.

*For more information, please visit our web site at
<http://cniss.wustl.edu>*



Center for New Institutional Social Sciences

*Third Annual Reception
in honor of Educational Programs
and
in celebration of Gary Hirsch*

*Thursday, April 1, 2004
3:00 P.M.
Whittemore House*



Graduating CNISS Scholars

Minor Students

Ari Blaut, Political Science

Ari studied political parties' effect on presidential decisions to threaten force and political parties' potential signaling effects in international situations.

Robert Holahan, Political Science and Economics

Rob researched Bali's agriculture, communal property rights, and norms of behavior to understand why the island rejected technology designed to improve the quality of their life.

Ph.D. Fellows

Eliana Balla, Economics

Eliana investigated links between a country's institutional structure and investment outcomes, both at the country and firm level.

Vahe Laskavyan, Economics

Vahe's research dealt with the problem of asymmetric information and the organizational forms and institutions aimed at alleviating the market failure caused by this problem.

Gina Marie Yannitell Reinhardt, Political Science

Gina focused on aid distribution as a function of recipient organizations' organizational structures.

Gary Hirsch
Chairman of Elk Homes
Rye, New York

We would like to thank Gary Hirsch, current Washington University Parents Council chair, for his generous support and participation in the Center for New Institutional Social Sciences. His support has allowed CNISS to fully implement its undergraduate research program for the next few years. Mr. Hirsch has also participated in the CNISS Business Lecture Series as an invited guest speaker who addressed issues of trust in the business world. We are grateful for his involvement with the Center and for the model of philanthropy he continues to provide.

Program

Welcome

Itai Sened

Director of CNISS

Associate Professor of Political Science

Opening remarks

Edward Macias

Executive Vice Chancellor

Dean of Arts & Sciences

Barbara and David Thomas

Distinguished Professor in Arts & Sciences

CNISS Keynote

Douglass C. North

Founder of CNISS

Spencer T. Olin Professor

in Arts & Sciences

Recognition

Gary Hirsch

Chairman, Elk Homes

Rye, NY

Awards

Graduating Certificate Program

and CNISS Minor Students

Presentations

Undergraduate Honors Students

Introduction

New scholars admitted to the

Certificate Program

Reception and poster session follows the formal program