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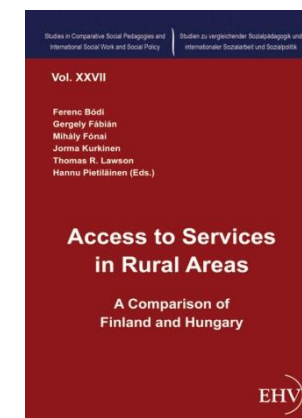
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December 9, Institute for Political Science, Room No.119

- 10.00- Workshop: Planning meeting of national Social Quality expert group
12.00 Participants: **Ferenc BÓDI** and **Péter RÓBERT** - Institute for Political Science, Centre for Social Sciences, Budapest
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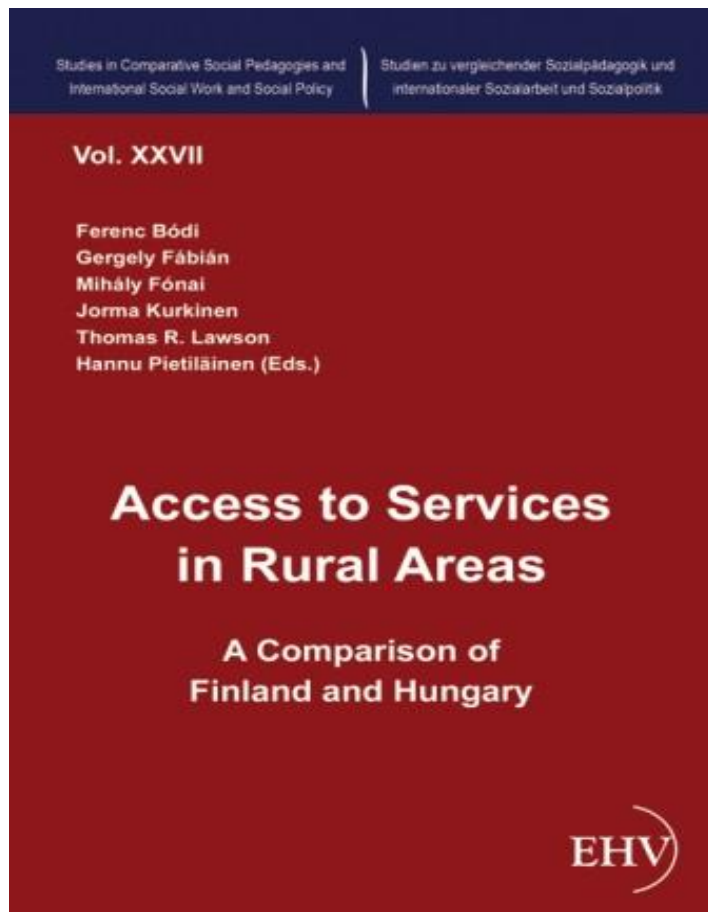
December 10, Institute for Legal Studies, Auditorium

- 9.30 Welcome speech
9.40 **Prof. THOMAS R. LAWSON**: “The Times They Are A Changing”
10.20 **Prof. PETER HERRMANN**: Social quality theory and local social services
11.00 **JORMA KURKINEN**: The knowledge production of regional well-being in Northern Finland:
The situation and prospects
11.30 **Mgr. DAVID URBAN, PhD**: Accessing and using welfare services in the Czech Republic
12.00 **MIHÁLY FÓNAI**: The dimensions of Hungarian survey
12.30 Coffee break
13.30- **Workshop**: Objectives: LOSS project perspectives: international comparative research studies,
15.30 dissemination strategies, potential funding and cooperation; Social Quality perspectives: inaugural
meeting: launch of the SQ of National Expert Group
17.00 Dinner of the Editorial Board



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The Berlin Wall, the symbol of the divided continent of Europe collapsed almost a quarter century ago. In the one and a half decades since the fall of the “Iron Curtain”, the European Union has expanded significantly and essentially the borders between these states ceased to exist. However, this historically created divide between east and west within the European Union in many ways remained. *Access to Services in Rural Areas* provides the reader important information concerning the condition of the local organization of social services (LOSS) and how citizens access them daily in two relatively underprivileged regions of two different countries in the eastern and still relatively divided part of the EU. The book not only provides the outcomes of the two country regional surveys, it shows the juridical background and public administration of the LOSS and their alterations, particularly with respect to the effects of the crisis. This research is a harbinger of continued and expanded international research built upon twenty years of scientific collaboration within the LOSS program.

In both countries, government officials are responsible for arranging social and health care services and promoting the wellbeing of the citizens. Although there are differences between the areas of Northern Hungarian Great Plain and Northern Finland, continued research cooperation would likely open new opportunities for developing services and safeguarding the wellbeing of people living in Hungary and Finland. Research cooperation would generate new knowledge about how citizens experience wellbeing, the phenomena as both a regional and temporary process, and finally about welfare services themselves and the potential for application of technology to safeguard services.

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