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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

With this issue, the Newsletter begins its fifth year. The Newsletter was organized by a circle of people around Richard Swedberg at the fourth European Sociological Association conference in Amsterdam, 1998. The link between the Newsletter and the Economic Sociology Network of ESA, however, has been rather weak. The ESA network and the Newsletter are two public and institutionalised nodes in the web of European economic sociology. There are reasons for both parties to benefit from each other, though the independence of each body must nonetheless be maintained. The readers of the newspaper will notice that this issue give space to the recent ESA-conference (23-26 of September). The next conference will take place in Poland, 2005, and it may serve as a common ground for economic sociologists in Europe.

The Newsletter is the major information channel of European economic sociology, and as of now it has about 760 subscribers. Steps have also been taken to increase the number of people who subscribe. If you know of colleagues who also might be interested in receiving a notification by email when a new issue of *Economic Sociology* is published, please let them know about the possibility to subscribe. The subscription procedure is simple and can be made through the Newsletter's homepage at SISWO (<http://www.siswo.uva.nl/ES/>). The increased interest in the newspaper is fundamentally a reflection of the greater interest in economic sociology, something that can be seen in virtually all European countries.

To continue to mirror what is going on within the field the Newsletter depends on active readers, and the editors welcome suggestions and ideas concerning the newsletter, and naturally reports on ongoing economic sociology activities, such as PhD-projects and conferences. Suggestions of books that should be reviewed are also welcome.

Readers of the Newsletter will recognize that its design, and also its structure, is largely unchanged. This and the next two issues will be produced at the London School of Economics, where the editor will be located, and Columbia University and Stockholm university, where the managing editor will be throughout this academic year.

The issue contains two main articles, one on the historical development on the Swedish art market, using the ideas of Pierre Bourdieu. This article, authored by Martin Gustavsson, puts the state at the centre of the analysis. The other longer article, written by Filiz Baluglu, gives an overview of the Economic sociology in Turkey, a country on the verge of Europe. In her article the economic sociology situation is seen from a historical and contemporary perspective. Finally, We would like to thank the previous editor, Frederic Lebaron, for his work during the last year.