

iceland plays host to largest ever ecpr event



Above: President of Iceland, Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, addressing participants at the ECPR's General Conference in Reykjavík.



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political science in sunny reykjavík

organising the largest ever ecpr event

by Ásta Möller, Local Organiser and Institute for Public Administration and Politics, Reykjavík

Ask anybody in Reykjavík, Iceland's capital, about the weather and chances are the answer will contain a reference to rain in some shape or form. But Icelanders, at least the majority of the 318,000 inhabitants, are hopeful and optimistic, which resulted in the creation of a healthy amount of public squares, parks and outdoor communal areas. Someone even put benches out there because occasionally the sun does shine, inviting one to have a seat and enjoy the warmth; even the hasty northern wind calms down every now and then. The weather can even be so forgiving and generous as to warm the souls of the 2,500 political scientists from around the world who braved the Icelandic outdoors in August when they visited Reykjavík for the 6th ECPR General Conference.

The conference, the biggest ever held in Iceland, was held at the University of Iceland, which now proudly ranks as one of the 300 best in the world, according to the Times Higher Education Supplement list. The university recognised and welcomed the increased international visibility the conference brought on its 100th anniversary using its almost century old building as one of the main venues. This year also marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Iceland's independence hero, Jón Sigurðsson. A statue was erected in his honour in the city centre, carefully placed directly in front of the Althingi, the Icelandic parliament. Founded in AD 930, it is the oldest functioning parliament in the world, and an attic in the old parliament building was the location for the first classes of the University of Iceland in 1911.

Special conference events were spread throughout the city. Mr. Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, the president of Iceland

delivered the keynote speech as part of the opening ceremony at the newly inaugurated Harpa Musical Hall and Convention Centre. He addressed the participants as friends and colleagues, remembering his days as the first professor of political science at the University of Iceland in 1973. He spoke of the future challenges of political science and also referred to the past when he was the only professor at the department and fondly remembered a time when people had a vision of a thriving multi-cultural society of scholars and academics that would fill every bar, restaurant and street corner in Reykjavík. That dream became a reality in August.

The participants at the conference comprised 0.5% of all foreign visitors to Iceland this year. For those few days in August, Reykjavík truly had the look and feel of a global university town. The ECPR was established to encourage cross-national co-operation of political scientists, an objective that



it continues to accomplish year after year. Various aspects of political science were discussed in expert roundtables and almost 2,300 participants presented in a number of panels during the conference. Ólafur P. Harðarson, a distinguished professor of political science and the Dean of the School of Social Sciences at the University of Iceland praised the quality of the panels.

Putting together such an event in a small city like Reykjavík was not an easy task, and the merit and success of the conference is owed to the local organising team, including Margrét S. Björnsdóttir, Mr. Harðarson, Jökull Torfason (the chairman of Politica, the Association of students in Political Science at the university) and the staff of the university who assisted in the preparation for the conference. Special thanks also go to the student helpers and of course the staff at the ECPR's Central Services.

Despite the size of the conference, the careful preparation, down to the smallest detail, paid off in a surprisingly smooth and well-executed event. Everything from finding the right size and shape seminar rooms, to feeding 2,500 hungry political scientists and creating a time schedule that accommodated every presenter and event, had to be considered on a large scale: it was, after all, the biggest global conference ever to be held in Iceland.

The General Conference is not only about the vitality of the work of the ECPR's members. It is also about networking, co-operation and a few days of friendly academic exchanges for participants from across the globe. It was undeniably a handsome group, a minor detail noticed by the Icelandic public as well as the countries' media. Who would have dreamed that political scientists could be so good looking – maybe it was the Icelandic weather? The university area became like a busy beehive, a swarm of smiling political scientists roamed around Reykjavík to taste the fish and the lobster and learn about the island's history, its present and its hopes for the future. The locals also learned about the simple pleasures in life, such as drinking your cup of coffee outside on a sunny afternoon, while discussing political science.

Altogether, the organising committee, the staff and the students of the University of Iceland were proud to be a part of a conference of such importance, magnitude and success for the field of political science, our university and country. One member of the organising committee was even asked whether the Governor of the Central Bank of Iceland hadn't sent her a letter of gratitude for helping Iceland out of its economic crisis!

4th ecpr graduate conference - call for panels

Jacobs University, Bremen
4 - 6 July 2012

In 2012 the ECPR will hold its fourth conference exclusively for graduate students.

The conference format will consist of open themed panels, three to four roundtables and a lecture by Michael Zürn from WZB. Approximately 22 sections will be offered, with panels containing between four and six papers.

Panels can now be submitted online via the ECPR website (www.ecprnet.eu); the deadline is 15 January 2012.

For further information about the conference schedule and guidelines on how to submit a panel/paper proposal, please see the Graduate Conference section of the website at www.ecprnet.eu.

 Got an idea for a panel and need to find some papers?

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reykjavík - first person

the view from the participant

by Anja Jetschke, Academic Director, Hamburg International Graduate School, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

The organisers announced long before the event that this year's ECPR General Conference would again break previous ECPR records in terms of the number of participants and panels offered, noting it would even go into the ECPR history books as 'the largest event ever staged' by the ECPR, and the largest conference ever held in Iceland.

Having attended earlier ECPR conferences in larger countries, which I found sometimes overcrowded with little time in the panels for discussion, I was really sceptical as to whether this would be an enjoyable conference. I did not have the consolation either of simply skipping a day to enjoy Iceland through an excursion because I participated in various functions (as panel chair, discussant and paper giver) and therefore had a conference event every day! But when I left the University of Reykjavík on Saturday, I found myself almost overwhelmed by the quality of most panels, the quality of the organisation, and the friendliness of the ECPR staff and the Icelanders, all of who made the whole conference a wonderful experience! I can honestly say that this was one of the best ECPR conferences that I have ever attended, and I wish that all ECPR conferences could be like that.

One major highlight of the Conference was certainly the plenary lecture of Iceland's President Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson at the end of the first day. Grímsson is a political scientist by training and was appointed professor of political science at the University in 1973. His speech fused a hilarious account of the history of political science in Iceland with a deep understanding of the challenges that contemporary political transformations – most importantly the economic crisis – pose for us as political scientists. Pointing to Iceland's most recent experience, he made a visionary plea that political science needs to move centre stage and cease to play second fiddle to modern economics. I do not know how others felt about this, but I felt enormously honored that Grímsson had addressed the ECPR delegates.

More generally, I was impressed by the openness and sociability of the Icelanders. Although this was the largest conference ever held in Iceland, and I heard that hotels and accommodation were booked out in a radius of 50 km around Reykjavík, there was not a single problem that people did not try to fix. This attitude also pervaded the whole conference, which I found highly professionally organised. On a personal note, after one day of conference warm-up (spent on an excursion to the Geysir geothermal area, Gullfoss waterfall and Þingvellir national park) I had a laid-back conference start when I chaired my first panel on 'comparative regionalism' on Thursday morning! Through the next days I found myself in

various panels in either the section on Comparative Regionalism or Transitional Justice. Both were sections which had only a few dropouts so we had plenty of good presentations and intense discussions.

For the first time I realised how wise it is to have all the panels of a section in the same conference room. If you chose your panels mainly by section, you never miss your room and you will almost certainly meet the majority of participants of the previous panel in a later one. Quite obviously, this provides one with numerous opportunities to network and devise plans for future cooperation. At least in the section on transitional justice there was a nice pay-off at the end: on Saturday evening, the last panel was full, every seat was occupied and we had a great discussion.

Networking was also greatly facilitated by the central location of the cafeteria of the University of Iceland, a stylish glass palace in the centre of the university campus. With its numerous coffee tables it was virtually an invitation for every conference participant to sit down and chat, enjoy the splendid coffee, eat Iceland's famous cinnamon rolls and watch the passing conference participants.

My personal resume of the conference is outright positive and I recommend it as a template for other conferences: Iceland's attractions and the fact that they were easily accessible offered the right life-work-balance. Conference organisers were responsive throughout and even after the conference (for example, I requested a belated confirmation of my participation which I got sent right away), and the panels that I visited were professional and interesting.

Finally a tip to the ECPR: make a visit to something like the Blue Lagoon (Iceland's largest geothermal wellness spa) compulsory before the conference starts and you will have the most relaxed participants that you have ever seen!





ecpr funding

Funding to attend events is one of the key benefits of ECPR membership. In the last year the ECPR has given away some 150 grants and scholarships to both students and established members of the profession to attend ECPR organised and supported schools and conferences. Below is a summary of the funding offered with closing dates for application.

Joint Sessions Travel & Accommodation
Opens 1 Nov 2011 / Closes on 28 Jan 2012

Joint Sessions (Professional Grant)
Opens 1 Nov 2011 / Closes 28 Jan 2012

Scholarship Oxford Spring School
Opens 3 Nov 2011 / Closes 31 Jan 2012

Scholarship Oxford Spring School Short Courses
Opens 1 Dec 2011 / Closes 31 Jan 2012

Scholarship Cologne Spring School
Opens 3 Nov 2011 / Closes 31 Jan 2012

Scholarship ECPR Summer School (Ljubljana)
Opens 1 Feb 2012 / Closes 1 March 2012

Scholarship Lille Summer School
Opens 1 Feb 2012 / Closes 29 April 2012

Travel & Accommodation ECPR Summer School (Ljubljana)
Opens 1 March 2012 / Closes 1 June 2012

Travel & Accommodation Graduate Conference
Opens 9 Jan 2012 / Closes 12 May 2012

Travel & Accommodation Standing Groups Summer Schools
Opens 8 Feb / Closes 1 June

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two prizes awarded in reykjavík

ecpr lifetime achievement award

The 2011 Lifetime achievement award went to Hans-Dieter Klingemann (Freie Universität of Berlin)

The Jury, in its Motivation, referred to various highlights of an outstanding career in political science, including Professor Klingemann's important role in the building of European political science through his involvement in the ECPR; the major role he played in integrating the east and west of Europe through several important projects and actions in international organisations, among others. The Jury also noted, amongst his many publications, his co-editorship of two major handbooks, one on political science (co-edited with Robert Goodin) and one on political behaviour (co-edited with Russell Dalton).

Overall, the Jury concluded that Professor Klingemann has made an outstanding contribution to European political science over several decades through his international research projects, his activities in international research organisations and his own scholarly production, and it drew attention in particular to Professor Klingemann's commitment and action to the development and integration of political science in central and eastern Europe.



mattei dogan foundation prize in european political sociology

The 2011 Mattei Dogan prize went to Donatella della Porta (European University Institute)

Donatella della Porta's scholarly contributions to political sociology have ranged across a wide number of key sub-fields in the discipline. These include civil society, political violence, policing and public order, terrorism – and most prominently social movements, including its domestic, European and global dimensions.

Her professional achievements include being the coordinator of several comparative European research projects on democratisation, contentious politics and social activism. Most recently, she has started a major European Research Council project entitled 'Mobilising Europe for Democracy', which will deal with civil society participation in democratisation processes in Europe, the Middle East and Latin America.

Donatella della Porta has directed the Demos project, devoted to the analysis of conceptions and practices of democracy in social movements in six European countries. She is now starting a major ERC project 'Mobilising for Democracy', on civil society participation in democratisation processes in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America. Her main fields of research are social movements, the policing of public order, participatory democracy and political corruption.



ruby celebrations for the joint sessions

celebrating forty years of bringing scholars together in europe

When the ECPR was founded in 1970 it was done so with five key objectives: workshops, a data information service, a journal, a summer school and directories of scholars and graduate courses. Now, some 40 years on, it is evident that all of those objectives have been met in some form over the Consortium's history to date, but the workshops stand out in particular as they have become the ECPR's flagship activity; the Joint Sessions of Workshops (as they became known) celebrate 40 years in Antwerp in April 2012.

In the early 1970s the convention was to organise one-off workshops on a single theme and following this, the ECPR organised six workshops over the first two years. At the time, the ECPR had some 25 members, so with a plan of organising five workshops a year, each in a different location, each member could anticipate having an ECPR workshop every five years. It was at this stage that Rudolph Wildenmann had the innovative idea of running a number of workshops in parallel at the same location; and so the Joint Sessions were born, taking place in that format for the first time in Mannheim in 1973.

The first ever Council Meeting also took place at the Joint Sessions in Mannheim, where the Constitution was founded and the first Executive Committee elected. This convention too

has continued, with Council Meetings taking place every three years at the Joint Sessions. Not only will Antwerp celebrate 40 years, but it is a Council year also, where the new EC will be announced during the Meeting. Though this year the Committee elections will have taken place electronically, rather than

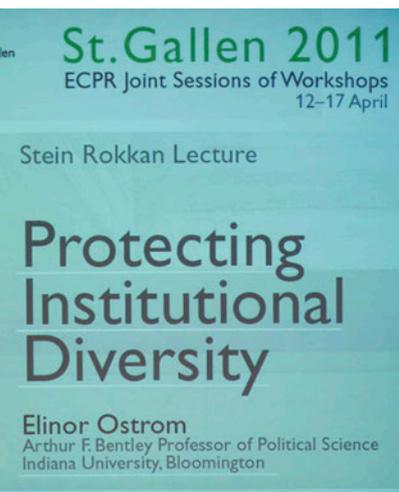
by ballot paper – an innovation that could not have been conceived of in 1973!

The format of focussed sessions where every participant presents a paper, which is then discussed in detail by the rest of the workshop continues to be unique. Closed groups and equality of endeavour between scholars at all stages in their careers is a defining feature which ensures that the Joint Sessions have become a by-word for a high-quality, highly productive and highly enjoyable week.

The ECPR is currently planning a number of events to mark 40 years of the Joint Sessions in Antwerp and we look forward to announcing these shortly.

Publishing and the Joint Sessions

As the Joint Sessions became an established fixture on the political science calendar, so they gave birth to another of the ECPR's key activities: book publishing. The 'Studies in European Political Science' series as it is now known, began when demand for hard copy workshop papers became too great and the idea to publish books stemming from the Joint Sessions was developed. The first book to bring together the output from a workshop was *Party Identification and Beyond*, edited by Budge, Crewe and Fairlie. This prompted the creation of the 'Studies...' series, firstly published by Sage and latterly by Routledge and now by the ECPR's own publishing imprint, the ECPR Press (another innovation inconceivable at the time, no doubt!). *Party Identification and Beyond*, incidentally, was re-issued as a 'Classic' by the ECPR Press in 2009. A further, highly successful, workshop was held in Nicosia in 2006 entitled 'Beyond Party Identification and Beyond' which used that book as its base, the output from which in turn was also published by Routledge in the 'Studies...' series.



For more information about the Joint Sessions in Antwerp (2012) or Mainz (2013) please contact Marcia Taylor (mlytaylor@essex.ac.uk / +44 (0)1206 872498

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from the 6th summer school to the 1st winter school

always a good season for methods training

by Bernhard Kittel, Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg, and Benoît Rihoux, Université catholique de Louvain, Co-Convenors of the ECPR Summer and Winter Schools in Methods and Techniques

from the summer...

The 6th ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques (SSMT) took place again this year in Ljubljana (Slovenia) from the 29 July to 13 August 2011. It provided cutting-edge training in a broad range of methods which are particularly salient for research questions in political science and neighbouring disciplines, as well as dealing with all stages of a project and catering to the needs of research set at both the macro and micro level. Those courses covered both quantitative and qualitative designs as well as more positivist and interpretative perspectives.

This year, a total of 235 participants attended the 18 main courses (in a two-week or one-week format) and the five refresher courses (in a three-day intensive format). The SSMT also hosted a lively plenary and social programme.

As in previous years, the participants were asked to fill in an extensive online evaluation questionnaire. This is a very important tool for us to perform a 'quality check' on all aspects of the SSMT and to work on improvements, year after year. The responses show that overall courses were rated 'positively' to 'very positively'; in fact overall satisfaction increased significantly year on year to 4.25 (5 being 'excellent', 4 'good' and 3 'average'). This was probably due to several factors: certainly the instructors' efforts, but also the fact that the average number of participants per course was a bit lower in 2011 than in 2010 (good for the pedagogy, but not good for our budgetary balance!).

What participants really appreciate at the SSMT – apart from the courses themselves – is, in particular the openness of the instructors to the participants' questions; the 'Monday Mix' lectures which allow each participant to get a real introduction to up to four different methodologies; and the overall friendly and relaxed atmosphere. The local team also works hard to obtain the best possible accommodation deals – quite a challenge in what has become a tourist city in the summer. Overall the accommodation offered is improving step by step; the next steps being to work on improving the '...taste of the coffee and quality of the breakfast'. So: running a successful SSMT is not just about academic issues, comfort counts too!

For 2012, we will be working on: the further improvement/consolidation of the course offer, a more compact plenary

programme, an even more appealing poster session, and the adoption of Moodle as our online course management platform. And we will also work hard to ensure the highest possible complementarity between the SSMT and the new Winter School. And so...

...to the winter

By 2010, it appeared that junior researchers, in particular Ph.D. students, were increasingly demanding courses at different levels (introductory, intermediate and advanced), which could not all be offered at the SSMT while still keeping the size of the SSMT manageable. It was then decided to



launch a 'sister event': an ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques (WSMT), comprising both introductory-level courses (step 1) and advanced courses (step 3), in an intensive one-week format, whereas the SSMT will keep the (step 2) intermediate-level courses. The WSMT for 2012-14 will be held at the University of Vienna, Austria.

The first WSMT, held in a more compact format (one week) from 11 to 17 February 2012 offers no less than seven introductory courses, 13 advanced courses, and four additional software training courses. All information can be found at www.ecprnet.eu/MethodSchools/WinterSchools.aspx.

the ecpr methods schools

The ECPR Summer School and Winter School are integrated in many ways and now together the 'ECPR Methods Schools'. The combination of the two events allows junior researchers to follow, over a period of two years, a full range of training at the introductory-intermediate-advanced levels, whilst still enabling some more flexible choices, within funding limitations. To facilitate different types of training tracks, we have also decided to offer a significant discount to anyone participating in both ECPR Summer School(s) and/or Winter School(s) within a 24 month period.



ecpr Winter School in Methods and Techniques
The University of Vienna

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INTRODUCTORY COURSES

- A1. Introduction to Statistics
- A2. An Introduction to Qualitative Research
- A3. Working with Comparative Survey Design
- A4. Comparative Research Designs
- A5. Mathematics for the Social Sciences
- A6. Knowing and the Known: Philosophy of Social Sciences
- A7. Research Design Fundamentals

ADVANCED COURSES

- B1. Advanced Mixed Methods Designs
- B2. Maximum Likelihood and Limited Dependent Variables
- B3. Panel Data Analysis
- B4. Multilevel Analysis
- B5. Analysing Political Language
- B6. Tapping Time: Optimal Matching and Sequence Analysis
- B7. Lost in Translation? Foreign Languages in Quantitative Research
- B8. Structural Equation Modelling (SEM)
- B9. Political and Election Forecasting
- B10. Focus Groups - Qualitative Data Generation
- B11. Agent-Based Modelling in the Social Sciences
- B12. Advanced Process Tracing Methods
- B16. EITM or Theory Meets Data

SOFTWARE TRAINING COURSES

- C1. Introduction to R
- C2. Introduction and Data Management with SPSS
- C3. Introduction to STATA
- C4. Introduction to EViews

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...at a glance

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...while the highest Joint Sessions attendances recorded were in Granada, Nicosia and Lisbon... so climate does make a difference!

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...female participation in the ECPR's graduate-level events (the Graduate Conference and the Summer School in Methods and Techniques) is on a par (if not exceeding) that of men....

...but dropping to 39.9% for the General Conference and 35.3% at the Joint Sessions.

want to know more?

For more information about the Events Participation Study please contact Rebecca Gethen (rknapp@essex.ac.uk)



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ecpr - event participation study

Since 2006, the ECPR has examined the registration patterns of over 9,500 individuals who have participated in 13 ECPR events. This study has produced a comprehensive database of registrations, which has been used to examine the patterns of participation in ECPR events. The database includes information on the individual registrants, the events they attended, and the countries they came from. This information has been used to produce a range of reports and analyses, including this one. The database is available to all ECPR members and is updated regularly.

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frequent users

The ECPR and its events have become a major part of how political scientists disseminate their results, network with their community and develop their careers. Attending an ECPR event has become almost standard in the profession. For more and more scholars, it's a regular activity.

Yet because the ECPR's events are varied and attract different types of scholars, individual participation patterns also differ. Using data from the ECPR's Event Participation Study this poster examines some of the typical attendance patterns. See if you recognise yourself in any of them!

'Repeat offenders'

Since 2006 more than 9,500 individuals have registered as participating in the 13 ECPR events examined in this study. (See introductory box.) Of those, 1,683 have participated more than once. In fact, these 'repeat offenders' account for 4,255 (or some 44.6%) of all the registrations in the database. The ECPR study has a considerable rate of repeat participation.

On average, repeat ECPR event participation is 2.5 events, with the record going to four individuals, who have been to seven ECPR events since 2006 (you know who you are!). Another nine heavy users have been to six ECPR events.

No. of events attended	No. of individuals
1	1,097
2	369
3	148
4	50
5	10
6	9
7	4
Total	1,683

Line-up the suspects

Not all individuals are the same. Some stick to just one venue genre, others mix and match, while still others grow into them gradually. Here are some typical profiles.

The Workshopper

Old-timers in the ECPR will probably associate themselves most of all with the Joint Sessions. In fact, for some people, that's their attraction in the ECPR. Fully 20% of 12.5% of our steady clientele attend only the Joint Sessions. There were two Workshops for whom the General Conference (as the ECPR's other main event) seemed to hold no attraction at all.

The Panelist

In almost equal numbers we have the Panelists or those 222 people who attended solely the General Conference in both 2007 and 2009. Given their biennial 1/1/1 pattern, these people may well be starting again here in Nicosia. So keep an eye out! That said, once the General Conference goes annual in 2014, they might have to re-examine their behavioural patterns... and their travel budget. Time will tell.

The All-rounder

The largest group of hardened ECPR goers involves those people who attended one or both General Conferences as well as at least one Joint Session. This amounted to 759 people, spanning the entire 13-event spectrum. A total of 83 of these people attended at least 3 ECPR events in this category. Often the events were many years apart. A typical case would encompass a Joint Session in 2006, the General Conference in 2009, and the Joint Session in 2013. You might also call these people 'returning members'.

Inductee

Since 2006 the ECPR has developed the Graduate Conference and the Summer School in Methods and Techniques (SMAT) as a way for doctoral candidates to ease into the profession and develop their own research. Data from the study show that of ten this is the way things happen. More than 37% of those who attended the 2006 Graduate Conference at their first ECPR event went on to attend another ECPR event later on, in some cases up to four! Some 22% of those who debuted at the 2006 Graduate Conference followed up with another ECPR event, sometimes the very next Joint Session.

Upstarts

Other graduate students, however, found their start in events preceding the Graduate Conference or SMAT. In fact, fully a fifth of the participants at the 2010 Graduate Conference had already been to another ECPR event. In about half of most cases it was the Summer School in Methods and Techniques. But in the other half it was either the Joint Sessions or the General Conference. Likewise, the SMAT has seen many people come to it only after attending other ECPR events. Some 10% of those who participated in the 2010 Summer School had previously been to a Joint Session or General Conference, sometimes even several years earlier.

Champions

Our participation champions are those who have attended at four of the ECPR's different events, and sometimes more than once. The complete gamut has been run by: Daniel Bell, Patricia Malloy, Angelo Moulakou, Giulia Santilli and Eline Swaen.

Perhaps these people would agree to do a follow-up focus group...???

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gender balance

In 2009, the ECPR set up a Gender Task Force to examine gender-related issues in the ECPR. One of the group's initial undertakings was to collect information on gender balances across the organisation.

While a full report and analysis will be prepared for the 2012 Review of Activities, the Event Participation Study helped to collate relevant gender-related data across recent ECPR events.

Since 2006, the ECPR has averaged a gender balance of 41.8%/58.2% (women/men) per event.

Since comparative data from other organisations have not as yet been studied, it is difficult to interpret this figure in comparative terms. However, from a pure numerical point of view, this balance appears relatively good.

At the same time, it has long been known that gender balance deteriorates as one moves up in the ranks of the profession.

The number of women professors in many countries is in the tens or even single digits, even though the percentage of female undergraduates typically surpasses that of males.

Gender data across the ECPR's individual events indicate a similar underlying pattern in that female participation in the ECPR's graduate-level events (the Graduate Conference and the Summer School in Methods and Techniques) is on a par (if not exceeding) that of men.

Year	Event	Women (%)	Men (%)
2006	Joint Sessions	39.9	60.1
2007	General Conference	41.8	58.2
2008	Joint Sessions	41.8	58.2
2009	General Conference	41.8	58.2
2010	Summer School	54.0	46.0

Participation in ECPR events often therefore falls into gender divides in the profession to the extent that typically the Joint Sessions will attract more male colleagues, and these will disproportionately be male.

Although workshop directors are encouraged to attract participants with an eye to equal gender participation, it is possible that the numbers may be skewed already at the level of work shop participant applications. Unfortunately no data exist for this score.

Nevertheless, recent years show a slight improvement in the gender balance for Joint Sessions.

This upward trend is also reflected amongst workshop directors, whereas in 2009 only 26.0% of workshop directors were women, in 2011 this had risen to 43.2%.

Hopefully this surge will also help to support equal gender participation amongst workshop paper-givers.

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does geography matter?

It's a well-known peculiarity of the scholarly world that attendance at a conference tends to go up when the event takes place in a warm and sunny place. The ECPR is no exception with, for example, the highest Joint Sessions attendance recorded in Granada, Nicosia and Lisbon...

What other geographic patterns lurk behind the numbers?

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This chart depicts an event line in national attendance of the Joint Sessions, looking back at data since 2006. Southern such as Nicosia, Granada, and Potsdam, have been attractive to particular. Overall, however, geographical preferences have gradually shifted toward France, the United Kingdom, and the Benelux countries, primarily because of the 2010 and 2011 Joint Sessions venues. Moreover, in Granada, Nicosia and Potsdam, for whom Member for Germany were more numerous. In 2012, the Joint Sessions will be on home turf for the first time.

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ecpr at other events

august: wisc

The third World International Studies Committee (WISC) Conference took place in Porto, Portugal in August this year. Nearly 1000 participants met to present papers around the theme of: 'The World in Crisis: Revolution or Evolution in the International Community?' The ECPR has supported WISC since its creation and as such used the resources within its own conference team to organise the book exhibition element of the event: handling publicity, bookings and logistics at the event.

WISC has been in existence in one form or another since the turn of the century. The committee has representatives from well over 20 national (e.g. BISA) or regional (e.g. Nordic ISA) international studies associations. There is a good spread throughout Europe, the Americas (ISA, ABRI, AMEI), East & Southeast Asia (JAIR, KAIS among others). The Committee was launched by Barry Buzan as the International Studies Co-ordinating Committee (ISCC) around a decade ago. Its style is to be informal, non-bureaucratic and its purpose is simply to be available if there is a felt need. It meets once a year or thereabouts usually at the ISA or SGIR conferences and its main business was, and remains to be, exchange of information and experiences as well as to co-ordinate the calendar for conferences.

Barry Buzan handed over the chair to John Groom soon after the ISCC was set up. The name was changed to WISC to avoid confusion with the ISSC (International Social Science Council) and a Charter was adopted in 2002 which loosely defined its purposes but WISC remained an institution in waiting. The 'waiting for what' turned out to be a suggestion from Andrei Melville of the Russian ISA that it was time to go beyond bilateral conferences such as BISA-ISA, NISA-RISA, ISA-JAIR and try to arrange a global conference. Ilter Turan, President of the Turkish PSA from Istanbul Bilgi University accepted the challenge to be the first host and in 2005 created a conference that was a success in every way. Besides the local organisers the Secretariats of ISA and ECPR played a major role. The aspiration to be global – the *raison d'être* of the conference – was partially fulfilled by bringing East Asians, Latin Americans, North Americans and Europeans together with a presence of scholars from Central Asia and the Middle East. The first conference was such a success that a second was organised for 2008 in Ljubljana and then 2011 in Porto.

september: apsa

The ECPR sponsored a panel at the APSA Annual Conference in Seattle this September. The Panel, 'Collaborative Innovation in the Public Sector: How Can Governance Networks Produce Policy Innovation?' was chaired by Jacob Torfing and Eva Sørensen (both Roskilde University).

Papers presented were: 'Enhancing Collaborative Innovation in the Public Sector' (Jacob Torfing and Eva Sørensen); 'Collaborative Governance: The Role of Leadership in Facilitating Creative Problem-Solving' (Chris Ansell and Alison Gash); 'Fostering Innovation Through Project Evaluation Criteria Experimentation in a Regional Transportation Planning Governance Network' (Christopher Koliba and Asim Zia); and 'Collaborative regional governance in the Netherlands: credible innovations or persistent routines?' (Tamara Metzke).

The ECPR also held its annual reception at APSA on the Friday evening, along with co-hosts the APSA Organized Section on European Politics and Society and EJPR publishers, Wiley Blackwell. The reception was well-attended and provided an opportunity for all everyone to network over a glass of wine.

Throughout the conference the ECPR also had a booth in the book exhibition hall, where participants could pick up



information on all forthcoming ECPR events (a copy of the summer ECPR News!) and buy ECPR Press books at a special conference discount.

2012 events at a glance

1st Winter School in Methods and Techniques

11 – 18 February 2012 / Vienna, Austria

The ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques (WSMT) will feature both introductory courses and more advanced courses, in a one-week format, while the intermediate-level courses will continue to be held at the SSMT in Ljubljana, in a two-week course format for quantitative techniques and two consecutive one week courses for qualitative techniques. Scholarships are available for ECPR members.

40th Joint Sessions of Workshops

10 – 15 April 2012 / Antwerp, Belgium

Workshops are different to a panel-based conference in that participants meet with the same group (15 to 20 people) for the duration of the event, providing a unique opportunity for substantive discussion and creation of new research groups and publications. With a full social programme running alongside the Workshops, and some 600 participants attending each year, the Joint Sessions provide an unrivalled opportunity for networking and collaboration. This event is a key benefit of membership: only full members can propose to direct a Workshop, while associate members can co-direct with a full member; there is no conference fee for ECPR members and funding is available for travel and accommodation.

Research Sessions

19 – 22 June 2012 / EUI Florence, Italy

The Research Sessions follow the format of the Joint Sessions of Workshops but are much smaller, with only around six groups meeting. The purpose of the Research Sessions is to support groups (which must primarily be ECPR members) who are either at the early stages of a research project, or who have reached the point of working on a book proposal. This event was re-launched in 2011.

4th Graduate Conference

4 – 6 July 2012 / Bremen, Germany

The ECPR Graduate Conference is held biennially. The academic programme takes the standard conference format of sections, which have within them between four and 10 panels. These sections are organised around a common theme and major research questions. In addition to sections and panels, there are round tables, symposia, a plenary lecture and an interesting social programme. This is an excellent opportunity for graduate students to come together from all over Europe to share their work and experience by presenting papers or by simply observing. Scholarships are available for ECPR members.

7th Summer School in Methods and Techniques

27 July – 11 August 2012 / Ljubljana, Slovenia

The ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques provides high quality up-to-date training in a broad range of specially selected methods across the whole spectrum of approaches employed within the social sciences. Scholarships and Travel & Accommodation Grants are available for ECPR members.

The ECPR will also be holding panels at the annual meetings of its sister organisations:

International Studies Association / San Diego (1 – 4 April 2012)

International Political Science Association / Madrid (8 – 12 July 2012)

American Political Science Association / New Orleans (30 August – 2 September 2012)



2012 research sessions call for proposals



As a research-based organisation that facilitates the design, production and dissemination of research, one of the key ECPR events over many years has been its annual Research Sessions. These took place virtually every year from the early 1970s until 2001. The format was for a few cross-national groups of researchers to meet over two to three days in order to discuss the early stages of research projects. Over the years, this led to the establishment of several long-term research projects and has resulted in many publications. After the very successful re-launch of the Research Sessions in 2011, and since there were so many applications, the number of participants has been increased. ECPR now offers this opportunity for eight research groups with a maximum of eight participants per research group.



The 2012 Research Sessions will take place at the European University Institute, Florence, from 19 to 22 June.

We are now accepting proposals from research groups for the 2012 Research Sessions.

Groups may be able to meet at the very earliest stage of a research project, that is, the purpose would be to draft a detailed proposal that could then be submitted to a funding organisation.

In addition groups which are advanced in their research are encouraged to meet to work out a book proposal. They would be encouraged strongly to publish their results in peer-reviewed journals but also within an ECPR book series, such as those produced by ECPR Press or the ECPR/OUP Comparative Politics Series. The prime criteria of decision-making in awarding a research session is academic quality. In case of the same level of academic quality, groups which are sponsored by ECPR standing groups will be given preference.

The Research Sessions will take place over about two to three days: arrival in the afternoon/early evening of day one, departure in the afternoon of day three or four.

Funding of the Research Sessions covers the accommodation, organisation and some of the lunches/dinners for up to eight participants per group. Travel costs are to be covered by the participants.

The proposal should specify and locate the research question within the relevant scientific debate and within the relevant theories. There needs to be sufficient information on methodology, data, research steps, 'milestones', a rough publication plan and a list of members of the research group.

The proposal should include the guiding hypothesis, the main 'message' or the major and innovative contribution that the research group wants to make. Proposals should provide sufficient information on these topics. They should be not longer than 3000 words.

The deadline for proposals to be received by ECPR is 1 February 2012. Applicants will be informed of the success or otherwise of their application by 1 March 2012.



thinking about submitting a proposal?

For more information please contact Marcia Taylor at the Central Services (mltaylor@essex.ac.uk)

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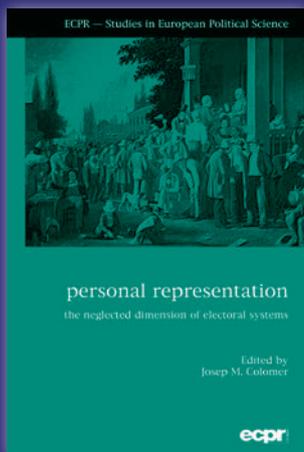
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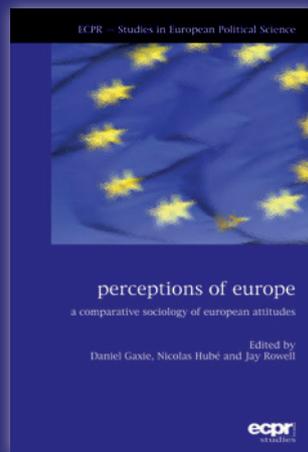
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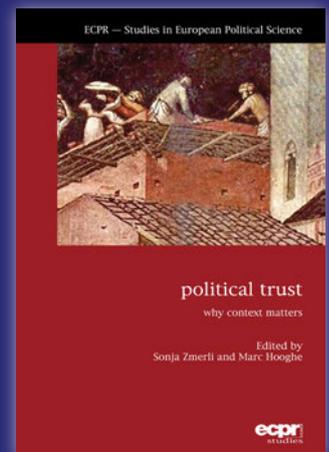
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new standing group on teaching and learning established

by Elizabeth Sheppard (ECPR Standing Group on Teaching and Learning)

The creation of the ECPR Standing Group on Teaching and Learning Politics (TLP) was recently approved by the ECPR's Executive Committee during the Joint Sessions in St Gallen. The purpose of this new standing group is to promote teaching and learning in the field of political science within Europe.

The group's primary focus will be assisting those beginning their careers as teachers of political science, building on the experience of more senior colleagues. The great variation across Europe in the training of political science teachers has led the group to seek to disseminate best practices, calling upon the experiences of its members to further its debates and activities. Naturally, though, the standing group also wishes to cater to the needs of more senior political science teachers to engage in meaningful discussions on improving the quality of political science teaching and learning. In particular, the group supports innovative methods for classroom learning, taking into account the changing environment of the political science classroom.

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The group hopes to spread the scholarship of teaching and learning and increase the recognition of teaching among the responsibilities of political science researchers in Europe. With its activities the new standing group will continue the considerable work undertaken by the European Political Science Network (EpsNet).

Membership of the standing group is open to all scholars who are working in political science education; the work of the group is coordinated by a Steering Committee representing different universities and research institutes in Europe. The members of the standing group's Steering Committee met for the first time at the ECPR's General Conference in Reykjavík to lay out future projects and activities.

The standing group has set out a number of activities it plans to engage in: publications (journal articles, research papers, edited volumes and books), a website and a Summer School. The standing group has also recently undertaken panels at the ECPR's General Conference: in 2009 the group organised the panel 'Introducing IT to Facilitate Engagement and Interaction in Undergraduate Politics Courses'; at the 2011 conference in Reykjavík it convened two panels: 'Advancing Political Science Education in Europe. How can ECPR Support their Members in their Work as Political Science Teachers' and 'How to Get Published about Teaching and Student Learning'. Further to this, the group intends to propose a specialised workshop for the ECPR Joint Sessions.

The standing group's publishing plans include *IT in Action*:

Stimulating Quality Learning at Undergraduate Students, which was published by Barbara Budrich Press in September 2010. We have also prepared a series of articles for *European Political Science (EPS)*, and have plans for a further publication with the ECPR Press to whom the group has submitted a proposal for establishing a new book series 'Teaching Political Science'.

Since 2006, we have maintained a website dedicated to new entrants to the teaching profession: www.teaching.eu-rea.sk, going forward this will serve as a basis for creating the standing group's new website. Alongside this we plan to prepare an e-newsletter which will be distributed to standing group members to keep them up to date on upcoming events and publications concerning teaching and learning in political science. In the future the group hopes as well to introduce an award for innovation in political science education.

In addition to the above, the standing group will hold its inaugural Teaching and Learning Summer School in August 2012 in Piestany, Slovakia. The proposal for establishing the Summer School was supported by the ECPR's Executive Committee at its meeting during the St Gallen Joint Sessions and subsequently awarded a grant by the ECPR of £4,000 to help towards its organisation.

The standing group hopes to increase cooperation with related organisations and institutions, including, among others, the APSA Teaching and Learning section, the PSA Teaching and Learning in Politics group, the BISA Learning and Teaching Group, the Higher Education Academy Subject Network for Sociology, Anthropology, Politics (C-SAP), The International Society for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning (ISSOTL), etc.

If you are interested in issues of political science teaching and learning you are welcome to become member of the standing group. You can join by sending us an email [elizabethksheppard@gmail.com] including your name, affiliation and areas of interests/expertise in political science education.

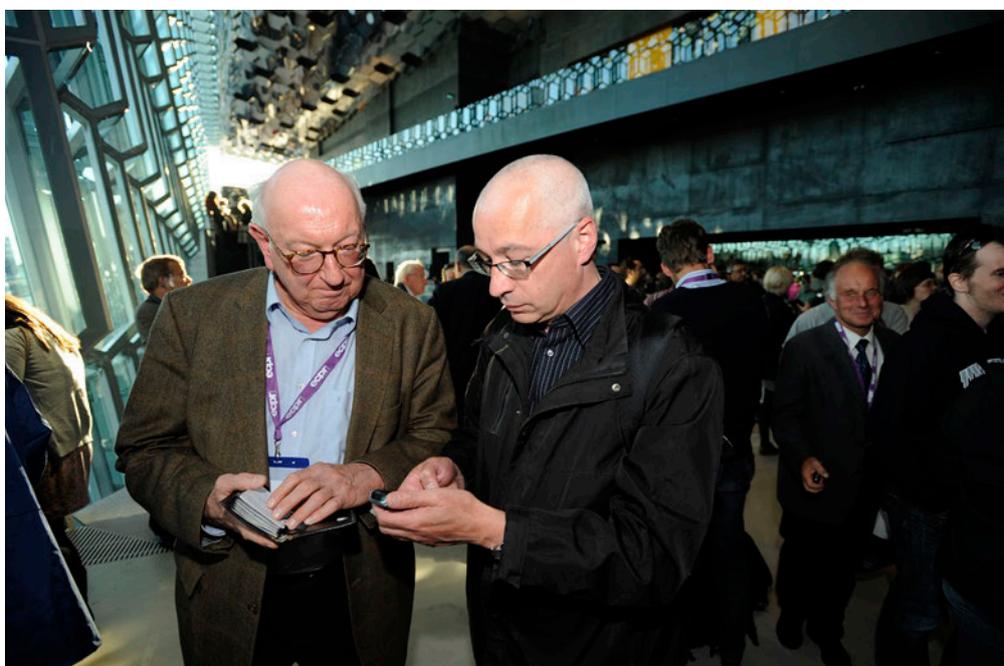


networking the profession

the ecpr now has 42 standing groups under its auspices

The standing groups within the ECPR have largely (though not entirely) grown out of the experience of various workshops at the Joint- and Research Sessions and the General Conference. They provide a means of increasing collaboration between scholars specialising in the same area of research/academic interest and an informal structure which allows a closer form of exchange. Below is a list of the ECPR's current standing groups.

- Analytical Politics and Public Choice
- Central and East European Politics
- Comparative Political Institutions
- Democratic Innovations
- European Union
- Extremism and Democracy
- Federalism and Regionalism
- Forms of Participation
- Gender and Politics
- Green Politics
- Identity
- Intelligence Governance
- Interest Groups
- International Political Theory
- International Relations
- Internet and Politics
- Kantian Political Thought
- Latin American Politics
- Law and Courts
- Local Government and Politics
- Organised Crime
- Parliaments
- Political Economy
- Political Geography
- Political Methodology
- Political Parties
- Political Psychology
- Political Sociology
- Political Theory
- Politics and Technology
- Politics and the Arts
- Public Opinion and Voting Behaviour in a Comparative Perspective
- Regulatory Governance
- Religion and Politics
- Security Issues
- Social Network Analysis
- South East Europe
- Southern European Politics
- Teaching and Learning Politics
- Theoretical Perspectives in Policy Analysis
- Third World Politics
- Young ECPR Network on Europeanisation



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political science loses two seminal figures

peter mair and richard hofferbert: a tribute

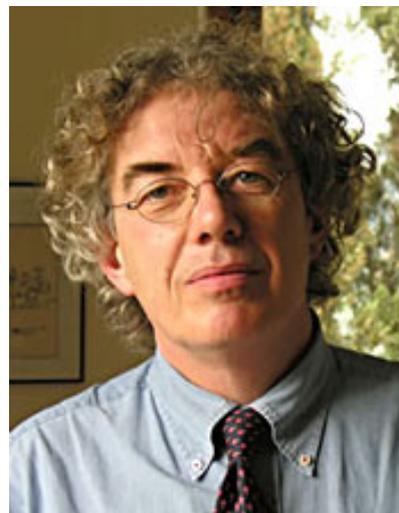
by Ian Budge, University of Essex

To our great personal and professional loss Peter and Rick died from sudden and unexpected heart attacks within three weeks of each other this summer. Rick had by that time ceased active research due to earlier health problems. But Peter, from a younger generation, was still in his prime. They never personally collaborated but were linked through their membership (at different times) of the Manifesto Research Group (MRG) and through their general interest in political parties and democracy. Both were key participants in the evolution of the discipline from its earlier institutional form of the 'forties and 'fifties, to the behavioural and quantifying concerns which emerged in the 'sixties.



Rick indeed was a major influence on the transition, revolutionising policy analysis with his seminal APSR article on determinants of expenditure in the American States – which demonstrated these were almost wholly socioeconomic rather than political. A passionate believer in democracy he spent the rest of his career

Dick Katz are classics. Carrying on from Stein Rokkan and Hans Daalder his study with Stefano Bartolini of the class cleavage between parties over an unprecedented hundred years married older traditions of party research with new ones in a way which is still being carried on by colleagues and students at the EUI.



trying to show he had been wrong and found an opportunity to do so by linking expenditures to party policy emphases in manifestos and platforms. By doing so he orientated the MRG in a new and fruitful direction and had the satisfaction of proving his point and reversing his earlier finding before he retired.

In doing so he built partly on Peter's work. Peter was a founder-member of the MRG, collecting manifestos and their equivalents for the Republic of Ireland from his base at the EUI in Florence – a living embodiment of the scope and reach of the new pan-European political science. I benefited from his scrupulous documentation of the Irish material quite recently (cf Budge, Robertson, Hearl, editors *Ideology Strategy & Party Change*, CUP, 1987/2008, pp. 134-159). Peter had all the solid virtues and wide learning of a traditional scholar which he applied with great care and discrimination to new concerns with measurement and statistical analysis. His invention (with Frank Castles) of expert surveys of party policy positions sparked a new approach to policy studies of parties which is still being applied, and his studies of party organisation in conjunction with

Both Rick and Peter will live on intellectually through their influence on students and colleagues. Their work will continue but we will all miss their personal presence and dedication very sorely.

To mark the contribution Peter Mair made to political science, the ECPR and its membership, a roundtable will be held in his honour during the Joint Sessions in Antwerp. The roundtable is provisionally titled 'The development of a European Politics', a topic that was central to Professor Mair's work in the last months of his life.

publications news

ECPR thanks outgoing editors and welcomes new

Vincent Hoffmann-Martinot stands down at the end of this year as Co-Editor of the ECPR Press. Working with Alan Ware (the first Editor of the ECPR's own publishing imprint) Professor Hoffmann-Martinot was instrumental in taking the Press from publishing just five books a year across two series (ECPR Classics and Monographs) in 2006 to around 15 across four in 2011, including the Studies in European Political Science series, formerly published by Routledge.

In his capacity as Co-Editor (working latterly with Dario Castiglione) Professor Hoffmann-Martinot also served as Chair of the Judging Committee for the ECPR Jean Blondel PhD Prize, devoting time to read and select the most outstanding thesis presented at a member institution before then helping the author develop it into a book format to be published by the Press.

The ECPR wishes to extend its thanks to Professor Hoffmann-Martinot for the contribution he has made both to the Prize and the development of the Press.

Professor Hoffmann-Martinot will be succeeded in January by Peter Kennealy, who will be standing down from his role as Reviews Editor of the ECPR's professional journal *European Political Science (EPS)* at the end of 2011.

EJPR vacancy

The ECPR is currently advertising for a Co-Editor of its flagship journal, *European Journal of Political Research (EJPR)* to replace Dick Katz who will stand down in April 2012.

Those wishing to apply should send a covering letter outlining how they would see the journal developing under their [Co-] Editorship and a CV to Rebecca Gethen (rknapp@essex.ac.uk). The closing date is the 26th January 2012.

want to know more about any ECPR publications?



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Peter Kennealy joined the editorial team of *EPS* in August 2003 as Reviews Editor. As Librarian at the European University Institute (EUI) Dr Kennealy has been able to use his extensive network and knowledge of the key works being published in the discipline to develop the Reviews issue (published each December at the end of the volume) into an important part of the ECPR's professional journal. The ECPR would therefore like to both thank Dr Kennealy for all his work on *EPS* and welcome him to the ECPR Press where, working with continuing Editor Dario Castiglione and two new Associate Editors (Alexandra Segerberg and Peter Triantafillou) he will help move the ECPR Press on to its next stage of expansion and professionalisation.



Above and below left: The ECPR Press's new editorial team (L-R: Pippa Kerry [ECPR Marketing Executive], Mark Kench [ECPR Press Manager], Peter Triantafillou, Alexandra Segerberg, Peter Kennealy and Dario Castiglione). Below right: Vincent Hoffmann-Martinot.



ecpr executive committee elections 2012

nominations close 31 December

The nomination period for the 2012 ECPR Executive Committee elections opened on the 1 November. From now until the 31 December individuals from Full Member* institutions can put themselves forward to serve on the Executive Committee for the term April 2012-2015/18.

The procedure for electing members of the ECPR Executive Committee will involve three successive stages:

- nominations;
- endorsements; and
- final voting.

Any individual from a Full ECPR Member institution* can nominate themselves to stand for the Executive Committee – this stage of the process opened on the 1 November and closes on the 31 December 2011.

Each nomination must then be endorsed by at least five Official Representatives for it to be included in the final ballot. The endorsement period will last from the 1 January to the 1 February 2012.

When the final ballot is together, voting will be carried out by the ECPR's member Official Representatives during the period 15 February to 15 March. The votes shall be counted and final seats allocated based on the Single Transferable Vote system (Scottish variant). The results will be announced by 1 April. The new composition of the Executive Committee will therefore have its first meeting at the end of the Joint Sessions in Antwerp on 14 April.

For this election each stage of the process will be organised electronically via the MyECPR area on the ECPR website, so if you wish to nominate yourself and do not have an account please sign up for one via the website (www.ecprnet.eu/myecpr), it only takes a minute.

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- 30% discount on all titles in the ECPR/Palgrave Macmillan Research Methods series
- significant discounts on ECPR Press titles
- no conference fee to attend the Joint Sessions of Workshops
- only full members can apply to direct a Workshop at the Joint Sessions
- reduced conference fees to attend the General and Graduate Conferences
- reduced fees to attend the Summer and Winter Schools
- funding and scholarships to attend ECPR and ECPR-supported events
- establish a Standing Group (and receive funding)

* delivered to the OR for departmental use only

keeping you informed

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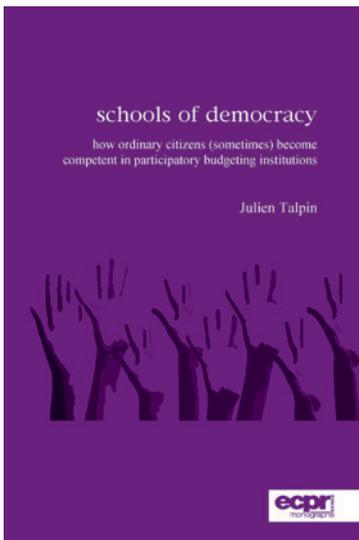
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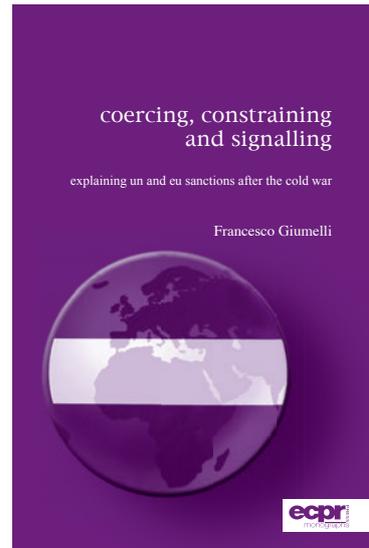
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