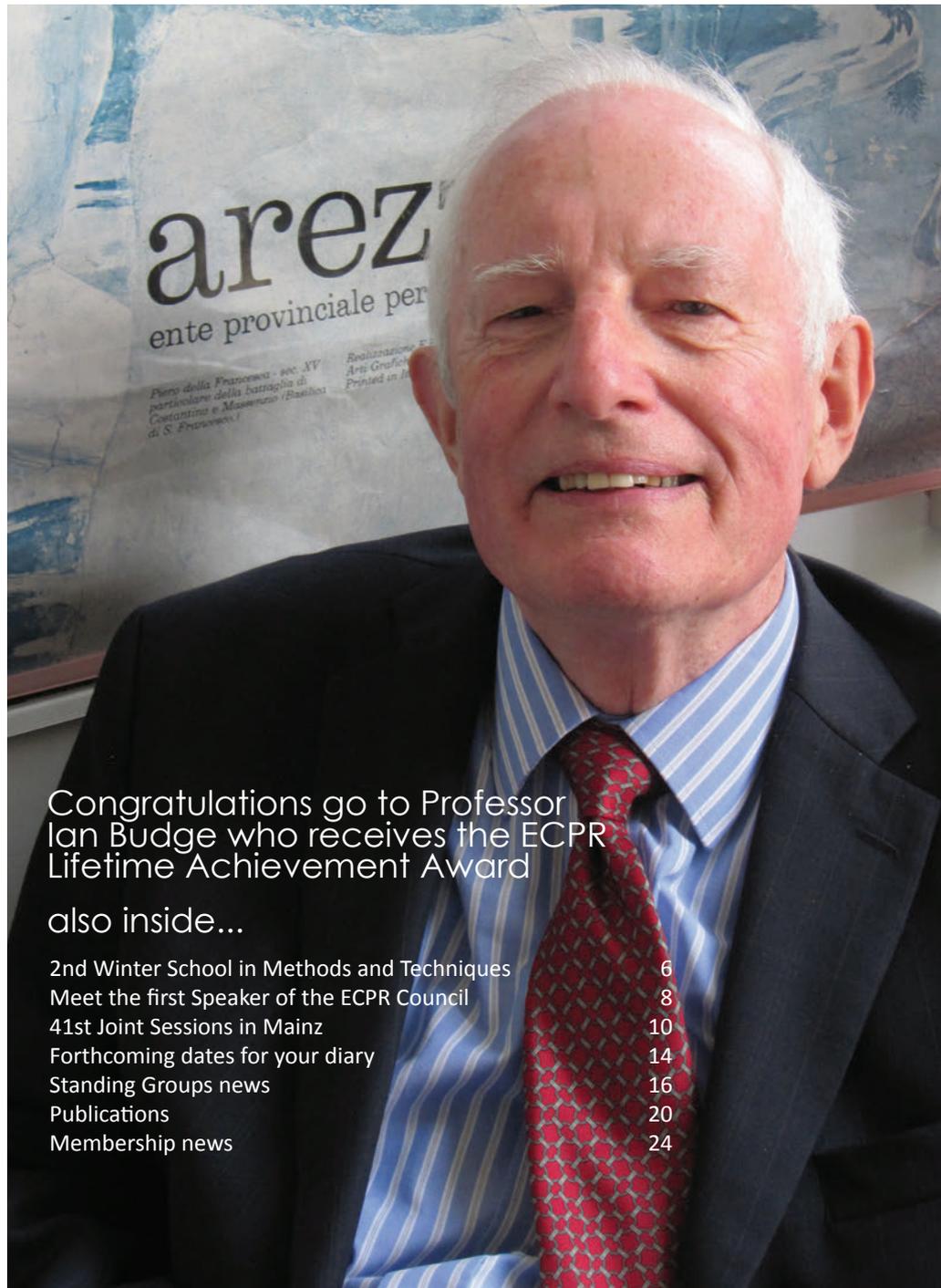


lifetime achievement award for ian budge



Congratulations go to Professor Ian Budge who receives the ECPR Lifetime Achievement Award

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budge receives lifetime achievement award

The ECPR Lifetime Achievement Award is given biennially to a scholar who has made an outstanding contribution to European political science. This year's winner, Ian Budge, took time out to meet with the ECPR's Sharleni Inbanathan to talk about the prize, and look back at his life.

I met Professor Budge, a modest man who has contributed hugely to the development of the political science discipline, in his book-lined University of Essex office. Across a desk heavy with journals and manuscripts, we discussed his outstanding academic career.

Scholars may recognise the name Ian Budge as the co-author of well-known titles including *The New British Politics* (Budge, McKay, Newton and Bartle) and *Mapping Policy Preferences, Estimates for Parties, Governments and Electors 1945–1998*



'I was quite knocked sideways to hear of the Award, and very flattered and honoured by it. I regard it as a recognition not just of my own contribution to the discipline but of the collaborative work done with others, particularly in the Manifesto Research Group and the ECPR as a whole, as well as in the University of Essex's Department of Government.

Thank you to everyone.'

written with, Hans-Dieter Klingemann, Andrea Volkens, Judith Bara and Eric Tanenbaum. But few may be aware of the substantial contribution that Budge has made to the development of the field, in particular to democratic theory and practice.

Budge's academic career began at the University of Edinburgh, where he completed a Master's in History, before going to study political science at Yale.

SI: Where did your love of political science begin?

IB: I chose political science as a bit of a change, really thinking of it as applied history. Instead I found teachers who talked of creating a real science of politics – a vision which blew my mind and which I have continued to pursue ever since.

SI: What or who has inspired you?

IB: The courses and the tremendous enthusiasm at Yale, which at that time was one of the twin centres of behaviourism in the US, with Michigan. The individuals who most influenced me were Harold Lasswell and Robert Dahl (my supervisor) at Yale and later Donald Stokes. Jean Blondel's comparative politics and vision of European political science were inspirational and gave me concrete institutional goals to pursue when I returned to Europe.

SI: What has been the highlight of your incredible career?

IB: I have been inspired by the expansion and flowering of a truly European political science between 1968 and 1980. In the late sixties there was practically no contact between political scientists in the different European countries. First, the Essex Summer School and, then the ECPR changed all that. In 1970 it was an adventure even to have a research meeting at Sciences Po! By the mid-seventies we were having Joint Sessions all over Europe and forming research networks to continue their work.

SI: Between 1973 and 1983, you played a significant role in the development of the ECPR, as its second Executive Director. What did you gain from your time in this role?

IB: A tremendous reinforcement to my belief in politics as comparative politics and a wide acquaintanceship across Europe which enabled me to form networks – above all the Manifesto Research Group – in order to gather the comparative data necessary to check out theories of party behaviour and party competition.

SI: ECPR News readers will want to know if there's another book on the horizon. Can you shed any light?

IB: Most of my books have been collaborative projects developing theories and checking them against comparative evidence. With Hans Keman, Michael D. McDonald and Paul Pennings I have just published *Organizing Democratic Choice*, a systematic theory (with supporting evidence) of how democracy works. With the Manifesto Research team at the Wissenschaftszentrum, Berlin we are publishing *Mapping Policy Preferences from Texts* this year with Oxford University Press.

Currently I am writing a textbook – *Politics* – with Michael D. McDonald, my longstanding colleague. I am also contemplating a more practically oriented book, *Coping with the Crisis*, with advice for political decision-makers in the present recession – basically: do politics, not economics.

SI: With such a vast amount of experience in the political science field, what advice do you have for young scholars?

IB: I think the future for political science (and for yourselves!)

lies with cumulative comparative research theory to test overall theories. If you commit yourselves to some part of this mega-project, you can't go far wrong.

The ECPR is presenting Ian Budge with his Lifetime Achievement Award at the General Conference, which this year takes place at Sciences Po Bordeaux, between 4 and 7 September. Find further details under the Events section of the ECPR website.

calls for nominations

The Lifetime Achievement award is biennial. The next call for nominations will be circulated in November 2014.

Further information will be available on the ECPR website (www.ecpr.eu) soon.

motivation of the jury

The Jury which met and decided the winner at the Joint Sessions in Mainz 2013, summed up in its motivation the various highlights of Professor Budge's outstanding career in political science, including: his research impact, (measured qualitatively and quantitatively) his leading research monographs.

Most notably, *Agreement and the Stability of Democracy* (Markham, 1970); *Ideology, Strategy and Party Movements*; (CUP, 1987 with D. Robertson and D. Hearle); *Parties, Policies and Democracy* (Westview, 1994 with H.D Klingemann, R. Hofferbert, K. Strøm, H. Keman and F. Pétry); *Mapping Policy Preferences, Estimates for Parties, Governments and Electors 1945–1998* (OUP 2001 winner for the APSA Comparative Data Set Prize 2002); and *Mapping Policy Preferences II: Estimates for Parties, Government and Electors in the OECD, EU and Central Eastern Europe 1990–2003* (OUP, 2006 with H.D Klingemann, A. Volkens, J. Bara and M. McDonald).

Achievements also include his founding role in the Manifesto Research Group, which became the source of major research monographs and an award-winning dataset as well as influencing the work of a wide range of political science scholars; his important role in the building of European political science through his involvement in the ECPR, and especially, his role

as Executive Director between 1979 and 1983; his important contribution to the training of young political scientists, particularly through his role as Director of the Summer School in Quantitative and Social Science Data Analysis; his commitment to the development of comparative politics, both in his work and his appointments, especially his activities as Chair at the European University Institute in Florence; and his substantial contribution to his home institution (University of Essex), including his role as Chair of Department, Director of Graduate Studies and principal adviser to PhD students.

Overall, the Jury concluded that Professor Budge has made an outstanding contribution to European political science over several decades through his international research projects, his research monographs and scholarly production and his institutional service to the development and growth of European political science.

The award will be made during a special ceremony at the General Conference in Bordeaux, 4–7 September 2013.

ECPR offers Ian Budge its warmest congratulations on a splendid and well-deserved achievement!

Previous winners have included Hans-Dieter Klingemann, Gerhard Lehbruch and Philippe Schmitter.

prizes awarded at mainz

Three prizes were presented at the Joint Sessions of Workshops in Mainz. The prize-giving ceremony was held at the strikingly modern Mainz City Hall.

hans daalder prize

The winners of the 2012 prize were Katrin Schermann and Laurenz Ennser-Jedenastik, for their paper *Linking Election Pledges to Policy Outcome – The Austrian Case*. Inspired by one of the ECPR's founding fathers, this prize awards €1,000 biennially for an outstanding paper presented at the ECPR Graduate Student Conference.

rudolf wildenmann prize

The 2012 prize has been awarded to Jack Blumenau from the University of Oxford, who presented a Paper titled *Agenda Control and Party Cohesion in the European Parliament* in the Workshop of Minority Rights and Majority Rule in European Legislatures. The Wildenmann Prize is awarded annually to a scholar who has gained their PhD in the last five years, for an outstanding paper presented at the Joint Sessions of Workshops.

Jack Blumenau remarked; 'the Joint Sessions in Antwerp was my first time at an academic conference. Thanks to a supportive supervisor, friendly Workshop participants and the fantastic organisation of the ECPR staff, I cannot imagine a better first experience. Winning the Wildenmann prize was as humbling as it was surprising, and I was delighted to return to the Joint Sessions in Mainz to collect the award.'

jean blondel prize

In 2012, for the first time, Jean Blondel PhD Prize for best thesis in politics was awarded jointly to Didier Caluwaerts (Vrije Universiteit Brussels) for a PhD entitled *Confrontation and Communication: Experiments on Deliberative Democracy in Linguistically Divided Belgium*, and to Julian Wucherpfnennig (Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich) for his PhD *Fighting for Change: Onset, Duration, and Recurrence of Ethnic Conflict*.

Find out more about all these awards at www.ecpr.eu/prizes



RH: Katrin Schermann
LH: Laurenz Ennser-Jedenastik,
winners of the Hans Daalder Prize



Jack Blumenau,
winner of the Rudolf
Wildenmann Prize



Julian Wucherpfnennig,
winner of the Jean Blondel
Prize

gender and politics

Two gender and politics prizes were presented at the third European Conference on Politics and Gender held between 21 – 23 March 2013, at the University Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona.

gender and politics award

By Isabelle Engeli and Karen Celis

The 2013 Award was presented to Professor Dr Drude Dahlerup of Stockholm University. Presented by the ECPR Standing Group on Gender and Politics, this award goes to an outstanding scholar working in the field. The judging criteria included contribution to the scientific development and scholarly network of the field, and furthering the cause and interests of politics and gender scholars and their work in political science.

Previous award winner, and member of the award jury Professor Dr Joni Lovenduski said Professor Dahlerup: 'As a scholar she has set a baseline for quality and interest that is important over time and across political systems. For more than thirty years we have all had to pay attention to what she says about women's representation, women's movements, quotas and of course critical numbers and acts. Her scholarly work is interesting, innovative and important.

As an activist she has, among other things, brought her scholarly interests to bear not only on some of the major political issues of the day, but also on our own networks and communities. She has consistently and effectively provided links between our networks and practitioners and activists. Her scholarship and activism inform and enhance her impact, her reach as a consultant is global. Where decision makers are interested in feminist political analysis, that owes much to Drude's work. In short she does great work herself and she promotes our work.'



RH: Professor Dr Drude Dahlerup
LH: Professor Karen Celis

ecpr gender and politics phd prize

This prize was awarded to Dr Rosalind Cavaghan who studied at the Universities of Edinburgh and Leipzig. Her thesis sought to tackle a conundrum many of us will be familiar with. Most of us think we are pro gender equality but cannot understand what we, or our organisation, have to do with it. This is one of the biggest barriers to the implementation of Gender Mainstreaming (GM) – the UN's best-practice model for the achievement of gender equality and the EU's flagship gender equality policy. Rosalind's thesis developed a new methodology combining the sociology of knowledge and interpretative policy analysis, to unpick this problem. These methods view all policy as the attempt to co-ordinate activity around shared policy assumptions, and provide methodological tools to show how collective ways of thinking and acting can be maintained by state organisations.

Using these methods, Rosalind's thesis showed how structured implementation and policy development processes in the EU Commission sustain gender-blind thinking and activity on a grand scale, and how GM can disrupt these habits. As such, her thesis seeks to increase our understanding of the mechanisms through which supra-national state policies maintain and depoliticise gender inequality, and the prospects for change.

Rosalind was presented with €500 for the 2013 ECPR Gender and Politics PhD prize for her outstanding dissertation.



Rosalind Cavaghan

calls for submissions

The deadline for submissions for both the 2015 Gender and Politics award and PhD prize is 1 October 2014.

a winter school participant's view

The 2013 Winter School was held at the University of Vienna between 17 – 22 February 2013. Raul Cordenillo talks about his experience as a Winter School participant.

by Raul Cordenillo

As a full-time international relations professional and, at the same time, a joint PhD candidate in social sciences, I needed flexibility to perform my professional duties alongside fulfilling my PhD programme's requirements.

Among these requirements are courses on methodology that would enable me to develop research design, process my data and write my dissertation. With a multi-disciplinary research topic and a bold set of research objectives, I needed a set of methodology courses that were not only current but could also serve as a strong and coherent foundation for my research. Fortunately, and despite time limitations, my schedule allowed me to participate in both the ECPR Winter and Summer Schools in Methods and Techniques. In particular, I was able to follow the Three-Step Curriculum, which allowed me to select, complement and cumulate courses from introductory, intermediate and advanced levels.

I have now completed the Three-Step Curriculum, taking courses including Comparative Research Designs with Benoît Rihoux; Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Fuzzy Sets with Carsten Schneider and Claudius Wagemann and Advanced Multi-Method Research with Ingo Rohlfing.

Overall, I found following the Three-Step Programme useful to my research. I would most definitely recommend the courses to fellow PhD students, as well as colleagues keen to refresh and update their knowledge of methodology and techniques.

The intensive courses are efficient and conducted in a pragmatic manner. They also present the very latest including innovations in methodology, critiques and plain how-tos.

The professors are eloquent, witty and at the forefront of the methodologies that they teach. They are accommodating and helpful when you have research dilemmas and methodological conundrums.

Also, and importantly, my fellow students were great. They came from various academic institutions in Europe and beyond and were a source of insights, ideas and laughter, as well as potential co-authors. We have kept in touch through social media ever since and are now part of a network of ECPR School alumni. So join us!

winter school 2014 registration

The Three-Step Curriculum Programme is as follows:

Step 1: Introductory level (Summer School)

Step 2: Intermediate level (Winter School)

Step 3: Advanced level (Summer School)

Further details can be found on the website at www.ecpr.eu/methodschools/methodschools.aspx

The dates for the next ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques in Vienna, Austria are 14 – 21 February 2014. Registration opens in October 2013. For further information, contact Denise Chapman (dchap@essex.ac.uk).

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methods school awards

cora maas award

The winner of the Cora Maas Award 2012 was Dvora Yanow for the course *'Issues in Political, Policy and Organisational Ethnography'*. Yanow, Visiting Professor at Wageningen University is a policy/political and organisational ethnographer and interpretive methodologist whose research and teaching are shaped by an interest in questions of knowing/learning and the communication of meaning in organisational and policy settings.

The prize is for the best-evaluated course at the ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques. Cora Maas was a great inspiration for the junior researchers who followed her courses and to acknowledge this, the ECPR have dedicated an award in her memory to encourage researchers to aim for excellence in both methodology and pedagogy.

She will be presented with €500 at the Summer School 2013.



Dvora Yanow, winner of the Cora Maas Award

dirk berg-schlosser award

This award is named in recognition of Berg-Schlosser's instrumental work in bringing the ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques to life, and is awarded for the best poster representing a participant's work in progress.

In 2012, the Award was given to Kerry Tannahill plus €250.

'The findings presented in this poster represent research I was conducting in 2012 in pursuit of my Masters' degree in Political Science at Concordia University in Montreal.

Following failed referenda on EU treaties and evidence of declining general support for the European Union, it appeared that there was growing public discontent across the 27 member states.

Previous studies had claimed that discontent expressed through negative voting on the Treaty Establishing a Constitution for Europe and the substantively similar Treaty of Lisbon was grounded in opposition to something other than the treaties, yet conclusions about what was driving this discontent were mixed.

Through evaluation of all 27 member states, I revealed that discontent is actually highest with regard to EU enlargement.

Using multiple Eurobarometers and the European Values Study, I demonstrate that individual values, identity and fear of cultural threat from enlargement are the most important factors driving public discontent.'

Second place went to Astrid Molenveld who received €100 and third place to Stefanie Walter who received €100.

summer school in methods and techniques 2013

There has been an exceptional response to the 2013 ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques (#ssmt13) hosted by the University of Ljubljana. We are currently offering 28 courses, including five refresher courses (25 – 27 July), eight two week courses (10 days), 8 one-week, and 7 one-week courses in either week one (29 July – 2 August) or week two (5 – 9 August). Registration has been open since February, and several courses are already fully booked.

The Summer School is known for its breadth of the courses, which runs the gamut from political game theory and discourse analysis, to experimental methods, and the high calibre of teaching. It is located in the stunning, welcoming City of Ljubljana, Slovenia, where there's lots to see and do. We are also pleased to offer an excellent social calendar of events for the duration of the Methods School.

For further information, contact Denise Chapman (dchap@essex.ac.uk)

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meet the first speaker of the ecpr council

Professor David Farrell (University College Dublin) has been elected as the ECPR's first Speaker of ECPR Council. The Speaker of Council is a new position within the ECPR's governance structure, created through an amendment of the ECPR's Constitution in 2012 (Article 13). The proposal had been formulated by the ECPR's Governance Reform Group, adopted by the Executive Committee, which then proposed the reform to the Council which approved it.

The rationale behind the creation of the post is to increase the capacity of Council to contribute to the running of the ECPR and to liaise and co-ordinate with the Executive Committee more effectively. The new position is not designed to create a different power base to the Executive Committee. Members of the Executive Committee remain the Trustees of the ECPR and, for that reason, carry significant obligations and responsibilities which they must meet. Yet, at the same time, much of what the Executive Committee wants to do is dependent on its member institutions and these are represented through the Official Representatives (ORs) who make up the Council. They are at the heart of the ECPR and

this measure is designed to facilitate their more effective participation in the Consortium. The Speaker is elected for a three-year term, not concurrent with the term of the Executive Committee (to facilitate business continuity), and can be re-elected once.

The responsibilities of the Speaker are:

- to chair meetings of Council;
- to liaise with the Executive Committee over business matters and the formulation of the agenda for Council meetings;
- to serve as Senior Returning Officer for Executive Committee elections;
- to serve as general liaison point for members of Council *vis-à-vis* the ECPR; and
- to draft and propose revisions to the Standing Orders of Council for approval by the Council.



'I am honoured to have been elected as the first Speaker of the ECPR Council. It is important that the organisation keeps an open, easily accessible line to its members and I am determined to ensure this happens. I look forward to working co-operatively with the Director, Chair and other members of the Executive Committee to help facilitate the smooth running of the ECPR over the coming years. As I prepare to chair my first Council meeting, I would welcome any suggestions from Council members about any matters they might like to raise.'

the election

The Constitution stipulates that the Speaker shall be elected by ORs of full-member institutions 'in a manner akin to that of the Executive Committee'. Rules for Electing the Speaker of the ECPR Council were drawn up by the Executive Committee in consultation with the ECPR's Senior Returning Officer. The stages in the election process were similar to those for electing the Executive Committee: self-nomination, endorsement, voting. The nominations were restricted to ORs. However, the election of a single Speaker differs from the election of several Members of the Executive Committee, and this had consequences for the endorsement and voting stage. ORs could endorse only one candidate. To go through to the final ballot a candidate needed at least five endorsements, including endorsements from ORs of both genders and from at least two countries. It was decided to use the Alternative Vote system, as this is closest to the Single Transferable Vote system used for electing the Executive Committee. The rules for electing the Speaker of the ECPR Council were posted on the ECPR website. All ORs were notified by email of the forthcoming elections, the deadlines for the various stages, and the rules.

Three ORs nominated themselves: Professors David Farrell (University College Dublin), Hans Keman (Free University Amsterdam) and Shane Martin (City University Dublin). As Professor Farrell was already the ECPR's Senior Returning Officer, the Executive Committee decided to appoint another Returning Officer to oversee this particular election, Professor Wolfgang C Müller (University of Vienna), and the Executive Committee was most grateful to Professor Müller for stepping

in at such short notice. In future the Speaker will act as Senior Returning Officer for Executive Committee elections, but since it would be inappropriate for the Speaker to oversee his or her own election, the future Standing Orders of Council will address this.

During the endorsement stage, Professor Shane Martin withdrew his nomination, and the withdrawal was accepted by the Returning Officer. The two remaining candidates both received sufficient endorsements (also gender-wise and country-wise). Professor David Farrell received 46 endorsements and Professor Hans Keman 36 endorsements. Given the number of nominations and of sufficiently endorsed candidates, the Returning Officer decided not to extend the periods of nomination and/or endorsements.

A total of 91 ORs voted from the 294 full-member institutions permitted to vote. The results were as follows:

| | Ranked #1 | Ranked #2 |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| David Farrell | 47 | 32 |
| Hans Keman | 44 | 27 |

Under the Alternative Vote system, voters are asked to rank-order the candidates (but voters were not required to rank-order a minimum or maximum number of candidates). However, given the fact that there were not more than two candidates on the ballot, the second preferences played no role in the outcome.

Professor David Farrell received 51.6 per cent of the votes and was declared elected to serve as a Speaker of the ECPR Council from 1 March 2013 to 29 February 2016. The results and election report were accepted by the Returning Officer, Professor Wolfgang C Müller. The turnout for the election was lower than the ECPR would have wanted, but seeing that this is a new post whose impact on the ECPR has yet to be seen it is to be hoped that turnout will increase in future elections. The ECPR thanks all those ORs who participated in the elections as well as the candidates who stood for the new position. For the Executive Committee, the Academic Director and Central Services, this is a moment of considerable importance, since it brings with it the hope, over time, of a more active Council and greater participatory role of ORs.

Professor Farrell's work began immediately on election, attending the Joint Sessions in March 2013 to introduce himself formally to the Executive Committee, to have discussions with the ECPR's Constitutional Reform Group over Standing Orders and other matters, and to begin preparations for the meeting of Council in Bordeaux. This will not only be the first meeting of the Council chaired by the Speaker but the first held outside of the Joint Sessions, as the Council meetings have been moved to the autumn and will be held on an annual basis. We urge all ORs to do their best to attend this meeting, where Professor Farrell is aiming to have a set of Standing Orders for Council ready for discussion and adoption. We offer Professor Farrell our warmest congratulations on his election and wish him well in his work as ECPR's first Speaker of Council! To pass on suggestions to the first Speaker of the ECPR Council, email (david.farrell@ucd.ie).

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joint sessions overview

the view from the local organiser

by Kai Arzheimer

The 41st Joint Sessions of Workshops at Johannes Gutenberg University, in the German city of Mainz, overcame bureaucracy and blizzards to achieve great success. Local organiser, Kai Arzheimer gives us an insider's perspective.

As early as four o'clock on Monday afternoon, five senior academic figures had already told me they had hosted the Joint Sessions of Workshops some two, three, or four decades ago, and would never contemplate doing it again. Then, smiling encouragingly, they faded into the distance. What had we gotten ourselves into?

More than two and a half years earlier, JGU had submitted a perky bid to host the ECPR's most prestigious conference, and in summer 2011, we got our first site visit by the ECPR, confirming our selection. Then, time began to fly.

We quickly learned that hosting the Joint Sessions is surprisingly expensive (because there is no participation fee), and that big corporations have no inclination whatsoever to sponsor social science conferences. One luxury car manufacturer told us in writing that they would normally send cheques, hostesses and courtesy cars but would refrain from doing so in our case because we were not of sufficient interest to them. Other companies simply burned our letters and sent back the ashes. Daimler, however, congratulated us and volunteered to cover the costs of the Workshops Directors' dinner. Even more importantly, the state government of Rhineland-Palatinate and the Mayor of Mainz recognised the calibre of the Joint Sessions, promised support and encouraged us to go ahead. So did Rheinland-Pfalz Bank Foundation, who also wrote a cheque, and German Research Foundation (DFG), who gave us a generous grant to cover the administrative and personnel costs.

In 2012, our core team grew from just two members (über-capable departmental administrator and organiser-in-chief Dagmar McCaslin and me) to five: Eva Frischmann built the comprehensive home page, dealt with requests for cosy, rowdy and/or vegan conference dinners and headed up the signage team that covered campus and town in posters. Resident Workshop Director Petra Guasti helped us at various points and acted as double agent and reality checker during our war games. And Jasmin Fitzpatrick began liaising with publishers and suppliers but ended up devoting all of her paid and most of her waking hours to the organisation of the Joint Sessions. Two months before the Joint Sessions began, we hired an additional 33 student helpers, making us one of the largest operations in the social science faculty.

One thing that we aimed for through our planning frenzy was sustainability. The conference bags were made from cotton, and the wine was locally sourced. We offered participants a heavily subsidised local transport pass and (almost) free child care.

But notwithstanding all our planning, three things proved unpredictable (or perhaps all too predictable): bureaucratic



Kai Arzheimer



inertia, politics, and the weather. The all-new Social Science building that should have opened in early 2012 was not ready for the conference, forcing us to spread the Workshops over four adjacent buildings. Kurt Beck, the Minister President of Rhineland-Palatinate, decided to step down shortly before the conference after a mere 18 years, leaving us in limbo for a while. And March, which is supposed to be sunny and balmy in Mainz, instead brought cold weather culminating in a veritable blizzard that caused severe travel disruptions across Europe.

Hopefully, all of this did not affect the participants too much. Most did indeed arrive in time, and almost all Workshop Directors could attend the dinner in their honour, which was held at Heilig Geist, a deconsecrated church built in the 1300s.

Adverse weather conditions notwithstanding, the Workshops started as scheduled on Tuesday morning.

By Tuesday night, the snow had settled, and the participants headed to town to explore the countless bars, clubs, traditional 'wine houses' and restaurants. After the storm, Wednesday was cold but sunny, which lifted everyone's spirits greatly.

The location for the Stein Rokkan Lecture, Prize giving Ceremony and main reception was Mainz City Hall, Arne Jacobsen's stark modernist building by the river. Mayor Michael Ebling and newly elected Prime Minister Malu Dreyer welcomed the crowd of political scientists in the circular chamber, which usually plays host to local politics.

The annual Stein Rokkan Lecture was delivered by Senior Research Professor Jürgen Falter, who spoke on *Political Cleavages in the Weimar Republic and the Rise of National Socialism*, a topic intimately connected both to his current research project and to Rokkan's seminal work. The talk can be found on the JGU website.

On their free afternoon (which was – thankfully – bright and sunny again), participants explored the city's many treasures including the medieval cathedral, the Gutenberg Museum of printing (which houses two of the surviving Gutenberg bibles), and the seven levels of historic underground vaults at Kupferberg winery, famous for its sparkling wine.

Later in the afternoon, our colleague Alfred Wittstock, who is Head of the university's Israel Studies unit, gave participants a tour of Mainz's New Synagogue, one of Germany's most intriguing sacral buildings constructed in recent years. By then, our adrenaline levels had fallen considerably, and we earnestly began enjoying hosting the 'jewel in the ECPR's crown'. When we bade farewell to the last participants on Saturday afternoon and began cleaning up, it was already with a sense of nostalgia.

One junior colleague asked me what the incentive was for hosting the Joint Sessions. On Monday, I could not have come up with a response.

On Saturday, the answer was simple: it was a great, if sometimes exhausting experience.

date change for joint sessions of workshops, salamanca, 2014

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date of the Joint Sessions has been changed to 10 – 15 April 2014. This has been unavoidable because of an unexpected change in the academic calendar decided by the regional government. The Executive Committee, in agreement with the local university organisers, has had no choice, therefore, but to change the dates.

Successful Workshops for the Joint Sessions 2014 have now been announced. Please see the ECPR website for the full list. The call for Papers will go out in August 2013.

For more information about the Joint Sessions of Workshops in Salamanca (2014) please contact Marcia Taylor at mltaylor@essex.ac.uk

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mainz – first person

the view from the participant

by Ekaterina Koldunova

Every researcher in his or her field attends various kinds of academic events: conferences, workshops, conventions... They all vary in scope and focus of discussion, depth of analysis and insight, but all are organised according to more or less the same pattern. People gather for a short time, discuss their Papers and leave. But this is not the case at the ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, which concentrates on facilitating intense discussion around current research projects.

This year I was lucky enough to be a part of the ECPR Workshop Interpreting Foreign Policies – an unprecedented academic experience for me. The Workshop lasted almost a week and by the end of it we still had much to discuss. An attentive and respectful bond between all fellow participants was the hallmark of our Workshop and, I assume, of all the others.

Ours aimed to apply the general theoretical framework of the interpretative approach elaborated by Professor Mark Bever, Dr Oliver Daddow and Dr Ian Hall to the empirical analysis of foreign policy. My Paper focused on recent trends in Russian foreign policy and I received many valuable comments and advice from fellow participants and Workshop Directors; comments that I would not have received within a different conference framework. Thus, the Joint Sessions were a truly academic inspiration to me and, I hope, to my colleagues too.

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The main distinction between the Joint Sessions and other conferences is its organisation. Up to twenty researchers (usually unknown to each other previously) form a group that works together for several days on a topic proposed by the Workshop Directors. Under such conditions the presented Papers simply cannot avoid a thorough and detailed examination, resulting in a tight network of friendships by the end of the Sessions.

You don't just get to know the other participants better, you also benefit from professional interaction with people of varying academic experiences and international research backgrounds. Everyone established new academic links, shared their plans for future research projects, found colleagues

to approach for advice or simply to ask to look through an article or conference paper for an unbiased point of view. Many exchanged invitations for future conferences at their home institutions.

I express my special gratitude to Johannes Gutenberg University in Mainz, which hosted the Joint Sessions this year. Thanks to ECPR staff and local organisers, we had everything we needed to be productive. Social events, which took place after discussions, provided an excellent opportunity for a friendly academic chat.

Thanks for this opportunity.



further information about the joint sessions of workshops 2014

The Joint Sessions of Workshops are designed to be a forum for substantive discussion on research in progress and collaboration among scholars. Below is the list of approved Workshops for the next Joint Sessions, which will be held between 10 – 15 April 2014.

Administrative Organisation and the Welfare State:
Wicked issues and the Challenges of Accountability,
Legitimacy and Co-ordination

Authority and Control in International Organisations

Beyond Supply and Demand: Gender and Political
Recruitment in Comparative Perspective

Causes and Consequences of Judicial Selection and
Turnover at the Supreme/High Court Level

Climate Ethics and Climate Economics

Constitutionalising Security: The Case of the EU

Contemporary Meanings of Party Membership

Defending or Damaging Democracy?

The Establishment's Reactions to Political Extremists in
Liberal Democracies

Democratic Regressions: Patterns and Causes

Economic Recession, Democratic Recession?

Gender, Representation, and Power in the Executive
Branch

Methodological Challenges and Contradictory Results in
the Study of Interest Groups

National Vs. Supranational Banking Supervision

Political Capital and the Dynamics of Leadership:
Exploring the Leadership Capital Index

Political Clientelism and the Quality of Public Policy

Political Organisation in Transformation?

The Impact of State Regulation on Parties, Interest Groups
and NGOs in Advanced Democracies

Regime Legitimation through Institutional Reform:
analysing its Dimensions and Effectiveness

Resources, Abilities, Motivation and what else?

Studying Inequalities in Political Knowledge in Democratic
Systems

Sharing Natural Resources in Times of Climate Change:
Justice, Culture and Natural Resource Governance

Systematising Comparison of Democratic Innovations:
Advanced explanations of the emergence, sustenance
and Failure of Participatory Institutions

Ten Years On: Evaluating Eastern Enlargement

The Evolution of Parliamentarism and its Political
Consequences

The Power of Attraction: Competitive Identity in World
Politics





dates for forthcoming events

Summer School in Methods and Techniques

25 July – 10 August 2013

University of Ljubljana

General Conference

4 – 7 September 2013

Sciences Po Bordeaux

Winter School in Methods and Techniques

14 – 21 February 2014

University of Vienna

Joint Sessions of Workshops

10 – 15 April 2014

Universidad de Salamanca

Research Sessions

Summer 2014

ECPR, University of Essex

Graduate Student Conference

3 – 5 July 2014

University of Innsbruck

Summer School in Methods and Techniques

24 July – 9 August 2014

University of Ljubljana

General Conference

3 – 6 September 2014

University of Glasgow

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virginie guiraudon is recognised for a major contribution to the advancement of political sociology

The 2013 Mattei Dogan Prize has been awarded to Virginie Guiraudon, who at the time of winning, is Research Director at Sciences Po Paris Center for European Studies. The Jury felt that Professor Guiraudon has made a significant contribution to European political sociology, through her impactful research and academic activities.

A recipient of several other prestigious prizes, including the George Lavau award for best PhD on French contemporary politics (Harvard 1999) and the CNRS bronze medal, Professor Guiraudon has published widely on European public policies, citizenship, immigration and multiculturalism in Europe.

Among her professional engagements, Professor Guiraudon was a founder of the political sociology research network of the European Sociological Association, she sits on the editorial board of European Political Science Review, and she is a member of the Executive Committee for the Council for European Studies.

Virginie Guiraudon holds a PhD in Government from Harvard University. She has been a Marie Curie professor at UCLA (USA), Doshisha University (Japan), UNISA (South Africa) and the CEPC (Madrid). Her main interests lie in the comparative politics of immigration, citizenship and ethnicity.



Virginie Guiraudon, winner of the Mattei Dogan prize

welcoming the new executive director of apsa

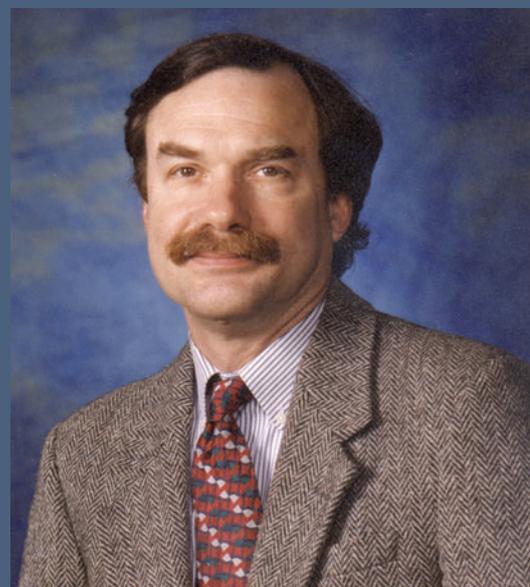
The ECPR congratulates Steven Smith on his recent appointment as Executive Director of the American Political Science Association (APSA), replacing Michael Brintnall, to whom we say a fond farewell and best wishes for the future.

Under Michael's Directorship, APSA and ECPR developed close relations, with a day-long 'exchange of best practice' visit by an ECPR delegation to APSA in Washington DC, followed by a visit from one of the APSA staff to ECPR headquarters in Essex.

ECPR hopes to continue and build on this relationship under Steven Smith's Directorship, and we wish him 'a productive and successful future with APSA'.



From left to right, the outgoing APSA Executive Director, Michael Brintnall, with the the current ECPR Chair, Simona Piattoni, the former ECPR Chair, Luciano Bardi, and the Academic Director, Martin Bull, during an ECPR visit to APSA in December 2011.



Steven Smith, new Executive Director of APSA
Photo courtesy of APSA

standing group news

standing group on democratic innovations

The ECPR Standing Group on Democratic Innovations was formed to focus on innovations that deepen 'thin' representative democracy. The Group analyses the impact of this subject – implemented by governmental actors and civil society – on communities, structures, systems, policies and democratic participation; it evaluates the benefits, disadvantages and shortcomings and checks whether, and in which sense, democratic innovations improve the quality of democracy.

Members range from political theorists, methodologists, some have conducted a variety of experiments, and some fellows have evaluated real-life procedures. The Standing Group encourages its members to initiate collaborative research projects by creating a strong, research community.

The website at www.democraticinnovations.net contains information about all the Group's Sections, Panels, publications and research projects. Activities in 2012 included a panel at the IPSA World Congress and an international conference, Deliberative Democracy in Action.

Forthcoming activities include:

- A ten Panel Section on democratic innovations at the 2013 ECPR General Conference
- Publishing articles, books and editions in the field – a new publication is *Democratic Innovation* edited by Geissel and Newton.
- Approved Workshop at the 2014 ECPR Joint Sessions in Salamanca and proposing a Section at the 2014 ECPR General Conference in Glasgow.

Convenors

Brigitte Geissel,
Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany

Kimmo Grönlund,
Åbo Akademi University, Finland

standing group on gender and politics

Since establishing itself in 1985, the Standing Group on Gender and Politics is now a Group of 700 members from across the World. The Group forms a broad-based network on issues relating to the study of gender and sexuality in politics and world politics.

The Group actively encourages workshops, panels and research groups with an emphasis on gender and seeks to increase the profile of women in the main fields of political science. The Group also organises a biennial Gender and Politics Conference, bringing like-minded academics together to discuss this field.

Karen Celis is due to finish her Co-convenor term at the General Conference, held in Bordeaux in September 2013.

Subsequently the Group is looking for a new Co-convenor to work with Isabelle Engeli.

Interested candidates should email Isabelle at isabelle.engeli@uottawa.ca and include a description of themselves and a plan of what the candidate would propose as a Co-convenor for the Group.

The deadline for sending submissions is 25 July 2013.

Convenor

Isabelle Engeli
Graduate School of Public and International Affairs,
University of Ottawa, Canada

Co-convenor

Karen Celis
Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium



standing group on organised crime

Due to important developments in the area of organised crime (EU integration, fall of the Berlin Wall and Balkan conflict, for example) and an abundance of new material, there was a clear need for an ECPR Standing Group dedicated to the study of organised crime which could act as the central focus for European, American and other researchers, as well as provide an umbrella for common activities and projects across disciplines.

The Standing Group facilitates the development of theoretical approaches as well as in-depth studies of empirical examples, to network members, to create fruitful exchanges between disciplines with a regular flow of information on projects, etc.

Most recently the Group announced a new website (www.sgocnet.org), which will ensure individuals can stay abreast of current news and announcements easily.

The Group launched their May newsletter that includes interviews and articles from Nelson Arteaga, Jürgen Storbeck, Falko Ernst, including a feature from anti-mafia prosecutor Alessandra Cerreti.

Interested individuals who would like to find out more about this Standing Group should sign up to the Group's mailing list which can be found on the new website's homepage.

Convenor
Felia Allum
University of Bath, UK

Co-convenor
Francesca Longo
University of Catania, Italy

standing group on social network analysis

The Standing Group on Social Network Analysis is led by its Co-convenors, Dimitris Christopoulos and Mario Diani.

The Group has worked actively on raising awareness among senior and junior political scientists of the potential of network theory and methods for better understanding social and political phenomena.

It has built strong ties to the ECPR through attending and participating in ECPR events. In 2013, the Group has organised an eight Panel Section on Political Networks at the ECPR General Conference, Bordeaux.

This Section will bring together scholars that, while holding diverse research interests, share nonetheless an analytic approach to network processes in political life, coupled with a strong attention to the integration of theory and empirical data.

The Group have also been involved in the following events:
9th UK Social Network Conference
Greenwich, London, 27–29 June 2013. For more information, see <http://uksna.com/9th-uksna-conference.html>

6th Annual Political Networks Conference
Bloomington, Indiana, 26–29 June 2013. For more

information, see http://polnet2013.indiana.edu/call_for_papers.html

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research

University of Michigan, 24 June–16 August 2013.
For more information, see www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/sumprog/index.jsp

ECPR 8th Summer School in Methods and Techniques

University of Ljubljana, 25 July–9 August 2013.
For more information, see www.ecpr.eu/events/eventDetails.aspx?eventID=16

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

Chicago, Illinois, 29 August–9 September 2013.
For more information, see www.apsanet.org

7th ECPR General Conference

Bordeaux, France, 4–7 September 2013. For more information, see www.ecpr.eu/conferences/general/2013_bordeaux/default.aspx

8th Pan-European Conference on International Relations

Warsaw, Poland, 18–21 September, 2013.
For more information, see www.sgir.eu/warsaw

Convenor
Dimitris Christopoulos,
University of the West of England, UK

Co-convenor
Mario Diani,
Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain



spotlight on a standing group

In this issue, we focus on the Standing Group on Participation and Mobilisation. Since its formation, the Group has been highly proactive in creating and co-ordinating events. It provides a forum for different schools of participation research to meet, compare approaches, and develop new research strategies.

Members have been busy with new publishing ventures in the form of journals and anthologies. In addition, there has been a concerted effort in using ECPR events to further our thematic goals and visions. In 2012, the Group's activities were concentrated on expanding members' knowledge on recent large political protest efforts in different parts of the world.

The Group was proud to sponsor a Workshop at this year's ECPR Joint Sessions: The Transnational Dimension of Protest: From the Arab Spring to Occupy Wall Street, organised by Donatella Della Porta (European University Institute) and Alice Mattoni (University of Pittsburgh). Papers from scholars from fifteen countries focused on the topic of transnational protests, particularly from the perspective of their imageries and practices of democracy, and their communication and mediation processes.

ECPR General Conference

The Section for 2013's ECPR General Conference in Bordeaux – Comparative Perspectives on the New Politics of Dissent – also focuses on the importance of dissent for participation and mobilisation in comparative terms. The Section Chair is Alice Mattoni, who is one of the Standing Group's convenors. Co-Chairs are Eduardo Romanos (Universidad Complutense de Madrid) and Donatella Della Porta (European University Institute).

The Section contains Papers that help us understand the distinctive characteristics of current and recent mobilisations, and to compare them with previous waves of contention that developed locally, nationally and transnationally. It pays particular attention to aspects fundamental to understanding how social change is developing in a moment of deep economic crisis and political mistrust.

Eight Panels will take place:

- Resisting the Markets: Economic Actors and Issues in Global Uprisings from the Middle East to North America.
- The Social Mediation of Popular Protest: Facebook and Twitter in Pro-Democracy and Anti-Austerity Mobilisations.
- The Consequences of the New Wave of Mobilisation.
- Extreme Right Mobilisation in Western Democracies and the Middle East in the Era of Globalisation and Economic Crisis.
- The Heterogeneity of Diffusion Processes in Contemporary Social Movements.
- Democracy of the Squares: Visions and Practices of Democracy from Egypt to the United States.
- Collective Identities in the New Cycle of Contention.
- Obstacles of Citizenship.

Its biggest ECPR event in 2013 will be held between 16 – 26 September at the European University Institute. From Tahrir Square to Zuccotti Park: Summer School on Grassroots Participation and Radical Democracies will teach participants how to investigate processes and mechanisms that sustain citizen participation and mobilisation in the realm of politics.

It will use social movement theories in a critical manner, outlining the explanatory potential of classic theories, and discussing the limits and constraints of classic analytical tools in understanding grassroots participation and mobilisation. It will also look at the characteristics of current waves of contention through the lenses of social movement theories, to understand to what extent they can explain the recent phenomena of grassroots participation and mobilisation.

Students will learn about grassroots participation and radical democracies, expand their knowledge on the recent mobilisations in Arab, European and American countries, present ongoing research projects receiving feedback from leading scholars in the field and finally, learn how to apply political and social sciences methods to the field.

Keynote speakers include Mario Diani and Olivier Fillieule, and Methods Instructors are leading experts in the field.

The Group is also involved in organising international and national conferences, and this year is hosting the 6th Popular Culture and World Politics conference in Stockholm, Sweden from 13 – 14 September. See www.statsvet.su.se/English/Research/pcpw_conference.htm for further information.

Future plans include using ECPR events to promote other thematic foci, and to encourage our members to organise events.

The Group hopes to continue to offer themed Summer Schools, and to encourage its members to come up with ideas for thematic ventures.

About the Group

Further information can be found at <http://bit.ly/18iXewC>, including the Convenors' contact details and a link to their Facebook page.

standing groups' meetings in bordeaux

The following Standing Groups will be holding meetings at the General Conference in September.

Analytical Politics and Public Choice
Central and Eastern Europe Politics
Citizenship
Comparative Political Institutions
Democratic Innovations
Environmental Politics
Federalism and Regionalism Political
Gender and Politics
Human Rights and Transitional Justice
Interest Groups
Internet and Politics
Kantian Political Thought
Latin American Politics
Law and Courts
Local Government
Organised Crime
Participation and Mobilisation

Political Economy
Political Parties
Political Psychology
Political Representation
Political Sociology
Political Violence
Politics and the Arts
Regulatory Governance
Religion and Politics
Social Network Analysis
Southern European Politics
Teaching and Learning Politics
Welfare Politics and Social Reform Policy

Members of Standing Groups will be informed by the Convenor regarding the time and location of meetings. A full list of ECPR Standing Groups' meetings will also be available in the conference programme.

announcing the new graduate student network committee

Official statement from the Graduate Student Network Committee.

'As members of the newly elected Graduate Student Network Committee, we would like to thank everybody who participated in the elections. We look forward to re-launching the GSN, which we believe can serve as a platform for increased graduate student networking in Europe and beyond. The truly diverse composition of the Committee reflects our broad interests as well as the international dimension of our joint co-operation. As graduate students, we all face a range of similar challenges and opportunities, and the GSN should be a place where our common interests can be promoted.

One of our primary objectives for the near future is to ensure a more visible and active GSN by enhancing our presence in social media and other communication channels.

Similarly, we want to organise events targeting graduate students at major ECPR events, starting with the General Conference. Promoting graduate students' welfare, building professional networks and strengthening the sense of community amongst graduate students will be the long-term priorities of the new GSN Committee. Step by step we hope to strengthen the network through the GSN Committee and the larger community. We thank you again for supporting us!

The Committee welcomes all graduate students to its first GSN reception, which will be held at the **ECPR General Conference on 5 September from 12:40 to 14:00**. If you are interested in joining the ECPR Graduate Student Network or have any questions, please email gsn@ecpr.eu.

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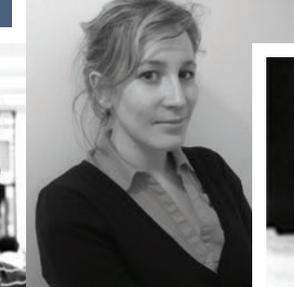
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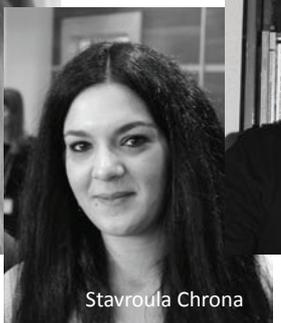
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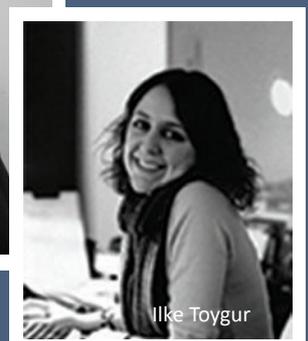
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ecpr publications

celebrating the ejpr pdyi launch

On 12 March during the Joint Sessions of Workshops in Mainz, an enthusiastic crowd gathered around the Wiley Blackwell stand to celebrate the launch of the *Political Data Yearbook interactive (PDYi)*, a free online resource that sits alongside the *EJPR Political Data Yearbook*.

Professor Niilo Kauppi from the ECPR's Executive Committee gave a short speech to welcome everyone, congratulate the team behind the development of the *PDYi*, and introduce Kevin Deegan-Krause, co-editor of the *EJPR Political Data Yearbook* and the driving force behind the project. Incoming co-editors **Andreas Bågenholm** and **Liam Weeks** were also there to celebrate the launch, as well as longstanding former editor and current contributor **Richard Katz**, and **Rachel Smith** from Wiley Blackwell.

Guests enjoyed live demonstrations of various impressive features of the *PDYi* site – such as how to produce charts showing national and EU election results by country, track performance of a particular party over time, or look at the heads of individual ministries – as well as how to download the complete datasets behind the charts. Now live in beta version, the *PDYi* will continue to develop as new data is uploaded and verified by the country experts. To see the site for yourself, visit www.politicaldatayearbook.com



new look for ejpr changes are afoot at ejpr, to bring you a better-value journal

From 2014, *EJPR* will appear less frequently in print, going from six to four issues a year, but each issue will be bigger, with more pages and a larger page size. These measures will reduce the print and postage costs, so that the ECPR and publishers Wiley Blackwell can pass on the benefits to members and subscribers in the form of approximately 15 per cent more content overall – equating to an estimated 3–4 extra articles each year.

The changes are also a reflection of the growing tendency of subscribers to read articles online as soon as they are published through Wiley's 'EarlyView' facility, rather than waiting for a print copy of each complete issue to appear in their institutional library. To sign up to receive an email alert each time a new article from *EJPR* or the *EJPR PDYi* is published, log-in or register for your free account at www.wileyonlinelibrary.com, and then add alerts by journal title to your account.

welcome to our new co-editors

comparative politics

The Comparative Politics series co-published by ECPR and Oxford University Press, will see two new co-Editors complement its team. Professors **Emilie van Haute** and **Ferdinand Müller-Rommel** will, later this year, join Editor **R Kenneth Carty** of the University of British Columbia on the series' editorial team.

An expert in the field, Professor van Haute has held a Chair in Comparative Politics at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) since 2009, where she has been successful in attracting research grants, developing new research projects and contributing to the international recognition of the quality of ULB's research. She is Treasurer of the Belgian Political Science Association (ABSP-CF), head of two Master programmes at ULB, and founder of the working group Members and Activists of Political Parties, part of the Research Committee on Political Sociology of the IPSA and ISA. Professor van Haute will be familiar to members of the ECPR Standing Group on Political Parties through her work as a Co-Director of its Summer School between 2010 and 2012.

Ferdinand Müller-Rommel is senior Professor in Comparative Politics at Leuphana Universität Lüneburg. During his prolific career he has directed several comparative research projects and authored many books in English and German, with publishers including Macmillan, SAGE, Routledge, and OUP.

A stalwart of ECPR events for more than thirty years, Professor Müller-Rommel has participated in nearly all Joint Sessions since 1982, and most of the General Conferences.

He was a member of the Executive Committee (1994–2000), ECPR Vice-Chair (1997–2000), and member of the editorial board of the *European Journal of Political Research* from 2003–2012.

The series bids a fond farewell to outgoing Comparative Politics Editor, Professor David Farrell of University College Dublin, though Professor Farrell will still be closely connected with the ECPR, following his recent election as inaugural Speaker of the ECPR Council.

Emilie van Haute



Ferdinand Müller-Rommel



Andreas Bågenholm



political data yearbook (pdy)

We welcome Professors **Andreas Bågenholm** and **Liam Weeks** to work alongside continuing Editor **Kevin Deegan-Krause** of Wayne State University in Michigan, to ECPR and Wiley Blackwell's *Political Data Yearbook*. Originally *PDY* was included within *EJPR* but now a journal in its own right, sitting

alongside the newly launched, interactive resource available at www.politicaldatayearbook.com.

Professor Bågenholm joins the *Yearbook* from the University of Gothenburg in Sweden, where he is senior lecturer and research fellow at the Department of Political Science, Program Manager at the Quality of Government Institute and Project Manager for the EU-financed FP7 ANTICORRP project. His particular interest is in European party politics, and he has substantial experience in constructing databases and analysing data. Among Professor Bågenholm's aims for the journal are ensuring it covers more European countries,

thereby increasing the scope for comparative research; and making electoral data available more quickly to subscribers.

Also joining the *Yearbook* on a temporary basis is Professor Liam Weeks, currently in the final year of a secondment to a Marie Curie fellowship funded by the Irish Research Council from his position as lecturer at the Department of Government, University College Cork. He is well qualified for the role, having previously been an editor of the annual databook of *Irish Political Studies*.

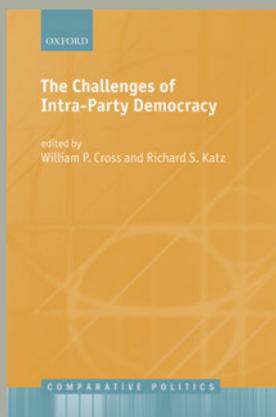
Professor Weeks will cover the temporary vacancy left by current Co-Editor Professor **Rainbow Murray** of Queen Mary, University of London, who is taking a maternity break. We wish her all the best for this exciting chapter in her life!

The *Yearbook* says goodbye to outgoing Editor **Daniele Caramani**, Co-Director of the Institute of Political Science at the University of St Gallen, Switzerland.

Professor Caramani holds a special place in ECPR memory, not just as an excellent Editor of the *EJPR PDY*, but as a dedicated local organiser of the St Gallen Joint Sessions of Workshops in 2011, and winner of the distinguished Stein Rokkan Prize in 2004.

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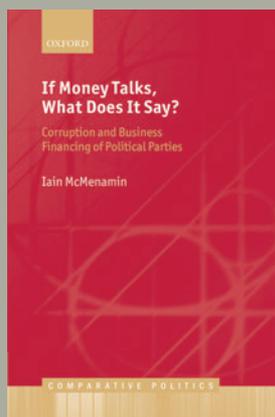
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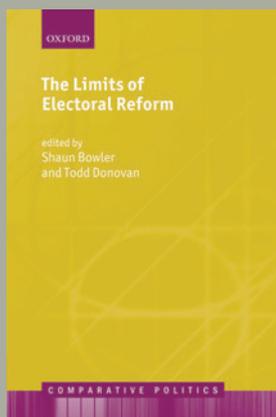
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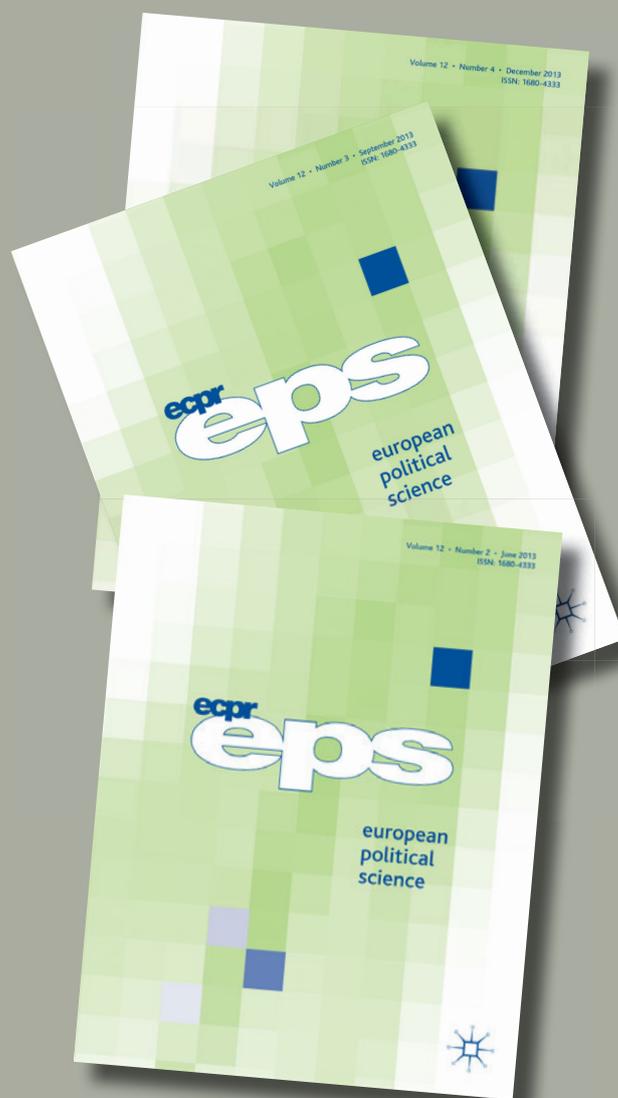
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Editorial vacancy

Co-editor, *European Political Science Review*

About the journal

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EPSR is not restricted to a particular methodology or regional focus, but is wide-ranging and broad-minded, embracing all key themes and approaches.

The journal is published by the [ECPR](#) and [Cambridge University Press](#), bringing together the experience and expertise of two leading organisations devoted to advancing political science research.

Current editors

Current editors are B Guy Peters (University of Pittsburgh), Wil Hout (International Institute of Social Sciences, Erasmus) and Alan Ware (Senior Research Associate, University College London). The editorial office is based in the Netherlands with Professor Hout.

Professor Peters' term ends on 31 December 2014, and *EPSR* therefore needs a new Co-editor from 1 January 2015. Editors' terms of employment are for three years, renewable for another three. The maximum term of service is six years.

Person specification

The ECPR is seeking a political scientist with a PhD and at least three years' professional experience in teaching or research. The successful candidate will have an international reputation and a wide range of contacts in Europe and the rest of the world, as well as a commitment to the development of *EPSR*.

The position requires significant commitment, and applicants should be prepared to be proactive in the day-to-day running of *EPSR*. In the longer term, they should also work alongside the publisher and the ECPR's Publications Board to develop the journal.

All applicants must be in the employ of an ECPR member institution. To check whether your institution holds ECPR membership, visit www.ecpr.eu/membership/currentmembers.aspx

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- evaluate submissions and send for peer review
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- take part in the professional debate about trends and standards in political science journals
- contribute to changes and innovations designed to increase the journal's reach and impact.

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Application process

Interested applicants should email their CV, plus a letter outlining ideas they have regarding the development of the journal, to the ECPR's Kate Hawkins at khawkins@essex.ac.uk. Please use this email address for any other enquiries about the post.

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Vivien A Schmidt
Professor of International Relations
and Political Science, Boston University

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Please note that all membership benefits will cease on 30 November 2013. This is particularly important if you, or a student or colleague wishes to attend the Winter School in Methods and Techniques in February or the Joint Sessions in April.

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membership spotlight

by Frédéric Mérand

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In 2014 Université de Montréal will become a Full member after having completed six consecutive years as an Associate member.

The story of the General Conference and becoming a full member began when my colleague André Blais saw the call by ECPR for hosting the General Conference.

He wrote to the Executive Committee to ask whether Université de Montréal, being based outside Europe, would be eligible. The Executive Committee agreed, so André approached me (as OR) and the department chair, Eric Montpetit.

We were both very enthusiastic and so was the university administration. In addition to the fact that Montreal is gorgeous in late August, one thing we thought would be attractive was the opportunity to organise the General Conference a few days before APSA, which will take place in San Francisco in 2015, so that European scholars who wanted could do two conferences almost for the price of one. So we applied, the ECPR agreed, we booked the rooms and now we have a local committee that is in full swing!

The ECPR General Conference will be organised by the ECPR Conference team in conjunction with the organising committee of André Blais, Frédéric Mérand, Eric Montpetit, George Ross, Christine Rothmayr and Catherine Villemer.

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We became an associate member of ECPR in 2007 when we realised that half of our faculty and many graduate students attended ECPR events on a regular basis. (www.pol.umontreal.ca)

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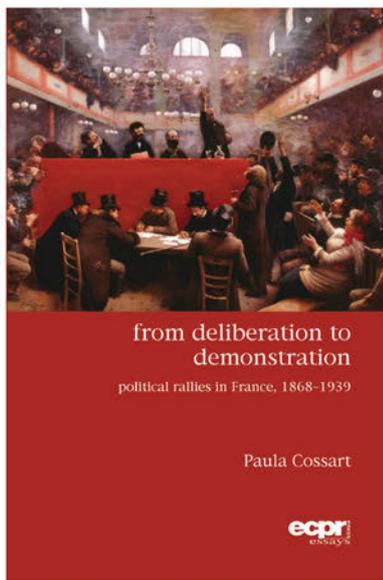
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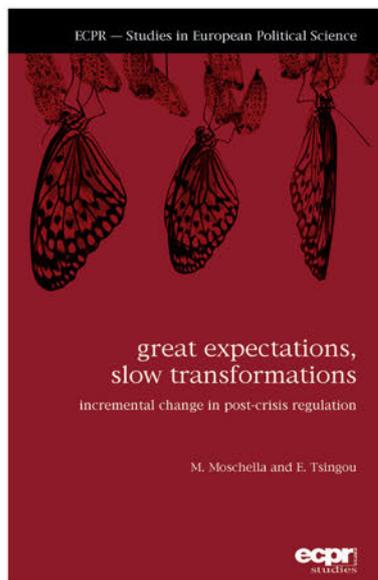
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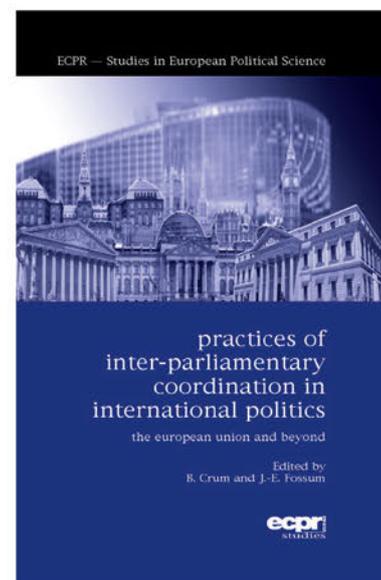
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