

39th joint sessions of workshops / st gallen

looking back to st. gallen 2011: the perspective of a local organiser

by Daniele Caramani

From the perspective of the local organisers, it was a great week! We knew that hosting the 2011 Joint Sessions of Workshops in St. Gallen was important for political science at our university as well as for our international visibility. But beyond that, welcoming over 600 friends and colleagues from all over the world was a fantastic experience. In spite of the hard work, the local organising team enjoyed the occasion very much.



Left to right: Nicole Stürm, James Davis, Elinor Ostrom, Daniele Caramani and Matthias Meyer-Schwarzenberger

The Joint Sessions was the culmination of three years of preparation coming together in one single week. Thinking back, it seems very long ago that we first applied to host the Joint Sessions; and then immediately booked as many hotel rooms as possible. At the same time, the feeling of being unprepared and late didn't quite leave us until the last minute when we put together the badges, printed coffee vouchers, and sent the programme to press. And still so many questions: what sizes do we need for the student helpers' t-shirts? Who collects the water carafes for the seminar rooms? How does one put together the stand at the train station? Along with other similar, seemingly endless, last-minute issues.

We prepared everything down to the smallest detail. Still, not everything can be controlled. The weather, for example. Days one and two were not great and it even rained. This was especially disappointing as we had just enjoyed literally weeks of sunny, warm, dry, summe-like weather, right up until the

day before! Of course, people came to take part in workshops, not to bask in the sun. And no-one could hold it against us. But we had planned the opening reception on the terrace. We wanted people to enjoy their stay as well as having a productive session, and to leave St. Gallen with a pleasant feeling about the whole experience. Unfortunately the mountain and lake excursions suffered from bad weather, but eventually it recovered and by mid-week the sun was out again. Guided city tours took place with good weather and the art tours of the university's collection were mostly indoor anyway.

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We of the local organising team cannot say whether or not the Joint Sessions in St. Gallen were a 'success'. This is for

the participants to judge and, indeed, during and after the Joint Sessions we received many compliments. This makes us proud. On a very basic level, for us success meant providing a simple, straightforward but efficient organisation. This involves good information (website and programme), easy travelling, fully equipped rooms, access to coffee and food (and, of course, enough drinks during the receptions). It involves also a friendly readiness to help. None of this requires either huge budgets nor expensive bags or gifts.

And then one needs a bit of luck. It was very fortunate that Elinor Ostrom accepted our invitation to deliver the Stein Rokkan Lecture. Among her many commitments we were lucky that she was available the week of the Joint Sessions. We were lucky to find sponsors for the three receptions, and the students' Big Band played for the opening reception even

ple academics with no experience in logistics. In a way, organising the Joint Sessions changed us. It was, let's say, 'good exercise' on day one to move all the pallets with tonnes of books from the cellar to the Book Exhibition area (wearing a tie on that day was probably a mistake). Now we know where all the recycling paper goes, why the university is always so clean, and what's behind those mysterious doors with 'no access' signs. What a complex organisation a university is!

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though it was during semester break. Sometimes we were a bit less lucky, as with the internet login problems or with many people leaving early and therefore missing the Stein Rokkan Lecture.

Organising the Joint Sessions is a daunting task. However, the staff at the ECPR's Central Services had the skills to guide and support us on our learning curve, we, after all, were sim-



I saw Nicole Stürm and Matthias Meyer-Schwarzenberger – the two persons on whom all merit for the success rests – mutate from academic beings into a half-biological, half-mechanic new species of organisational war machines. I was told that some in our team moved vacations and cancelled family meetings to help out, and that a student helper was in fact on her vacation from the double degree St. Gallen-Science Po Paris. A team of local organisers started as colleagues and ended up as friends.

What else is there to say from the perspective of the organisers? Plenty, really, and so many great little stories, like minding a baby while the parents were presenting a co-authored paper (surviving that, shows they have nothing to fear from life!). And this says it all about the perspective of the local organisers: many challenges, but so many more rewards!

Perhaps most importantly, we of the organising team looked at our own university with new eyes during the Joint



interested in hosting the joint sessions?

If your institution would like to host the Joint Sessions of Workshops (or General or Graduate Conference for that matter) the ECPR would love to hear from you.

For more information about making a proposal to be a host, or about what hosting an ECPR event entails, please contact Louise Soper (+44 (0) 1206 874963 / lhawk@essex.ac.uk) or Sandra Thompson (+44 (0) 1206 876036 / slthomp@essex.ac.uk) at the ECPR Central Services.

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Sessions. We saw, as if it were the first time, the special beauty of the campus, the amazing quality of the seminar rooms we regularly teach in and the value of the modern art that surrounds us daily in almost every corridor and amphitheatre. We experienced the friendliness of our staff in the same way in which probably participants did. We were reminded how well Switzerland is connected to Europe and the world, and how close the mountains and lakes are. We were also reminded of how privileged we are working towards furthering 'knowledge' together with interesting colleagues and young students. Our job is to acquire, pass-on and (in principle) produce knowledge in the fields we are interested in: can there a better one?

We have learned not to take all this for granted, and this lesson stays with us even now that we went back to the (never quite) 'normal' university life.

P.S. Dear next local organisers: do not think that it ends with the last day of the Joint Sessions! Now we have to pay the bills and collect the money promised by the sponsors..., and write reports..., and ship back material of the book exhibition..., and... and... and...

st gallen workshop list

1. Globalisation, Secularisation and Religion – Different States, Same Trajectories?
2. Learning in Politics and Public Policy
3. Redistribution Paradoxes: The Politics of Welfare
4. Frontiers of Deliberation
5. Why and How of Party Manifestos in New and in Established Democracies
6. Ministerial Turnover and Ministerial Career Paths in Contemporary Democracies
7. The Selection of Party Leaders. Origins, Methods and Consequences
8. Political Institutions and Political Violence
9. Patterns of Party Persistence, Decline and Disintegration
10. Effects of Participatory Innovations - Different Processes and Different Output
11. "We, the people": A New Object of Democratic Analysis
12. Migration Politics. From Politics and Policy to Citizens' and Migrants' Behaviour
13. Feminism and State Architectures: Devolution, Federalism, Regionalism and (Gender)Equality
14. 'Bringing the Individual Back in' – International Relations and the First Image
15. Differentiated Integration in Europe
16. Preferences in the European Union. Analysing the Dimensionality of Policy Areas
17. The Transformation of Global Climate Governance: Assessing Architecture, Agency and Accountability
18. Issue Congruence and Policy Responsiveness in European Governance
19. After Mediatization: How Parties and Governments Legitimise and Communicate Political Action
20. Cohesion, Dissent and Partisan Politics in European Legislatures
21. Sincerity in Ethics, Politics and International Relations
22. Off-Election Democracy – Interactions between Representatives and Represented in a Changing World
23. Voting Experiments: An Assessment of Controlled Experiments about Electoral Behaviour
24. The Political Economy of Financial Markets and Crises
25. Indigenous Politics: Mobilisation, Representation, Internationalisation



st gallen - first person

the view from a workshop participant

by Kevin Deegan-Krause

In April of this year hundreds of scholars from dozens of countries gathered in St. Gallen to improve on our common understanding of political phenomena. The unique structure of the workshops means that no one participant can capture the whole experience, but the Joint Sessions as a whole have such high scholarly value that it is important to try and convey the benefits. I will therefore use this space to talk about the workshop in which I participated and try to put it into a broader context.

Topics of workshops in St. Gallen ranged from 'Migrant Politics' to 'The Transformation of Global Climate Governance'. The workshop in which I participated covered countries ranging from Canada to Bulgaria and addressed a series of interrelated questions about how and why parties come into being, how and when they die, and how they conduct themselves in between. And in the fashion I have come to expect from ECPR workshops, it addressed those questions very well. For those who have not yet participated, the workshops offer a structure quite unlike the large ECPR General Conference that will take place in Reykjavik later this summer (or the American Political Science Association meeting shortly thereafter in Seattle). Instead of accepting individual papers or four person, two hour panels, the ECPR selects workshop directors who in turn select up to 25 participants for four days of intensive meetings on a particular, focused topic with broad significance such as 'the effect of electoral systems' or 'the EU's engagement with authoritarian regimes'. Because of the moderate number of participants, presenters get a much longer period to introduce their work—usually around 30 minutes instead of a conference's 15 minutes—and much longer to receive feedback—usually another 30 minutes with a small audience of scholars who have already read the paper and come prepared with excellent questions and comments. The workshops I have participated in have produced some of the best scholarly discussions of my life and have forced me seriously to think—and sometimes to rethink—my fundamental outlook on my research.

The workshops consistently prompt me to achieve a higher level of scholarship and help me to get there.

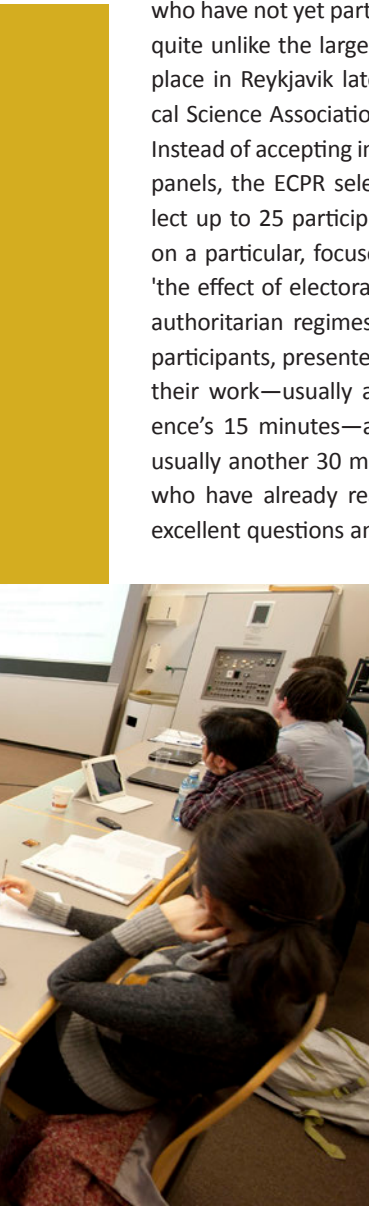
The ECPR and the workshops' host institutions and directors take good care of participants not only with such amenities as guides at the train station and excellent coffee, but also with tours, receptions and dinners that allow workshop participants to get to know one another socially and to meet participants in other

workshops. These connections are especially useful because the workshops themselves are designed to include a wide diversity of ages and national origins. As a young scholar I received an immeasurable boost from discussions with my senior colleagues in 2003. As a more advanced scholar in 2007, 2009 and 2010 I benefited not only from the experience of senior scholars but also from the methodological innovations and insights of graduate students and postdocs.

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Of the four workshops I participated in before St. Gallen, two produced edited volumes in the ECPR 'Studies in European Politics' series and the others each led to opportunities for publication and collaboration. Indeed I first met many of my favourite co-authors—and by now some of my closest friends—at the Joint Sessions. The Joint Sessions have also produced other kinds of innovative collaborative work including a new effort to compare populisms in European and Latin American and a Facebook group on populism (http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_164118476947754) that is one of the most vibrant online-academic environments I have ever encountered, a group of like-minded scholars on similar themes who share everything from their recent publications and thoughts on news events, to the YouTube videos of their favourite populist party campaign songs (and who even make translations of those songs for one another).

In addition to the Antwerp Workshops (listed on page 8) for those interested in taking the workshop efforts one step further, the ECPR has announced a 01 February 2012 deadline for those who would like to direct a workshop in Mainz in 2013. That these opportunities are highly competitive should not dissuade any potential directors: the mere act of putting together a proposal can have a positive effect on formulating concepts and building scholarly networks, and a successful workshop proposal can propel an excellent idea into the heart of scholarly debate and publication. I have already blocked out my calendar for Antwerp in 2012 and Mainz in 2013.



research sessions re-launch

key ecpr event re-starts at the EUI

by Klaus Armingeon

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. Having not taken place since 2001, they have been now re-launched, taking place in May at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence. The ECPR is extremely grateful to the EUI and its president, Josep Borrell, for hosting the Research Sessions and to Peter Mair and this team for their excellent organisation of the event.

The Research Sessions offer groups the unique opportunity to come together for three to four days in order to develop cutting-edge research projects, an opportunity there is clearly a strong demand for: when re-launching the Sessions we received nearly 50 submissions for the five places we could accommodate on this occasion. With this in mind the ECPR has to think about adapting supply to demand in the future.

the research groups

Susan Scarrow and Paul Webb directed a group (including also Ingrid van Biezen, Peter Kopecký, Thomas Poguntke and Gideon Rahat) that will develop a database of political parties. This resource will enable the research community to address key questions about the nature, functions and roles of political parties in democracies today, for example: How are parties changing and adapting to the environments in which they operate? How do they foster and/or hinder democratic development, internally and externally? To what extent and in what ways are they regulated externally and how does this impact on them as organisations and political actors?

A second group, led by Manuela Moschella and Eleni Tsingou, worked on opportunities and constraints in reshaping global economic governance (the group also included Andrew Baker, André Broome and Jens Mortensen). This team examined the empirical pattern of transformation of global economic and financial governance. Using an approach that focussed on domestic and international actors they looked at the variation in the paths of institutional change across a variety of issue areas, including the rules and arrangements that govern international financial surveillance, bank regulation, financial assistance and trade finance.

The third group (Claire Annesley, Karen Beckwith, Isabelle Engeli and Susan Franceschet) dealt with the theme of gender and executive leadership. The group focused on the following questions: What are the trends and dynamics in the feminisation of executive office? What factors facilitate women's selection, retention and deselection? In what ways are these processes gendered? Do female ministers make a difference with respect to gender equality policy outcomes? Are appointment-based systems of recruitment more favourable to women than those requiring election?

Niamh Hardiman and Sebastian Dellepiane chaired a group



(also comprising Spyros Blavoukos and George Pagoulatos) that looked at crisis responses in the European periphery. This group asked: What are the international and domestic sources of the economic crisis in the European periphery, taking account of domestic economic configurations and structural relations with other European and non-European economies? How have these countries managed their adaptation to European Monetary Union, and what are the implications of governance of the Euro for the politics of domestic monetary policy? What explains divergent responses to the crisis, mainly in relation to the choice of fiscal consolidation strategies? How are the European Union and national governments responding to these challenges?

Immigrants and their descendants as political actors in liberal democracies was the subject of a fifth group (Thomas Saalfeld, Johannes Bergh, Laura Morales, Maria Sobolewska, Jean Tillie and Andreas M. Wüst). It assessed the state of the art in the empirical study of minority representation (including important theoretical frameworks driving empirical studies), identified and prioritised research lacunae and utilised the format of the session to conduct in-depth discussions about the coordination and leadership of a number of interlinked collaborative pan-European research grant applications.

In conclusion, the research sessions in Florence can be seen as a major success, convincingly signalling the ECPR's claim to be the leading research organisation in political science in Europe. And the fact that they took place in the context of the EUI's superb and beautiful facilities, and of bright and warm Toskanian light, ensured these Research Sessions were not only fruitful, but also highly enjoyable.

For more information about the Research Sessions please contact Marcia Taylor (+44 (0) 1206 875498 mtaylor@essex.ac.uk) at the Central Services.

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other events

january: ecpr holds third capital lecture

In January the ECPR held its second Capital Lecture, this time in Rome. The idea behind the Capital Lecture Series is to bridge the gap between academia and the general public, in turn raising the profile of political science beyond the profession. This year the topic was 'Religion, Democracy and Civil Liberties', held at Luiss Guido Carli University, co-sponsored by the Italian Political Science Association (SISP) and the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Speakers were Tariq Ramadan ('Muslims and Democracy in Europe'), Joseph Maïla ('The Challenge of Policy-Making in Multi-Religious Societies'), Pasquale Ferrara ('Religion and Democracy: International, Transnational and Global Issues') and Jeffrey Haynes ('Theoretical Perspectives on the Relation between Religion, Democracy and Civil Liberties').

january: ecpr at the ecpg

The ECPR's Standing Group on Gender and Politics hosted their second European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG) in Budapest in January this year. The ECPR organised the book exhibition on behalf of the Standing Group (this is a service the can ECPR provide to all SGs that organise their own conference). The conference had a full programme of panels and roundtables, with a keynote address by Mieke Verloo and the conference dinner speech by Judith Wirth of NANE.

find us at apsa

The ECPR will once again be attending the APSA Annual Conference this year. Jacob Torfing will be chairing a panel 'Collaborative Innovation in the Public Sector: How Can Governance Networks Produce Policy Innovation?' with Eva Sørensen. The ECPR will also have a booth in the book exhibition area and will be holding its reception on the Friday evening (TBC).

february: first joint ecpr-ipsa conference - são paulo

In February the ECPR organised its first ever joint conference with the International Political Science Association (IPSA). Titled, 'Whatever Happened to the North-South?' the conference took place over three days in Brazil, hosted by the Brazilian Political Science Association (BPSA) at the University of São Paulo. Over 700 participants from across the world came together to take part in panels grouped under three themes: (1) changing patterns of international relations/regional integration; (2) political regimes, democratic consolidation and the quality of democracy; and (3) economic trends and political, social and cultural changes.

march: ecpr at the isa

The ECPR organised a panel at the International Political Science Association's (ISA) Annual Conference in Montreal in March this year. Chaired by Luciano Bardi, with Discussant Vibeke S. Tjalve, the panel was titled 'Analysing Internal Processes in EU Foreign and Defence'. Papers given were: 'The European External Action Service: The Puzzle of a Service of a New Kind' by Caterina Carta, 'Between Bargaining and Problem-Solving: Analysing the Decision-Making Dynamics of EU Foreign and Defence Policy' by Nicola Chelotti' and 'National Grand Strategy, Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) and NATO' by Luis Simon.

april: ecpr at the psa

The ECPR organised a panel at the UK's Political Studies Association (PSA) Conference in London in April. Chaired by William Maloney, the panel was titled 'Interest Group Politics: European Perspectives'. Papers given were: 'Ties That Count: Explaining Interest Group Access to Policymakers' by Jan Beyers and Calesta Braun-Poppelaars; 'When are Politicians Listening? The Role of Expertise and Reputation in Lobbying' by Patrick Bernhagen; and 'EU legitimacy and NGO Professionalization: Re-Defining NGO Representativeness' by Vanessa Butth. The ECPR also had a stand in the Book Exhibition area.

joint sessions turn 40 in antwerp

forty years of bringing the profession together in europe

The ECPR's flagship event, the Joint Sessions of Workshops, will take place for the 40th time next April in Antwerp, Belgium (10th - 15th April). Over their forty years the unique format of the Joint Sessions have brought together thousands of scholars at all stages in their careers.

The call for papers for Antwerp will go out in July this year, please check the website for more information at the time, or sign up to the Conferences email subscription list via MyECPR. Please see below for the list of Workshops.

A Council Meeting will take place in Antwerp, which will include the announcement of the new Executive Committee. All ECPR members, via their Official Representative, will be contacted in due course with details of the Council Meeting.

antwerp workshops list

1. Policy Feedback, Political Behaviour, and Democratic Citizenship in European Welfare States
2. The European Public Servant: A Shared Administrative Identity?
3. Methodological Advances, Bridges and Limits in the Application of Qualitative Comparative Analysis
4. Advancing Comparative Political Communication Research: New Frameworks, Designs and Data
5. Citizens and Public Service Performance: Demands, Responses and Changing Service Delivery Mechanisms
6. Minority Rights and Majority Rule in European Legislatures
7. Time, Temporality and Timescapes in Politics and Policy
8. Interest Group Influence in an Era of Multi-Level Governance and Mediatisation
9. Ethnicity, Territory, and Party Competition. Toward a Unified Approach
10. Perceptions of Representation: A Cross Analysis of Citizens' and MPs' Views
11. Political Animals and Animal Politics
12. The Institutions of International Society Revisited: Theory, Practice, Performativity
13. Private Military and Security Companies: Transforming Security Governance?
14. Comparing National Experiences of European Integration
15. The Partisan Effect of Electoral Systems: Studying Complex Electoral Rules
16. Conservatism, Conservative Parties and Women's Political Representation
17. Political Representation: Congruence of Interests in New Democracies
18. Process Tracing – Philosophy, Theory and Practice
19. Party Primaries in Europe. Consequences and Challenges.
20. 'Parties and Campaigning in the Digital Era'
21. Thinking Big about 'Gender Equality' Policy in the Comparative Politics of Gender
22. The Transformation of International Trade Governance
23. Economic Ideas and the Political Construction of Financial Crisis and Reform
24. The Transformation of Foreign Policy and Diplomacy
25. The Politics of Double-Standard? Revisiting the EU's Engagement with Authoritarian Regimes
26. The Politics of Labour Market Policy in Times of Austerity
27. The (Re)Configuration of Political Representation in the EU
28. International Institutions and Policy Diffusion: Sources – Mechanisms - Impact
29. Between Retribution and Restoration – Explaining the Politics of Transitional Justice
30. Re-Defining The Public



For more information and names of Workshop Directors please see the ECPR website www.ecprnet.eu



the executive committee of the ecpr

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Have you ever wondered how the ECPR manages every year to: organise a half-dozen international academic events? / publish three top-ranked journals? / put out over two dozen books through the ECPR Press and other series? / coordinate over 40 Standing Groups? / support nearly 400 institutional members? / manage a network of over 10,000 political scientists? / oversee a support staff of nearly a dozen people? / administer a yearly turnover of over a million pounds?

At the heart of the ECPR's activities and decision-making lies the Executive Committee (EC) or 12-member board of trustees that supervises the entire organisation.

Members of the EC are highly respected professionals within the discipline, eager to contribute their ideas, time and energy to developing European political science.

Service on the EC means taking on responsibility for one of the ECPR's 14 different portfolios, such as the Joint Sessions, the Summer/Winter School in Methods and Techniques, the General Conference or Standing Groups. It's an opportunity to put your mark on how these activities are run and how they can be improved. After an initial three-year term with one portfolio, members shift during their second term to a different one, including the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Meetings of the EC generally take place twice a year, at the ECPR's major academic events – the Joint Sessions and the General/Graduate Conference.

The seat on the Executive Committee is not an honorary post. It comes with work and responsibility. But it's also an important distinction to be a part of Europe's premier political science organisation with all the international exchange, professionalism and dynamism the ECPR has come to stand for.

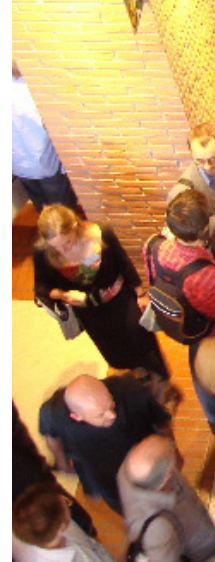
If you've been a frequent participant at ECPR events or have thought about giving something back to the organisation, consider running for the Executive Committee during our next elections slated for Fall 2011/Spring 2012.

Take a lead in the profession - contribute to building European political science through the ECPR!

For rules and procedures, see our EC elections webpage on the website www.ecprnet.eu. For information about individual portfolios or responsibilities, please feel free to contact any of the current EC members (on home page go to 'About us' then 'Executive Committee' then click on the individual member).



general conference goes annual



The General Conference is one of the ECPR's largest and most visible services to its members and the only event that through external sponsorship generates extra funds that enable the ECPR to finance, for instance, the Graduate Conference and other initiatives.

The ECPR General Conference in Reykjavik 2011 will bring together more than 2,500 political scientists across all sub-disciplines. It will certainly be the largest ECPR event to date, and the local organisers in Iceland have also confirmed that it is the largest conference to take place in Iceland. With over 4,000 paper proposals received, and space for only 2,500 papers, regrettably the Academic Convenors had to turn down many excellent proposals for no other reason than they could simply not accommodate them all. Due to the extraordinary numbers increasingly interested in the General Conference, the Executive Committee, at its recent meeting in Frankfurt, took the decision to change the ECPR General Conference to an annual conference.

Constitutional changes now enable Associate members from other regions of the world to become Full Members and therefore organise ECPR events. It is hoped that this will then produce more future hosts that can accommodate these large events.

If your institution would like to host the ECPR General Conference from 2016 onwards, or any other ECPR event (Graduate Conference, Joint Sessions of Workshops, etc), further information can be found on our website at: www.ecprnet.eu or by contacting ecpr@essex.ac.uk.

Steady increase in numbers

2001	Canterbury, Kent. 1,200 participants (which includes the International Relations conference which was held concurrently)
2003	Marburg, Germany. 900 participants
2005	Budapest, Hungary. 1,350 participants
2007	Pisa, Italy. 1,700 participants
2009	Potsdam, Germany. 2,200 participants
2011	Reykjavik, Iceland. In excess of 2,500 participants expected

reykjavik conference 2011

6th ECPR General Conference, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, 25th - 27th August, 2011

Highlights

- More than 2,500 participants will be attending; the largest ECPR Conference to date, and the largest Conference to be held in Iceland!
- Almost 450 panels have been scheduled, encompassing a very broad academic programme
- The Plenary Lecture will be given by the President of Iceland, Olafur Ragnar Grimsson – Thursday 25 August 1800-1900
- Roundtable on Small States and the Global Economic Crisis – Friday 26 August 1300-1440
- Roundtable on Globalisation and Inequality – Explaining Change in Gender and Politics – Saturday 27 August 1300-1440

The Academic Programme and Timetable are both now available on the ECPR website (www.ecprnet.eu). Registration is open and can also be done online, simply log in to MyECPR.

Conference fees are as follows:

Students: €130

Participants from ECPR Member institutions: €195

Participants from non-ECPR Member institution: €255

Travel, accommodation and excursions

Go to www.icelandexpress.com for flight and travel information, and see the ECPR website (www.ecprnet.eu) for details of the excursions being offered during the conference.



sections finalised for 4th graduate conference

The 4th ECPR Graduate Conference will take place at Jacobs University, Bremen, organised by the ECPR and BIGSSS, the joint Graduate School of Jacobs and University of Bremen. The Conference will take place between the 4th and 6th July, 2012. The list of Sections has now been released; panels and paper proposals can be submitted online via the ECPR website (www.ecprnet.eu) from the 1st September.

List of Sections

1. Comparative Politics (including African Politics, Asian Politics, American Politics, European Politics & Latin American Politics) - comparative papers within or across area studies, on any aspect of the political system
2. Comparative Regional Integration – comparative papers on examples of macro-regional integration
3. Cyber Politics – papers on the impact of the electronic media on political communication, participation, accountability, the formation of a political sphere, etc.
4. Democracy and Democratisation – theoretical and empirical papers on democracy (and the quality of democracy) and the process of democratisation
5. Electoral Politics – papers on electoral systems and reforms at whichever level of government
6. EU Politics – papers on EU integration, institutionalisation, governance, widening, deepening, etc.
7. Gender Politics – papers on the gendered aspect of politics and on gender policy
8. International Relations – theoretical and applied papers in the field of IR
9. Conflict Resolution and Peace-Building – papers on processes of conflict resolution and peace-building
10. Globalisation, Citizenship and Migration – papers on the impact of globalisation on migration flows, citizenship policies, both at a theoretical and an empirical level
11. Security Studies – papers on security broadly conceived (military, civilian, energy, environmental, etc.)
12. Law and Politics - papers on human rights protection and promotion
13. Party Politics – papers on political parties
14. Political Development – papers on the formation of political systems and on the political aspects on economic development
15. Political Economy – theoretical and empirical papers on the governing of the economy
16. Political Methodology – theoretical and applied papers with a clear methodological drive
17. Political Theory – papers on empirically grounded political theorizing and on political philosophy
18. Public Policy – all fields of public policy except economic and gender policies (covered, respectively, in the Political Economy and Gender and Politics sections)
19. Public Administration – papers on public administration and various forms of governance
20. Public Opinion & the Media – papers on the impact of public opinion and the media on the political process
21. Political Sociology – papers on social movements, advocacy coalitions, contentious politics, the social roots of political parties, etc.
22. Regionalism & Federalism – papers on micro- (or sub-state) regionalism, decentralisation, devolution, local politics as well as papers on federalism and inter-governmental relations at a theoretical and empirical level
23. Religion & Politics – the impact of religion on politics and of politics of religion

ecpr launches winter school in methods and techniques

From February 2012 the ECPR will offer additional methods training for advanced students and junior researchers through its new Winter School in Methods and Techniques, building on the success of its now well-established Summer School in Methods and Techniques.

The ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques (WSMT) will be an annual event, complementary to the ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques (SSMT), and for the same audience of advanced students and junior researchers in political science and adjacent disciplines.

The SSMT and WSMT will be integrated in many ways and will form the ECPR Schools in Methods and Techniques. The WSMT, specifically, 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. The WSMT will be held in the historic site and seaside location of Famagusta (North Cyprus), at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU).

why an additional winter school?

There is an increasing need for certified methods training of advanced students and junior researchers, and specifically for PhD students. Due to the development and increasing formalisation of graduate programs in most countries, PhD students have only limited time to gather the methods skills they need. In addition, the high level of specialisation and sophistication of methods needed for academic publications means it is increasingly difficult for single universities (even large ones) to teach the full scope of methods and to have a sufficient critical mass of students to offer a sufficient variety of courses.

This led to the creation of the SSMT in 2006 (hosted by the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia) which has been growing steadily. The programme offered at the SSMT consists of two-week intermediate-level courses for quantitative techniques and two consecutive one-week courses for qualitative techniques.

Typically, most PhD students discover their deficiencies in methods skills during the first year but need more time than that offered in the Summer School to attain a sufficient level of sophistication.

The ECPR will offer a three-step curriculum, consisting of:

Step 1: Introductory one-week courses (five days, four and a half contact hours per day) in February of the first year at the WSMT;

Step 2: Intermediate two week course (one module) or two consecutive one week courses (two modules) (10 days, three contact hours per day) in August of the first year at the SSMT;

Step 3: Advanced one-week courses (five days, four and a half contact hours per day) in February of the second year at the WSMT.

NB: for those planning to attend the 2011 SSMT: this means that they will already have the possibility to follow the « Step 2 + Step 3 » combination. The full curriculum (Step 1 + Step 2 + Step 3) will commence with the first WSMT in February 2012.

opportunities for participants

The three levels of courses can be defined in a logical sequence as follows:

- **introductory courses (level 1)** are courses that don't require prior knowledge (apart from basic Bachelor training);
- **intermediate courses (level 2)** are courses that assume basic knowledge of the topic (at the level of an introductory course)



want to know more about the ssmt or the new wsmt?

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and that bring a PhD student to the level of a methodologically sound PhD research;

- **advanced courses (level 3)** are courses bringing researchers to methodological sophistication, so as to work at the methodological frontier in their field.

The course programme at the WSMT (Steps 1 & 3) and at the SSMT (Step 2) will be designed in such a way that courses from the three levels offer much complementarity and cumulativeness. In other words, several different 'training paths' will be offered, depending on the type of specialised or more diversified qualifications the participants wish or need to acquire.

From the participants' perspective, the WSMT and the SSMT will operate together as follows: (a) after following an introductory course at the WSMT (year 1), the PhD student can then digest these skills and better prepare his/her « main course », one two week module or two one week modules (intermediate level) at the SSMT five months later; then, (b) after the SSMT, the PhD student can pursue with a more focused and advanced course at the WSMT, seven months later (year two). This will all be organised within a compact 12-months format that is still manageable for a PhD student.

Naturally, different types of trajectories will remain possible (also considering limitations in funding etc), for instance: - a junior researcher who is already quite qualified (at an intermediate level) could directly join the WSMT and follow an advanced course there;

- a PhD student who does not wish to gain advanced qualifications could limit him/herself to following an introductory course at the WSMT, and then an intermediate course at the next SSMT

certification

For those participants who need or wish to obtain ECTS Credits: the SSMT and WSMT host institutions (respectively the University of Ljubljana and the Eastern Mediterranean University) will, separately, grant ECTS Credits Certificates: up to five Credits for one SSMT participation (two-week course), and up to three ECTS Credits for one WSMT participation (one-week course);

For any participant attending more than one type of event (also over a longer period of time, e.g. over two to three years), the ECPR will issue a joint Certificate of attendance (certifying participation at the sequence of two to three events).

course format and course topics at the wsmt

All courses will be one-week intensive courses, from Monday to Friday (five days, four and a half contact hours per day, split between lecture / lab / project work, depending on the course topic).

The academic plenary programme will be limited to one evening plenary session. Apart from this, there will of course be various opportunities for participants to socialise.

funding opportunities

The ECPR offers a number of scholarships, grants and funds for members to attend its events throughout the year:

Joint Sessions Travel & Accommodation

Opens: 1st Nov 2011 / Closes on 28th Jan 2012

Joint Sessions (Professional Grant)

Opens: 8th Nov 2011 / Closes: 28th Jan 2012

Scholarship Oxford Spring School

Opens 3rd Nov 2011 / Closes 7th Feb 2012

Scholarship Oxford SS Short Courses

Opens: 1st Dec 2011 / Closes 7th Feb 2012

Scholarship Cologne Spring School

Opens: 3rd Nov 2011 / Closes 31st Jan 2012

Scholarship ECPR Summer School (Ljubljana)

Opens: 1st Feb 2012 / Closes: April 1st 2012

Scholarship Lille Summer School

Opens: Feb 1st 2012 / Closes: April 29th 2012

Travel & Accommodation ECPR Summer School (Ljubljana)

Opens: March 1st 2012 / Closes: June 1st 2012

Travel & Accommodation General Conference

Opens: May 2nd 2012 / Closes: July 1st 2012

Travel & Accommodation Standing Groups Summer Schools

Opens: March 1st / Closes: June 1st

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three prizes awarded in st gallen

hans daalder prize

The winner of the 2010 Daalder prize was Rahul Prabhakar, for his outstanding paper 'Globalised Finance and National Regulation', presented at the 2010 Graduate Conference in Dublin.

In recognition of Hans Daalder, one of the founders of the ECPR, the Consortium instituted the Daalder prize, awarded for an outstanding paper presented at the ECPR Graduate Conference.

Rahul Prabhakar is a second-year MPhil student in International Relations and Clarendon Scholar at the University of Oxford. He earned an AB in Government magna cum laude from Harvard University in June 2009, and graduated as a John Harvard Scholar (top 5% of class) and member of Phi Beta Kappa. His research interests are in the politics of international finance and global regulatory cooperation, and he hopes to begin his doctoral studies in autumn 2011.

The Prize was presented by Simona Piattoni (member of the ECPR Executive Committee) at the 2011 Joint Sessions in St Gallen.

jean blondel phd prize

The 2010 Jean Blondel PhD Prize in 2010 was awarded to Paul Gill, University College Dublin for his dissertation on 'The Dynamics of Suicide Bombing in Campaigns of Political Violence'.

Named after one of the founders of the ECPR, Jean Blondel, the Prize is awarded every year for an outstanding thesis submitted to an ECPR member institution.

The jury of the prize considered this dissertation to be well written, engaging and appealing to a wide audience with an innovative approach, connecting different areas of political research, and based on solid empirical evidence.

Paul Gill is now Postdoctoral Fellow at the International Center for the Study of Terrorism (ICST) at Pennsylvania State University. He is the project manager of ICST's research on the human and social dynamics of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

The Prize was presented to Dr Gill at the Joint Sessions of Workshops in St Gallen by ECPR Press Co-Editor, Dario Castiglione.

rudolf wildenmann prize

The 2010 Rudolf Wildenmann Prize was awarded to Abel Escribà-Folch, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, for his paper "Authoritarian Responses to Foreign Pressure: Spending, Repression and Sanctions".

In acknowledging Rudolf Wildenmann's lasting contribution to the ECPR, the Executive Committee decided in 1997 to donate this prize which is annually awarded to a young colleague (within five years of receiving their Ph.D.) for an outstanding paper presented at the Joint Sessions of Workshops. From 2011 onwards this can be a co-authored paper provided all co-authors are under 35 years of age.

The Wildenmann Prize was presented by André Kaiser (Member of the ECPR Executive Committee and Chair of Wildenmann Prize Board) at the Joint Sessions of Workshops in St Gallen.

Top left: Rahul Prabhakar and Siomona Piattoni; bottom left: Paul Gill and Dario Castiglione; right: Abel Escribà-Folch and André Kaiser



ecpr prizes

In recognition of the contributions made to all areas of European political science, the ECPR sponsors eight prizes each year. These prizes cover a wide spectrum of achievement, from the Jean Blondel PhD Prize awarded for the most outstanding thesis at an ECPR institution, to the Lifetime Achievement Award, presented to those individuals' whose work has contributed significantly to the furtherment of the discipline.

The ECPR sponsors the following prizes:

Cora Maas Award

The Cora Maas Award is given for the best teaching assistant at the ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques.

Dirk Berg-Schlosser Award

The Dirk Berg-Schlosser Award is given for the best participant poster in the poster session at the ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques.

ECPR Lifetime Achievement Award

This prize is awarded on a biennial basis to a scholar who has made an outstanding contribution to European political science.

Hans Daalder Prize

The Hans Daalder Prize is awarded for the best paper presented at the ECPR Graduate Conference.

Jean Blondel PhD Prize

This annual prize is for the best PhD thesis in politics awarded to an individual from a full ECPR member institution.

Mattei Dogan Foundation Prize

The Fondation Mattei Dogan Prize in European Political Sociology is awarded by the ECPR to a scholar (or group of scholars) who has produced a major contribution to the advancement of political sociology.

Stein Rokkan Prize

The Stein Rokkan Prize for Comparative Social Science Research is awarded by the International Social Science Council upon the recommendation of an independent jury set up by the ECPR.

Wildenmann Prize

The Wildenmann prize is awarded to the presenter of the best paper at the annual ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops.



ECPR Press takes on 'Studies in European Political Science' series

The ECPR Press is delighted to announce that from spring 2011 it will begin publishing the book series of the Joint Sessions of Workshops: Studies in European Political Science (SEPS).

Previously published by Routledge, the SEPS series has now been brought under the ECPR's own publishing imprint, ECPR Press, where it will compliment the Press's two other, well established, series, ECPR Classics and ECPR Monographs, and the newer Essays series.

Workshop Directors (including those from Münster) interested in publishing within the series should contact either Series Editor, Dario Castiglione (d.castiglione@exeter.ac.uk) or ECPR Press Manager, Mark Kench (mkench@essex.ac.uk).

from little acorns...

...the budding oak called eps

by Martin Bull

In 2011 *European Political Science (EPS)* the professional journal of the ECPR marks its tenth birthday. Starting life as *ECPR News*, the journal became *EPS* in 2001. Initially produced in-house by a team at the Central Services, *EPS* is now published by Palgrave Macmillan and this summer will see its inclusion in the Social Science Citation Index.

It was 1995. My office door was, as usual, open. I sensed a presence and turned to see the familiar shape of Mike Goldsmith standing in the doorway. As was custom with Mike's visits to his staff in those days, I got up, walked over and stood near the door. That's the way he preferred to conduct his meetings. Was I aware of the *ECPR News Bulletin*? You mean that two page thing that occasionally lands in the pigeon holes? Yes, that's it. Well the ECPR wants to take it further. Further in what way? In the way of developing a proper Newsletter. And? And we were discussing who might take it forward, and your name was mentioned, or rather I mentioned your name...

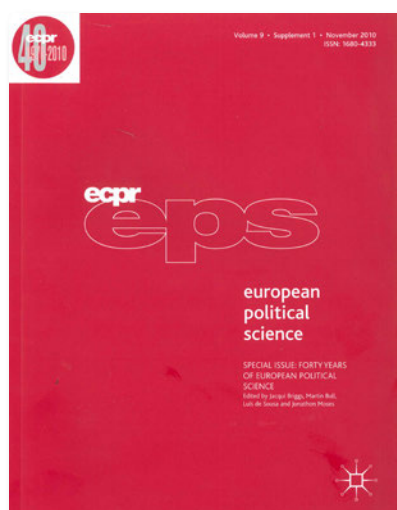
It was an uphill struggle, with, I would have said, a 75% rejection rate: i.e. authors rejecting us.

Of course, I accepted, not realising just how difficult the task would be. Since I was free to do what I wanted, I decided the best option was to create an Editorial Board entirely from within Salford, where we could hold regular meetings and discuss commissioning. We discussed what we should be aiming at, but at that stage it was a matter of seeing whether authors would be interested in writing for us, which would have little standing in research terms and would simply cost them in time. It was an uphill struggle, with, I would have said, a 75%

rejection rate: i.e. authors rejecting us. But we persisted, and unlocked a door that helped us improve on this rejection rate, by establishing 'common series' across issues, thus allowing us to provide a 'model article' as an example for a prospective author (e.g. 'The State of Political Science in...'). Each member of the Editorial Board was set commissioning targets, on which he had to report at the next meeting. Slowly, it gained ground, and slowly we witnessed a growth in interest on the part of prospective authors, and slowly there was a change in the approach to the Newsletter: fewer pieces which were simply self-promoting (of departments or whatever) and more that were reflective and engaged with others in debate.

I had agreed to edit the Newsletter for three years, and at the end of that period in 1998 I recommended that my colleague Jim Newell take over. He did and I stayed on the Editorial Board. The Newsletter's progress accelerated, and by the end of Jim's stint as Editor in 2001, the ECPR was able to transform it into a proper in-house publication and journal of the profession, titled *European Political Science (EPS)*. Jim Newell was the first editor, joined subsequently by Martin Rhodes of the EUI, with financial support from that institution.

Although I did not figure on the Editorial Board of *EPS*, within a couple of years the journal was my concern again, when, as a member of the ECPR's Executive Committee (elected in 2003) and Chair of the Publications Board, we took the decision, based on success of the new journal in establishing



marking 40 years of political science and ten years of eps

To mark the 40th anniversary of the ECPR as special issue of *EPS* was published looking back over 40 years of political science in Europe. With contributions from Jean Blondel, Hans Daalder, Mike Goldsmith and Donatella della Porta to name a few, the 'ruby red' issue was a fitting way to mark both the ECPR's birthday in 2010 and *EPS*'s in 2011. At the end of 2010, the Reviews issue of *EPS* published the cumulative indices of all articles published in *EPS* to date; a rich and valuable resource for any political scientist.

Both issues are available free of charge online for all ECPR members, both through the library and through the ECPR website (in PDF format); a hard copy of each issue is also sent to every member institution.

itself, to put the journal out to tender for a commercial publisher, with Palgrave eventually being chosen. Then in 2006, on being appointed Academic Director of the ECPR, I found myself back in the position of Editor, replacing Martin Rhodes whose term of office was up, and working alongside Jim Newell again. Meanwhile, the ECPR launched a fourth yearly issue of the journal, an annual *Reviews Issue* and appointed Peter Kennealy of the EUI as Reviews Editor, thus preserving the support of that institution. Jim, Peter and I worked together for the next three years, until Jim's (extended) tenure finished in 2009, and he was then replaced with three Editors, Luis De Sousa, Jonathon Moses and Jacqui Briggs.

The history of *EPS* is marked by a distinctive triangle of support: ECPR-Salford-EUI. The journal is now a genuine and thriving journal of the profession, unconventional in nature, with a strong copy flow and a wide range of subject matter. The journal's acceptance into Thomson's Social Science Ci-

tation Index in 2009 is a crowning achievement of over ten years work by everybody involved.

The achievement has not just involved innovation and drive but also, I would say, the ability to exploit a prescient initiative of the ECPR in launching a process of growth back in 1995. The editors were in a position to tap into a latent and then growing demand from academics to read and write about subjects and issues beyond the narrow confines of their own research. Political science as a discipline is old enough and mature enough to warrant reflection and debate on all its aspects, from research, to teaching, to careers and other professional matters. And that is what political scientists are now increasingly doing. Consequently, *EPS* has gone from acorn to sapling to budding oak. It is now a fixed part of the European political science community and the central reference point for debates about the discipline's current state and future prospects.

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To submit an article to *EPS* please send it to Mary Cenci, eps@ecprnet.eu.



new publishing agreement and editors for the ejpr

The ECPR is delighted to announce that it has recently (in St Gallen) signed a new six-year agreement for Wiley-Blackwell to publish its flagship journal, the *European Journal of Political Research (EJPR)*. This continues a highly successful publishing partnership which has seen *EJPR* become one of the highest ranked journals of political science.

In April this year *Political Data Yearbook (PDY)* Co-Editor Tim Bale stood down from his post after five years. Professor

Bale made a significant contribution to the Yearbook, which is a unique and invaluable resource for the profession. Two new editors were appointed in St Gallen to replace Professor Bale: Kevin Deegan-Krause and Rainbow Murray. 2011 will see a great deal of work taking place on the *PDY*, developing it into a fully interactive, downloadable online resource for launch in 2012, hence the appointment of two editors to replace Tim Bale and join continuing editor Daniele Caramani.

new and outgoing editors



The ECPR would like to thank Tim Bale (far left) for his contribution to the *Political Data Yearbook* over the past five years, and welcome two new editors to the journal: Rainbow Murray and Kevin Deegan-Krause



To submit an article to *EJPR* please go to: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ejpr>

ecpr press takes on 'joint sessions series'

The ECPR Press had an extraordinarily active 2010 that saw sales and the number of titles published expand dramatically. This trend continues into 2011 with the launch of the new Essays series and the acquisition of the Studies in European Political Science series.

In 2010 the new Essays series was created, which comprises both volumes of essays about specific issues in political science as well as single and co-authored collections of essays. The first title from this series, *Just Democracy: The Rawls-Machiavelli Programme*, by Phillippe Van Parijs, was published in May 2011.

The Press is also delighted to announce that the ECPR's longest running series, Studies in European Political Science (previously published by Routledge) has now been incorporated into the ECPR Press. The response to the news has been excellent – the first ECPR Press titles for the series, which primarily publishes the product of successful workshops taking place at the ECPR's Joint Sessions, will be published later in the year. The Press has undergone some major changes in the last eighteen months that has enabled it to grow rapidly. New technologies have been introduced to manage, set and print the books in greatly reduced time frames whilst improving the unit cost, thus enabling the Press to offer its books to ECPR members at very attractive prices. It has also greatly improved distribution and stock control; whilst many online orders are still handled from the ECPR's Central Services, enabling same day despatch to the customer, much of the trade orders are now handled via UK and US distributors and from June 2011 ECPR Press books will also be distributed in Australia.

Visibility through library sales is important to all authors (and publishers)...

A good deal of work has also been put into the website, (www.ecprnet.eu/ecprpress) which continues to grow both in content and features. The website has been developed with the aim of being very simple to use so customers can find books by browsing each series or by subject matter or text search by title, author or ISBN. Enhanced content such as full tables of contents and sample pages for each book provides the opportunity to browse before buying. And if you sign up for the 'ECPR Publications' email list in MyECPR (www.ecprnet.eu/my-ecpr) you will be able to receive advanced access to chapters



from books before they are published as well as receive exclusive MyECPR promotions on both ECPR Press books and those published in the Comparative Politics series (with OUP) and the Research Methods series (with Palgrave Macmillan).

Visibility through library sales is important to all authors (and publishers) so the ECPR Press has established standing orders in the USA for all books published by the Press through its distributor Columbia University Press and in Europe it has built up good relationships with the major library consortiums' suppliers. The Press will also soon be providing libraries with electronic versions of its titles.



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'essays' book launch at the belgian embassy

The ECPR Press has inaugurated its new Essays Series with the publication of Philippe Van Parijs, *Just Democracy: The Rawls-Machiavelli Programme*, which was launched at the Belgian Embassy on the 6th June.



Programme, where the Rawls *The Theory of Justice* provides the inspiration for a liberal-egalitarian conception of justice and the Machiavelli of the *Discourses* offers a model for thinking imaginatively about democratic institutional design. Van Parijs's conception of democracy is therefore 'thin' and mainly instrumental, though qualified by a substantive respect for human dignity, of which governing oneself constitutes a part. *Just Democracy* comprises a series of provocative and timely essays, in which Van Parijs explores what creating a just democratic political system would involve in order to tackle such issues as intergenerational justice, multiculturalism and linguistic diversity. In these essays, he illustrates his arguments with examples drawn from the European Union and his native Belgium.

Just Democracy argues that the purpose of democracy is to promote justice – we need not just democracy [...], but a just democracy: a series of democratic institutions and policies aimed to bring about a just society.

The book was launched at a presentation co-organised by the Belgian Embassy in London and the European Institute of University College London. The event was chaired by the Belgian Ambassador in London, H.E. Ambassador Johan Verbeke.

Philippe van Parijs is one of the world's leading political philosophers in the analytic tradition. Since its creation in 1991, he is the Hoover Chair of economic and social ethics at the Faculty of economic, social and political sciences of the Catholic University of Louvain (UCL); and also a Visiting Professor at Harvard University. In 2001, he was awarded the Francqui Prize, one of Belgium's most prestigious scientific prize. He has published extensively on issues of justice and democracy, including *Real Freedom for All* (1995), and the forthcoming *Linguistic Justice for Europe and for the World* (2011).

Just Democracy: The Rawls-Machiavelli Programme argues that the purpose of democracy is to promote justice – we need not just democracy (in the sense of unqualified democracy), but a just democracy: a series of democratic institutions and policies aimed to bring about a just society. This is the sense that Van Parijs gives to his 'Rawls-Machiavelli

After van Parijs's introduction, the UCL Professors Veronique Munoz-Dardé (Philosophy) Albert Weale (Political Science), and Richard Bellamy (Political Science and Director of the European Institute) discussed particular aspects of the book. During the debate, others from the audience asked a number of specific questions on some of the political proposals underlying Van Parijs's conception of 'just democracy', or questioned whether a 'thicker' and more value-based justification of democracy was possible. In his reply to the questions and criticisms, Van Parijs defended once again his own view that what is required is not 'more' democracy, but the design of a democratic structure of collective decision that supports 'a conception of justice defensible before all.' Even though he accepted that there may be different views on what such a conception of justice may entail, he strongly believed that political philosophers should put forward their views in the public debate and propose the more appropriate institutional means through which social justice can be obtained.

For more information about the book, or to order your copy please see the website www.ecprnet.eu.

'comparative politics' comes of age

In 1990 the ECPR launched its longest-standing book series, Comparative Politics, published in collaboration with Oxford University Press (OUP). Twenty one years on, the series continues to go from strength to strength, publishing cutting-edge research.

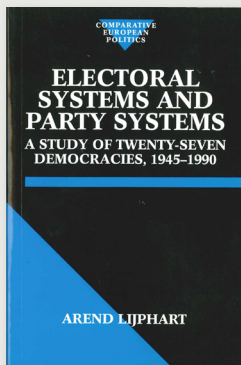
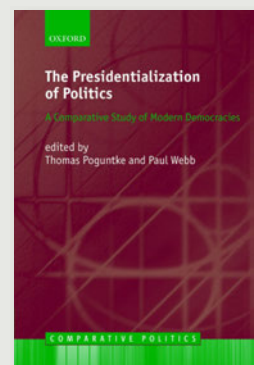
This autumn, as a celebration of this achievement the ECPR and OUP will 're-launch' the series, reminding the profession of some of the key texts published to date and providing special offers to the ECPR membership. Here are some of the highlights from the series to date:



The Presidentialization of Politics A Comparative Study of Modern Democracies Edited by Thomas Poguntke and Paul Webb

Leading experts come together to examine the changing role of political parties and political leadership in fourteen modern democracies.

A remarkably cohesive analysis of a key recent political phenomenon.



Electoral Systems and Party Systems A Study of Twenty-Seven Democracies, 1945-1990 Arend Lijphart

A systematic and comprehensive study of the electoral systems used by 27 democracies, including those of Western Europe, Australia, Canada, the USA, India, and Japan. It is the definitive treatment of the subject to date. Its unique information and analysis make it essential reading for all those working in the field.

This book recently won the 2010 American Political Science Association George H. Hallet Award.



Parties Without Partisans Political Change in Advanced Industrial Democracies Edited by Russell J. Dalton and Martin P. Wattenberg

This book provides the most comprehensive analysis to date of the roles that political parties perform in 20 OECD nations. It finds that parties continue to exercise their traditional roles in organising elections and structuring the government process, but they are losing the allegiance of a public that is increasingly non-partisan and sceptical about political parties as institutions. These findings lead to a discussion about the changing nature of representative democracy as these nations enter the 21st Century.

This is a major statement from one of the world's leading writers on the attitude, behaviour and role of the democratic citizen.



To propose a book for the series please contact the series editors: David Farrell (david.farrell@ucd.ie), Dirk Berg-Schlosser (bergschl@staff.uni-marburg.de) and Ken Carty (kcarty@interchange.ubc.ca)

preaching to the converted

why johns hopkins university decided to convert to full members

by Richard Katz (Johns Hopkins OR)

From October 2010 those Associate Members (institutions from outside of Europe) who have been members of the ECPR for six (continuous) years have been able to convert to Full Member status, enjoying the same privileges as their European counterparts.

I first attended an ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshop in Florence in 1980, and, indeed, that was the first time I became fully aware of ECPR's existence. Although I was relatively new to the profession, I recognised that the Joint Sessions were head-and-shoulders above any large American conference in intellectual content (20 people who were all working in the same area having read and discussing one another's papers over the course of several days versus a few people presenting papers that no one had read beyond one or two discussants to an audience that might well be outnumbered by the panel - and after 100 minutes going on to something else). The Joint Sessions also seemed ideal for building networks that spanned generations (scholars from the very senior to Ph.D. students working on an equal footing in a workshop as authors, discussants, and critics). I was hooked, and since then I have been to more than 25 Joint Sessions - which continue to be the discipline's best 'general purpose' conference.

Johns Hopkins promptly became the first Associate Member.

In 1980, the ECPR had a grant from the Ford Foundation that subsidised participation by Americans. With the end of that grant, and an obvious problem of free riders, ECPR decided to restrict non-member participation, but also to create a category of 'Associate Members'. Johns Hopkins promptly became the first Associate Member.

For Hopkins, Associate Membership had both real and symbolic benefits. In concrete terms, it allowed our faculty and students to participate in ECPR activities as insiders - not subject, for example, to the limit on non-member participation in workshops. Although Associate Members could not direct workshops without a Full Member 'minder', we could co-direct workshops. We could hold editorships and participate in standing groups. We could make use of the ECPR communications network to recruit. Symbolically, Associate Membership was a visible token of our commitment to the idea that the most appropriate intellectual community for Americans studying Europe is Europeans studying Europe, and of our self-perception, and desire to be perceived by others, as a global university notwithstanding our small size.

Associate membership was good for us - or at

least the best available option - but it still left us as 'second class citizens' (or perhaps more accurately as 'resident aliens'). When the ECPR constitution was amended to allow [all Associate Member, including] American universities to become full members, we were quick to take the opportunity. As with becoming an Associate Member, the decision was both practical and symbolic. Full membership also makes our graduate students eligible for travel subsidies, allows us to direct workshops on our own, and entitles us to participate in determining the future of the ECPR. As a strictly economic decision, full membership probably will not pay for itself, but as long-time beneficiaries of ECPR's existence, we believe that we ought to pay our fair share of the costs. To the extent that we do participate in the governance of the ECPR, full membership also furthers our desire to be seen as a serious participant in the international community of Political Science.

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the 'or': the key to the ecpr's success

the 'official representative' and why the role is so important

by Manuel Sanchez de Dios

Because membership to the Consortium is institutional, the ECPR asks that each member nominate an Official Representative (OR) to act as the liaison between the two parties. The role of the OR is incredibly important to the running of the ECPR for a great number of reasons.

There are two main functions of the Official Representative: representation of their institution to the ECPR and representation of the ECPR to their institution. Both of these can be achieved with the support from, and regular communication with, the Central Services and Executive Committee of the ECPR.

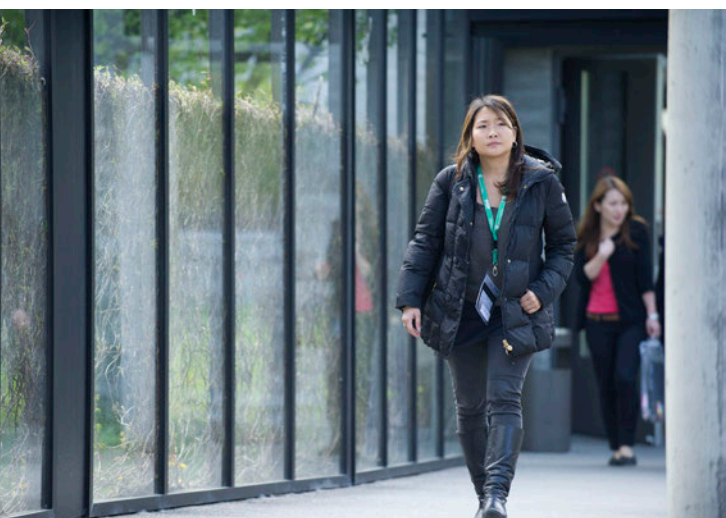
Part of the first function of representing their institution to the ECPR is to sit on the ECPR Council (the Council is comprised of the OR from each member institution). Every OR has the right and the obligation to participate, whenever possible, in the sessions of the Council. ORs can propose motions, take part in the decision-making process and have the right to vote (Full Members only). If ORs cannot attend a Council Meeting they can designate an Alternate from their institution to take their place. An OR can also propose, together with a third of members of the Consortium, a special Council meeting.

Another principal activity of the Official Representatives (in the form of the Council) is to elect the 12 members of the Executive Committee that oversees the day-to-day running and long term strategy of the ECPR. Every three years elections take place in which ORs participate in two different steps: the endorsement of candidates and the final vote. As set out by the electoral rules of the ECPR, once the period of nominations for the Executive Committee has closed (six members every three years), ECPR Official Representatives (from Full Member institutions) are asked during a period of 30 days to endorse candidates for the final ballot; they may endorse up to three nominees. Once the final ballot of candidates has been determined, all (Full Member) ORs are asked to vote for their

preferred candidates (up to six) during a period of 30 days.

The second function of the OR (representation of the ECPR to their institution) is to keep their colleagues well informed about all ECPR activities, events and benefits of membership, in particular ensuring information reaches young scholars and researchers. (See opposite for a full breakdown of all benefits of membership.) With the launch of MyECPR (an online function via the ECPR website www.ecprnet.eu/myecpr) the ECPR has created a way of producing engagement and regular communication between individuals in each member institution and the ECPR, thus making the job of the OR less onerous. Individuals can create their own MyECPR account to apply for and track panel and paper proposals and funding applications, view special 'members-only' content (such as PDFs of *EPS* and sample chapters of ECPR Press books) and to stay abreast of all ECPR news, deadlines and special offers. ORs have more privileges through their own MyECPR account, where they can handle the administration of their institution's membership online (including payment of annual membership fee, for which they are responsible).

There are two main functions of the Official Representative: representation of their institution to the ECPR and representation of the ECPR to their institution.



Supporting the OR in their role is the ECPR Central Services (and in particular the membership coordinator, Emma King eking@essex.ac.uk). Establishing regular communication with the ECPR via both the Central Services and the Executive Committee or Academic Director can help the member institution gain the most from its membership. As the main point of contact, the OR will receive all formal communications from the ECPR and are therefore requested to disseminate these throughout their university as and when required. ORs are also encouraged to make the ECPR aware of any problems they or their colleagues have experienced with it.

The mantra of 'the institution pays and the individual gains' is central to the ECPR. In many cases member institutions can actually receive more money back from the ECPR in grants, scholarships, funding and fee reductions than their membership costs, but this relies upon every individual within a member institution (that wants to be) being able to access the benefits and services offered. And this is a key role of the OR and one that benefits all parties: the individual, the institution and the ECPR.

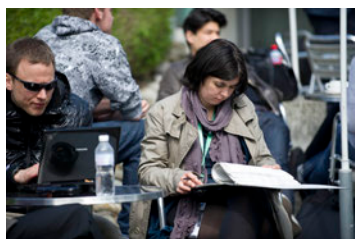
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report from the meeting of council

15 april 2011, st. gallen

On April 15, the Council of the ECPR held an extraordinary session, called by the Executive Committee, to discuss among other things a set of constitutional reform proposals aimed at reorganising the governance structure of the organisation. In part, these reform proposals were motivated by the staffing issues in Central Services during 2010, which resulted in the tabling of Motions by four Official Representatives who were critical of the Executive Committee's management of these issues.

The three main outcomes of this meeting were: first, a rejection of any further review of the staffing events of 2010 than that already conducted by the Executive Committee itself, thus drawing a definitive line under those events; second, the establishment of a Committee of Three ORs to look into 'how situations of this type can be avoided in the future', with its terms of reference specifically precluding making any judgements on the staffing events of 2010; third, the deferral of consideration of the Executive Committee's proposals for constitutional reform until Antwerp.

Under Chair's Welcome, an attempt by David McKay (Essex) to replace Luciano Bardi (Chair of the Executive Committee) with Dirk Berg-Schlosser (Marburg) as chair of the Council meeting was defeated by a show of hands. Under Matters Arising Richard Katz (Johns Hopkins) proposed a Motion aimed at moving forward from the conflicting viewpoints that had been aired over the staffing issues at Central Services in 2010. His Motion read: 'A Committee of three members of Council, who are not current members of the Executive Committee and not signatories of the Motions proposed concerning the personnel issues in Central Services over the last 18 months, is to be elected by the Council. The Committee is to make recommendations concerning how situations of this type can be avoided in the future, but its terms of reference specifically preclude making judgements concerning the events that generated the controversy. The report of the Committee is to be presented to the Council.' After discussion, the Motion was passed by a show of hands.

After presentation and discussion of the Activities Report, the Finance Report and the Staffing Report, it was proposed by John Doyle (Dublin City University) to drop the 'Items Raised by Members' from the Agenda, in the light of the earlier approval of Richard Katz's Motion. During the discussion Kenneth Newton (Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin) announced the withdrawal of the Motions he had presented with Jan Sundberg (Helsinki), but requested that Council still debate and vote on the Motion forwarded by Wyn

Grant (Warwick) and Klaus Goetz (Potsdam) calling for an independent review into the staffing events of 2010. Professor Goetz echoed this view. Council voted by 41 to 32 not to discuss the remaining Motion, and Agenda Item 8 was formally dropped in its entirety from the Agenda.

Pippa Norris (Harvard) presented a Motion calling for Agenda Item 9 (Governance Review Group Report and Constitutional Amendment Proposals) to be deferred until next Council meeting in Antwerp (2012) in the light of: the lack of time, the serious nature of the governance proposals and the need for Council to await the deliberations of the Committee of Three. This Motion was approved by a show of hands.

Subsequent to the meeting, the Executive Committee set up the system of nominations to the Committee of Three and three nominations were received by the deadline: Richard Katz, Lars Johanssen and Ferdinand Mueller-Rommel. The Committee of Three will commence its work at the Reykjavik General Conference in August.



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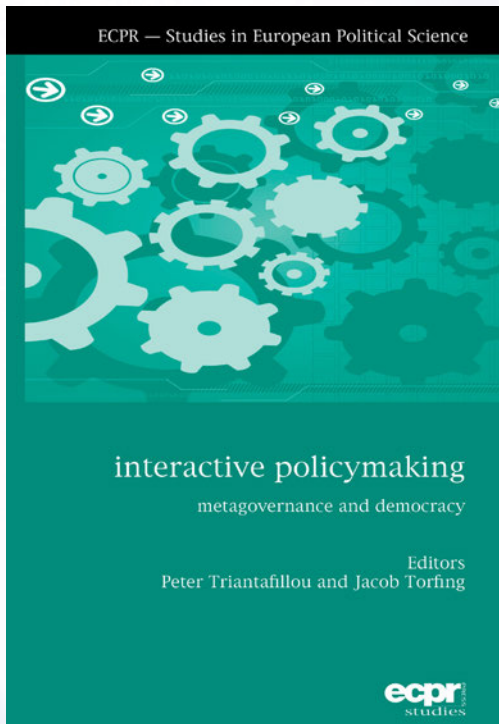


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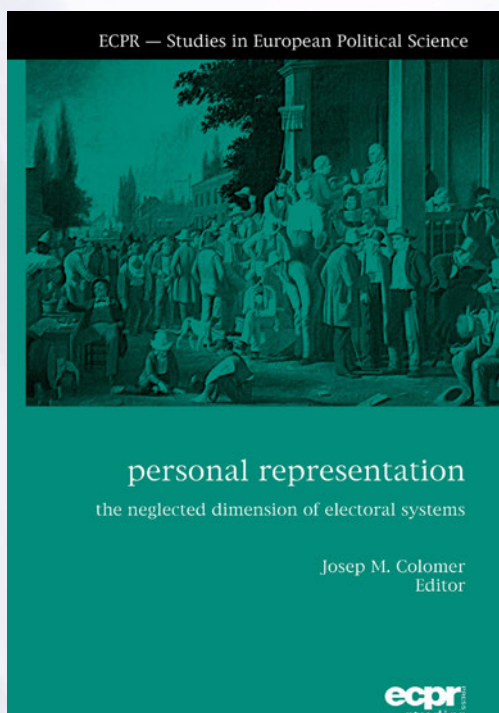
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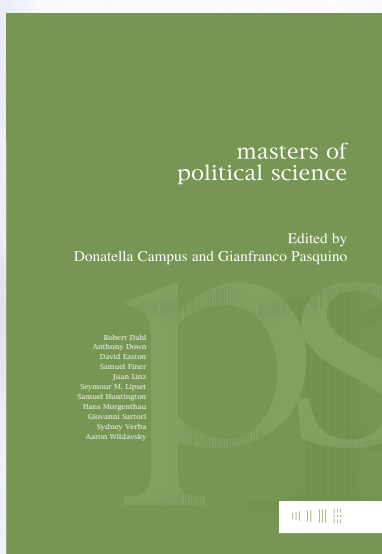
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