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# all change on the ec

The Antwerp Joint Sessions saw the six-year terms of half of the Executive Committee (EC) coming to an end, amongst them the ECPR Chair, Luciano Bardi. Alongside Luciano, Klaus Armingeon, Eileen Connolly, Danica Fink-Hafner, William Maloney, Vello Pettai and Jacob Torfing all completed their terms of office. (Although he had only served three years of his term, Manuel Sanchez de Dios was required to re-stand for election since he was co-opted on to the EC in 2009.) The ECPR would therefore like to extend its thanks to all these individuals for their hard work and commitment during their time on the EC.

From 1 November 2011 to 15 March 2012, the ECPR conducted a three-stage process to elect new members to the EC. This comprised a nomination stage, where all individuals from Full ECPR Member institutions were invited to stand for election; an endorsement stage, where all Official Representatives (ORs) from Full Member institutions were asked to endorse up to three candidates to go forward to the final ballot; and the ballot itself, where all ORs from Full Member institutions were asked to vote for between three and six candidates.

On 15 March, the voting period was concluded. The winners, as verified by the Senior Returning Officer, David Farrell, were (in alphabetical order) as follows:

Rudy ANDEWEG	Universiteit Leiden
Klaus GOETZ	Universität Potsdam
Olafur Þ. HARDARSON	University of Iceland
Knud Erik JORGENSEN	Aarhus Universitet
Richard KATZ	Johns Hopkins University
Pippa NORRIS	Harvard University
Manuel SANCHEZ DE DIOS	Universidad Complutense de Madrid
Luca VERZICHELLI	Università Degli Studi di Siena

Not elected (in alphabetical order) were:

Luis DE SOUSA	Universidade de Lisboa Instituto de Ciencias Sociais
Mary FARRELL	University of Greenwich
Fiona MACKAY	University of Edinburgh
Johannes POLLAK	Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna
Birgit SAUER	University of Vienna
Nicolas SAUGER	Foundation Nationale des Sciences Politiques



Following this, at the Joint Sessions in Antwerp, the new EC was confirmed and met for the first time. In its first act, the EC elected Simona Piattoni to be Chair of the ECPR for the period 2012-2015. This is the first time in its forty-two year history that the ECPR has elected a female Chair.

The new Executive Committee had a first introductory meeting in Antwerp, and on the 11 and 12 June met at the Central Services offices at the University of Essex for an Induction Day with the Academic Director, Martin Bull, and all Central Services members of staff. At this meeting the

portfolio allocations for each member were confirmed and are listed on the opposite page.

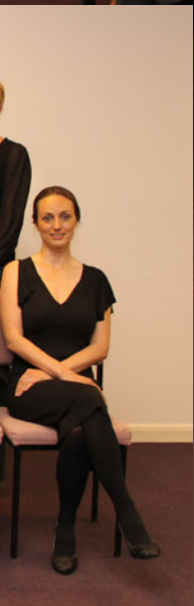
Unfortunately, Pippa Norris resigned her position on the Executive Committee within two months of the election for reasons of time and distance.

Birgit Sauer (pictured right) has since been co-opted onto the EC to take her place.





Above: ECPR Executive Committee 2012-15 at the Induction Day at the Central Services in June. Back row (L-R): Jonas Tallberg, Klaus Goetz, André Kaiser, Ólafur Þ. Harðarson, Knud Erik Jorgensen and Niilo Kauppi. Front row (L-R): Manuel Sanchez De Dios, Richard Katz, Simona Piattoni (Chair), Rudy Andeweg and Luca Verzichelli. Inset, ECPR Central Services also at Induction. Back row (L-R): Mark Kench, Matt Cole, Ben Demes; Middle row (L-R) Jenna Barnard, Sandra Thompspon, Emma King, Laura Pugh; Front row (L-R) Sharleni Inbanathan, Denise Chapman, Martin Bull (Academic Director) Marcia Taylor and Louise Soper (not shown: Rebecca Gethen, Sarah Goodman and Collette Shepherd.)



## executive committee portfolio responsibilities

Simona Piattoni (Chair)	International Events
Niilo Kauppi (Vice Chair)	Public relations, Lobbying, Publicity
Rudy Andweg	Standing Group Summer Schools, Teaching and Learning
Birgit Sauer	Publications
Klaus Goetz	General Conference
Ólafur Þ. Hardarson	Membership
Knud Erik Jørgensen	Graduate Matters, Graduate Student Network
André Kaiser	Methods and Techniques Summer and Winter Schools
Richard Katz	Treasurer, Foundation, Publications
Manuel Sánchez de Dios	Joint Sessions
Jonas Tallberg	General Conference
Luca Verzichelli	Research Sessions, Publications



# thanks to luciano and his ec

## ecpr thanks outgoing executive committee and chair

by Simona Piattoni, ECPR Chair

Luciano Bardi officially completed his term as Chair of the ECPR on April 18, 2012 at the end of the Council Meeting in Antwerp. He had been elected Chair during the Joint Sessions at Lisbon in 2009. He was the first Italian to hold the Chair since Giorgio Freddi in what must seem to many people now as the mists of time. He was also the first Chair of the ECPR to delay a hip replacement operation for the sake of ECPR!



This typified his commitment to and belief in the ECPR, a product of ongoing participation in ECPR activities that long pre-dated his election to the Executive Committee in 2006. The ECPR is in his blood, and becoming Chair of the ECPR was, therefore, a particular honour for him, and he was determined to make lasting changes for the better.

As he outlined to the Council meeting at Antwerp, Luciano successfully built on two achievements of his predecessor, Mick Cox, who had started two processes, one internal (creating an informal senior management team) and one external (building the ECPR's profile internationally). Under Luciano, these two processes were expanded and consolidated.

There is now a formal Senior Management Team which has responsibilities for various aspects of management and without which it is now difficult to envisage a well-functioning ECPR. This small group coordinates and acts on issues arising, while remaining clearly accountable to the Executive Committee as a whole. At the same time, the global reach of ECPR has expanded in terms of its membership and geographic scope of activities. The ECPR has now hosted in Sao Paulo and will host in Montreal. Under Luciano the ECPR has established very close relations with APSA and there is

in place now the basis for the development of common exchanges and possible projects. The global reach of the ECPR has been a real signature policy of his term as Chair.

In addition, the very scale of activities has been markedly increased with the General Conference going annual, the re-launch of the Research Sessions and the launch of the Winter School. And all of this was achieved while the portfolio of publications activities continued to grow and ECPR Press was significantly expanded. The ECPR is now an academic association virtually unrivalled in the world in terms of its range of activities and services offered to members and beyond.

Luciano was also acutely aware that delivering an expanding number of high quality services and benefits made it imperative that the administrative heart of the ECPR was up to the job. On this front, Luciano was confronted with severe and unexpected challenges in terms of the staffing difficulties that surfaced in Central Services (CS) in 2009-10. Yet, not only did he deal with these difficulties courageously, resolutely and fairly, but, once they were settled, he also saw in these difficulties an opportunity to try and improve things for the future. Following a review of Central Services, a process of change and reform was embarked upon (extending also to the website), which is slowly transforming the structure and professional capacity of CS. There is a sense of renewal and reinvigoration in CS, a direct consequence of Luciano's determination to put in place new working arrangements both inside Central Services and between CS and the Executive Committee.

He saw, moreover, the manner in which the Central Services was closely integrated with broader issues of governance, and therefore set up a Governance Review Group which proposed reforms (including the replacement of the posts of Administrative and Academic Directors with a single Director) on which the Official Representatives will be voting this summer. These achievements, largely unplanned in 2009, will nonetheless be some of the lasting legacies of the Bardi Chairship.

There is of course still much work to do, but Luciano passes on to his successor, Simona Piattoni, an ECPR which is increasingly strong and stable in its governance and international in its outlook. He was also very conscious of the importance of laying a roadmap for his successor to assess and potentially follow, which is contained in the 60 recommendations of the *Strategic Review* produced for the Antwerp Council Meeting.

Finally, if Luciano would object to anything in this news item it would probably be on the emphasis it gives to the Chair alone. Luciano operated collectively and collegially throughout his Chairship and it placed the Executive Committee in a very strong position not only to achieve a great deal but to respond resolutely to challenges which might otherwise have threatened its unity. The Chair is dependent on his

or her Executive Committee if he or she is to be successful, and this Executive Committee responded magnificently to the ECPR's needs in this period. For this reason, at Antwerp Luciano recorded his immense gratitude and thanks to the other members of the Executive Committee for their work and cooperation in making the last three years such a success: Vello Pettai, Klaus Armingeon, Eileen Connolly, Danica Fink-Hafner, Andre Kaiser, William Maloney, Niilo Kauppi, Simona Piattoni, Jonas Tallberg, Jacob Torfing and Manuel Sanchez De Dios.

Some of these members are not leaving yet, others are. And so we wish Vello, Klaus, Eileen, Danica, William, Jacob and, of course, Luciano himself all the best in their 'retirement' from official ECPR duties, but hope to see them regularly as active participants in future ECPR events and activities.



Opposite page and left: Luciano Bardi gives the welcome address at both Antwerp and Reykjavik: the 40th Joint Sessions (Antwerp) and the largest event ever held by the ECPR (Reykjavik).

Below: Members of the outgoing Executive Committee meet at St Gallen.



# constitutional changes on the table

## report on the meeting of council and constitutional amendments

by Martin Bull, Academic Director

Nearly 60 people attended the meeting of Council in Antwerp to discuss, decide on or ratify various items of business. This year was, of course, an election year, so out with the old and in with the new... However, this was the first year in the ECPR's history when the ballot did not take place during the Council meeting itself. As old ECPR stalwarts will tell you, the elections to the Executive Committee every three years started in earnest at the dinner the night before, where much politicking and alliance-making (and breaking?) occurred. Then the ballot took place during the meeting and the results announced at the end of the meeting itself. Now, all of this has gone and the ECPR has followed the well-needed path of modernisation.

The elections take place electronically and the results announced before the meeting of Council, leaving Council to ratify the results, and even the dinner has moved from before to after Council as if to ram home the difference. If this takes some of the excitement out of the process, it is nevertheless well overdue and a credit to the outgoing Executive Committee for finally dragging the ECPR into the 21st century. The new Executive Committee is, with the Senior Returning Officer (David Farrell to whom thanks are due) reviewing how the elections went and will consider any necessary changes in time for the next elections.

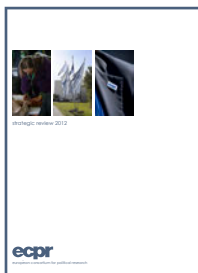
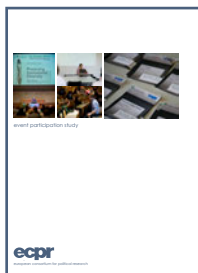
The Council at Antwerp also had the important task of considering proposals for amending the constitution. These proposals were a product of two sources: first, the Governance Review Group set up by the Executive Committee originally in Autumn 2010 to review the governance structures of the

ECPR, and which had already proposed certain constitutional amendments at the Council Meeting at St. Gallen (which decided to defer consideration for a year); and second, the Committee of Three which was established by the Council at St. Gallen following discussion of the staffing issues of 2010 and which was tasked with bringing forward proposals for reform which would help prevent the occurrence of such issues in the future.

Unfortunately, the Council at Antwerp was not quorate to approve amendments to the Constitution (just over 100 Official Representatives were needed) nor even to discuss them formally, so the proposals (after removing an element of overlap between them) were sent straight to electronic ballot. The electronic ballot went 'live' in early July and will be open through to September, so we are urging all Official Representatives to vote so that the ballot reaches quorum and is valid.

## reflecting on what has been achieved and planning for the future

In April 2012, to coincide with the Council Meeting and changeover in Executive Committee, the ECPR published its three-yearly *Review of Activities*, summarising all that was achieved in the period under the Chairship of Luciano Bardi and his Executive Committee. Also published at this time was the 2012 *Strategic Review*, a forward-facing document which sets out the plans of the ECPR for the next three years, providing something of a roadmap for Simona Piattoni and her Executive. Both documents, as well as the *Event Participation Study*, which was also published at this time, are available electronically via the ECPR website, or in print copy upon request to Rebecca Gethen (rknapp@essex.ac.uk).





Apart from these important items, the other main business was to receive the outgoing Executive Committee's *Review of Activities* (on the past three years) and its *Strategic Review* (as guidance for the new Committee on its next three years). The outgoing Chair, Luciano Bardi, summarised the strategy and vision of the outgoing EC and how many of its achievements had matched that strategic vision. The Academic Director thanked all those departing EC Members (Eileen Connolly, Klaus Armingeon, Danica Fink-Hafner, William Maloney, Jacob Torfing, Vello Pettai and finally Luciano Bardi for whom he reserved special praise for his role as Chair over a very difficult three year period) for their immense contributions to the ECPR and reminded Council of the voluntary nature of the task. Earlier in his speech he also gave Council the opportunity to thank formally Clare Dekker (former Administrative Director) for her contribution to the ECPR over a twenty year period. He noted that, due to the controversies of the debate over the staffing issues at St. Gallen in 2011, it had neither been possible or appropriate to record such a vote of thanks, but with these matters now behind Council, it was an opportune time to do so. The sustained applause given to all these people by Council showed their appreciation for the work done to maintain the ECPR at the forefront of European political science.

The ECPR hopes to see as many ORs as possible at the next meeting of Council.

# vote now!



The electronic referendum on the proposals to amend the Constitution is open between July and September 2012.

It is important that as many Official Representatives as possible vote so that quorum is reached and the ballot is valid.

If you would like to vote, please go to your MyECPR homepage [www.ecprnet.eu/myecpr](http://www.ecprnet.eu/myecpr)



# antwerp joint sessions

## the joint sessions; ecpr's jewel in its crown

by Dirk De Bièvre, Petra Meier, Peter Bursens, Caelesta Braun, Piet De Vroede, and Wouter Van Dooren, University of Antwerp

For the Department of Political Science of the Universiteit Antwerpen, hosting the 40th ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops was always something of a gamble. Our local ECPR representative Petra Meier went for the gamble head over tails, dragging along a group of committed co-organisers. We were happy to host the ECPR's flagship conference as we firmly believe in what makes the ECPR JS an excellent conference formula: the solid preparation of papers, the intensive discussion of each single paper, the size and diversity of the groups, the in-depth engagement with others' thoughts and methods, and the true learning effect resulting for both doctoral and advanced academics. Looking back, we are equally happy that we were able to provide the framework for this scientific interaction so crucial to any academic discipline, with the professional and detailed help of the ECPR Central Services.

Realising the Universiteit Antwerpen would not just throw the needed c. €50.000 at us, we engaged in a pincer movement from several sides to secure funding. Wouter Van Dooren and Peter Bursens approached the city council, proposing a conference on 'Cities and the Europe 2020 Strategy' to run alongside the Joint Sessions. The City of Antwerp – eager to act as venue for such large scale meetings, and with a keen interest in the topic – soon committed to generously co-fund the Joint Sessions. Meanwhile, Petra Meier proposed to the department to re-budget money earmarked for professors' travel and research expenses towards the JS, in order not to upset the yearly Faculty budget. Meanwhile, the UA Rector hinted at providing a safety net in case we would not be able cover our bills. Thus, even before our letters for funding from the Flemish Association of Political Science VPW, the French-speaking Association Belge de Science Politique Communauté Française ABSP, the Flanders Research Foundation FWO, and the French Community Fund for Scientific Research FNRS, were sent, we knew we were steering for a safe harbour. We are sincerely grateful to the city, the Rectorate, the faculty, and the scientific organisations in Belgium for their support. Last but not least, Caelesta Braun coordinated the complex compilation of the programme booklet, steering a firm course between sandbanks and shores.

Together with the operational support of Faculty personnel and the on-the-spot availability of Piet De Vroede, all this enabled the receptions, dinners, side events, social programme, and student assistants, necessary to buttress a conference with 622 paper givers in 30 workshops, each workshop group consisting of a motivating mix of young graduate students with experienced senior professors in the discipline, coming from all over Europe as well as other continents. As usual at the ECPR JS, the congenial setting

of several days' interaction in one group led participants to engage in challenging and constructive criticism.

Workshop directors early on in the week appreciated the dinner in the lush interior of 't Schoon Verdiep' ('The fine floor') at the historic Antwerp city hall. ECPR guests discovered the University club in the building formerly housing the Jesuit Faculty of Antwerp. In the evenings, our visitors discovered Antwerp's wine cellars, beer cafés, restaurants, and bistros – all true to the reality of the Burgundian myth of Belgian cuisine. Although political systems, repertoires, styles, cultures of course differ from country to country, discussing politics over a glass of beer – 'over pot en pint' – is a clear constant. The Antwerp PhD candidates consequently found it fitting to invite all participating PhD students to a pub crawl.





Realising that N = more than 1 in Belgian beer-land, some thirty pub-crawlers showed up, ready to be initiated in the Belgian beer tradition and to savour the country's finest. Starting at the tiny and cosy 'Kassa 4' ('Cash register 4') and learning that the female colleagues were looking for good music and fruity beers, they headed off to the café 'Batu Bato'. In the shadow of Antwerp cathedral, they guided participants through the beer menu and, quickly, pints of lager were replaced by tulip shaped glasses of the best abbey beers. Conclusions of the pub crawl: (1) quite a few participants knew beforehand which beers they were looking for ('what, no Grimbergen here?'); (2) it is not just high-minded scholars, but also Belgian beers and chocolate that are considered the country's finest export products; and (3) academics make for responsible pub-crawlers: none of them skipped the Saturday sessions.

On top of the demanding all-day workshop sessions, a quite substantial number of participants attended some of the early evening activities: the traditional Stein Rokkan lecture, and this year, also a roundtable in commemoration of the late Peter Mair. For us as local organisers, it was of course a major setback that this year's Stein Rokkan lecturer, Cas Mudde (University of Georgia), was so plagued by illness that he could not make the transatlantic flight. Colleague Kris Deschouwer acted as an excellent stand-in, delivering Cas' lecture 'Three decades of populist radical right politics in Western Europe: so what?' with great mastery and clarity. Taking apart a whole range of overgeneralisations on all populist radical right parties in Western Europe, this demanding lecture was a forceful illustration of the conceptual nuance and theoretical clarity of Mudde's comparative politics. The lecture will be published in Dutch in the political science journal of the Low Countries *Res Publica* and in English in the ECPR's own journal, *European Journal of Political Research*. For those who missed it (because after a full days' workshop they rightfully decided they had had enough), this will be highly recommended reading.

In the free afternoon, participants could enjoy guided city tours or visit the city's rich musea landscape – all offered free of charge by the City of Antwerp as well as the Antwerp zoological garden – or a boat trip through the Port of Antwerp. Earlier that day Dirk De Bièvre guided some of the participants from the trade politics workshop through some of the city's historical sites linked to early and modern world trade. A group of nearly 50 ECPR JS participants then enjoyed the three and a half hour ride through the world's largest harbour area, the second

largest petro-chemical cluster in the world, and the arcane beauty of goods processing and trading in the Antwerp docks.

Immediately following the ECPR Joint Sessions, the local organising committee convened a one-day colloquium on 'Cities and the Europe 2020 Strategy'. In collaboration with the city of Antwerp, we invited practitioners from various governance levels to discuss whether and how cities can engage in policy-making and implementation of Europe 2020 policies. Policy-makers from the cities of Antwerp, Ghent, Eindhoven and Birmingham presented examples of the added value of city-level initiatives in the areas of inclusive, smart and sustainable growth, while representatives from the City of Antwerp, the Flemish Government, the Committee of the Regions and the European Commission gave their view on city involvement in achieving the European targets. One of the major findings was that the Europe 2020 Strategy is by definition also a local issue. Multi-level governance structures involving local, regional, national and European levels are the only way to make a difference in conceiving and executing smart, inclusive and sustainable policies. Conclusions of the colloquium will be presented in a working paper edited by the members of the Antwerp Political Science Department.

We would like to close by saying that the challenge was more than worth it. While the idea to organise the Joint Sessions is nice, the enthusing effect of actually organising them is even better, for PhD students, for professors, for the local organising team members, and for the great team of helping student assistants.



# antwerp - first person

## the view from the workshop director

by Marcel Wissenburg, Radboud University Nijmegen

'Political Animals and Animal Politics' brought together workshop directors from Australia and the Netherlands; Dutch documentary maker Joost de Haan and his cameraman; and Michel Vandenbosch, founder and director of the Belgian animal advocacy movement GAIA – all making for a very successful Joint Sessions.

The primary objective of this workshop was to fill a two decades old void: the undetermined place of animals and the non-human realm in environmental politics. Both empirical research into environmental politics and environmental political theory addressed this question only in the margin of 'mainstream environmental' (read, resource management) research questions. Conversely, while animal ethics (investigating the notions of animal welfare, animal rights and animal capabilities) developed into a recognised academic discipline and even sprout a political philosophical branch, it rarely conceived of animals having an interest in their environment or in environmental politics.

First, a clear distinction exists and will continue to exist between the individualist focus of animal ethics (in which welfare is experienced by, rights are attributed to, or capabilities executed by, the individual animal) and the collectivist attitude of environmental political thought (even in 'deep green' ecologism, where animals are primarily conceptualised as species in an ecosystem). Despite this fundamental difference in perspective, however, we have also found that the two are neither logically nor ontologically incompatible – thus opening the way for the development of an animal-friendly environmentalism and a more consistently ecology-minded animal advocacy. At the same time, most of the Workshop participants acknowledged the inability of liberalism (from libertarian to Rawlsian social liberalism) to properly recognise animals, or (as others would say) to conceive of them as individual moral agents.

Second, disagreement persisted on the justification and even justifiability of orthodox abolitionism, the position in animal ethics that rejects, as a matter of principle, all forms of animal use as exploitation, demanding their immediate and unconditional discontinuation. There was, however, agreement on the impracticality of abolitionism – inspiring further, more general discussions on ideal versus non-ideal theory, and on the political (in)effectiveness of arguments from marginal cases and from inconsistency.

Third, as among others a highly innovative and slightly

provocative paper on the politics of communicating with cows showed, environmental political thinkers have in the past all too easily assumed that, because animals have to be represented if they are to have a say in politics at all, they can only ever be the passive objects of representation.

Two events made this Workshop even more memorable. One was the presence, during the first day, of Dutch documentary maker Joost de Haan and his camera man. They were accompanied by Karen Soeters, the director of the Pierson Foundation, the scientific advisory bureau of the Dutch Party of the Animals, and their senator Niko Koffeman, who both also participated in the discussions. The second memorable event was the workshop dinner, to which we had also invited Michel Vandenbosch, founder and director of the Belgian animal advocacy movement GAIA, who gave a spirited and quite informative talk on the history and strategy of the movement, partly from a comparative perspective.

In all, I would count this (my eighth) Joint Sessions as a success: Antwerp was a great (if not, cold) host and the Workshop generated a wealth of brilliant new ideas, even if, sadly, the research seemed to be aimed at the SPU (smallest publishable unit, i.e., journals) with only PhD candidates and a rare 'beyond caring' professor able to consider writing a book.

But maybe that is a subject for a future Workshop...?





# list of workshops - antwerp 2012

Advancing Comparative Political Communication Research: New Frameworks, Designs and Data  
Between Retribution and Restoration – explaining the Politics of Transitional Justice  
Citizens and Public Service Performance: Demands, Responses and Changing Service Delivery Mechanisms  
Comparing National Experiences of European Integration  
Conservatism, Conservative Parties and Women’s Political Representation  
Economic Ideas and the Political Construction of Financial Crisis and Reform  
Ethnicity, Territory, and Party Competition. Toward a Unified Approach  
Interest Group Influence in an Era of Multi-Level Governance and Mediatization  
International Institutions and Policy Diffusion: Sources – Mechanisms - Impact  
Methodological Advances, Bridges and Limits in the Application of Qualitative Comparative Analysis  
Minority Rights and Majority Rule in European Legislatures  
Parties and Campaigning in the Digital Era  
Party Primaries in Europe. Consequences and challenges.  
Perceptions of Representation: A cross analysis of citizens’ and MPs’ views  
Policy Feedback, Political Behaviour, and Democratic Citizenship in European Welfare States  
Political Animals and Animal Politics  
Political Representation: Congruence of Interests in New Democracies  
Private Military and Security Companies: Transforming Security Governance?  
Process Tracing – Philosophy, theory and practice  
Re-Defining The Public  
The (Re)Configuration of Political Representation in the EU  
The European Public Servant: A Shared Administrative Identity?  
The Institutions of International Society Revisited: Theory, practice, performativity  
The Partisan Effect of Electoral Systems: Studying complex electoral rules  
The Politics of Double-Standard? Revisiting the EU’s Engagement with Authoritarian Regimes  
The Politics of Labour Market Policy in Times of Austerity  
The Transformation of Foreign Policy and Diplomacy  
The Transformation of International Trade Governance  
Thinking Big about ‘Gender Equality’ Policy in the Comparative Politics of Gender  
Time, Temporality and Timescapes in Politics and Policy

could you receive funding to attend the next joint sessions?



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# prizes awarded at antwerp

Two prizes were awarded at the Joint Sessions at Antwerp: the Jean Blondel PhD Prize for an outstanding thesis in political science and the Wildenmann Prize which is awarded to the author of the outstanding paper of the Joint Sessions the previous year. This year the recipients of those prizes were Virginie van Ingelgom and Armen Hakhverdian respectively.

## jean blondel phd prize

The 2011 Jean Blondel Prize was awarded to Virginie van Ingelgom.

The Prize was awarded to Dr Van Ingelgom (U.C. de Louvain), for her dissertation 'Intégrer l'indifférence: Une approche comparative, qualitative et quantitative, de la légitimité de l'intégration européenne' ('Integrating indifference: a comparative, qualitative and quantitative approach to the legitimacy of European integration').

The jury (Manuel Alcantara, Judith Squires, and Dario Castiglione, members of the ECPR Press Editorial Board and ECPR Press Co-Editor respectively) considered the dissertation to be both innovative and sophisticated in dealing with the EU legitimacy issue. It is written in a clear and effective style, appealing both to a specialist readership and a wider audience.



Dario Castiglione presenting the Blondel Prize to Virginie van Ingelgom

## rudolf wildenmann prize

The 2011 Rudolf Wildenmann Prize was awarded to Armen Hakhverdian.

The Prize was presented by Richard Katz to Dr Hakhverdian of the University of Amsterdam for his paper 'The Casual Flow between Public Opinion and Policy', which was presented at the 2011 Joint Sessions in St Gallen. The jury (Andre Kaiser, EC Member & Prize Chair; Dick Katz, EJPR Editor; Claudio Radaelli, EJPR Editor; Luciano Bardi, EC Chair; and Eileen Connolly, EC Portfolio holder for Joint Sessions) felt simply that Hakhverdian's was the strongest of the 2011 Joint Sessions.



Richard Katz presents the Wildenmann Prize to Armen Hakhverdian

## hans daalder prize - call for nominations

Participants that attended the 2012 Graduate Student Conference are asked to nominate a paper that they thought was outstanding both in terms of its originality and its academic excellence. To nominate a paper, please email Louise Soper (lhawk@essex.ac.uk) with the name of the paper giver and the paper number (and title if you know it). Each nomination must be supported by a minimum of two conference participants. Participants may not nominate their own paper and nominations will only be accepted for papers for which electronic copies were submitted to the conference. The deadline for nominating a paper is 1 September 2012.

## other ecpr prizes

### stein rokkan prize for comparative social science research

In June 2012 the Stein Rokkan Prize Committee, consisting of Ingrid van Biezen (Leiden University), Stein Kuhnle (University of Bergen and Hertie School of Governance, Berlin), Manfred G. Schmidt (Universität Heidelberg) and Klaus Armingeon (University of Berne and Chairperson of the Stein Rokkan Prize Committee), awarded the prize to Pepper Culpepper (European University Institute) for his book *Quiet Politics and Business Power: Corporate Control in Europe and Japan* (Cambridge and New York, Cambridge University Press, 2011).

The prize committee said of the book, 'Quiet Politics and Business Power is a major contribution to the study of political and economic institutions, processes and outcomes.'

### cora maas award

Named after Cora Maas who taught at the ECPR's Summer School in Methods and Techniques (SSMT) and sadly passed away in February 2010, the Award is for the best evaluated course at the ECPR SSMT.

The 2011 Cora Mass Prize Winners were Janez Stare and Maja Pohar Perme.

### dirk berg-schlosser award

This award is named after Dirk Berg-Schlosser in recognition of his instrumental work in bringing the ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques to life.

The Dirk Berg-Schlosser Award for best participant posters is awarded at the ECPR SSMT. All participants are invited to present a poster representing their 'work in progress'.

The 2011 Dirk Berg-Schlosser Award was presented to Jozef Janovsky; with second and third prize going to Maria Isabel Rosales and Robert Braun respectively.

In recognition of the contributions made to all areas of European political science, the ECPR awards six 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.

#### Cora Maas Award

Awarded for the best evaluated course at the ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques

#### Dirk Berg-Schlosser Award

Given annually for the best participant poster in the poster session at the ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques.

#### ECPR Lifetime Achievement Award

Awarded on a biennial basis to a scholar who has made an outstanding contribution to European political science at the ECPR General Conference.

#### Hans Daalder Prize

Awarded on a biennial basis for the best paper presented at the ECPR Graduate Conference.

#### Jean Blondel PhD Prize

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#### Stein Rokkan Prize

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

#### Rudolf Wildenmann Prize

The prize is awarded annually during the ECPR Joint Sessions to the presenter of the best paper from the previous years Joint Sessions workshops.



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# mainz joint sessions 2013

11-16 March 2013, Johannes Gutenberg Universität Mainz

The 41st Joint Sessions of Workshops will take place in Mainz next March. The Joint Sessions run for a period of around five days, with groups meeting each day for the duration to collaborate intensively on a specific theme. The call for papers will go out in July with a closing date of 1 November. Below is the list of accepted Workshops to which paper givers may apply:

## List of Workshops

Towards a Theory of the EU as an International Security Provider: Actors, processes, outcomes, impact  
Politics of Provocation: Citizen Involvement and Institutional Reforms Across the Globe  
The Design and Effects of International Institutions  
National Minorities Between Protection and Empowerment: Contemporary minority politics in Europe  
The Transnational Dimension of Protest: From the Arab Spring to Occupy Wall Street  
Decision-Making under Ambiguity and Time Constraints: Assessing the Multiple Streams Framework  
New Directions in Comparative Presidentialism: Cross-Regional Perspectives  
Global Tax Governance – Normative and Institutional Issues  
Socio-Economic Inequalities and Political Cleavages in Post-Industrial Societies  
The EU Policies for Disaster Prevention, Relief and Post-Disaster Reconstruction  
From the Outside In – International Relations' Effects on Domestic Public Attitudes  
Green Leviathan, Ecological Insurance Agency, or Capitalism's Agent?  
Legal Mobilisation: Europe in Comparative Perspective  
Beyond Class Politics. How Parties, Voters, Media and Unions Shape Public Policy  
International Dimensions of Authoritarian Rule  
Electoral Quotas and Political Representation: Comparative Perspectives  
Climate Change 2.0? Normative and political issues of geoengineering the climate  
Political Parties and the Recruitment of Appointed Elites in Contemporary Democracies  
Europe and the IMF: Governing an unexpected relationship through turbulent times  
Non-Territorial Autonomy, Multiple Cultures, and the Politics of Stateless Nations  
Going Dirty: Negative campaigning in elections and referenda and its effects on citizens' attitudes and behaviour  
International Impacts on Welfare State Change: Theories and methods in the study of social policy diffusion  
Electoral Competitiveness in Cross-National Research: Challenges and New Directions  
Understanding Parliamentarians: Individual Goals and Behaviour in European Legislatures  
Gender, Political Behaviour and Representation in 'Preferential' Electoral Systems  
Process of Transitional Justice: Towards a more systematic, holistic and comparative approach in social science research  
Status Claims, Recognition, and Emotions in IR: Theoretical and methodological challenges  
Judicial Independence, Judicial Power, and the Quality of Democracy in Comparative Perspective  
Political Conditionalities and Foreign Aid  
Developing a Comprehensive Framework for Party Change and Party System Volatility  
Collective Action Online: Theories and Methods  
What We Talk about When we Talk about Europe – Methodologies of European Studies

## Mainz 2013 - call for papers

The call for papers will go out in July with a closing date of 1 November.  
Further details can be found on the ECPR website:  
[http://new.ecprnet.eu/Joint%20Sessions/2013\\_Mainz/Default.aspx](http://new.ecprnet.eu/Joint%20Sessions/2013_Mainz/Default.aspx)



## other ecpr events 2012/13

7th Summer School in Methods and  
Techniques

27 July – 11 August 2012 / University of Ljubljana

2nd Winter School in Methods and  
Techniques

17 - 22 February 2013 / University of Vienna

General Conference

5 - 7 September 2013 / Sciences Po Bordeaux





# ecpr adds new school season

## organising the first ever ecpr winter school

by Sylvia Kritzinger and Michael Tatzber-Schebach, University of Vienna

Local Organisers' accounts always seem to tell the same story: Organising a sizeable academic event is a lot of work and a task that is not to be underestimated – however, the reward is having a great time during the event, being host a bunch of really nice people and establishing contacts with colleagues from all over the world. This was the first ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, which took place at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Vienna in February 2012, and was an exceptional event.

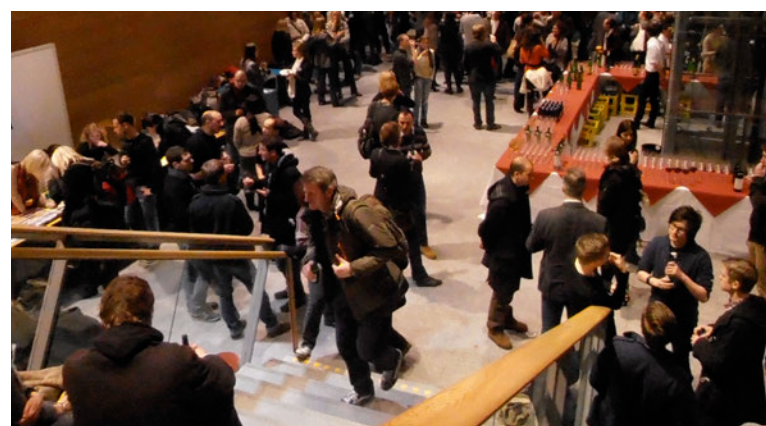
As a result of rather peculiar antecedents the Department of Methods in the Social Sciences in Vienna was chosen to host the Winter School in mid-November 2011. That left us with just a little under three months for preparing the event here in Vienna. In addition to time, money was scarce, too, as we had no time to look for possible external funding. In short, conditions turned out to be rather difficult.

However, within a few weeks, the foundations for the Winter School were laid: We looked for suitable accommodation for our guests, took care of the necessary facilities (seminar rooms, computer labs, office premises, etc.) and made the first preparations for the various courses. From then on everything was in a state of flux. New tasks and problems came up and had to be solved on a daily basis. Thanks to the unswerving guidance by ECPR's Methods Schools' Management and the Academic Convenors, we managed to manoeuvre through the

different stages of the preparatory process. In this context, it has to be stressed that the Department of Methods is quite a new institution at the University of Vienna and rather small in comparison. As a result, we heavily relied upon the cooperation and support of the Faculty of Social Sciences and the various departments belonging to it (e.g. Cultural and Social Anthropology, Political Science, Sociology, etc.), as well as on the assistance of other university institutions (IT department, event management).

The last weeks before the Winter School flew by and all of a sudden the day of the opening was here. The first three days were probably the most demanding, but at the same time exciting, for everybody involved in the organisation of the Winter School. Some time during the second day of the course programme, when most of the smaller problems that had surfaced on the day before were sorted out, we realised that everything was running quite smoothly. And literally at the moment we made ourselves comfortable, the Winter School was over.

All things considered, it was an honour and a true pleasure to host the Winter School. Additionally, with roughly 275 participants, it was a great success, too. The learning effect of the event was tremendous – not only with regard to the content taught in the courses, but also in an organisational sense. Once the dust of the first Winter School has settled, we will start working on next year's, to make the second edition an even greater success!





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# ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques

University of Vienna, 17-22 February 2013

## A. Introductory Courses (15 hours)

- A1 Introduction to Statistics
- A2 An Introduction to Qualitative Methods for Political Scientists
- A3 Working with Comparative Survey Data
- A4 Comparative Research Designs
- A5 Knowing and the Known: The Philosophy of Social Sciences
- A6 Research Design Fundamentals
- A7 Tools for Data Mining, Data Production and Data Documentation

## B. Advanced Courses (15 hours)

- B2 Maximum Likelihood and Limited Dependent Variables
- B3 Panel Data Analysis
- B4 Multilevel Modelling
- B5 Writing Ethnographic & Other Qualitative/Interpretive Research:  
An Inductive Approach
- B6 Analysing Political and Social Sequences
- B7 The Analysis of Deliberative Politics
- B8 Multilevel Structural Equation Modelling (SEM)
- B9 Election Forecasting
- B10 Focus Groups – Qualitative Data Generation
- B11 Agent-based Modelling in the Social Sciences
- B12 Advanced Process Tracing Methods
- B13 Advanced Content Analysis
- B14 Political Anthropology Methods
- B15 Advanced Qualitative Data Analysis
- B17 Statistical Modeling of the Spatial Theory of Voting
- B18 Interpreting Binary Logistic Regression Models
- B19 Visual Statistics: Analysing your Data Visually
- B20 Categorical Data Analysis
- B21 Using Historical Data

## C. Software Courses (7.5 hours)

- C1 Introduction to R
- C2 Introduction to SPSS
- C3 Introduction to STATA
- C4 Introduction to Atlas-ti
- C5 Introduction to NVivo
- C6 Introduction to Alceste
- C7 Introduction to Data Access, Management and Analysis

Course outlines will be available in August 2012 on the ECPR website ([www.ecprnet.eu](http://www.ecprnet.eu)); registration opens September 2012.

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# wsmt - the ta's view

## a first experience of being a teaching assistant

by Christian Glantschnigg, University of Vienna

In February 2012 my home university was hosting the first ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques. Local organiser Michael Tatzber asked me whether I would like to apply as a Teaching Assistant (TA) at the WSMT and after a really short time to think it over, I handed in my application papers for the position as TA in Bernhard Kittel's course 'Introduction to Statistics'.

As a young soon-to-be scientist I regarded this position as a great opportunity for getting started in my academic field. Working at the ECPR WSMT would not only allow me to gain first hand experience in teaching statistics and methods to students with different backgrounds in the social sciences, but could also allow me to get to know researchers and instructors from well-known institutions from all over the world, which might be helpful for my own research as well as my academic career. Although at the time of my application I had no idea what to expect from working at a Winter School, in the aftermath it was one of the greatest scholastic experiences I have ever had!

Before the Plenary Session on February 12, I met with my TA colleague Dieter Feierabend. We briefly discussed some open questions and joined the official programme afterwards to meet the other TAs and instructors as well as the participants and local organisers. After the official part of the welcome day, people gathered round the buffet in a relaxed ambience while eating finger food or having a drink and as a result, you could feel this special atmosphere that arises when instructors, students and junior scientists meet to work together for a whole week.

We had a really heavy course schedule since we were going to do the whole substance of a BA's statistics class in just one week. I guess this was a challenge for all of us; for Dieter and me as well as for the participants, who in most cases had little or no knowledge of statistics before this course. After the lecture, we usually stayed in the classroom as long as we could and were available for every kind of question from the participants. As we only had around 30 participants in our course, Dieter and I really had the chance to be responsive for all kind of questions raised by the participants. Aside from questions on subjects of the course, we were also confronted with simple questions only locals can know the answers for: Where to find a supermarket or how to use the public transportation system in Vienna? Nevertheless, we also tried our best to help the participants with questions on their own research, for instance how to use their datasets properly or which methods will suit their own research questions

best. Actually these questions were the most interesting ones as we learned a little more about the participants of our course, the work they are doing and the problems they were facing. Moreover, I was also impressed by the many different fields of their research and the enthusiasm with which the participants were working on their research questions, even after three hours of an intense statistics class.

In the middle of the week we had dinner with the participants from our course. Even though this was an informal event, we still tried to be as helpful as we could in our position as TAs. But this time it was in a different way than in class: The main challenge that evening was to describe typical Austrian food in English words, which was considerably difficult and I believe that although we tried our best, some participants might still have been surprised by what they had actually ordered.

Having dinner was not only a chance to learn more about the people we were working with but also a great occasion to get to know researchers from different countries and different fields. Every one of them could tell interesting stories about their careers, their work or the countries they were coming from. Nevertheless, social sciences were not the only topic at the table as this was also a Champions League match day and some of us were watching the game in an academic as well as international circle. This was something different for a change as it was very nice to discuss the referee's offside decisions instead of decisions on the choice of your probability distribution.

On the whole, being a part of the Winter School in Methods and Techniques 2012 was a great experience. Not only because I had the chance to experience first-hand how to teach methods and statistics and what it takes to plan and hold such an intense course, but also because I was able to meet so many unique scientists, students and instructors.

I am sure that the 2012 WSMT will not be the last time that I will take part in an ECPR event, either as TA or as a participant in my PhD studies.

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# graduate student special





# second research sessions in the sun at the eui

After the very successful re-launch of the Research Sessions in 2011, the 2012 event was expanded to accommodate eight groups of eight researchers. Held once again at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence between the 19 and 22 June, the 2012 Sessions were again a great success. Below is a list of the groups that met:

## Group 1: Voting Advice Applications and Their Effects on Electoral Behaviour

Ioannis Andreadis Aristole (University of Thessaloniki)  
Diego Garzia (European University Institute)  
Raphaël Kies (University of Luxembourg)  
Andreas Ladner (University Institute IDHEAP)  
Martin Rosema (University of Twente)  
Outi Ruusuvirta (London School of Economics & Political Science)  
Stefan Marschall (Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)  
Fernando Mendez (University of Zurich)

## Group 2: A Comprehensive Framework for Understanding Party System Change

Kevin Deegan-Krause (Central European University)  
Richard Katz (Johns Hopkins University)  
Mariano Torcal (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)  
Andreas Ufen (Friedrich-Alexander Universität2)  
Tim Haughton (University of Birmingham)  
Allan Sikk (University College London)  
Fernando Casal Bértoa (Leiden University)  
Michael Wahman (Lund University)

## Group 3: Towards a Comparative Research Project on the Relationship between Political Parties and Interest Groups

Elin Allern (University of Oslo)  
Tim Bale (Sussex University)  
Charles Lees (University of Bath)  
Kurt Richard Luther (Keele University)  
Thomas Poguntke (Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf)  
Anne Rasmussen (Leiden University)  
Paul Webb (Sussex University)

## Group 4: The Vote of Investiture in Parliaments: Types, origin, causes and political consequences

Bjørn Erik Rasch (University of Oslo)  
Natalia Ajenjo (University of Burgos)  
Fabio Sozzi (University of Genova)  
Federico Russo (University of Siena)  
Shane Martin (Dublin City University)  
Alexandra Kelso (University of Southampton)  
Helena Wockelberg (Uppsala University)  
Cristina Chiva (Salford University)



### Group 5: Sources of European Identity and Support for European Integration: A multilevel approach

Andrea Schlenker (University of Lucerne)  
Simon Bornschieer (University of Zürich)  
Dieter Fuchs (University of Stuttgart)  
Stephanie Bergbauer (University of Mainz)  
Sonia Lucarelli (University of Bologna)  
Laura Cram (University of Strathclyde)  
Christine Arnold (University of Maastricht)  
Nina Liljeqvist (European University Institute)

### Group 6: Reshaping the Arena of Civic Integration: The post multicultural moment and the challenge of the Populist Right

Alberto Spektorowski (Tel Aviv University)  
Matthew Goodwin (University of Nottingham)  
Catherine de Wenden (Centre D'Etudes Paris)  
Aviad Rubín (University of Haifa)  
Doron Navot (University of Haifa)  
Piero Ignazzi (University Bologna)  
Daphna Elfersy (Tel Aviv University)

### Group 7: The European Social Democratic Left in the Aftermath of the 2008 Financial Crisis

Michael Alvarez (University of Bergen)  
Jonathan Hopkin (Johns Hopkins University)  
Lars Mjøset (University of Oslo)  
John Stephens (University of North Carolina)  
Evelyne Huber (University of North Carolina)  
Damian Raess (University of Geneva)  
Jane Gingrich (University of Minnesota)

### Group 8: The Europeanisation of Domestic Legislatures

Lars Mäder (University of Mannheim)  
Marcelo Jenny (University of Vienna)  
Marco Giuliani (University of Milano)  
Marcello Carammia (University of Malta)  
Roy Gava (University of Geneva)  
Gerard Breeman (Wageningen University)  
Arco Timmermans (Leiden University)  
Ana Palau (University of Barcelona)



### thinking about submitting a proposal for the 2013 sessions?

We are pleased to announce that the 2013 Research Sessions will once again take place at the EUI (dates to be confirmed). For more information please contact Jenna Barnard ([jbarnard@essex.ac.uk](mailto:jbarnard@essex.ac.uk))

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# ecpr at other events

## European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities

1st General Assembly, Brussels 27-28 March 2012

Academic Director, Martin Bull, represented the ECPR at the first General Assembly of the newly formed European Alliance for Social Sciences and Humanities (EASH) at the end of March. The aims of the EASH are to bring together with one voice organisations and societies, such as the ECPR, from throughout the social sciences and humanities with the aim of keeping both recognition for the work done in these fields, and the necessity for funding for it to continue, on the political agenda. As one of the largest organisations invited to attend, the ECPR has an opportunity to take on a lead role within this new alliance, thus providing a new platform to represent its members within the EU.

## eusa-ecpr workshop

LMU Munich, 16 March 2012

On the 16th March the ECPR and the European Union Studies Association (EUSA) organised their second joint workshop. This time the theme was 'Global Crises and the EU's Response', discussed across four plenary panels and with paper givers drawn from both the ECPR and EUSA equally.

## International Studies Association (ISA) annual convention

San Diego, California, 1-4 April 2012

Outgoing ECPR Chair, Luciano Bardi, organised one panel at the ISA's 2012 conference in April on behalf of the ECPR. Under the theme 'Power, Principles and Participation in the Global Information Age' the ECPR's panel discussed 'The European Union's Common Foreign and Security Policy: The role and attitudes of European Political Parties'.

## International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress of Political Science

Madrid, 8-12 July 2012

Outgoing- and continuing Executive Committee members Danica Fink Hafner and Manuel Sanchez de Dios organised two panels at the International Political Science Association's annual conference in Madrid in July.

## American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting

New Orleans, 30 August - 2 September

Outgoing Executive Committee member, Klaus Armingeon will be organising one panel at the American Political Science Association's annual conference. The ECPR will be holding its annual reception on the Thursday evening this year. Co-sponsored with Wiley-Blackwell and the APSA Organized Section on European Politics and Society. If you are attending the APSA Annual Meeting, please do come along and join us for a drink!



To receive updates about all ECPR events, including panels and receptions held at other political science events, sign up to MyECPR for regular email alerts at:

[www.ecprnet.eu/myecpr](http://www.ecprnet.eu/myecpr)



# funding

The ECPR provides a number of financial grants and scholarships each year to its members to facilitate their attendance at both ECPR events and those supported by the ECPR. These grants are a significant benefit of membership to the ECPR as they can enable attendance at key events that would otherwise be impossible, particularly for young scholars. Below is a list of the funds available and dates for application.

## Mainz Joint Sessions of Workshops

Travel and Accommodation Grant - Joint Sessions  
Opens 2 November 2012/Closes 31 January 2013

Joint Sessions Professional Grant  
Opens 2 November 2012/Closes 31 January 2013

Workshop Directors' Grant - Joint Sessions  
Opens 2 November 2012/Closes 31 January 2013

## ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques (Vienna)

Scholarship Winter School  
Opens 2 November 2012/Closes 7 January 2013

Travel and Accommodation Grant - Winter School  
Opens 2 November 2012/Closes 7 January 2013

## ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques (Ljubljana)

Scholarship Summer School  
Opens 7 March 2013/Closes 6 June 2013

Travel and Accommodation Grant - Summer School  
Opens 7 March 2013/Closes 6 June 2013

## Bordeaux General Conference

Travel and Accommodation Grant - General Conference  
Opens 8 March 2013/Closes 5 July 2013

## ECPR affiliated events

Travel and Accommodation Grant - Standing Group Summer Schools  
Opens 4 February 2013/Closes 1 April 2013

Scholarship Oxford Spring School  
To be confirmed

Scholarship Oxford Spring School Short Courses  
To be confirmed

Scholarship Spring School Cologne  
To be confirmed



For more information about applying for ECPR funding, including eligibility criteria for each event, please contact Jenna Barnard at the Central Services

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# publications news

## new appointment

Ioannis Papadopoulos (Universite de Lausanne Anthropole UNIL, pictured right) has been appointed the new Co-Editor of the EJPR, taking over from Dick Katz, who stood down in April this year.

The ECPR would like to take the opportunity to thank Dick for his hard work and commitment to the EJPR over the past 12 years, which also included a term of six years as Co-Editor of the Political Data Yearbook (PDY). Dick's considerable experience is not being wasted though, since he now sits on the ECPR's Publications Board since being elected to the Executive Committee in April.



## outgoing editor

The ECPR would like to thank Dirk Berg-Schlosser (University of Marburg, pictured right) for his work on the Comparative Politics book series, published by the ECPR with Oxford University Press. Dirk completed his term as Co-Editor of the series in July.



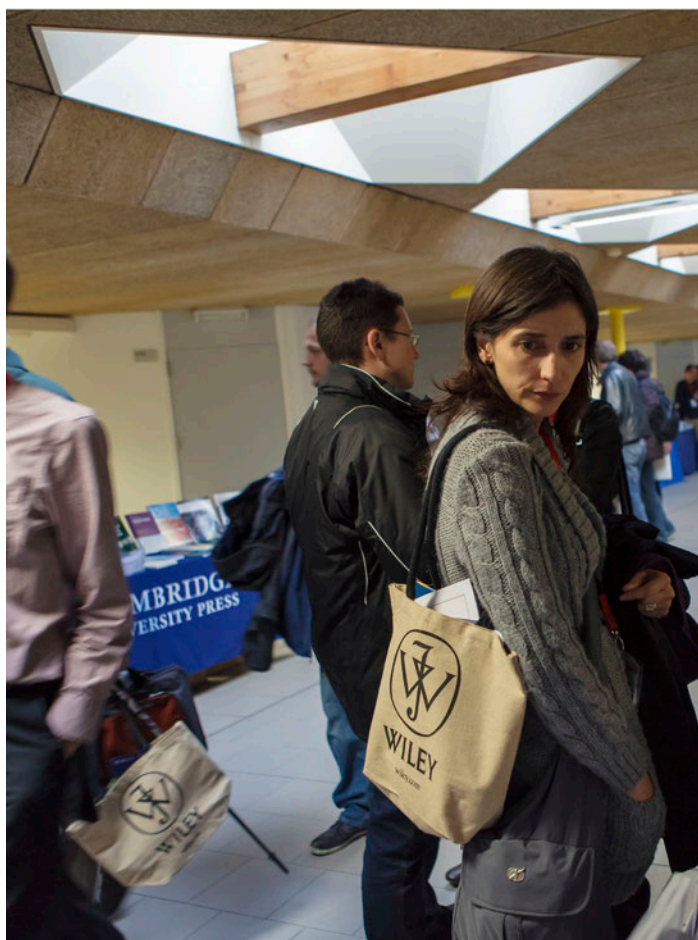
## vacancies

The ECPR is advertising for a number of editorial vacancies on its publications. All have a closing date of the 23rd November, for a start date of the 1st April 2013:

European Journal of Political Research (EJPR), Political Data Yearbook Co-Editor  
European Political Science Review (EPSR), Co-Editor  
Comparative Politics Series, Two Co-Editors

All terms run for three years, renewable for a further three and editors receive both an annual editorial fee and travel budget to attend meetings and ECPR events.

For more information about any position, please contact Publications and Publicity Manager, Rebecca Gethen ([rknapp@essex.ac.uk](mailto:rknapp@essex.ac.uk)) in the first instance. Applications should also be sent to Rebecca in the form of a covering letter outlining how the applicant would see the publication developing under their editorship and a CV.



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# obituary - elinor ostrom

Elinor Ostrom died of cancer on 12 June 2012. She was the first woman to be awarded, in 2009, the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences for Economic Sciences – the ‘Nobel Prize for Economics’ – together with Oliver Williamson. Both scholars contributed to reviving New Institutional Economics by studying how institutions shape and constrain economic, social and political choices. She taught both at Indiana University, Bloomington, where she was senior Research Director of the Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory, and at Arizona State University, Tempe, where she was founding director of the Center for the Study of Institutional Diversity. Her life was one of breaking many records.

Elinor Ostrom was born into a Los Angeles family during the Great Depression, but managed to attend a good high school. When she decided that she would go to college (the first woman in her family) and tried to get into both the Economics and the Political Science departments at UCLA, her decision was met with resistance both inside and outside her family. She eventually succeeded and received a B.A. (with Honours) in Political Science at UCLA, in 1954. Later she was one of only four women admitted to a graduate programme in Political Science at UCLA, where she obtained both an M.A. in 1962 and a PhD in 1965. In her own biography ([http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel\\_prizes/economics/laureates/2009/ostrom.html](http://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/economics/laureates/2009/ostrom.html)) she remarks how women, at the time, were not expected really to aim at much more than a well-paid clerical job or, at most, a position in a city college. “I learned not to take initial rejections as being permanent obstacles to moving ahead”, she remarks. And so she did. She studied the water industry in southern California based on theories developed by Vincent Ostrom, Charles Tiebout, and Robert Warren and wrote her dissertation on the problems of common-pool resources. Only later, in 1965, did Russel Hardin publish his seminal ‘Tragedy of the Commons’ article and Mancur Olson his *Logic of Collective Action* book. She later met and married political theorist Vincent Ostrom and eventually moved to Indiana where she first taught American Government, but later joined Vincent in their world-famous workshop.

Elinor Ostrom delivers the 2011 Stein Rokkan Lecture at the ECPR Joint Sessions in St Gallen (right) and discusses the lecture with then ECPR Chair, Luciano Bardi.

After the landmark 1990 *The Tragedy of the Commons* volume, her second most-famous book is probably *Understanding Institutional Diversity* of 2005, the topic on which she held a widely attended and stimulating keynote speech at the ECPR Joint Sessions at St. Gallen in 2011, which was published in the ECPR’s professional journal, *European Political Science* under the title, ‘Why do we need to protect institutional diversity?’ (Vol. 11, no. 1, March 2012, pp. 126-47).

Elinor Ostrom will be widely missed in the political science community and the ECPR wishes to acknowledge her outstanding and influential scholarship over the past few decades.





# standing group news

## networking the profession

### Teaching and Learning Politics

The ECPR Standing Group for Teaching and Learning Politics (SG-TLP), formally established in April 2011, is eager to promote research into teaching and learning in political science. It offers a platform for exchange by organising conference panels, promoting publications, organising summer schools, and by more generally disseminating information about teaching and learning issues.

Following the various panels organised at the ECPR General Conference 2011 in Reykjavik, the SG-TLP wishes to bring together scholars for the forthcoming ECPR General Conference 2013 in Bordeaux. For regular communication among members of the SG-TLP we are currently developing an e-newsletter.

A central activity in 2012 is, furthermore, the organisation of a summer school for young teachers in Piestany (Slovakia) from 22-30 July 2012. The purpose of the summer school is to familiarise participants with the principles of student-centred education by drawing upon best practice in teaching and learning political science. A combination of practical and theoretical sessions will cover a broad array of topics ranging from small/large group teaching to problem-based learning, teaching academic writing, using information technologies, tutoring and supervision, assessment, advanced students education, evaluation and teacher development.

For more information please check our website at <http://www.teaching.eurea.sk/> and/or contact us ([pleschova@eurea.sk](mailto:pleschova@eurea.sk)).

### Latin American Politics

The Standing Group on Latin American Politics organised the second edition of its Summer School on Latin American Politics in Lisbon between June 28 and July 7, 2012, with the theme 'The International Politics of Latin America'. Hosted by the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon, it enrolled as professors Andrea Oelsner (University of Aberdeen), Andrea Ribeiro-Hoffmann (University of Erfurt), Andrés Malamud (University of Lisbon), Bert Hoffmann (GIGA, Hamburg), Detlef Nolte (GIGA, Hamburg), José Antonio Sana-huja (Complutense University of Madrid), Laurence Whitehead (University of Oxford) and Olivier Dabène (Sciences Po, Paris). Around 20 graduate students from all over Europe (plus

Argentina, Brazil and Australia) attended the lectures and discussed their research projects with the instructors.

The first edition of the Summer School had taken place at the University of Salamanca in 2011, focusing on 'Political Institutions and Actors: Comparative Approaches'. In turn, the third edition will deal with 'The Outcomes of Democratic Regimes' and will be hosted by German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) in Hamburg in 2013. Each edition dedicates ten days to intensive seminars and workshops, aimed at providing theoretical and conceptual support for the development of doctoral research.

The standing groups within the ECPR have largely (though not entirely) grown out of the experience of various workshops at the Joint- and Research Sessions and the General Conference. They provide a means of increasing collaboration between scholars specialising in the same area of research/academic interest and an informal structure which allows a closer form of exchange. The ECPR currently has some 42 Standing Groups, covering all sub-disciplines of political science. All members can join an existing Standing Group or apply to convene a new one, for more information about the ECPR's Standing Groups please contact Louise Soper [lhawk@essex.ac.uk](mailto:lhawk@essex.ac.uk).



## Interest Groups

### Summer Schools

The Department of Political Science of the University of Antwerp hosted the first ECPR Standing Group on Interest Groups Summer School in 2010. It focused on the population ecology of interest representation as well as the professionalisation of interest groups. The proximity to an important international venue when it comes to interest groups – Brussels – enabled the inclusion of practitioners and a visit to the EU institutions in Brussels. The course included lectures and discussions led by well-known scholars in the field. Examples were drawn from both national and European politics. Furthermore, attendees received constructive feedback on their own research on aspects of interest groups politics. Invited scholars for the 2010 school included David Lowery, William Maloney, Dirk De Bièvre, Arlo Poletti, Caelesta Poppelaars, Joost Berkhout and Jan Beyers.

Last year the second Summer School on Interest Groups Politics was held at the University of Virginia (US). This Summer School involved theories and reflections on global advocacy and more precisely three key aspects: venue selection, advocacy strategies and influence. The sessions were hosted by some of the leading scholars working in the fields of global advocacy, lobby strategies and influence of interest groups in public policy making, such as Frank Baumgartner, Kathryn Sikkink, Christine Mahoney, Jan Beyers and Jutta Joachim. Next to these theoretical driven courses, the day-to-day practice of lobbyists was explained by several key lobbyists and policy-makers, while a visit to Capitol Hill and the US Congress provided an excellent chance to actually ‘smell’ the environment in which lobbyists operate. Again, next to the substantive learning

experience, the Summer School also provided a unique opportunity to discuss research with leading scholar in the field of global advocacy and interest group politics as well as with other PhD students conducting similar types of research.

### New Specialist Journal

Jointly edited by Grant Jordan (g.jordan@abdn.ac.uk) of the University of Aberdeen and Bird Loomis of the University of Kansas (bloomis@ku.edu), the first articles from a new Palgrave journal *Interest Groups & Advocacy* are now published online. Aimed at academics and relevant practitioners *Interest Groups & Advocacy* seeks to stimulate debate about the pursuit of political change in all its forms. The contents of the first issues ranges from analysis of social movements to general interest group work to normative discussions of lobbying and its controversies. As the editorial arrangements imply the journal will strenuously attempt to cover Europe and North America – and indeed further afield. Submissions are welcome and may be sent to either editor. The new journal will certainly be an outlet for contributions that cover traditional interest group concerns about the membership, mobilisation and the Olson paradox. However the advocacy term signals a broader agenda: the journal also seeks to attract publications dealing with organisations such as businesses, social movements, and other organised interests that aim to influence public policy.

A number of articles are currently free to read at: <http://www.palgrave-journals.com/iga/journal/vaop/ncurrent/index.html>

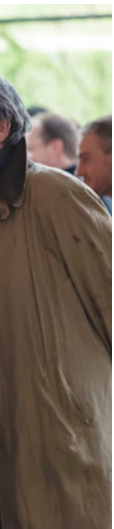
## Participation and Mobilisation

### From the Arab Spring to Occupy Wall Street. The transnational dimension of contention

The Standing Group is glad to announce the forthcoming workshop devoted to the recent waves of protests, including the Arab Spring, the European Indignados and Occupy Wall Street. The workshop will be part of the ECPR Joint Sections in March 2013. Co-directed by Donatella della Porta and Alice Mattoni, the workshop will deal with the transnational dimension of contention, focusing on participatory and communicative practices during mobilisations.

## Gender and Politics

The Standing Group on Gender and Politics would like to announce that it will hold its third European Conference on Gender and Politics in Barcelona (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) 21-23 March 2013. All information can be found at: <http://www.ecpg-barcelona.com/>

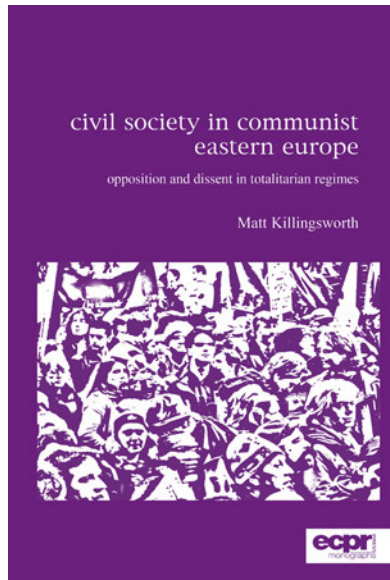




## Civil Society in Eastern Europe

Matt Killingsworth

ISBN: 9781907301278



Challenging the centrally accepted wisdom that dissent in totalitarian regimes was representative of civil society, *Civil Society in Eastern Europe* posits the argument that the totalitarian public sphere, a new theoretical typology, presents a more robust and rigorous way by which to understand dissent and opposition in totalitarian Czechoslovakia, the GDR and Poland.

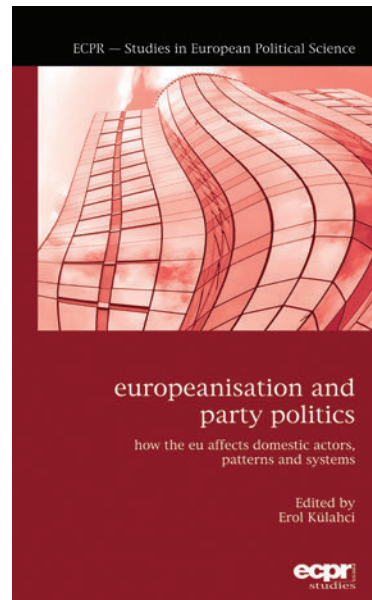
“In this feisty and original book, Matt Killingsworth argues strongly against the conventional view of civil society's role in bringing down Communism in Europe, arguing that the concept of a 'totalitarian public sphere' better describes developments in the late-Communist era. This book will lead to renewed controversy on what civil society is and what its role – if any – was in late-Communist societies.”

*Professor Leslie Holmes,  
School of Social and Political Sciences,  
University of Melbourne*

## Europeanisation and Party Politics

Erol Kūlahci

ISBN: 9781907301223



This book provides a sophisticated theoretical framework and an up-to-date analysis of the Europeanisation of domestic party systems and political parties' policy stances. It covers a range of contemporary topics: party systems, policy stances of political parties, opposition/co-operation over European integration in party systems, cleavage theory of party response to European integration, domestic depoliticisation and EU representation. It presents a sophisticated political analysis of Europe and provides an exceptional amount of factual information about European countries and parties.

“Europeanisation and Party Politics is a deeply informed analysis that will take its place among the very finest resources for those interested in the politics of Europe. It synthesizes a vast amount of information on national and European parties and party systems, and it makes a serious contribution to our understanding of whether and how these have been affected by the debate over Europe.”

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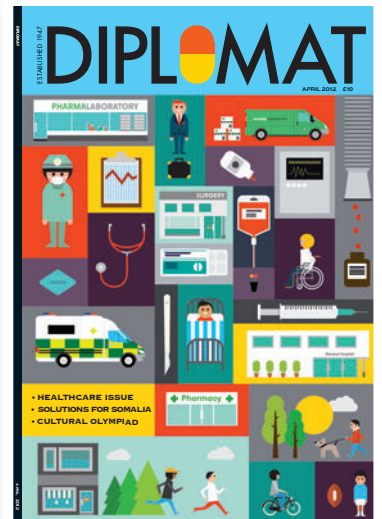
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## call for papers

### Roskilde University Sunrise Conference 2012

#### "Transforming Governance, Enhancing Innovation"

October 29-31, 2012

Conveners of the Roskilde University Sunrise Conference 2012 are pleased to invite you to participate in the annual Sunrise Conference on 'Transforming Governance, Enhancing Innovation' to be held in Roskilde, Denmark on October 29-31, 2012.

The conference will explore how public administration and governance can be transformed in order to enhance innovation in public services and policy. Rising expectations, fiscal constraints and the growing number of wicked problems and policy deadlocks spur the need for public innovation. Public and private actors must interact and collaborate in order to define problems and challenges, generate creative ideas and build ownership to new and bold solutions.

Enhancing public innovation through multi-actor collaboration requires a profound transformation of the public sector. Elements associated with New Public Management need to be rethought and downplayed, whereas new elements associated with New Public Governance, Public Value Management, the Neo-Weberian state, Public Service Motivation etc. must be expanded. The conference seeks answer to the question of how this can be done: How can we transform the public sector in order to enhance innovation?

The conference will have three tracks: one for researchers, one for practitioners and one for students. The three tracks will run in parallel, but will come together on the last day of the conference. The research track is organised as a regional conference of the IRSPM. The conference combines keynote speeches of distinguished scholars in public administration, governance and management with parallel panel sessions. In the panels we welcome conceptual, theoretical and empirical papers dealing with public innovation and need and prospect for transforming public administration and governance. The panel titles are:

- Participation and Civic Engagement in Public Innovation
- Network Governance and Policy Innovation
- Innovation of Health Policies and Services
- New Roles for Politicians in Collaborative Innovation Processes
- Digitalisation as a Driver of Public Innovation
- Social Entrepreneurship in Public Innovation
- Enhancing Innovation in Complex Organisations
- Reforming Accountability and Value-for-Money Systems
- Transformative Learning for Public Innovation

Abstracts must be submitted by August, 2012.

For updated programme, practical information and more, please visit the conference website: [www.sunrise.ruc.dk](http://www.sunrise.ruc.dk).

We are looking forward to receiving your scholarly contribution and meeting you in Roskilde in October!

## membership year 2012/13

The current membership year will come to an end on the 30 September. To ensure you and your colleagues don't miss out on vital membership benefits (such as journal access, free attendance at the Joint Sessions, or funding for any event, particularly the JS or Winter School) please make sure your Official Representative renews as quickly as possible. The 2012/13 renewal pack will be sent to all ORs in July and invoices for the next subscription year will be available to download via MyECPR from the end of September.



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- establish a Standing Group (and receive funding)

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