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# Could you edit an ECPR publication?

Publishing new research by the political science community it serves is at the heart of the ECPR's mission. As such, editing one of its publications is a chance to be at the cutting edge of the discipline, shaping its direction and focus. In 2015 four editors will complete their term of office; the ECPR is therefore now seeking their replacements

## Comparative Politics series – Co-Editor

Published in partnership with Oxford University Press, Comparative Politics is a series for scholars and students of political science. It focuses on contemporary government and politics, with a particular interest in the comparative domestic politics of political institutions and behaviour.

Global in scope, books in the series are characterised by a stress on comparative analysis and strong methodological rigour. Since the launch of the series in 1990 some of the most influential books in political science of the last twenty years have been published within it.

The ECPR is seeking a Co-Editor to work alongside continuing Editors Ferdinand Müller-Rommel (University of Luneburg) and Emilie van Haute (Université libre de Bruxelles).

## EJPR – Co-Editor

The *European Journal of Political Research (EJPR)* is a leading journal in political science and the flagship journal of the ECPR. Published four times a year, the *EJPR* specialises in articles articulating theoretical and comparative perspectives in political science, and welcomes quantitative and qualitative approaches.

*EJPR* also publishes short research notes outlining ongoing research in more specific areas of research. The Journal includes the *Political Data Yearbook*, published as a double issue at the end of each volume and now online as the *PDY Interactive*.

The *EJPR* is published in partnership with Wiley-Blackwell.

The ECPR is seeking a Co-Editor to join continuing Editor Ioannis Papadopoulos (Université de Lausanne).



## Application procedure

The closing date for all applications is 24 August 2015. The next Joint Sessions of Workshops in Warsaw, which will begin their editorships on 1 August 2015.

Find detailed adverts for each position at [www.ecpr.eu](http://www.ecpr.eu). Please email Rebecca Gethen at [rknapp@ecpr.eu](mailto:rknapp@ecpr.eu).



## EPS – Co-Editor

*EPS* is the professional journal of the ECPR devoted to contributions by and for the political science community. It publishes pieces on how the discipline is, can and ought to be. The unique and indispensable nature of *EPS* to the political science community has led to the continuing success of this journal, as demonstrated through an improving Impact Factor year on year.

Articles address research matters (including debates in the discipline, research projects, political science information sources, funding opportunities); professional matters (such as career structures and prospects, external evaluation, higher education reforms, accreditation issues); doctoral training provision and teaching matters; and relations between academia and politicians, policy makers, journalists and ordinary citizens.

*EPS* also includes more substantive pieces that provide a political science perspective on important current events. In addition to original articles, the journal carries shorter notes, review articles and symposia, progress reports on lively areas of research and profiles of people in the profession. *EPS* is published in partnership with Palgrave Macmillan.

The ECPR is seeking a Co-Editor to join continuing Editors Heather Savigny (University of Bournemouth); Jonathon Moses (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim); and Lasse Thomassen (Queen Mary, University of London).

## ECPR Press – Co-Editor

ECPR Press is the publishing imprint of the ECPR. Established in 2005 with a remit to publish classic works of political science that had gone out of print alongside cutting-edge research from established and younger members of the profession, the Press has quickly grown to the point where it now operates in much the same way as a university press.

Eight years on from its launch, 2013 saw a record 23 titles published; and Press authors – Giovanni Sartori, Richard Rose, Peter Mair, Hanne Marthe Narud, Donatella della Porta, Rosie Campbell, to name a few – show the appeal of the service, marketing reach, rigour and professionalism the Press can offer.

In addition to the two original series (ECPR Classics and Monographs) the Press now publishes an Essays series, along with a well-established series of multi-authored edited volumes, *Studies in European Political Science*.

The ECPR is seeking a Co-Editor to work alongside Peter Kennealy (EUI), Alexandra Segerberg (University of Stockholm) and Peter Triantafyllou (Roskilde University).

August 2014. Appointments will be made at the end of the year and start in spring 2015. The successful candidates will be notified in late 2014.

[www.ecpr.eu/Vacancies.aspx](http://www.ecpr.eu/Vacancies.aspx)  
or email [hr@ecpr.eu](mailto:hr@ecpr.eu) with any questions.

# New editor joins *EPSR*

The ECPR is delighted to announce that Carlos Closa has been appointed as Co-Editor of the *European Political Science Review (EPSR)* replacing B Guy Peters when his term ends this December

Currently Senior Fellow in the Global Governance Programme at the European University Institute, Professor Closa has been Deputy Director at the Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies, Madrid, and member of the Venice Commission for Democracy through Law of the Council of Europe. Carlos Closa has published widely in Spanish, English and Italian, on topics such as EU citizenship, the EU constitutional structure and the relationship with the Member States. Professor Closa will join continuing Co-Editor Wil Hout (Erasmus

University Rotterdam), building on the excellent work of the two establishing editors (Donatella della Porta and B Guy Peters) to take this journal forward.

I feel really excited about the honour that supposes *EPSR* editorship

Speaking of his appointment Professor Closa said 'I feel really excited about the honour that supposes *EPSR* editorship. Egregious scholars such as Donatella della Porta and Guy Peters have preceded me and this represents an even greater challenge. I aim to keep the broad outlook of *EPSR* and its outstanding and increasing reputation and impact.'



## About the *EPSR*

Published four times a year in partnership with Cambridge University Press, *EPSR* aims to be a place for the best research in all areas of political science, offering an indispensable and stimulating source of new scholarship. As a 'general' journal in political science, it publishes articles that speak to as large an audience as possible, meeting the needs of all who wish to maintain a broad awareness of important new work in the discipline.

As a benefit of ECPR membership, one print copy of each issue is sent to ECPR Official Representatives.

To subscribe to *EPSR* and take advantage of all of the extra benefits of online access, including reading content ahead of print publication, please see the Cambridge University Press [website](#).

# All eyes on Glasgow in 2014

A referendum on Scottish independence from the UK, the Commonwealth Games and the ECPR General Conference... the world's eyes will be trained on Glasgow this year

Positioned comfortably between the 20th Commonwealth Games (23 July – 3 August) and Scotland's referendum on independence on 18 September, the ECPR's 8th General Conference could be argued as bridging these two high profile, but very different events.

The Games will gather athletes from the 53 Commonwealth countries for two weeks of sporting endeavour; the ECPR General Conference will, likewise, bring together an internationally diverse group for four days of academic endeavour and political debate; and the referendum has the potential to affect the political landscape of Europe.

## Welcome Address and Plenary Lecture

Indeed, as Nicola Sturgeon, Deputy First Minister of Scotland, says 'The eyes of the world are on Scotland as we decide our nation's future, and it is very welcome that up to 2,500 political scientists from near and far are here just two weeks before the vote.' Sturgeon will deliver the Welcome Address at the General Conference on the Thursday evening.

Sturgeon's Address will be followed by the Plenary lecture from Iain McLean (University of Oxford) which draws on the Scottish referendum as a prompt for some general reflections on subordinate parliaments and fiscal federalism, entitled *Parliaments in Fiscal Federalism*:



### *Spending too Much, Taxing too Little?*

Also on the Plenary programme are two Roundtables: *Democracy and its Discontents* and *Contested Human Rights*. Both address topical issues, firstly the mounting Euroscepticism reflected in the recent European elections, and secondly the creation of new human rights claims such as those for lesbian and gay people. Find out more on the ECPR website.

## Online timetable tool

Also online is a new Timetable tool. With 66 Sections and 420 Panels across the Conference, it can be hard for participants to organise their time to get the most out of the event. This new tool lets users explore the scheduling of Sections, Panels and Papers. You can filter activities by day, search by Section or Panel number or by keywords such as 'Street Politics', 'Turkey' or 'Room C407'.

## Conference discounts!

Finally, the ECPR has negotiated discounts with travel operators and hotels for Conference participants, so if you haven't yet made your travel plans do so now; see [www.ecpr.eu](http://www.ecpr.eu)





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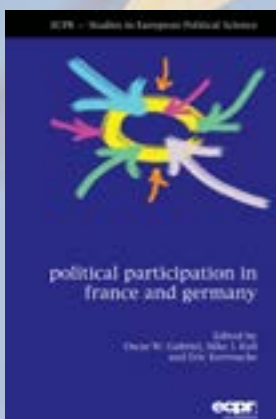
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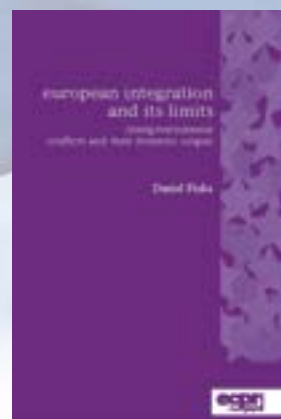
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# Innsbruck plays host to the 5<sup>th</sup> ECPR Graduate Student Conference

Young political scientists converge on the beautiful Austrian city of Innsbruck this July as the ECPR holds its Graduate Student Conference at the University. The event continues to be a vital step on the path to a successful academic career

The Graduate Student Conference is a unique event on the political science calendar that provides an opportunity for Masters and PhD level students to experience their first professional conference fully supported by the expertise and network of the ECPR.

## Involved at every level

Structured in the same way as the ECPR's extremely successful General Conference, the Graduate event has students involved at every level, not just presenting a Paper – from organising and chairing Sections, through to being Panel Chairs and Discussants. In this environment where every participant is at the same stage in their career, participants can gain conference experience while developing their own research.

This year, the Conference will comprise 27 Sections, including an Open Section encompassing Panels that have no natural home in the main Section themes. Covering the full range of sub-disciplines, from Area to Security Studies, Sections then house an average of five Panels, each taking a topic for further

discussion through the presentation and discussion of Papers.

## Plenary programme

A plenary programme complements the academic side of the Conference. This year's Plenary Lecture, given by Alan Scott (University of Innsbruck) addresses the subject *Seeing Like a Political Scientist*.

Roundtables cover themes including *Being on the Academic Job Market*; *How to Write a Research Proposal*; *Research Funding from the European Union* and *How to Get Published*.

## Maybe next time?

Registration for this event closed on 25 May, but if you feel the Graduate Student Conference could be for you, the next one is in Tartu, Estonia, in 2016. Find out more at [www.ecpr.eu](http://www.ecpr.eu)



# Is it time to top up your methods skills?

A reputation for pedagogical excellence plus an exciting social programme, all in a beautiful city, makes the ECPR's Summer School in Methods and Techniques an unmissable event

**T**he 2014 Summer School in Methods and Techniques (SSMT) takes place between 24 July and 9 August at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia. The SSMT is half of the ECPR's Methods School, which also includes the Winter School (WSMT).

Launched in 2006, the ECPR Methods School offers world-leading training in research methods in political science and neighbouring disciplines. The broad programme offers courses that deal with all stages of a project, caters to the needs of research set at the macro and at the micro level, and covers

both quantitative and qualitative approaches as well as more positivist and interpretative perspectives.

By combining courses at two or more events (WSMT and SSMT), participants can follow diverse training tracks of introductory and advanced courses, in various formats.

The Summer School and Winter School host institutions grant ECTS Credits Certificates, and the ECPR also issues certificates of attendance, including a joint certificate of attendance for following a given training track over two events or more.





It's not too late to book your place at the 2014 Summer School - the full course list is below. Visit the ECPR website for more information and to make your booking.

Course	Instructor	Type
Introduction to SPSS	Gregor Petric	Refresher
Introduction to R	Andrej Blejec	Refresher
Linear Algebra and Calculus	Anton Cedilnik	Refresher
Basics of Inferential Statistics for Political Scientists	Janez Stare	Refresher
Introduction to STATA Training Course	Anže Burger	Refresher
Multivariate Statistical Analysis and Comparative Crossnational Surveys Data	Bruno Cautrès & Steven M. Van Hauwaert	Two Week
Case Study Research: Method and Practice	Ingo Rohlfing	Two Week
Event History and Survival Analysis	Janez Stare	Two Week
Set-Theoretic Methods: Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Related Approaches	Carsten Schneider & Patrick Mello	Two Week
Introduction to Structural Equation Modelling	Jochen Mayerl	Two Week
Advanced Topics in Applied Regression	Levi Littvay	Two Week
Multiple Regression Analysis and Generalised Linear Modelling	Bernhard Kittel & Federico Vegetti	Two Week
Analysing Discourse I and II – Analysing Politics: Theories, Methods and Applications	Michał Krzyżanowski	Two Week
Research Designs	Samo Kropivnik	Week One
Multiple Regression Analysis: Estimation, Diagnostics and Modelling	Bernhard Kittel	Week One
Analysing Discourse I – Analysing Politics: Theories, Methods and Applications	Michał Krzyżanowski	Week One
Expert Interviews for Qualitative Data Generation	Alenka Jelen	Week One
Process Tracing Methodology I – Foundations and Design	Rasmus Brun Pedersen	Week One
Issues in Political, Policy, and Organizational Ethnography	Dvora Yanow	Week One
Advanced Topics in Applied Regression I: Assumptions, Extrapolation and Heterogeneity	Levi Littvay	Week One
Applied Multilevel Modelling	Kim Mannemar Sonderskov	Week One
Introduction to Generalized Linear Modelling	Federico Vegetti	Week Two
Process Tracing Methodology II - Evidence & Empirical Testing in Practice	Derek Beach	Week Two
Analysing Discourse II – Analysing Politics: Theories, Methods and Applications	Michał Krzyżanowski	Week Two
Qualitative Data Analysis: Methods and Procedures	Marie-Hélène Paré	Week Two
Content Analysis	Kostas Gemenis	Week Two
Advanced Topics in Applied Regression II: Operationalisation, Measurement, Weighting and Non-Response Correction	Levi Littvay	Week Two

# Political Science blossoms in sunny Salamanca

Spain's oldest and, arguably, most beautiful university hosted the ECPR's 42nd Joint Sessions of Workshops this April. A key event on the annual political science calendar, the Sessions are a unique chance for scholars to collaborate in small, focused groups

Some 450 participants came together from across the world to share ideas, develop their work, and grow their networks in the beautiful buildings of the Universidad de Salamanca.

## Salamanca: a model university

Founded almost 800 years ago, the Universidad de Salamanca is the oldest in Spain, the fourth oldest western university, and the model on which many Spanish and Latin American universities were founded. More than 35,000 students from 80 countries currently study in Salamanca, making it a thriving hub of Spanish university life.

Salamanca's Old City was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988 and the historic buildings were the perfect environment for hard academic graft and the equally stimulating social programme. The annual Stein Rokkan Lecture took place within the exquisite cloisters of Archbishop Fonseca college.

## Easter treats

Joint Sessions participants also experienced the spectacle of the city's Easter celebrations, as more than 9,000 members of sixteen religious guilds paraded through the streets for ten days. Some 50 different carvings representing stages of the Passion of Christ that date back to the fifteenth century are carried through

the city against the backdrop of the two cathedrals, the Clerecía, the plateresque facade of the University, the Baroque architecture of the Plaza Mayor, the San Esteban Convent and the millennial Roman Bridge.

## Centre of excellence

The ECPR was delighted that, as a member of the Consortium, the University of Salamanca offered to host the Joint Sessions this year.

The University is widely regarded as one of the best centres of teaching and research of political science in Spain. The Political Science Faculty has ten permanent members, and hosts visiting scholars from other countries every year.



# Plenary highlights



## Lecture by Former Chair, Luciano Bardi

Former Chair, Luciano Bardi was invited back to the ECPR to present a lecture at this year's Joint Sessions, titled *Political parties, responsibility and responsiveness in multi-level democracy*. Former Chair of the ECPR (2009-2012), Luciano Bardi is Professor of Comparative Politics and International Relations and at the University of Pisa, and part-time Professor at the European University Institute and co-Director of the EUI's Schuman Centre's Observatory on Political Parties and Representation. Professor Bardi's lecture was followed by a reception sponsored by the ECPR's publishing partners, Wiley-Blackwell, Palgrave Macmillan and Cambridge University Press. Professor Bardi's lecture will be published in the ECPR's journal *European Political Science (EPS)* later this year.

## Stein Rokkan Lecture

This year's Stein Rokkan Lecture was delivered by Jean Blondel, Emeritus Professor at the European University Institute in Florence, and visiting professor at the University of Siena. Professor Blondel, who was the first Director of the ECPR, stepped in at the last minute to deliver the Stein Rokkan Lecture entitled *Some reflections on where political science might preferably go*, after Scott Mainwaring was unable to travel due to ill health. Professor Blondel's lecture will be available on the ECPR YouTube channel this summer.

# The Workshops

96 Workshop proposals for 24 slots; 761 Paper proposals but only 419 accepted... The ECPR's Joint Sessions remain an extremely popular and competitive event. We asked a number of this year's Workshop Directors to share their experiences

## Workshop

### *Sharing Natural Resources in Time of Climate Change: Justice, Culture and Natural Resource Governance*

The group's interdisciplinary make-up made for truly inspiring and constructive debates across established boundaries, which advanced our understanding of the normative and socio-political challenges facing sustainable resource governance in times of anthropogenic climate change.

This Workshop was only the starting point, though, since future collaboration between participants is already being planned (Workshops, joint Papers, collaborative funding proposals, etc). We also had some discussion concerning future publications based on some of the papers discussed.

Overall, the Workshop was a great success and we could not have asked for more. The Joint Sessions were once again an event not to be missed: expertly organised; the perfect place to make contacts, exchange ideas and plan future output.

**Fabian Schuppert**  
Queen's University, Belfast  
**Chris Armstrong**  
University of Southampton

## Workshop

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

The Workshop proved a great success and we hope participants got as much out of it as we did. Papers included interesting adaptations of our Leadership Capital Index and very high-quality discussion of related concepts. There was a genuinely positive group dynamic and interesting ideas about how to better understand what is a notoriously challenging area to research, from how leaders stay in power, to why their communication skills fail.

The discussion and operationalisation of the LCI have helped us move this project forward. Special thanks go to Jean Blondel for his enthusiasm, ideas and unflagging energy. To find out more, please see our new blog <http://measuringleadership.wordpress.com/>

**Ben Worthy**  
Birkbeck, University of London  
**Mark Bennister**  
Canterbury Christ Church University  
**Paul 't Hart** University of Utrecht

## Workshop

### *Climate Ethics and Climate Economics*

Our Workshop gathered economists, philosophers and political theorists to discuss the economics and ethics of climate change.

About half the Papers dealt with 'discounting the future': whether future costs and benefits should be assigned less weight than present ones. Other topics included the ethics of carbon offsets, risk diversification, and 'borrowing from the future' to mitigate climate change. The latter provoked particularly lively debate, with some economists questioning whether it was even possible – let alone desirable – to shift a substantial share of the costs of mitigation to our descendants.

The format allowed us to devote an hour and a half to each Paper, but we could easily have talked still longer. We are already discussing the possibility of future meetings.

**Dominic Roser**  
University of Oxford  
**Matthew Rendall**  
University of Nottingham

The 2015 Joint Sessions will be held in Warsaw, Poland.  
For more information about how to take part, please see  
[www.ecpr.eu](http://www.ecpr.eu)



## Workshop

### Contemporary Meanings of Party Membership

Over four productive days, scholars from Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Norway, Spain, Sweden, the UK and the USA came together to ponder the nature of party membership in contemporary democracies.

While party membership may have declined in many countries, the same cannot be said about the group's enthusiasm for studying changing forms of party affiliation and activism. Fascinating Papers were delivered on the topics including the blurring distinction between

members and supporters; the impact of regulation, changing forms of organisation and affiliation on party volunteering; digital activism; and party membership in Latin America and at the EU level.

Intellectual exchanges revolved around the creation of common concepts and typologies, organisational versus individual approaches to party membership, methods for researching party membership (surveys, ethnographic research) and the need for greater integration and collaboration between European and non-European party scholars.

**Anika Gauja**  
University of Sydney  
**Susan Scarrow**  
University of Houston



Above: Members of the Contemporary Meanings of Party Membership Workshop enjoy the Salamanca sunshine.



# The people

Just over 450 people from across the world came together in Salamanca to share ideas, create networks and further the work of the political science community. Here are just a few of them...



Fabienne Greffet  
Université de Grenoble

'I like attending the ECPR Joint Sessions because they are a unique moment in academia when a group of scholars sharing the same research interest spend four days in a room, presenting and discussing their research work. The Joint Sessions are based on the principle of spending time together; it makes it easy to get a lot of feedback as well as socialising with colleagues.'



Liza Mügge  
University of Amsterdam

'The Joint Sessions offer a unique format to discuss work-in-progress in depth with peers at different career stages, from full professors to PhD students. It also allows Workshops to move scholarships forward by exploring ideas for joint publications, research grants and getting our finds out to a broader public through blogs.'



Martin Mölder  
Central European  
University

'The Joint Sessions is a great opportunity to have top experts in the field read and comment on your work, as well as get an overview of what their state of the art is and what they are struggling with.'

## A word of thanks

As always, the ECPR could not stage the Joint Sessions without the support and hard work of the member institutions that provide their university buildings, staff and resources for the organisation and duration of the event. The ECPR would therefore like to extend its sincere thanks to the University of Salamanca and all who worked tirelessly to make the 2014 Joint Sessions a success.

The ECPR is always interested in hearing from member institutions that would like to host an event. For more information please email Sandra Thompsom on [slthomp@essex.ac.uk](mailto:slthomp@essex.ac.uk)



Dominic Roser  
University of Oxford

'I just love how much time we have to really discuss each Paper thoroughly. And Salamanca's atmosphere is just a perfect backdrop for the whole Sessions.'



Kaare Strøm  
University of California,  
San Diego

'Intense, sustained and very often fruitful conversations with scholars from other countries engaged in similar research.'



Anna Sroka  
University of Warsaw

'It is an amazing possibility to change the knowledge in my research field.'

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### And finally... three generations of ECPR leadership meet in Salamanca



Founding member of the ECPR and Executive Director 1970–79, Jean Blondel (on the right), shares a joke with member and Vice Chair of the Executive Committee 1994–2000, Ferdinand Müller-Rommel (centre) and member and Chair of the Executive Committee 2006–2012, Luciano Bardi (left).

# Jean Blondel PhD Prize

Since October 2003, the ECPR has awarded an annual prize for the best PhD thesis in politics. The prize fund is €1,000 and the winner is offered the chance to adapt their thesis for publication as an ECPR Press Monograph.

This year the Prize was presented by Jean Blondel himself, who also stepped in at the last minute to deliver the annual Stein Rokkan lecture after Scott Mainwaring was unable to travel to the event.

## This year's winner

The 2013 prize went to **Christian Rauh** (right), Wissenschaftszentrum für Sozialforschung and Freie Universität Berlin, for his thesis *Politicisation, Issue Salience, and Consumer Policies of the European Commission: Does Public Awareness and Contestation of Supranational Matters Increase the Responsiveness of Europe's Central Agenda-Setter?*

Chaired by Peter Kennealy (EUI Florence) representing the ECPR Press, the jury comprised Paolo Bellucci (University of Siena), Birgit Sauer (University of Vienna) and Paul Heywood (University of Nottingham).

Rauh's thesis challenges the image of the EU Commission as a technocratic actor removed from societal and political demands. On the contrary, his analysis shows that European elites adapt their decisions to a politicised context.

His research provides an insightful account of the European Commission's approach to policy making, helping us better understand



the dynamics of policy development in relation to European integration.

Rauh demonstrates how the extent of public awareness, issue contestation and salience constrain the Commission's positions, and explain the location of its policy stance between *laissez-faire* and interventionism in consumer and market regulation.

The jury felt that the research design nicely combines public-opinion and public-policy analyses, relying on multiple sources (including public opinion surveys, media analysis, elite interviews, and process tracing) which produce compelling evidence for the conditions (when? why? how?) that promote EU institutions' responsiveness to European citizens.

## Blondel shortlist

### Patrick Bayer

University of Mannheim  
*Distributional, Institutional, and Informational Dynamics in International Cooperation on Climate Change*

### Hanna Schwander

University of Zürich  
*The Politicisation of the Insider-Outsider Divide in Western Europe: Labour Market Vulnerability and its Political Consequences*

The 2015 Prize opens in October 2014. For more information please see the ECPR website.



# Rudolf Wildenmann Prize



This prize is awarded annually to the best paper presented at the previous Joint Sessions. Candidates must be under 35, and within five years of gaining their PhD. The prize was presented by Manuel Sánchez de Dios, member of the Executive Committee with responsibility for this year's Joint Sessions.

## This year's winner

The 2013 prize has been awarded to Sebastian Ziaja (above), who received his PhD from the Department of Government at the University of Essex, and is now a researcher at the German Development Institute. His prizewinning paper, *Diversity Trumps Quantity: Types of Foreign Aid*,

*Donor Fragmentation and Democratisation*, investigates the influence of foreign aid fragmentation on democracy in recipient countries.

The Paper distinguishes between the effects of aid fragmentation in general, and aid fragmentation of democracy assistance. It confirms previous findings by arguing that the former is detrimental to democratisation, the latter beneficial. Dr Ziaja finds that diverse democracy aid has beneficial effects on the institutional setup in the recipient country by providing more options from which local actors can choose. But more than an analysis of foreign aid effectiveness, his Paper contributes to the study of democratisation, particularly the debate on pluralism in young democracies.

## Wildenmann shortlist

### Raimondas Ibenskas

*Electoral Implications of Party Fission*

**Åsa Knaggard** *Framing the Problem: Knowledge Brokers in the Multiple Streams Approach*

**Martin Mölder** *Fluid Voters behind a Stabilising Party System? Investigating Party System Parameters in Estonia*

**Manuela Moschella** *Monitoring Macroeconomic Imbalances in the EU: Lessons from IMF*

**Francisca Piccin** *Managing External Humanitarian Crises: the EU Humanitarian Aid Policy Between Bilateralism and Multilateralism*

**Lauge N. Skovgaard Poulsen** *Bounded Rationality and the Diffusion of Modern Investment Treaties*

**Maria Laura Sudulich** *Campaign Effectiveness in a Comparative Perspective*

**Federico Vegetti** and **Zoltán Fazegas** *The Conflictual Nature of Ideological Polarisation*

The jury felt that Ziaja's thesis, which meets the highest technical standards, provides an excellent overview of the current state of research, from which the central hypotheses are derived. The large-n analysis was considered well executed and methodologically advanced. A standout feature was qualitative evidence from a case study on Ghana to illustrate the proposed causal mechanism.

# The European Consortium for Are you making the most of Y



ECPR brings people together across the spectrum of political science and its related disciplines. We offer unrivalled opportunities to collaborate with scholars who share your research interests, and to explore this constantly changing academic field.

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# Open access to new organised crime journal

The ECPR's Standing Group on Organised Crime (SGOC) has launched a new open access journal *The European Review of Organised Crime (EROC)*. Fully peer-reviewed and international in scope, SGOC Convenor, Felia Allum (University of Bath), talks about the aims of this new publishing venture

The main aim of the journal is to offer a forum for the study of organised crime in its different manifestations and to promote a dialogue between the academic community and practitioners. *EROC's* unique feature is that it will be free for authors to publish and free for readers to access. We are also dedicated to publishing articles rapidly upon submission and actively seek manuscripts coming from early career professionals and non-native speakers of English.

Furthermore, we have adopted a rolling deadline structure for submissions in order to maximise the potential of our digital platform and hope to publish accepted manuscripts with a six-month period from the date of receipt.

## 'Outstanding contributions'

We have received several outstanding contributions for *EROC's* inaugural issue. Robert Lombardo (Loyola University) evaluates the impact of the Chicago Area Project, a juvenile delinquency prevention association based in Chicago, on preventing young people from pursuing a life of organised adult crime.

The research Lombardo conducted in Chicago's Italian communities provides valuable empirical details and offers support for the social disorganisation and differential social organisation theories.

Carina Gunnarson (Uppsala University) examines the Addiopizzo anti-mafia campaign started by private businesses in Palermo. Based on an original dataset collected from 277 firms that joined the Addiopizzo campaign, and from interviews with almost 100 entrepreneurs, the article is an interesting contribution to the body of knowledge about civic movements against crime and corruption.

An in-depth comparative analysis of approaches to preventing organised crime policy in Australia and the Netherlands is presented by Julie Ayling (Australian National University).

This article evaluates the preventive strategies in both countries, arguing in favour of the Dutch administrative approach, an example of a situational crime prevention that is not primarily aimed at the perpetrators of organised crime but rather at the various circumstances that facilitate organised crime.

Finally, José Carlos Cisneros Guzmán (Autonomous University of Sinaloa) offers an ethnographic piece of research on the role of women in Mexican cartels. The article examines several contemporary profiles of women inside Mexican drug trafficking organisations and identifies the tactics women used to arrive at key positions in the cartel. This article is full of fascinating details about the life and criminal careers of women working for drug-trafficking cartels the author obtained from multiple field-trips to Sinaloa—a Northwest state in Mexico. It will definitely be of interest to both novice and experienced readers on Mexico's drug-related problems.

## Practitioners share

Importantly, *EROC's* inaugural issue will also offer several practitioners' essays. We hope that the experience practitioners have shared with *EROC* can open new avenues for research on organised crime as well as raise awareness about what practitioners do, what kind of results they have achieved and what kind of challenges they have encountered in their work.

Franco Roberti, Italian National Antimafia Prosecutor, reflects upon the role of Italian mafias



in the global economy while Stan Gilmour, Detective superintendent for Thames Valley Police (UK), discusses the challenges law enforcement has encountered in the policing of cyberspace.

## Conceptual ambiguity

In addition to practitioners' contributions, the readers will find a debate essay by Leticia Elias and Arco Timmermans (University of Leiden), in which they discuss the conceptual ambiguity of the concept 'organised crime' and consequences of this ambiguity for policy-making on organised crime in the EU.

The authors focus on the policy dynamics and agenda-setting on organised crime as the latter appeared on the list of concerns of the European Council. Importantly, their discussion relates to a wide set of European Council's policy patterns and institutional transformations that may appeal to a larger audience working on issues that go beyond the study on organised crime.

## Call for contributions

Having completed *EROC's* first issue, available to the public in June, we have started collecting papers for *EROC's* second issue due for publication in autumn 2014.

We invite theoretical and empirical contributions on organised crime broadly conceived from a variety of disciplines, such as criminology, criminal justice, political science, law, security studies, sociology, gender studies, economics, media studies, anthropology, and history.

Contributions from practitioners who can share knowledge about organised crime by drawing upon their on-the-ground experience are also extremely welcome.

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# Bridging the East-West divide: Central and Eastern European politics as an evolving field of research

Petra Guasti, Convenor of the ECPR's Standing Group on Central and Eastern European Politics, discusses key areas of study in this field and how the Standing Group is supporting them

With the recent tumultuous developments in the Ukraine, Central and Eastern European (CEE) politics are once again back on the world's front pages. CEE encompasses countries until 1989/1991 described as the Soviet Block and Warsaw Pact, which were, for the larger part of the twentieth century, ruled by communist governments in a non-democratic way. After the fall of the Berlin Wall, the development in the region represents one of the largest political shifts in European history.

## Post-communist transformation

The transformation of CEE after 1989/1990 did not follow a straightforward trajectory. On the contrary, the post-Soviet countries in East Europe (and Central Asia), with the exception of the three Baltic states (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania), did not follow a positive transition path – their transition to democracy and market economy was partial, inconsistent and often unstable.

Today, none of these countries can be described as fully functioning consolidated democracies, and some are clearly authoritarian states led by strong and charismatic leaders. On the other hand, countries in Central Europe and the Baltic Region embarked on a (mostly) successful reform course, establishing stable (and consolidated) democracies and market economy, joining NATO (in three waves 1999, 2004 and 2009) and the European Union (also in three waves 2004, 2007 and 2013).

This historical development offers scholars in the field of CEE politics, but also in comparative politics, European studies and IR an abundance of research themes and material. This is mirrored in the rich body of literature in the past two and a half decades, as well as in the growing attention to the region by both specialised and general learned journals. Most recently, many leading journals dedicated special issues to the tenth anniversary of Eastern Enlargement of the European Union. This interest within the discipline was also mirrored in the Workshop at the 2014 ECPR Joint

Sessions in Salamanca, where Aron Buzogany and Antoneta Dimitrova led the *Ten Years On: Evaluating Eastern Enlargement* Workshop, sponsored by the Standing Group on Central and Eastern European Politics.

## Outcomes and impact

The Workshop evaluated the outcomes and the impact of the most recent EU enlargement on democratic, societal and economic developments in the CEE Member States and on conceptual issues concerning Europeanisation research. The focus on the complex domestic impact of EU membership on the CEE countries offered an opportunity to revisit many existing theoretical and methodological issues.

Most importantly, the extent to which the East-West divide is still dominant in political research and CEE countries are thus mostly treated as a separate and special case, to which general categories developed for the study of, for example, extreme right political parties, are still largely deemed not applicable to the populist and extremist parties emerging in CEE.



Firmly rooted in the Europeanisation research tradition, the Workshop was an attempt to bridge the East-West divide, bringing together established and emerging scholars from Western and Eastern Europe whose varied research expertise contributed to an improved theoretical and empirical understanding of European integration. Focusing on the analysis of actual political changes in the region and the scholarly analysis thereof, the Workshop highlighted that methodological choices often lead scholars to over-emphasise the role of the EU in the domestic politics of CEE countries (Dimitrova) and that while growing in quantity, CEE Europeanisation is still rather a marginal topic in mainstream EU research (Buzogany).

## Future research

In taking stock of the field, the Workshop highlighted three issues to be incorporated in the future research of CEE Politics. First, the need to put the EU's influence in the region into a broader perspective and to re-connect the study of CEE politics with the main themes and questions of comparative politics; second, to refocus on the internal variation within the region across countries, sectors and time, and on the search for causal mechanisms

beyond path-dependency; and third, the need to shift the focus from dominant process-centered approaches to stronger actor-focused research, incorporating state and non-state actors.

Most of these issues will be considered in the forthcoming Section at the ECPR General Conference entitled *Rethinking Conditionality: Incentivising Integration Across Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia*, led by Eamonn Butler and Luca Anceschi, and developed with and sponsored by the Standing Group. In comparing the impact of EU conditionality on new EU member states, as well as on CEE countries, where EU membership is not on the agenda (Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia), the Section seeks to re-engage with the conditionality concept, by examining how its perception has been modified by recent enlargements and EU approaches to co-operation/integration with its wider Eastern neighbourhood.

Examining the legacy of conditionality, its relevance in the post-enlargement era and its limits, in terms of geographical, political and economic scope, allows multiple new avenues for research, for example looking at the incentives for new EU member

states to sustain democratisation and prevent backsliding. Furthermore, transcending conditionality and posing a question, whether the EU can make a difference in areas such as respect for human rights via new post-enlargement tools such as the Eastern Partnership, energy co-operation and security, and further formal and informal strategies to engage with the wider European Neighbourhood (post-Soviet Central Asia, Middle East, North Africa, etc) via political engagement and trade.

## 'Dynamic development'

The Standing Group and its members are happy to be one of the driving forces contributing to the above-described dynamic development of research and research agenda on CEE politics. Building on the pioneering work of its first generation of convenors, the main focus of the Group today remains the closing of the East-West divide by integrating CEE scholars into ECPR activities and opening the CEE region up to all scholars interested in the richness of the region's political development, and last but not least, by taking stock of existing research agenda and initiating new research and research co-operation.

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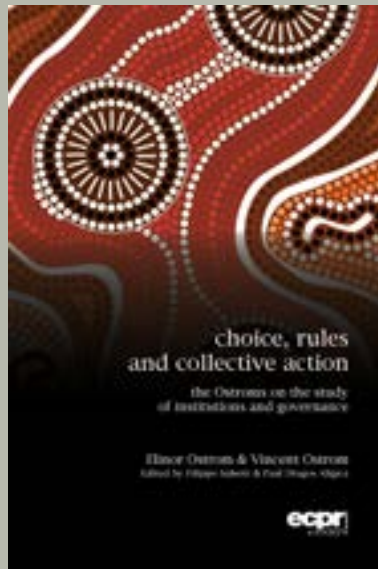


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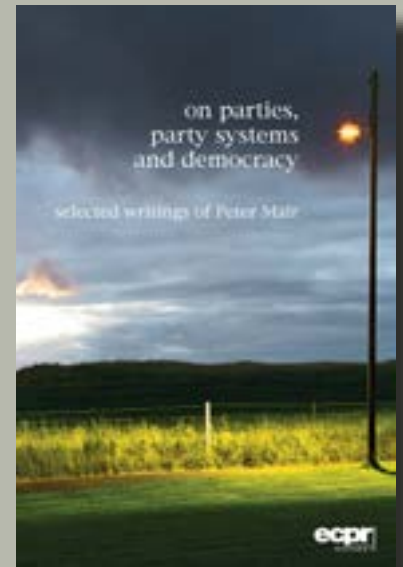


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