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## PSAI MEMBERSHIP/IRISH POLITICAL STUDIES

PSAI Membership: €50/£45. Students: €30/£27. This includes a print subscription to *Irish Political Studies*. The online membership form can be accessed at [www.tandf.co.uk/journals/offer/fips-so.asp](http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/offer/fips-so.asp) . If you are unsure about your current membership status, please feel free to contact Stacey Doran ([stacey.doran@tandf.co.uk](mailto:stacey.doran@tandf.co.uk))

***Irish Political Studies (IPS)*** is the only refereed journal exclusively dedicated to the publication of high-quality academic articles on Irish politics. It covers politics in the Republic of Ireland, in Northern Ireland, the politics of their bilateral relationship and the politics of their relationship with the United Kingdom, and the European Union. *IPS* is the official journal of the *Political Studies Association of Ireland*. The PSAI also produces a number of [publications](#) – a series of guides to Irish election results and (in association with Routledge) the standard textbook, [Politics in the Republic of Ireland](#), edited by John Coakley and Michael Gallagher (currently in its fifth edition). Back issues of *Irish Political Studies* and other PSAI [publications](#) are available for sale from the PSAI. Please contact Michael Courtney [courtnmj@tcd.ie](mailto:courtnmj@tcd.ie) for full details and to make a purchase.

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## Section 1: News

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### **The ECPR is seeking a Reviews Editor for its professional journal *European Political Science (EPS)***

*EPS* is the professional journal of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR). Published by Palgrave Macmillan on behalf of the ECPR, *EPS* is devoted to publishing contributions by and for the political science community. Its interpretation of 'political science' is wide and encompasses comparative politics, political economy, international relations, public administration, political theory, European studies and related disciplines. It publishes articles on how the discipline is, can be and ought to be. Until the end of 2011 *EPS* will publish a separate *Reviews* issue at the end of each volume (issue 4); as of the beginning of 2012 though, book reviews will form part of each of four standard issues instead.

Key requirements for the role are:

- a knowledge of recent book publications of interest to a broad range of political scientists in Europe; not necessarily restricted to English language publications;
- a wide range of contacts among Europe's political scientists in order to commission review articles and individual/double book reviews;
- a capacity to maintain a regular flow of copy for the journal every quarter; and
- editing skills (copy-editing, language correction).

The position will start on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012 or as soon thereafter as possible, and run initially for three years, renewable for a further three years subject to mutual agreement. All editors are responsible to the ECPR's Publications Board, which in turn reports to the ECPR's Executive Committee. The Reviews Editor will be expected, therefore, to contribute to the Annual Report prepared by the Editors for the Board and Committee each December. Applicants should be prepared to be highly proactive in running the Reviews section of the publication. It is expected that applicants will come from an ECPR member, or associate member, institution.

The successful applicant will receive an annual editorial fee. Expenses incurred in attending meetings related to the journal will be covered by the journal's travel fund.

Applications should be made in the form of a covering letter explaining how the candidate would develop the publication under their editorship and a full CV. The closing date is the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011. All applications should be sent via e-mail to the ECPR's Publications & Publicity Manager, Rebecca Gethen [rknapp@essex.ac.uk](mailto:rknapp@essex.ac.uk), to whom informal enquiries should also be made.

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## Co-Editor Sought for International Political Science Review (IPSR)

**Closing date for applications: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011**

The *International Political Science Review*, flagship publication of the International Political Science Association, is seeking a co-editor to join Mark Kesselman from July 2012 for a four-year (renewable) period. The intention is to select the new editor by the IPSA World Congress to be held in Madrid in July 2012. There will be a transition period of several months following the editor's appointment to enable familiarization with the editorial process.

IPSR is a generalist political science journal published by SAGE Publications. It publishes excellent scholarship on all fields within political science. Contributors are located in all regions of the world and the journal actively seeks to maximize diversity in its authorship and readership. The journal is quite selective; it currently accepts less than one in five articles submitted for possible publication. The impact factor for IPSR has been steadily increasing. Its five-year impact factor was 0.936 in 2009 (up from 0.729 in 2008), ranking it 48/122 over a five year period (2004-09). Its 2009 impact factor was 0.592, up from 0.581 in 2008.

Since 2009 IPSR has introduced a number of innovative features that promote the journal while also making more of its content available as open access. The new editor will be expected to continue contributing to the journal's efforts to improve the quality of scholarship that it publishes and the breadth of its audience throughout the world. Mikhail Ilyin, chair of the IPSR Editor Search Committee (a sub-committee of the IPSA Publications Committee), and his colleagues will be interested in knowing what plans the new editor has for building on this success and further raising the profile and standing of the journal during her/his term of office.

It is expected that the journal editor will:

- actively acquire manuscripts;
- oversee the peer review process using the ScholarOne Manuscripts online management system;
- select appropriate peer reviewers from IPSR's reviewer pool to evaluate submissions;
- make decisions regarding publication of submitted manuscripts;
- edit manuscripts to ensure that they are presented in acceptable English;
- work collaboratively with key personnel at SAGE, in particular the Production Editor, Marketing Manager and Managing Editor;
- develop ideas to strengthen the journal's position in political science.

Candidates for the position should have:

- a record as a distinguished academic in her/his field;
- a demonstrated commitment to international political research;
- previous editorial experience and be fluent in written English;
- familiarity with the work of IPSA and its Research Committees.

The successful candidate will be expected to become an individual member of IPSA; help prepare an annual report that is presented in person to the Executive Committee of IPSA; contribute to IPSA's Publications Committee; and participate as a non-voting member in IPSA's executive committee (which meets once or twice annually). The editor will be provided with an honorarium and adequate resources to meet expenses associated with these commitments.

Enquiries can be made to Mikhail Ilyin ([Mikhaililyin48@gmail.com](mailto:Mikhaililyin48@gmail.com)) and Mark Kesselman ([mjk3@columbia.edu](mailto:mjk3@columbia.edu)). Applicants should email Professor Ilyin a CV and an accompanying statement describing their goals for taking IPSR forward.

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**NEW DEADLINE!!! - IPSA – 3rd annual Summer School – Concepts, Methods and Techniques in Political Sciences and International Relations**

January 30, 2012 - February 10, 2012  
University of São Paulo  
São Paulo, Brazil

The goal of this program is to give scholars in the social sciences access to high-quality, advanced training in qualitative and quantitative social science methods. The program is intended for promising upper-level scholars in political science, international relations, and related disciplines. Preference will be given to current faculty members, post-doctoral and doctoral students. Exceptional masters-level students in political science, international relations, and closely related fields will also be considered.

**Applications will now be accepted until 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011**  
<http://summerschool.ipsa.org/>

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**The original Borda count and partial voting**

**Peter Emerson**

The de Borda Institute has long since advocated the Modified Borda Count (MBC), not least because it allows for partial voting. But maybe this is what Jean-Charles de Borda had in mind when in 1781 he first advocated his points system of voting. Alas, what has come to be known as the BC does not have this property, which is why a BC can all too easily degenerate into a plurality vote; that, however, is what *le chevalier* bitterly opposed! *Social Choice and Welfare* has just published Peter Emerson's *The original Borda count and partial voting*. The article is available online at <http://www.springerlink.com/content/k476366236x10402/>

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## Section 2: Jobs, Funding, and Academic Opportunities

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### Ireland

#### **1. NUIG - Personal Professorship in Political Science and Sociology, Public Policy**

<http://www.nuigalway.ie/>

Applications are now sought for a Personal Professorship in Political Science and Sociology Policy - Public Policy. This position is part of a strategic investment to promote innovative, multidisciplinary research, teaching, and service being made by the University. As such the position seeks to bridge the gap between academic disciplines, Schools and Colleges in an effort to promote joined-up thinking, research, and public policy innovation on social, political and economic issues of vital importance to the continued development of Ireland's knowledge-based economy and civil society.

Closing date for receipt of applications is midnight (local time) on Thursday, 8th December 2011.

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#### **2. UCD - Teaching Fellow in Political Theory - School of Politics and International Relations**

<http://www.ucd.ie/hr/jobvacancies>

Applications are invited for a temporary 3-year appointment as Teaching Fellow in Political Theory, located within the UCD School of Politics and International Relations.

The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the School's teaching programmes and engage in research in some aspect of normative political theory. An ability to teach in the areas of citizenship and/or legal theory may be an advantage.

Closing Date: 23:30hrs on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011

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### United Kingdom

#### **3. University of Warwick - Associate Professor - International Centre for Governance and Public Management (IGPM)**

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/humanresources/jobsintro/academic/>

We are seeking a high-performing or high-potential academic, working within the broad disciplines of governance, public policy or public management. You may be someone who is already working in public management, or possibly have a background in private sector research and now want to make a transition in your

research and teaching to understanding public organisations. You will have a strong research profile at international level, and be committed to research-led teaching.

You must be committed to imaginative teaching of senior public policymakers and managers on our portfolio of postgraduate programmes and to have the credibility to teach and work with such mature students, and where appropriate, to maintain the strategic partnerships with national funders and other employers.

As an Associate Professor you will be an experienced teacher in fields relevant to public management, governance and public policy, preferably with expertise in public strategic management. You will need to have a strong record of published research in areas relevant to the subject. You will be expected to provide research leadership in an area that develops or builds upon the group's main interests and to provide effective teaching across a range of postgraduate programmes.

The closing date/time for applications is midnight (British time) at the end of Friday 02 December 2011.

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#### **4. University of Strathclyde - Lecturer in Public Policy - School of Government and Public Policy**

<http://vacancies.strath.ac.uk>

[The School of Government and Public Policy](#) is home to the prestigious European Policies and Research Centre and makes significant contributions to society through its internationally acclaimed research in political science and public policy.

The School seeks to appoint a vibrant and emerging researcher who has the potential to make a significant REF2014 contribution, while bringing teaching excellence at undergraduate and postgraduate levels and a capacity to develop the knowledge exchange portfolio of the School. Expertise in policy analysis, with an interest in one or more of the following areas would be particularly welcomed: crisis management, policy change, regulation, public management, institutions, evaluation, or substantive policy fields.

Closing date: 18 November 2011

#### **5. University of Strathclyde - Professor in Quantitative Political Behaviour - School of Government and Public Policy**

<http://vacancies.strath.ac.uk>

[The School of Government and Public Policy](#) is home to the prestigious European Policies and Research Centre and makes significant contributions to society through its internationally acclaimed research in political science and public policy.

The School seeks to appoint an ambitious and inspiring research leader who has an acclaimed international research profile – as evidenced by a distinguished record of publications, the attraction of major research funding and supervision of research students. As a leading member of the School's Centre for Elections and Representation Studies the successful candidate will strengthen existing

international research networks, secure major research funding and facilitate interdisciplinary collaborations at an international level. An interest in electoral behaviour would be particularly welcomed.

Subject to the Charter and Statutes and Ordinances and Regulations of the University, as Professor you will be responsible to Court of the University through the Principal for providing leadership in your academic area and will report annually on this. This is in addition to the responsibility which each Professor owes to his or her Head of School.

Closing date: 18 November 2011

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**6. Brunel University - Lectureship in Politics - School of Social Sciences, Department of Politics and History**

**2 positions available**

<https://jobs.brunel.ac.uk/WRL/>

The Department of Politics and History is a thriving and expanding interdisciplinary Department in the School of Social Sciences. The Department has an excellent research record, with 75% of its work being of international quality in the last RAE. Our NSS results consistently record between 90% and 100% student satisfaction.

It is an expanding Department, with three new appointments in the summer of 2011 and further openings planned for 2012. We are now seeking to develop the Department with two new appointments in Politics. These are open posts, and applications are welcome from across the discipline. However, preference may be given to applicants who can teach in the field of either European politics or public policy, both broadly conceived.

Applicants are required to have completed their PhD or be near completion of their PhD. More information about the Department can be found on the Departmental website: <http://www.brunel.ac.uk/sss/politics>

Informal enquiries about the posts and the Department can be made to the Head of Department, Professor Mark Neocleous ([mark.neocleous@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:mark.neocleous@brunel.ac.uk)).

Closing date for applications: 6 December 2011  
Interviews to be held in mid to late-January 2012

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**7. London School of Economics and Political Science - Tenure-track Lecturer in Political Theory- Department of Government**

[www.lse.ac.uk/JobsatLSE](http://www.lse.ac.uk/JobsatLSE)

The above position is open to candidates with research interests in any areas of political theory, including the history of political thought, continental political

philosophy, and analytical approaches to political theory. You must be able to teach on core courses and supervise students on the MSc programme, and contribute to our undergraduate, MSc and PhD courses. You should also have a PhD in political theory or political philosophy, either awarded or with dissertation scheduled to be submitted for examination by 30 September 2012, as well as teaching experience and a strong track record in research. The post will start from 1 September 2012. To apply for this post please go to [www.lse.ac.uk/JobsatLSE](http://www.lse.ac.uk/JobsatLSE) and select "Visit the ONLINE RECRUITMENT SYSTEM web page". If you have any queries about applying on the online system, please email [hr.recruit.jobs@lse.ac.uk](mailto:hr.recruit.jobs@lse.ac.uk) or call 020 7107 5242 quoting reference 1214598.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 29 November 2011 (11.59pm, UK time)

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## Europe

### **8. University of Zurich - Professor of International Relations -**

**Applications should be sent, no later than November 25, 2011, to this address:**

<http://www.jobs.uzh.ch/jobDetail.php?jobID=3788>

#### **Description**

A Professorship in International Relations will be filled at the University of Zurich. Applicants should have a broad theoretical and methodological knowledge, in-depth educational experience and internationally recognized research expertise in the field of international relations and in-depth knowledge of at least one further part of the field of international policy (e.g. security policy, international organizations, regional integration, international political economy). The professorship will be in accordance with the professional qualifications of the person to cast as a professorship, or professorship with tenure track assistant professorship. The University of Zurich is committed to increasing the proportion of women in research and teaching positions and therefore encourages qualified female scientists to apply. Applications including the usual documents (CV, publications and course directory, list of previously conducted research projects, future teaching and research interests, but without writings) to:

Universität Zürich, Dekanat der Philosophischen Fakultät, Rämistrasse 69, CH-8001 Zürich

A separate online application, including an electronic version of three selected publications is asked to: [IB@psychologie.uzh.ch](mailto:IB@psychologie.uzh.ch).

Closing date for receipt of applications is the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**9. GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies  
- Academic Director - GIGA's doctoral programme and the Hamburg  
International Graduate School for the Study of Regional Powers (HIGS)**

[www.giga-hamburg.de](http://www.giga-hamburg.de)

Applications are invited for a full-time position, with an initial contract of three years, starting 1 April 2012. The salary is commensurate with TV-AVH / TVöD EG 14/15. The successful candidate will

- direct the GIGA's doctoral programme and contribute to the graduate school's academic programme
- steer the further development of the doctoral programme and graduate school, incl. the acquisition of third-party funds
- provide guidance to international doctoral students, and
- conduct research on regional powers

Desired qualifications:

- Doctoral degree or *Habilitation* in political science/international relations
- preferably regional specialisation on Africa, Asia, Latin America or the Middle East
- excellent publication record; experience in the acquisition of third-party funds
- relevant management and/or teaching experience

The GIGA promotes gender equality and actively encourages applications from women. Among equally qualified applicants, women will receive preferential consideration in those areas in which they are underrepresented. Please send your application (**Ref.-No. GIGA-11-09**) and relevant supporting documentation (CV, credentials, list of publications, max. two recent work samples) to:

E-mail: [stoevesand@giga-hamburg.de](mailto:stoevesand@giga-hamburg.de). *E-mail applications are preferred.*

Screening of applications will begin on 18th November 2011.

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**USA and Canada**

**10. University of Mississippi - Croft Assistant Professor of Political Science in Middle East Politics - Department of Political Science / Croft Institute for International Studies**

<https://jobs.olemiss.edu>

This is a tenure-track position in Political Science beginning Fall 2012. The successful candidate will have his/her research and teaching focus on the Middle East region and be able to teach introductory and thematic courses in comparative politics.

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Ph.D. or advanced ABD, field experience or language skills, strong methods skills, and demonstrated excellence in teaching.

Applicants must upload a curriculum vitae and a letter of application that outlines current and projected research interests. Additional requested materials (contact information for three letters of recommendation, teaching evaluations, graduate transcript, and a writing sample) may be uploaded electronically or mailed to: Chair, Middle East

Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled

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## **11. University of Ottawa - Two full-time tenure-track positions (at all ranks) –**

The Faculty of Social Sciences comprises nine departments, schools and institutes, which offer undergraduate, Master's and doctoral programs in both English and French. With its 10,000 students, 260 full-time professors, and wide array of programs and research centers, the Faculty of Social Sciences plays a key role at the heart of the University of Ottawa. Its graduate students are supervised by excellent researchers and undertake cutting-edge research in the Faculty's Master's and Ph.D. programs.

The School of Political Studies at the University of Ottawa is accepting applications for two (2) tenure-track positions.

Priority will be given to candidates who can demonstrate expertise and a strong research and publication record in one of the following the areas:

1. Quantitative methods \*\*
2. American Politics

\*\* Candidates in all fields in political science are encouraged to apply. The ability to teach in French in the first year of hiring will be considered as an asset.

Consideration of applications will begin on November 27, 2011 and will continue until the positions are successfully filled.

Applicants must submit their curriculum vitae and a letter indicating their teaching and research experience and interests. They must also indicate their French and English language abilities and submit copies of their main publications. Applicants must also request that three referees send letters of recommendation under separate cover.

All information and letters are to be sent directly to:

François Rocher

Director, School of Political Studies

Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ottawa

55 Laurier Avenue East, Room 9101, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5

## Section 3: Call for Papers and Panels

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### 1. 2nd EPSA Annual General Conference

#### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Date: June 21-23 2012**

**Venue: Berlin, New Malthouse and the Environmental Forum in the Church of Resurrection Conference Centre**

**Submit a proposal at <http://conference.epsanet.org>**

**Proposal Submission Deadline: December 9, 2011**

The second annual conference of the European Political Science Association will take place from June 21-23 at the New Malthouse and the Environmental Forum in the Church of Resurrection Conference Centre, Berlin. Building on a highly successful 1st general conference held in Dublin (at the Guinness Storehouse Conference Centre), we expect about 600-700 participants from all over the world to attend the Berlin conference, in which cutting-edge research is paired with excellent networking opportunities in a great environment. Conference presentations are organised by topic into ten broadly defined sections, designed to attract a wide variety of specific proposals for papers within each section.

EPSA also invites proposals to attend as a panel chair or discussant.

Berlin is a city full with history but also brimming with life, culture, entertainment, great restaurants and bars. The EPSA conference takes place during the week in which the days are longest and the nights shortest, in a pleasant summer month.

Berlin is also an extremely convenient location from the standpoint of rail, air, and road travel, and boasts a superb public transport system within the city. The conference therefore aims not just to bring together the best of the latest political science research, but also to do so in a convenient fashion for our delegates, and to make sure they also have a great time during the conference.

EPSA employs a policy of non-discrimination and therefore does not have panels for graduate students only. In the spirit of this equal participation policy, however, all attendees face the same registration fees, although registration will be discounted for EPSA members. (EPSA may be joined from the EPSA webpage, see <http://www.epsanet.org>).

For more details, see: <http://www.epsanet.org/conferences.html>.

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## **2. UACES 42nd annual conference**

### **Exchanging Ideas on Europe 2012: Old Borders - New Frontiers**

#### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Dates: 3-5 September 2012,**

**Venue: University of Passau, Germany**

**Paper and Panel Submission Deadline: Friday 20 January 2012**

The event will be a three-day international conference hosted by the Department for Cultural Studies at the University of Passau. It will bring together academics and practitioners working in all areas of European Studies including law, economics, geography, history, sociology, public policy and politics.

Full details at: <http://www.uaces.org/passau/call/>



## **3. Conference on Sport, Conflict and Reconciliation**

#### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Date: Saturday 28 April 2012**

**Venue: Liverpool Hope University**

**Application deadline: 31 January 2012**

Sport can be both a source of conflict and a means of promoting reconciliation and peace-building. This one-day conference aims to examine theoretical debate and practical approaches to the role of sport in relation to conflict and conflict resolution.

A particular interest of the conference lies in the area of the use of sport for purposes of conflict resolution, post-conflict reconstruction and rehabilitation, and peace-building. Prof. John Sugden, Professor of the Sociology of Sport at the Chelsea School, University of Brighton, will be giving a keynote address on this theme. In addition, the conference organisers will be aiming to organise at least one panel specifically on this theme, so we particularly welcome papers in this area.

However, we also welcome papers looking at other aspects of sport and conflict, and from any discipline, including geography, sociology, politics, economics, cultural studies, history, media studies, literature, and sports studies. Amongst the themes that could be considered are:

- Theoretical perspectives on understanding the interactions of sport with conflict and with post-conflict rehabilitation
- Case study evaluations of historical or contemporary instances of the relationship between sport and conflict/conflict resolution

- Organisational studies looking at the role of agencies such as ngo's, governing bodies, political institutions, economic actors and educational bodies in sport
- Comparative assessments of the interplay between sport and conflict in different circumstances and contexts
- Analytical studies looking at the key themes and issues of relevance in using sport as an interventionist tool for peace-building
- Philosophical and ethical evaluations of the roles of sport, both in engendering conflict and in promoting its resolution.
- Assessments of methodological approaches to the analysis of the role of sport in conflict and conflict resolution.

The conference is being organised by the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Centre for War and Peace Studies at Liverpool Hope University. The conference organisers are Dr Michael Holmes, Dr Liam O'Callaghan and Dr Joel Rookwood. The venue will be the Conference Centre, Liverpool Hope University, Hope Park campus, Taggart Avenue, Liverpool.

Paper proposals (title and an abstract of not more than 300 words) submitted to the Conference Secretary, Jane Reilly, at [reillyj@hope.ac.uk](mailto:reillyj@hope.ac.uk) by **31 January 2012**. We will provide initial notification to proposers by 17 February. Late submissions may be accepted if feasible.



#### **4. 10th Annual International Conference on Politics & International Affairs**

##### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Date: 18-21 June 2012**

**Venue: Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER)**

**Athens, Greece**

**Application Deadline: 28 November 2011**

The Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER) organizes its 10th Annual International Conference on Politics & International Affairs, 18-21 June 2012, Athens, Greece. For further details (including previous programs), please go to the conference website:

The aim of the conference is to bring together academics, researchers, students and professionals in private and public organizations and governments of Politics and International Affairs and other related disciplines. You may participate as panel organizer, presenter of one paper, chair a session or observer.

Please submit a 300-word abstract by 28th of November 2011, by email, [atiner@atiner.gr](mailto:atiner@atiner.gr) to Dr. Ioannis Stivachtis, Head, Politics & International Affairs Research Unit, ATINER and Director, International Studies Program Virginia Tech - Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, USA. Please include: Title of Paper, Full Name (s), Affiliation, Current Position, an email address and at least 3 keywords that best describe the subject of your submission. Please use the abstract submitting

form available at <http://www.atiner.gr/docs/2012FORM-POL.doc>. Decisions are reached within 4 weeks.

If you want to participate without presenting a paper, i.e. chair a session, evaluate papers to be included in the conference proceedings or books, contribute to the editing, or any other offer to help please send an email to Dr Gregory T. Papanikos, [gtp@atiner.gr](mailto:gtp@atiner.gr), President, ATINER.

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## 5. Between the Global and the Local: Actors, Institutions and Processes

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Date: 24 -26 June 2012**

**Venue: Prague, Czech Republic**

**Application Deadline: 30 November, 2011**

#### **Conference topics:**

- Growing trends in global governance and the responsibilities of the states within international society;
- The evolving relationship between international, state, and non-state actors;
- The role of normative values and socio-cultural considerations in determining the perceptions and conduct of the various actors within the system;
- The nature and scope of traditional and non-traditional challenges that confront humankind in the 21st century.

#### **Conference Formats:**

- **Papers** – you can submit individual paper proposals, which will be reviewed and if selected, included into panels formed by the program committee.
- **Panels** – Chairperson, 3-4 papers and a Discussant. Please remember to submit the proposed papers separately.
- **Roundtables** - may consist of 3-5 participants and a Chairperson. There is no discussant for this format. Abstracts of papers/presentations are not necessary.

#### **Registration:**

- Deadline for all proposals (papers, panels and roundtables) - November 30, 2011 (later submissions will not be accepted);
- Please submit all proposals via the [proposal registration form](#);
- List of selected papers/panels and roundtables will be published here after January 1, 2012. All applicants will also receive an email with the result of the selection.

## **6. Converging and Conflicting Trends in the Public Administration of the US, Europe, and Germany**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Date: 19-20 July 2012**

**Venue: German Research Institute for Public Administration (GRIP), Speyer, Germany**

**Application Deadline: 30 November, 2011**

Public administrations in the US and Europe are facing extraordinary domestic problems (e.g. unemployment, unaffordable social security and public health systems, crumbling infrastructures) and severe global challenges (e.g. international terrorism, financial crises, ecological degradation and climate change). There are three trends in the ways that public administrations are trying to cope with these problems: privatization of public tasks and services, increasingly detailed government regulation of markets and social activities, and adherence to the status quo.

In order to promote research and discussion regarding these trends and the future of public administration the GRIP and SPEA invite proposals for papers falling into the following general themes:

- Administrative Theory and State Paradigms
- Multi-level Governance
- Market and the Regulatory State
- Society and the Regulatory State
- Non-profit and Civic Engagement, Participation
- Administrative Modernization and Performance Management
- Human Resource Management and Ethics Management
- New Administrative Tasks

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## **7. Left and Right: The Great Dichotomy Revisited**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Dates: 23 March 2012**

**Venue: University of Minho, Braga, Portugal**

**Application Deadline: 30 November 2011**

Ever since the French Revolution, the terms "left" and "right" have been used to frame and explain the political positioning of parties, voters and public policies. Although many thinkers claim that this dichotomy is exhausted and no longer provides an adequate understanding of contemporary political divisions, "left" and "right" remain central in political debate. But is the content of these terms really

understood by all political actors? What does each individual or group recognize as “left” and “right”?

It is true that other classifications of political cleavages have been suggested, but none seems to have replaced the traditional division between left and right. Many people have thought that an opposition between materialist and post-materialist orientations or between libertarian and authoritarian values could cut across left and right. However, these new oppositions seem to have been absorbed, at least partly, by the old dichotomy. But is this really the case? Are there, in fact, no other sets of terms that might provide a clearer division of the political spectrum? The standard most commonly used to distinguish left from right has been the concern with equality. But is this social-economic criterion actually the best? Particularly at a time when very divisive “new politics” issues arise? And even if one accepts the validity of the traditional criterion, how can we describe and explain the approaches from left and right on equality issues?

Furthermore, there is more than one ideology within each side of the political spectrum – there is not only one left, there are several lefts, and the same is true about the right. If we accept that there is something that unifies these several lines within each side of the political divide, what, then, separates different views of the left or the right and allows us to distinguish between them? Which are the political values that are shared by the different ideologies on the left and on the right and which are those that keep them apart?

The aim of this conference is to encourage a rethinking of this major political dichotomy, through the discussion of this and of other rival political dichotomies and of the ideologies and concepts that define them.

We count with the special participation of Professor Ben Jackson, from the University of Oxford. To apply for participation, please send the following information:

- (1) your name

- (2) title,

- (3) department and institution,

- (4) an abstract of your paper (from 200 to 300 words),

- (5) five “key words” in your paper and

- (6) your email address,

by the 30th November 2011, to BOTH Ana Rita Ferreira ([arita\\_ferreira@yahoo.com](mailto:arita_ferreira@yahoo.com)) and João Cardoso Rosas ([rosas@ilch.uminho.pt](mailto:rosas@ilch.uminho.pt)).

There will be a participation fee of €30.

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## **8. Policy History Conference**

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Dates: 6-9 June 2012**

**Venue: Marriot, Richmond, US**

**Application Deadline: 2 December 2011**

The Institute for Political History, the Journal of Policy History, and the Miller Center for Public Affairs at the University of Virginia are hosting the seventh biennial Conference on Policy History at the Marriott in downtown Richmond, Virginia from Wednesday, June 6 to Saturday, June 9, 2012. We are currently accepting panel and paper proposals on all topics regarding American political and policy history, political development, and comparative historical analysis. Complete sessions are encouraged, and individual paper proposals are welcome. The deadline for submission is December 2, 2011.

Proposals must be submitted online and must include:

1. Name
2. Institutional Affiliation
3. Status (ABD, Doctoral Student, Associate Professor, etc.)
4. Email address
5. Mailing Address
6. Paper title
7. 150 word abstract
8. 75 word description of educational background, publications, and awards or fellowships.

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## **9. Ireland and African-America**

**Dates: 9-11 March 2012**

**Venue: Clinton Institute for American Studies, Dublin, Ireland**

**Application Deadline: 16 December 2011**

From Fredrick Douglass' sojourn in Ireland as part of his abolitionist tour in 1845 to Barack Obama's visit as President of the United States of America in 2011 there exists a multi-layered history of Irish and African-American interactions. Whether conceived in terms of geography or ideology, Ireland and African-America are bound together in a historiography of transatlantic exchanges and (post)colonial experiences of migration, urbanization and contestation. This conference will explore a range of ways in which Irish and African-American cultures and histories have interacted, from the slave trade to contemporary popular culture. It also seeks to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and a transatlantic exchange of ideas among scholars in the field.

Conference themes will include, though not be limited to:

- The role of Ireland and the Irish in histories of Atlantic slavery and emancipation
- The racialising of Irish culture in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries
- The intersections of radical political histories and of issues of civil and human rights
- The relations between Irish and African-American urban communities
- The comparison of histories of diaspora and migration, and of Pan-Africanism and Pan-Celticism
- The influences on each other of Irish and African-American literature, music and popular culture
- The comparison of paradigms of racial and ethnic identity formation

We are pleased to announce the confirmed keynote speaker will be Ishmael Reed, the pre-eminent African-American author who has controversially satirized American political and cultural life in a range of literary forms. Additional plenary speakers will include: Maurice Bric (UCD), Luke Gibbons (NUI Maynooth), Eric Lott (University of Virginia), and Diane Negra (UCD).

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## Section 4: Conference and Event Alerts

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### **Event: Surviving the Collapse: Assessing the Impacts of Austerity**

**Date: 22 November 2011 – 4.00 – 6.00pm**

**Venue: KBG16, Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick**

The ISKS Conversation series for 2011-12 focuses on the retrenchment taking place as Ireland continues to live through its most severe recession ever. On November 22<sup>nd</sup>, as we prepare for yet another austerity budget, it hosts a Conversation entitled 'Assessing the impact of austerity', examining the impacts on society of the measures being undertaken to reduce the budget deficit and regain international confidence.

#### **Speakers**

**Bríd O'Brien**, Head of policy with the Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed (INOUE)

Bríd O'Brien will detail the impacts of growing unemployment and cutbacks on society.

**Dr Eileen Humphreys**, ISKS, University of Limerick

Dr Eileen Humphreys of ISKS will outline some evidence of high levels of deprivation in Limerick city and highlight the requirements for a well-resourced and coherent policy response to these. In the light of this, she will assess the possible impacts of yet further cutbacks on the future of society in Limerick.

**Dr Eoin Reeves**, Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick

Dr Eoin Reeves will draw on his recent book on privatisation in Ireland, assessing the possible impacts on society of the privatisations now required under the EC/ECB/IMF rescue package and drawing on the lessons of past privatisations.

Admission is free but if you are interested in attending the event please RSVP by email or phone: [niamh.osullivan@ul.ie](mailto:niamh.osullivan@ul.ie) or 061 234607 as places are limited. For enquiries about the event please contact Niamh O'Sullivan ([niamh.osullivan@ul.ie](mailto:niamh.osullivan@ul.ie) / 061 234607).

Details are also available on <http://www.ul.ie/isks/news.html>.

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### **Conference: 2011 RIA International Affairs Conference: Democratisation and New Media**

**Date: Friday 25 November 2011**

**Venue: Academy House**

The 2011 RIA International Affairs Conference, entitled *Democratisation and New Media*, will be taking place in Academy House on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. The Tánaiste, and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr Eamon Gilmore, TD will be delivering the opening address.

Some key note speakers include:

- Mr Mark Little (former RTE journalist and founder of @storyful)
- Ms Susan Pointer (Google, Director of Public Policy)
- Professor Sarah Oates (Professor of Political Communication, University of Glasgow)
- Professor Philip Seib (Director, USC Center on Public Diplomacy and Professor of International Relations, University of Southern California)

The conference will be followed by a reception in Iveagh House, hosted by the Department of Foreign Affairs, to mark the launch of the Academy's Journal *Irish Studies In International Affairs*.

**Conference Format** available at

<http://www.ria.ie/Our-Work/Committees/Committees-for-the-Humanities-and-Social-Sciences/International-Affairs-Committee/News.aspx>

**Register at** <http://www.ria.ie/events/events-listing/2011-ria-international-affairs-conference--democra.aspx>

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**Event: Martin McEvoy Annual Seminar Series 2011 – Rebuilding Local Economies: The Role of Local Government, Local Public Agencies and Public Policy**

**Date: 25 November 2011 – 10.00 to 12.15**

**Venue: Bea Orpen Building, Dublin City University**

Lorna Maxwell – *The Changing Role of City Administration in an increasingly Urban World*

Dr Deiric O'Broin and Professor David Jacobson – *Irish Industrial Policy and Economic Clusters: An analysis of an tSli Glass – The Green Way*

PJ Howell – *Local Government and Enterprise Support in Fingal*

If interested in attending contact [jean.nelson@dcu.ie](mailto:jean.nelson@dcu.ie) to reserve a place. Places are limited.

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**Workshop: EU Democracy Promotion East and South after the Arab Spring**

**Date: 1-2 December 2011**

**Maastricht University, Campus Brussels  
Brussels, Belgium**

The workshop aims to critically analyse the EU's multilateral foreign policy with a specific focus on authoritarian regimes on its Southern and Eastern rim. The popular uprisings in Egypt, Tunisia, Yemen and Libya in early 2011 have raised serious questions about EU policy towards the region, which has accepted the regimes in the Mediterranean as strategic allies over many decades. The recent events not only highlight the need to re-examine EU policy towards authoritarian regimes in the

Middle East and North Africa (MENA). The EU engages with authoritarian regimes in many other parts of the world and hardly any research systematically analyses EU policy towards authoritarian regimes in a comparative perspective. The workshop contributions analyse what paradigms and strategies have guided EU policies towards authoritarian regimes over the past decades, to what extent the EU has applied double standards in practice, and the factors which explain the recent failures of EU policies vis-à-vis authoritarian regimes. Workshop contributions offer historical and theoretical reflections, alongside empirical case studies analysing EU policy towards authoritarian rule in (i) the MENA region: Libya, Tunisia, Yemen, Egypt, Algeria, Syria, Jordan; (ii) Eastern Europe: Belarus, Ukraine, South Caucasus and (iii) Central Asia: Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan.

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### **Conference: Public Relations of the Cold War**

**Date: 1 December 2011 to 3 December 2011**

**Location: CRASSH, 17 Mill Lane, and Mill Lane Lecture Room 9, Cambridge.**

The conference seeks to examine the 'selling' of Cold War-motivated policies to national audiences during the second half of the twentieth century. At its core, the Cold War was a global ideological conflict, pitting two uncompromising and often messianic systems against one another, systems which both rejected traditional European imperialism and which claimed to provide the ultimate solution to problems of global instability and human inequality.

However, stemming from dual foundations of 'making the world safe for democracy' on one hand and the Marxist theory of false consciousness on the other, ideological diversions appeared on both sides of the Cold War divide in order to confront changing international climates and maintain the respective 'Grand Strategies' of global transformation in line with each side's chosen systems of government and society.

When faced with complicated issues, such as internment, foreign intervention or more general limits to human rights, the decisions were often inconsistent with previous proclamations and in stark contrast to the guiding principles of the system. In these instances (for example, the support for a dictator like Pinochet or the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia) justifications for questionable actions were created and corresponding discussions held to decide which decisions could be made public and which must remain classified. By examining these controversial issues, one can not only understand how official policy was transmitted through the mass media, but also dissect the relationship between political ideology and the larger issue of Grand Strategy.

While growing attention is paid to the public diplomacy of the Cold War, less attention is paid specifically to how governments sold policies to their own domestic public. This conference aims to stimulate innovative and interdisciplinary thinking and dialogue on this topic and to reach out to new networks of interest and new publics.

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**Conference: Crisis in Ireland’s Regional Newspaper Industry: Consequences for the Public and the Journalistic Profession**

**Date: 1 December 2011**

**University of Limerick, Ireland**

Media organisations in Ireland are struggling for profitability and, in some cases, survival. The difficulties of the print and broadcast media at national level have been well publicised. Less attention has been paid to the corrosion of titles, jobs and audiences in the country’s regional newspaper industry. The economic crisis, the emergence of the web as an additional outlet for news publication and advertising, and people’s changing habits of news consumption are all increasing the strain on the industry. Yet regional newspapers retain a crucial place in documenting the social, economic, political, legal, cultural and sporting lives of local communities in Irish society.

The University of Limerick is bringing together industry and academia in a one-day conference to examine the challenges facing the regional newspaper industry, evaluate the changing position of the local newspaper in Irish communities, and debate the industry’s future prospects and strategies to survive and remain relevant.



**Conference: The International Conference on Cultural Diplomacy in the EU – Crisis, Conflict and Culture: the role of Cultural Diplomacy in the European Project**

**Date: 6-9 December 2011**

**Brussels, Belgium**

The EU & Cultural Diplomacy Conference is the first of a series of four conferences dedicated to enhancing awareness and understanding of international governing institutions and their role in promoting cultural diplomacy across the world. The conference, focused on the European Union, is an international conference organized by the ICD and other leading organizations in the home base of the EU—Brussels, Belgium.

The “European project” has experienced various incarnations since the Second World War and—despite the proliferation of sovereign debt crises in Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Spain and Italy—remains a unique and unparalleled political experiment with important lessons to impart to the rest of the world. However, the challenges this relatively inchoate union faces are significant and, with the stability of the single currency in peril, the political and economic future of Europe is hazy.

The goal of this year’s conference is to facilitate exploration of the unique challenges currently facing Europe from the debt crisis, to crippling military engagements, to the debate over increased political and economic union—funnelled through a thorough understanding of the historical and theoretical foundations of the “European Project.”



## **Conference: The European Union and Politicization of Europe**

**Date: 8-10 December 2011**

**Vienna, Austria**

The Euroacademia International Conference 'The European Union and the Politicization of Europe' aims to survey some of the current debates and addresses once more the challenges of the EU polity in a context of multiple crises that confronted Europe in recent years. It supports a transformative view that involves balanced weights of optimism and pessimism in a belief that the unfold of current events and the way EU deals with delicate problems will put an increased pressure in the future on matters of accountability and will require some institutional adjustments that address democratic requirements for decision making. However, in its present shape and context the EU does not look able to promptly deliver appropriate answers to democratic demands. In neo-functionalist slang we can say as an irony that the actual crisis in the EU legitimacy is a 'spillover' effect of institutional choices made some time before. To address the EU's democratic deficit, however, is not to be a sceptic and ignore the benefits that came with it but to acknowledge the increasing popular dissatisfaction with 'occult' office politics and with the way EU tackles daily problems of public concern while the public is more and more affected by decisions taken at the European level.

Is the EU becoming an increasingly politicized entity? Is the on-going politicization of Europe a structured or a messy one? Do political parties within the European Parliament act in a manner that strengthens the view of the EU as an articulate political system? Are there efficient ways for addressing the democratic deficit issue? Can we find usable indicators for detecting an emerging European demos and a European civil society? Does a Europeanization of the masses take place or the EU remains a genuinely elitist project? Did the Lisbon Treaty introduce significant changes regarding the challenges facing the EU? Can we see any robust improvements in the accountability of the EU decision making processes? Are there alternative ways of looking at the politicization processes and redistributive policies inside the EU? These are only few of the large number of questions that unfold when researchers or practitioners look at the EU. It is the aim of the Euroacademia International Conference 'The European Union and the Politicization of Europe' to address in a constructive manner such questions and to offer a platform for dissemination of research results or puzzles that can contribute to a better understanding of the on-going process of politicization within the European Union.

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## **Workshop: Norm Entrepreneurship: The Council of Europe in comparative Perspective**

**Date: 11 January 2012**

**Oxford, United Kingdom**

This one-day workshop will bring together scholars working on the Council of Europe and international norms more generally, officials from the Council of Europe and the FCO, and postgraduate students interested in the role of norm entrepreneurship. The emphasis on the Council of Europe provides the workshop with a concrete empirical focus to address a gap in the discussion about international norms: the

question of how norms come onto the agenda and how they are turned into political or legal instruments that are then regularly reviewed, adjusted and extended. Why do member states risk becoming entangled in an international normative and legal discourse about human rights and democracy that their respective governments may try to avoid 'at home'? It would be easy to not cooperate or subvert the norm production inside the Council of Europe. Yet, member states tend not to bloc this process. This is part of what former Council of Europe Secretary General Terry Davis has referred to as 'the best kept secret in Europe'. This workshop sets out to unpack this 'secret' by combining a review of current research on the emergence and institutionalization of international norms and the Council of Europe with a discussion about the conceptual and empirical challenges of studying norm entrepreneurship.

**Format:** Each panellist will circulate a short paper (about 3,000 words) to all the participants ahead of the workshop. **If you like to propose a paper, please contact [gwendolyn.sasse@politics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:gwendolyn.sasse@politics.ox.ac.uk) by 2 December 2011 at the latest.** Speakers will be reimbursed for their travel expenses in the UK.

The workshop is open to scholars and postgraduate students working on related issues. If you want to attend the workshop, please contact [gwendolyn.sasse@politics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:gwendolyn.sasse@politics.ox.ac.uk) by 16 December 2011. There is no registration fee for this event, and refreshments and lunch will be provided free of charge. However, there are no funds to cover the travel costs of participants who are not presenting a paper.

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## **ECPR Workshop: The Politics of Double-Standard? Revisiting the EU's Engagement with Authoritarian Regimes**

**Date: 10-15 April 2012**

**Maastricht, Netherlands**

The proposed workshop aims to critically analyse the EU's multilateral foreign policy towards authoritarian regimes on its Southern and Eastern rim. The popular uprisings in Egypt, Tunisia and Yemen in early 2011 have not only shaken the ruling political elites but also international diplomacy, notably that of the EU, which, over decades, did not hesitate to consider the regimes in the Mediterranean as strategic allies. The recent events in Egypt and elsewhere in the region are exemplary for an EU policy that is fearful that democratic transformation of the countries could endanger stability. Likewise, the EU's pragmatic engagement with Belarus under the Eastern Partnership was severely called into question following the brutal crackdown of demonstrations held in central Minsk following the presidential elections in late December 2010. The workshop analyses what paradigms and strategies have guided EU policies towards authoritarian regimes over the past decades, to what extent the EU has applied double standards and the factors which explain the recent failures of EU policies vis-à-vis authoritarian regimes such as Egypt, Tunisia or Belarus. Most studies to date focus on the effectiveness of EU policy towards countries which aspire integration with the EU ('most likely' cases). Very few attempts have been made to provide a comprehensive study contrasting EU engagement with countries which have explicitly ruled out integration with the EU ('least likely' cases). The current literature on EU foreign policy clearly lacks a coherent comparative study of EU relations with authoritarian regimes across geographical space.

## Recent/Upcoming Publications

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**1. Gallagher, M. and Marsh, M. (Eds) *How Ireland Voted 2011 – The Full Story of Ireland's Earthquake Election***

**Publisher:** Palgrave MacMillan

**ISBN:** Hardback 9780230348813 Paperback 9780230348820

**Cost:** Hardback £65 Paperback £22.99

The collapse of the Irish 'Celtic Tiger' economy, in the wake of the biggest banking disaster ever, provoked a joint EU/IMF rescue plan to sustain the Irish economy and support the Euro in late 2010. The election that followed saw Europe's most successful ever party lose more than half of its vote and almost three quarters of its seats. The depth of the crisis, and the widespread criticism of the political system as a whole led to expectations that the elections would fundamentally change Irish politics. Bringing together leading political analysts, as well as winners and losers from the campaign trail, *How Ireland Voted 2011* brings the drama of Ireland's 'earthquake election' to life.

Launched recently by Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Pat Rabbitte, the book outlines the background to the election and provides a chronology of the election campaign, detailing the manifestos, the candidates, the parties' campaign strategies and the results. The book also analyses the role of women in the campaign, the Seanad election, the formation of the new government, and the wider implications of the election. In addition, candidates from the main parties give their account of the campaign trail.

*How Ireland Voted 2011* marks the seventh in a series of *How Ireland Voted* books dating back to 1987, all of which were edited by past and current members of Trinity's Department of Political Science.

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**2. Emerson, P. *Defining Democracy - Voting Procedures in Decision-Making, Elections and Governance*. 2nd Edition**

**Publisher:** Springer

**ISBN:** 978-3-642-20903-1

**Cost:** €89.95

*Defining Democracy* looks both at the theory of why and the history of how different voting procedures have come to be used – or not, as the case may be – in the three

fields of democratic structures: firstly, in decision-making, both in society at large and in the elected chamber; secondly, in elections to and within those chambers; and thirdly, in the various forms of governance, from no-party to multi-party and all-party, which have emerged as a result.

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**Kirby, P. and Murphy, M. *Towards a Second Republic* – Irish Politics After the Celtic Tiger**

**Publisher:** Pluto Ireland

**ISBN:** 9780745330556

**Cost:** €19.99

During the 1990s and 2000s, the Irish 'Celtic Tiger' model of development was hailed as a model for other European countries, but the global economic crisis has completely removed the credibility of Ireland's approach. So where does the country go now? *Towards a Second Republic* analyses Ireland's economics, politics and society, drawing important lessons from its cycles of boom and bust. Peadar Kirby and Mary Murphy expose the winners and losers from the current Irish model of development and relates these distributional outcomes to the use of power by Irish elites. The authors examine the role of the EU and compare Ireland's crisis and responses to those of other states. More than just an analysis of the economic disaster in Ireland, the book is also a proposal to construct new and more effective institutions for the economy and society. It is a must read for students of Irish politics and political economy.

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**3. Sanders, A. *Inside the IRA* - Dissident Republicans and the War for Legitimacy**

**Publisher:** Edinburgh University Press

**ISBN:** 9780748641123 - Hardback

**Cost:** £65.00

*Inside the IRA* explores why the IRA splintered into several Irish Republican Army factions.

Who is the 'real' IRA? The Real IRA, the Continuity IRA, the Irish National Liberation Army, the Official IRA and the Provisional IRA have all assumed responsibility for the struggle for Irish freedom over the course of the late-twentieth century. Yet as recently as 1969 there was only one Irish Republican Army which had attempted to unify Ireland using physical force. Andrew Sanders explains how and why the transition from one IRA to several IRAs occurred, analysing all the dissident factions that have emerged since the outbreak of the Northern Ireland troubles. He looks at why these groups emerged, what their respective purposes are, and why, in an era of relative peace and stability in Northern Ireland, they seek to prolong the violence that cost over 3500 lives.

Key Features: Exclusive interviews with members of all dissident and mainstream republican organizations, all loyalist factions and security force sources, extensive archival research. The first scholarly analysis of Irish republican division shows the influence of Irish-America in provoking dissent within republicanism.

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#### **4. Dorr, N. *A Small State at the Top Table: Memories of Ireland on the UN Security Council 1981-82***

**Publisher:** Institute of Public Administration, Ireland

**ISBN:** 978-1-904541-96-7

**Cost:** €25.00

Ireland was elected to the Security Council of the United Nations for a two-year term in 1981-82. This book is a personal account of some of the main events of that period by Noel Dorr, who sat in the Irish seat on the Council and held the Council Presidency twice during those two years.

The Security Council, the central organ of the United Nations, has primary responsibility under the Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security. Five of its fifteen members are permanent – the US, the UK, France, Russia and China; the other ten are elected to membership for terms of two years each. The author offers a lively and entertaining description of some of the main personalities who sat on the Council in his time, and a full account of important debates on Namibia and on Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982.

The main part of the book is devoted to a lengthy and detailed account of the role of the UN in the Falklands War of 1982. His insider's account of the tensions with Mrs Thatcher's Government caused by the decision of the Irish Government at a crucial stage to seek further involvement by the UN – described here for the first time from an Irish viewpoint – will be of particular interest to readers in Ireland.

At a wider level the book will also attract attention as an interesting and very readable description of the role a small State with a strong commitment to the United Nations can play on issues of international peace and security during a term as an elected member of the Security Council.

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