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The PSAI Executive Committee produces a monthly newsletter for members. If you have any material to contribute – publications, vacancies, appointments, research grants, conferences, etc. - please send it in the first instance to Theresa Reidy at t.reidy@ucc.ie for inclusion.

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PSAI MEMBERSHIP/IRISH POLITICAL STUDIES

Dear Colleague,

PSAI Membership: €50/£35. Students: €30/£21 - includes a print subscription to *Irish Political Studies*. The online membership form can be accessed at <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)

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 for full details and to make a purchase.

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Political Studies Association of Ireland Postgraduate Conference 2011

15th September, Trinity College Dublin.

The PSAI Postgraduate Conference 2011 will be hosted by the Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin. The theme of the conference is ‘Generational Turnover of Political Elites’. How is generational change defined, how does it occur and what, if any are the consequences? However, as is the tradition of the PSAI Postgraduate Conference, we would also welcome paper and panel proposals in any other area of politics and international relations, not just those relating to the conference’s headline theme, and not just those with an Irish dimension. These might relate to topics including but not limited to:

- gender politics
- political parties and elections
- government and policy-making
- international relations
- political economy
- conflict resolution in divided societies

Any questions or queries should be directed to the organizer at the following e-mail address. Michael Courtney: courtnmj@tcd.ie

<http://www.psal.ie/news/postgraduate.asp>

Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference 2011

Royal Irish Academy and Newman House Dublin, Ireland.
21st – 23rd October, 2011

The headline theme for this conference will be “Political Reform in Ireland”, and we particularly welcome paper and panel proposals that address topics related to this theme. However, as is the tradition of the PSAI Annual Conference, paper and panel proposals are welcome in all areas of politics and international relations, not just on the conference’s headline theme and not just those with an Irish dimension.

Further information is available from the PSAI website (www.psal.ie). General enquiries should be sent to david.farrell@ucd.ie

ECPR News- Out Now

After Ten Years, The Ecpr Has Re-Launched Its Newsletter

ECPR News began life as just that, the news circular of the ECPR. Overtime, though, it acquired an editor and evolved into what eventually became European Political Science (EPS), the professional journal of the ECPR. Ten years on, with both the number of activities and members growing, the ECPR has recognised a need once more for a regular publication that keeps its members (and the wider profession) up-to-date on all its news.

The new-look ECPR News will, be a complement to the other ways the ECPR communicates with its membership: the website, MyECPR, subject-specific email alerts and the three-yearly Review of Activities. ECPR News will primarily be available electronically, via the ECPR website. Simply click the link ([ECPR News](#)), or on the front cover (top left) to go to the webpage, once there click on the image to view the News in a 'page-turnable' format. Hard copies will also be sent to every member via their Official Representative and will be available at the General Conference in Reykjavik, WISC and APSA.

ECPR News will be published twice a year, with the next issue out in December.

Launch of the International Political Education Database

<http://www.ipsa.org/news/news/launch-international-political-education-database>

IPED is a bibliographic database of journal articles from various fields, including teaching and learning in politics, international relations, and public administration. Its aim is to raise the profile of teaching and learning publications and promote further research and scholarly debate.

PIED includes more than 800 citations and sections covering the following areas: active learning; critical thinking; E-learning; experiential learning; films and novels; gender; large-group teaching; problem-based learning; race and ethnicity; research methods; service learning, placement learning and internships; simulations; small-group teaching; and surveys of teaching and learning practices. Also featured is a section on research published by authors at institutions in the UK and Ireland, with more than 100 articles posted.

IPED is hosted on the website of the UK Political Studies Association's Teaching and Learning Group at

<https://sites.google.com/site/psatlg/Home/resources/journal-articles>

ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques

Social Science Methods: Between Unity, Diversity, and Complementary

The First ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques will take place in Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus, February 2012

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

The SSMT and WSMT will be integrated in many ways (please see ECPR Winter School PDF link), and will form the ECPR Schools in Methods and Techniques. The WSMT, specifically, will feature both introductory courses and more advanced courses, in a one-week format, while the intermediate-level courses will continue to be held at the SSMT in Ljubljana, in a two-week course format for quantitative techniques and two consecutive one week courses for qualitative techniques.

The WSMT will be held in the historic site and seaside location of Famagusta (North Cyprus), at the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU).

Please see [ECPR Winter School \(pdf\)](#) for more details.

Launch: *Loyal To The Core*

The Directors of Irish Academic Press cordially invite you to a reception to celebrate a launch sponsored by the Political Studies Association of Ireland

LOYAL TO THE CORE? Orangeism and Britishness in Northern Ireland
by James W. McAuley, Jonathan Tonge and Andrew Mycock

The Members Room, The Linen Hall Library, 17 Donegall Square North, Belfast, BT1 5GB
Thursday 20th October, 2011, 6.30-8.00 pm,

Guest Speaker: Professor Graham Walker, Queen's University Belfast
Refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

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IPSA-Sage Meisel-Laponce Award

The first IPSA-Sage Meisel-Laponce Award goes to Jørgen Møller and Svend-Erik Skaaning for their article, "Beyond the Radial Delusion: Conceptualizing and Measuring Democracy and Non-democracy" (2010, 31:3). We congratulate Professors Møller and Skaaning for their superb contribution to our understanding of democratic theory and practice.

A copy of the article can be downloaded free from this site:
<http://ips.sagepub.com/content/31/3/261.abstract>

Professors Møller and Skaaning will receive the award at a reception hosted by SAGE publications at IPSA's next World Congress at Madrid. The Congress will be held July 8-12, 2012. It is not too late to submit a paper or a panel for this congress. Go to <http://www.ipsa.org/events/congress/madrid2012/congress-theme> and click on 'Proposal submissions' on the left hand menu.

Public Service Review: European Union Goes Digital

Public Service Review: European Union is pleased to announce that the publication is now available free of charge in a digital format.

Public Service Review: Europe is determined to promote its green credentials and as part of a long term strategy aiming to reduce our carbon footprint, are now offering free digital subscriptions

Through quality journalism and esteemed contributors – the publication aims to be the knowledge hub for those wanting the inside track on European politics, public administration, management issues and key developments in the business world. From high-profile interviews with the key politicians and officials across the European Union to reports from the major summits and events, and in-depth coverage of supranational institutions – Public Service Review: European Union provides a key resource for Brussels and beyond. From EU institutions and member states to politicians and public officials as well as campaigners and key private sector players; we are determined that no voice goes unheard.

To see previous editions please [click here](#)

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Diaspora Strategies: Encouragement, Evolution and Engagement

UCD Clinton Institute
9th-10th September

The Clinton Institute for American Studies will host a two-day conference entitled “Diaspora Strategies: Encouragement, Evolution and Engagement”. The conference will bring together an international collection of academics, practitioners and policy advisors to examine how diasporas help shape the world in which we live. Diasporas are now significant stakeholders in their homeland through strategic economic, cultural and political engagements. The conference is designed to facilitate an innovative exchange of ideas, lessons, and networks that will contribute to on-going discussions about how diasporas engage with their homeland. The conference is going to engage, amongst other themes, the partnerships between diaspora and homeland in relation to conflict, diplomacy, development, philanthropy, remittances and F.D.I. Specific cases of interest will be Ireland’s current diaspora policy, the recent civil unrest in the Middle East and Africa, and finally, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The main speakers at the event are Professor Gabriel Sheffer (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), Tim Finch (Director of Communications, Institute for Public Policy Research [ippr]), and Kingsley Aikins (Diaspora Matters).

To register please email catherine.carey@ucd.ie by the 2nd September.
Registration fee €40 and €20 for students - payable on the day
For more information visit www.diasporastrategies.wordpress.com

This conference is funded by the Graduate Office of the College of Arts & Celtic Studies

The United States and Northern Ireland: A Transatlantic Perspective on Problems and Solutions

UCD Clinton Institute
16th-17th September, 2011.

The Clinton Institute for American Studies, University College Dublin, will host a colloquium on “The United States and Northern Ireland: A Transatlantic Perspective on Problems and Solutions”. The colloquium will be opened at 7:00 pm on 16 September by Ms. Lucinda Creighton, TD, Minister for State at the Departments of An Taoiseach and Foreign Affairs and will continue throughout the following day, Saturday, 17 September. Other speakers will include Paul Arthur (UU), Lord Bew (QUB), Catherine Shannon (U Mass), Bob Brigham (Vassar), Monica McWilliams (NICRB), John Coakley (UCD), Sean OhUiginn (formerly of the DFA), Michael Breen (UL), Mark Bradley (U of Chicago), John Dumbrell (Durham), Niall O’Dowd (Irish Voice), Conor O’Clery, and Dr. John Connerton, CBE

A more detailed schedule, including confirmation of the venue, will be circulated within the next two weeks.

If you are interested in attending, please pre-register with Ms. Catherine Carey, Manager, Clinton Institute, UCD at catherine.carey@ucd.ie. There is no registration fee.

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Jobs, Funding, and Academic Opportunities

Assistant Professor: Societal/Political Psychology

We will begin evaluating applications after October 15, 2011.

The Department of Psychology at New York University invites applications for a tenure-track position in social psychology, focusing on the relationship between the individual and society, especially the area of political psychology. We are primarily seeking applicants at the assistant professor level, but outstanding candidates at a higher level will be considered. The position is to begin September 1, 2012, pending budgetary and administrative approval.

To apply, see the NYU Department of Psychology web site at <http://www.psych.nyu.edu/>. The application should include a vita, statements of research and teaching interests, representative publications, and three letters of reference. Questions may be directed to the Chair of the Search Committee, Professor John T. Jost at john.jost@nyu.edu.

Phone: (212) 998-7665

Email: john.jost@nyu.edu

Professor: Texas A&M University

Review of applications begins on October 15 and will continue until the position is filled.

The Department of Political Science at Texas A&M University seeks a leading senior scholar with an ambitious theoretical agenda and a national reputation in American politics to appoint at the rank of full professor. This hire is the first step in a multi-year plan to sustain and build the Department's traditional strength in the field of American politics. Beyond a strong record of research, this scholar will be committed to leadership at all levels of the discipline, to excellent graduate and undergraduate teaching, and to fostering the core identity of political science at Texas A&M as a STEM discipline. The area of specialization in the field of American politics is open, but the most competitive candidates will have strong theoretical interests and a strong background in quantitative, formal-theoretic, and/or experimental methodology.

Applicants should send a letter of interest and a curriculum vitae. The Department of Political Science at Texas A&M University is a doctoral-level department with an active research-oriented faculty. The starting date for the position is Fall 2012. Please send application materials to: James R. Rogers, Head, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University, 4348 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-4348.

Position in Comparative Politics: Open Rank

Review of applications will begin October 2, 2011 and will continue until the search is closed.

The appointment begins in August 2012.

The Political Science Department at the University of North Texas seeks to fill a position in comparative politics at Open Rank. The department is open to scholars in comparative politics who can expand our research and teaching strengths in subjects related to Comparative Political Behavior/Public Opinion and Democratization. Area expertise is open, but preference will be given to scholars who study either European or Latin American Politics. This individual will be expected to teach courses in comparative politics at the undergraduate and graduate level.

The selected candidate must have a Ph.D. in Political Science by the beginning date for the appointment of August 15, 2012. A potential for excellence in research, teaching and service will be required of the selected candidate. This will be demonstrated by teaching and research experience, as well as involvement in service opportunities. Preference will be given to someone who has a strong record of publishing in top-tier journals, a demonstrated ability to obtain external funding, and the ability to work with other faculty and graduate students. The Department of Political Science at UNT has been ranked as having one of the most research productive faculty according to recent surveys in PS and is now significantly expanding the size of its faculty. The Department of Political Science has 27 faculty members, offers BA, MA/MS, and PhD degrees, and has a commitment to both teaching and research. Faculty in the Department of Political Science have edited the journal, *International Studies Quarterly*. The Department's web site can be found at <http://www.psci.unt.edu>. Applicants must apply online at: facultyjobs.unt.edu. Applicants must provide a cover letter, a vitae, list of names and contact information for three references, narrative describing scholarly research,

summary of teaching evaluations, and a statement of teaching philosophy. The submission of a sample publication is also appreciated but not required. Inquiries may be directed to the search chair, John Ishiyama at John.Ishiyama@unt.edu. The University of North Texas is an EOE/ADA/AA institution committed to diversity in its employment and educational programs, thereby creating a welcoming environment for everyone.

Position in Political Economy: Open Rank

The appointment begins in August 2012.

Review of applications will begin October 2, 2011 and will continue until the search is closed.

The Political Science Department at the University of North Texas seeks to fill a position in political economy at Open Rank. The department is open to scholars in comparative politics or international relations who can expand our research and teaching strengths in subjects related to Comparative Political Economy and/or International Political Economy. Area expertise is open, but preference will be given to scholars who study either European or Latin American Politics. This individual will be expected to teach courses in comparative political economy and/or international political economy at the undergraduate and graduate level, in addition to the standard introductory courses. The successful applicant must have a Ph.D. in Political Science by the beginning date for the appointment of August 15, 2012. A potential for excellence in research, teaching, and service will be required of the selected candidate, as demonstrated by teaching and research experience. Preference will be given to someone who has a strong record of publishing in top-tier journals, a demonstrated ability to obtain external funding, the ability to work with other faculty and graduate students, and a strong service record.

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Applicants must apply online at: <http://facultyjobs.unt.edu>. Applicants must provide a cover letter, a vitae, list of names and contact information for three references, narrative describing scholarly research, summary of teaching evaluations, and a statement of teaching philosophy. The submission of a sample publication is also appreciated but not required. Inquiries may be directed to the search chair, Paul Hensel at phensel@unt.edu. The University of North Texas is an EOE/ADA/AA institution committed to diversity in its employment and educational programs, thereby creating a welcoming environment for everyone.

Co- Editor: International Political Science Review (IPSR)

The International Political Science Association (IPSA) invites applications. The new editor will 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.

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) and Mark Kesselman (mjk3@columbia.edu). Applicants should email Professor Ilyin a CV and an accompanying statement describing their goals for taking IPSR forward. The closing date for applications is

1 December 2011. Information is also available on <http://www.ipsa.org/news/news/co-editor-sought-international-political-science-review-ipsr>

Postdoctoral Fellowships in Political Philosophy

Departments of Philosophy and Political Science
Montreal, Canada

Application Deadline: 15 September, 2011

Job period: 1 January, 2012 - 1 January, 2013

The Groupe de recherche interuniversitaire en philosophie politique de Montréal (GRIPP), along with the Research Group on Constitutional Studies (RGCS) and Departments of Philosophy and Political Science at McGill University, will offer one or more postdoctoral fellowships at McGill in 2012-13. Area of specialization is open within political theory and political philosophy, but we are especially interested in applicants whose research is relevant to one or more of these GRIPP research themes:

- 1) The history of liberal and democratic thought, especially early modern thought;
- 2) Moral psychology and political agency, or politics and affect, emotions, or rhetoric;
- 3) Democracy, diversity and pluralism;
- 4) Democracy, justice, and transnational institutions

Ph.D. must be in hand by 1 September 2012; preference may be given to candidates whose Ph.D.s will be in hand by 15 April 2012. Preference may also be extended to those with a knowledge of French, and to Canadian citizens or permanent residents; please indicate French knowledge and Canadian status in cover letter.

The fellow will be expected to be in residence at McGill for the academic year and to take part in GRIPP and RGCS workshops and conferences. The stipend will be at least \$C27,000, with no teaching requirement, and may be higher. Summer fellowships and paid teaching on top of the stipend are possible but not guaranteed.

Please submit CV, a writing sample of one chapter or paper, a research statement discussing existing work as well as research plans during the fellowship, and three letters of recommendation to GRIPP.postdoc@gmail.com. Applicants may, but are not required to, indicate which RGCS professor or professors they think would make appropriate supervisors during their fellowship. Further information is available on the website.

<http://www.mcgill.ca/rgcs/gripp/fellowships/>

Contact: GRIPP.postdoc@gmail.com

Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellowships in 2012–2013

International Forum for Democratic Studies, National Endowment for Democracy,
Washington, United States

Application Deadline: 1 November, 2011

Job period: 1 October, 2012 - 30 July, 2013

Program: The Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows Program is an international exchange program that offers practitioners, scholars, and journalists from around the world the opportunity to spend five months at the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), in Washington DC, in order to conduct independent research on democracy in a particular country or region. While in residence, fellows reflect on their experiences; engage with counterparts; conduct independent research and writing; consider best practices and lessons learned; and develop professional relationships within a global network of democracy advocates.

Support: Located within NED's International Forum for Democratic Studies, the program provides a rich intellectual setting for educational exchange and professional development. The Forum also publishes the Journal of Democracy, holds conferences, and provides access to NED's library. The federally-funded program offers research support and facilitates fellows' outreach to Washington's advocacy, media, academic, and policy communities. All fellows devote full-time to their fellowship projects and receive a monthly fellowship payment, health insurance, travel assistance at the beginning and end of their fellowship, and research support. Awardees may not receive concurrent funding from the Endowment or its family of institutes during the fellowship period. The program does not provide financial assistance for accompanying family or other dependents.

Participation: The program runs two five-month fellowship sessions per year, during which fellows work full time on their projects. Practitioners focus on strategies and best practices for developing democracy in their country of interest; scholars conduct original research for publication. Projects may address the economic, political, social, legal, or cultural aspects of democratic development and include a range of methodologies and approaches. The program hosts an active calendar of events for fellows, including an introduction to NED and its partner institutions, seminars, roundtables, and other activities. Fellows are expected to present their work and prepare a written product during their stay.

Eligibility: While the program is intended primarily for individuals from developing and aspiring democracies, distinguished scholars from the United States and other established democracies are eligible to apply. Practitioners and journalists are expected to have substantial work experience in their fields, while scholars are expected to have a Ph.D., or academic equivalent, at the time of application. The program does not fund professional training, fieldwork, or students working toward a degree. A working knowledge of English is required.

Application: To apply, visit <http://fellowships.ned.org>. Applicants will be notified of the outcome in mid-April 2012.

For more information, visit www.ned.org or email fellowships@ned.org

Full-Time Positions: Khalifa University of Science, Technology & Research (KUSTAR)

Khalifa University of Science, Technology and Research (KUSTAR)

Location: Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Category: Faculty - Liberal Arts - Political Science

Faculty - Liberal Arts - Sociology

Application Due: Open Until Filled

Khalifa University of Science, Technology, and Research, located in Abu Dhabi, invites applications to fill full-time faculty positions in the fields of political science and

international studies. We will be filling positions for September 2011, January 2012, and September 2012. Rank is open, and compensation will be commensurate with the applicant's qualifications and experience. Khalifa University is a co-educational institution serving students from the United Arab Emirates, the broader Middle East, and beyond. All classes and other campus activities are conducted in English.

Candidates should have 1) a Ph.D. in Political Science or International Studies; 2) demonstrated excellence in teaching; 3) a demonstrated capacity for original research, or, in the case of recent Ph.D.s, strong evidence of scholarly promise; 4) sufficient breadth and creativity to contribute to curriculum development relevant to the U.A.E., the Gulf, and the broader Middle East. Expertise and/or experience in the region, including fluency in Arabic, are desirable (but not necessary).

Primary responsibility will be to teach undergraduate sociology, psychology, or interdisciplinary courses as part of the new general studies curriculum at Khalifa University. The normal teaching load will be five courses per year, with possible course load reductions based on involvement in research projects, workshops, curriculum development, and other professional activities. The position includes an emphasis on advising and mentoring students from the United Arab Emirates, as well as students from the region and beyond. Highly competitive salary and benefits packages are offered to final candidates.

Khalifa University of Science, Technology & Research is a new multicultural, coeducational institution with significant support from the government of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. As it emerges as a leading international research university, it cultivates an academic culture founded on critical thinking, human values, interdisciplinary pursuits, technical excellence, and lifelong learning. The University insists on the highest standards, balancing demands for rapid growth with an uncompromising commitment to quality. It is committed to attracting, developing, and retaining a diverse faculty and staff by developing an enriching intellectual environment and by providing world-class facilities and resources. It is committed to graduating a superlative cadre of scientists, engineers and other professionals who will be leaders and innovators in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, the UAE, the region, and the world.

Applicants should submit a cover letter describing their qualifications and research agenda, a curriculum vitae, and a writing sample (of article or book chapter length). Applications at the assistant professor level should include three letters of recommendation. For higher ranks, applications should include the names of at least three references with contact information.

To apply please visit our employment website at:
<https://khalifauniversity.peopleadmin.com/postings/237>

Contact: Human Resources
Khalifa University of Science, Technology and Research (KUSTAR)
Phone: +97124018024
Online App. Form: <https://khalifauniversity.peopleadmin.com/postings/237>

Assistant Professor: Political Theory

Cornell University

The deadline for submission of complete dossiers is September 23, 2011

The position is to begin fall, 2012.

The Department of Government at Cornell University invites applications for a full-time, tenure-track position as Assistant Professor with research and teaching interests in Political Theory. Demonstrated excellence in teaching is required. The position is open with regard to subject of specialization. Review of applications will begin upon receipt of application and will continue until the position is filled. Send letter of application, CV, recommendation letters, one article-length writing sample, and two sample syllabi to: <https://academicjobsonline.org/>

Qualifications:

A Ph.D. is required no later than July 1, 2012. Cornell is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer and educator, and we strongly encourage applications from women and minority candidates.

Cornell University, located in Ithaca, New York, is an inclusive, dynamic, and innovative Ivy League university and New York's land-grant institution. Its staff, faculty, and students impart an uncommon sense of larger purpose and contribute creative ideas and best practices to further the university's mission of teaching, research, and outreach.

Application Information

Contact: Cornell University

Online App. Form: [https://cornellu.taleo.net/careersection/10161/jobdetail.ftl?lang=en&src=JB - 10360&job=256729](https://cornellu.taleo.net/careersection/10161/jobdetail.ftl?lang=en&src=JB-10360&job=256729)

Assistant Professor of International Relations

Bucknell University

Lewisburg, PA

All application materials must be received by November 15, 2011.

Full Time: Beginning in August 2012

Job Summary: Bucknell University is seeking to fill a tenure-track position in the Department of International Relations.

Minimum Requirements: PhD at time of appointment is preferred, however, ABD candidates will be considered: International Relations, Political Science, Sociology, Geography, Economics, or other relevant interdisciplinary PhD degrees will be considered. Interest in developing interdisciplinary courses that would appeal to a broad university audience is encouraged.

Special Instructions to Applicants: Applications must be made on line at <https://jobs.bucknell.edu/>. Online applications require: Cover letter; CV; Statements on the candidates teaching philosophy; Research portfolio (including one writing sample) (Required Statement of Research Interest); Scholarly agenda (Required Other Document 1); Sample syllabi, and course evaluations (Required Other Document 2); and Three letters of reference

Please send transcript to Hilbourne A. Watson, Department of International Relations, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

Bucknell University values a diverse college community and is committed to excellence through diversity in its faculty, staff, and students. An Equal opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer, Bucknell university especially welcomes applications from women and minority candidates.

Online App. Form: <https://jobs.bucknell.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=51955&jtsrc=www.higheredjobs.com&jtrfr=www.peopleadmin.com&adorig=PA>

[Institutional Profile](#)

RIA Mobility Grants, and Royal Society Int. Exchange Cost Share Programme 2012

Applications now open for Royal Irish Academy Mobility Grants 2012 and Royal Irish Academy-Royal Society International Exchange Cost Share Programme 2012

The Academy is now taking applications for the following grants:

-Mobility Grants 2012

-Royal Irish Academy-Royal Society International Exchange Cost Share Programme 2012

The application forms for these grants can be accessed on the Academy's website at <http://www.ria.ie/Our-Work/Grants---Awards.aspx>

The closing date for both grants is Monday, 17 October 2011.

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Call for Papers and Panels

Crisis in Ireland's Regional Newspaper Industry: Consequences for the Public and the Journalistic Profession

December 1st, 2011, University of Limerick.

The deadline for proposals is September 1, 2011.

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.

Industry practitioners and academics are invited to submit short proposals for presentations related to any of the following topics:

- The historical perspective on the contribution of regional newspapers to Irish life
- The regional newspaper industry since the 1990s, from a boom to a bust economy
- The viability of traditional business and organisational models of regional newspapers and what is needed for future survival
- The industry and advertisers – preserving and rebuilding the relationship
- The prospects for the profession of the 'local journalist'
- Falling circulations, the demographics of readership, and changing news consumption habits
- The consequences of diminishing diversity of titles and news-services to local communities
- The print/web relationship in local news
- Identifying priority areas for future research on the industry
- Lessons from abroad for the Irish regional newspaper industry

The conference organisers are open to proposals for presentations or panel discussions that do not feature on the list above. Proposals should be sent to tom.felle@ul.ie. The conference will take place at the University of Limerick on December 1, 2011. The registration fee, payable on the day, is €20. Tea/coffee and lunch are included. Conference attendance is open to all interested parties.

The conference is being organised by the School of Languages, Literature, Culture and Communication, in association with the Institute for the Study of Knowledge in Society. Organising committee: Dr Anthony Cawley, Tom Felle, and Anthony Quinn

1st European Conference on Comparative Electoral Research

Theme: The State of the Art in Comparative Electoral Research

University of National and World Economy, Sofia (Bulgaria)

December 1-3, 2011

Proposal Deadline: September 8th

Local Conference organizers:

Mihail Mirchev and Katia Christova (University of National and World Economy, Sofia)

The focus of the conference is on comparative electoral research, and we seek to recruit original papers that exploit systematic empirical research across one or more of the following dimensions of comparison: across systems (such as countries, or sub-national units), across time (short term, as when studying campaign dynamics, or long term, spanning multiple electoral cycles), across levels of government (local, regional, national and transnational).

We are particularly interested in papers addressing the following topics:

- The foundations of electoral choices (and how these vary over contexts)

- The electoral connection between voters and parties
- The specific contributions of comparative research towards a unified theory of elections
- The methodological challenges concerning data collection and comparative analysis (and how to overcome these)
- Increasing the analytical value of comparative electoral data

We also welcome empirical contributions that link the electoral process to representation, accountability, and legitimacy, or any other original contributions to comparative electoral research.

A more extensive call for papers and a submission form can be found on <http://true-european-voter.eu/eccer>

Paper proposals (using the submission form) should be sent to tev.eccer@gmail.com. Proposals should contain a title and an abstract (up to 400 words), with concise information about research questions, theoretical approach, study design, and expected results.

Authors will be notified by September 17th. Contributions to travel and accommodation costs are available for a limited number of paper givers (on the basis of an accepted proposal and complementing other funding). Authors seeking such support will be notified by September 26th.

Call For Contributions: Journal of Conflict Transformation and Security (JCTS)

Application Deadline: 30 September, 2011

Journal of Conflict Transformation and Security (JCTS) is for academics, policy makers and practitioners to engage in discussions on a wide range of peace, conflict and human security related issues in a multidisciplinary forum with contributions from political science, security studies, international relations, development studies, post-conflict reconstruction studies, economics, sociology, international law, political history, and human geography.

As an international refereed e-journal, edited by a group of acclaimed scholars indicated in the Editorial Board, the Journal of Conflict Transformation and Security is published at its own website <http://www.cesran.org/JCTS>. It welcomes submissions of articles from related persons involved in the scope of the journal as well as summary reports of conferences and lecture series held in the social sciences. Submissions in comparative analysis, with case studies and empirical research are particularly encouraged.

Prospective authors should submit 5.000-10.000 word articles for consideration in Microsoft Word-compatible format. For more complete descriptions and submission instructions, please access the Editorial Guidelines and Style Guidelines pages at the CESRAN website: <http://www.cesran.org/JCTS>. Contributors are urged to read CESRAN's author guidelines and style guidelines carefully before submitting articles. Articles submissions should be sent in electronic format to:

http://cesran.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=992&Itemid=255&la...

Contact: alpozerdem@cesran.org (Editor-In-Chief)

62nd Political Studies Association Annual International Conference

In Defence of Politics

3 - 5 April 2012

Europa Hotel Belfast

Deadline for submission of all proposals for Panels or Papers is 14 October, 2011.

We invite proposals on all areas of political research, particularly those which might address these broad themes:

- In Praise of Politics and Why We Hate Politics
- The Purpose of Political Science – in education, research and policy formation
- Ethics and Politics - questions of integrity, accountability, honesty, and disclosure in political activity and also political research
- Conflict and Conciliation – approaches to political negotiation and struggle, from theoretical and empirical perspectives
- The People's Politics – the changing landscape of political engagement and protest
- Politics: Looking Back or Looking Forward – the extent to which politics looks back as well as forward, and what this says about modern political trends
- Leaders and Authority; Citizens and Consumerism – the interplay between elites, iconic figures and power brokers, and citizens, subjects and consumers

Submitting a proposal for a panel
If you are proposing a panel, please fill in the appropriate on-line form: [Specialist Group Convenors](#) or [other PSA members](#). We can only accept proposals that use this form. Please note that all panels should have a minimum of three papers and a maximum of four. Participation by graduate students is limited to one paper per panel proposal. Panel convenors are also expected to liaise with the conference academic convenors, to advise them of relevant changes and ensure that presenters register for the conference and deliver papers by the due dates.

It is the responsibility of the panel convener to include the following information:

- Contact details of convenor, chair, discussant and paper-givers
- Panel title and individual paper titles
- Short description of panel and paper abstracts (maximum 200 words)

Submitting a proposal for a paper
If you are proposing a paper please fill in the on-line [Paper Proposal Form](#). We will only accept proposals that use this form. Before submitting a paper proposal we ask that you consider submitting your paper as part of a panel, either by consulting with colleagues in your research area or by contacting the relevant specialist group (details available [here](#)). If you do submit a paper proposal we will make every effort to include your paper in a panel, but individual paper submissions that cannot be incorporated into a panel are likely to be rejected. Note: Any specific calls for papers by Specialist Groups will be included in the listing [here](#).

Viewing and Reviewing Submissions

Please [click here](#) for information on viewing, printing, and reviewing your submission.

Is Social Democracy Exhausted? Pathways, Reflections, And Dilemmas

Key dates: 17-18 February 2011

Venue: Flinders University City Campus, Old Reserve Bank building, Victoria Square, Adelaide, 5000. Keynote Speakers:

Final deadline for abstracts is 28 October 2011.

The School of Social and Policy Studies is pleased to host a two-day conference reflecting on the future of social democratic politics and policy. Social democratic politics is in state of flux, and has failed to offer a compelling response to the dominance of neo-liberalism. Remarkably, since the 2008 global financial crisis, the fortune of many social democratic and labour parties in advanced industrial societies has declined. In 2000, 27 left-leaning governments were in power across the EU, and currently this number stands at just five. The end of the British New Labour government in 2010 marked the exhaustion of the ‘third way’ project, perhaps one of the most publicised attempts to institute a revitalised ‘new social democracy’.

This conference invites papers which examine the current state of social democratic politics and policy. While a strand of the conference will examine the health of social democratic parties, the conference is focused more broadly on the future challenges facing social democratic politics. Papers on (but not limited to) the following themes and issues are encouraged:

Conference Themes

- Comparative social democracy – examining alternative paths and strategies of social democratic and labour parties in advanced industrial settings
- Assessing the dilemmas and challenges facing social democratic political economy
- Social democracy and alliances with wider progressive politics – including Green parties, Trade Unions, and NGO’s
- The changing role of the state and civil society in social democratic politics
- Social Democracy and specific policy areas: education, health, democratic renewal.
- Australian Social Democracy at the State and Federal level

Please send abstracts on proposed papers to Dr Rob Manwaring at rob.manwaring@flinders.edu.au. Abstracts should be between 250-400 words, and offer a concise outline of the proposed paper. Presenters will be given 20 minutes to deliver their paper. Abstracts should include: name of presenter(s), title of presenter and institution, title of paper, and outline the relevance to the main conference themes.

Video-Conferencing:

We are also encouraging papers from researchers and academics based overseas to participate in the conference. We appreciate that travelling to Adelaide may well not be feasible, and to this end we are offering that a limited number of papers may be presented using video conferencing technology. Please indicate if you are unable to deliver your paper in person.

22nd World Congress of Political Science, 2012

Reshaping Power, Shifting Boundaries

For abstract proposals with submission deadline of 7th October, see:

<http://www.ipsa.org/events/congress/madrid2012/submit-abstractpaper-proposal>

Please visit the IPSA website and click on the tab on the left called "World Congress - Madrid 2012" <http://www.ipsa.org/events/congress/madrid2012/congress-theme> for information on the congress and main themes, important deadlines and criteria for proposal submissions.

The main congress themes are:

- [Comparative Politics and Political Institutions](#)
- [Gender, Religion, Identity](#)
- [International Political Economy](#)
- [International Relations](#)
- [Political Behavior](#)
- [Political Theory](#)
- [Public Policy](#)

To submit your proposal - click on the "Proposal Submissions" tab. You will be asked to log in with your IPSA account or create a free IPSA website account (for purposes of submitting proposal) if you do not have one.

Keep checking the site in the coming months for information on travel grants.

Don't miss this great opportunity to present your work to peers, learn from others and meet political scientists from around the world!

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at: madrid2012@ipsa.org.

Islam and Democracy: Potential and Possibilities

University of Western Ontario, London, Canada

23 March, 2012 - 25 March, 2012

Application Deadline: 1 October, 2011

Organised by:

The Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Social Science at the University of Western Ontario
Huron University College

King's University College at the University of Western Ontario

Conference organizers invite the submission of proposals which should include a 300-word abstract and a short CV for the presenter. These are due by 1 October 2011 to islam-democracyhist@uwo.ca with "Islam and Democracy Conference" in the subject line. Final papers will be due on 31 January 2012. Some support for presenters' travel and lodging expenses will be available.

Contact: islam-democracyhist@uwo.ca

[Event Announcement](#)

Ireland and African-America

9th-11th March, 2012

Clinton Institute for American Studies, University College Dublin

Paper Proposal Deadline: 16th 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).

Scholars and graduate students in humanities and social science fields (including history, literature, sociology, cultural studies, area studies, and media and visual studies) are invited to submit proposals for 20-minute papers. Please see the conference webpage for further details:

http://www.ucdclinton.ie/events_IrelandandAfricanAmerica Paper proposals should be sent to Louise Walsh, walsh.lou@gmail.com.

Routledge Studies in Experimental Political Science

Political scientists are increasingly using experiments to study important political and social phenomena. The logic of experimentation makes it an appealing and powerful methodological tool that enables scholars to establish causality and probe into the mechanisms underlying observable regularities. Experiments, because of their transparency, also enable researchers to communicate their findings to a broad audience. Although highly technical knowledge is not necessary for understanding the gist of experiments, experiments must be designed, administered, and analyzed with care and attention to detail.

The Routledge Studies in Experimental Political Science was developed to publish books that educate readers about the appropriate design and interpretation of experiments and books that showcase innovative and important applications of experimental work. We are particularly interested in scholarly monographs, but proposals for edited volumes will also be considered.

The series will showcase experimental work in political science in at least two ways:

- 1) Pedagogy: Books that provide pedagogical guidance on the design, administration, and analysis of experiments, particularly tailored for a political science audience. Such books would be targeted at advanced undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty members.
- 2) Applications: Books that use experimental methods, particularly innovative experimental methods, to understand important causal relationships in political and social settings.

If you have a book proposal or idea in mind which might be suitable for the series, please do not hesitate to contact the Series Editors (Kevin Arceneaux: arceneau@temple.edu or Cindy Kam: cindy.d.kam@vanderbilt.edu) or the Acquisitions Editor (Natalja Mortensen, Political Science Research: natalja.mortensen@taylorandfrancis.com).

Submission Guidelines:

The proposal you submit is the basis on which we judge the book's suitability for publication. It therefore needs to be organised in such a way that the reviewers are given the right amount of information on which to assess the suitability of your work for publication and to offer constructive feedback. We would, therefore, ask that you include the following:

1. A statement of aims
2. A detailed synopsis, including chapter summaries
3. Definition of the market
4. A review of the main competitive books
5. Format & Timing
6. One or two sample chapters, if available (or more)
7. A Curriculum Vitae
8. Notes on the contributors (if this is to be an edited volume)
9. Third party material
10. Details of academic referees

For more information on submitting a proposal to Routledge, please visit <http://www.routledge.com/info/authors/#submitproposal>.

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops

University of Antwerp, Belgium
10 - 15 April 2012

The list of accepted workshops is [now available](#)

Please note that the call for papers for the 2012 Joint Sessions of Workshops in Antwerp went out on 1 August 2011. This is slightly later than usual as this year the system for proposing papers for Workshops is changing. There will be a link included in the call for papers message pointing to instructions on how to propose a paper.

The new method of proposing a paper will mean that all proposals will come to ECPR via a database and you should therefore not contact the Workshop Directors directly with your proposal. Any proposals sent directly to the Workshop Directors will not be considered.

Once the deadline has passed the Workshop Directors will be given access to accept or decline your paper proposals. You should hear by mid- January whether or not your paper proposal has been successful.

For further information on the Joint Sessions, please check the Joint Sessions section of the [website](#)

Conference and Event Alerts

UACES 41st Annual Conference: Exchanging Ideas on Europe 2011

Robinson College, Cambridge
5-7 September 2011

The event will be a three-day international conference hosted by the [Department for Politics and International Studies](#) at the University of Cambridge. The conference is taking place at [Robinson College](#). It will bring together academics and practitioners working in all areas of European Studies including law, economics, geography, history, sociology, public policy and politics.

Find out more about [our hosts](#).

For updates on UACES annual conference follow us on Twitter:

<http://twitter.com/UACESevents>

Philosophy for Schools Conference

Peter Froggatt Centre, Belfast, Ireland
21 September, 2011

Programme

10.30am

Introduction and Welcome, Director of Research in Philosophy, Queen's University Belfast

10.45am

Session One: Philosophy of Art, Dr Dawn Phillips, Research Fellow in Philosophy, St. Anne's College, Oxford

12noon

Session Two: Philosophy of Religion, Dr Michael Lacewing, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, Heythrop College

2pm

Session Three: Politics and Ethics, Dr Jeremy Watkins, Lecturer in Philosophy, Queen's University Belfast

3pm

The Importance of Philosophy, Speaker tbc

3.20pm

Closing Remarks, Dr Charlotte Blease, Teaching Assistant, Queen's University Belfast

This conference, which is free-of-charge, is particularly aimed at sixth-formers, but it is open to any members of the general public who want to find out more about the subject. No prior knowledge of philosophy will be presupposed.

Please note that coffee will be provided during the interval at 11.45am. However, delegates are asked to make their own arrangements for lunch. 2

Interest and Enquiries to Dr Jeremy Watkins, j.watkins@qub.ac.uk

School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast.

Organised by: Royal Institute of Philosophy, Queen's University Belfast

A Decade of Terrorism And Counter-Terrorism Since 9/11: Taking Stock and New Directions in Research and Policy

University of Strathclyde and Glasgow City Chambers

Central Glasgow, United Kingdom

8-11 September, 2011

The conference is intended to look back and review how we have understood terrorism and counter-terrorism, and attempt to think through where the study of terrorism and counter-terrorism should go from here. Themes in the conference include, among others:

- Non-state terrorism, including but not limited to terrorism as an instrument of power
- State terror and repression, including, but not limited to Western State terror
- Counter-terrorism, risk governance and radicalisation
- Advances in terrorism studies with a particular focus on data, methods and theory, including the contribution of critical terrorism studies
- Communicating terrorism: cybersecurity, social media, influence agenda, public diplomacy, information operations and strategic communications
- Gender and terrorism/counter-terrorism
- Historical materialism, terrorism and counter-terrorism
- The war on terror and the global South
- The ways in which conflict resolution can inform the study of terrorism and counter-terrorism policy.

Key note speakers include Joseba Zulaika (University of Nevada in Reno), Michael Stohl (University of California Santa Barbara), Michael Scheuer (ex-CIA), Richard Jackson (Aberystwyth), Caron Gentry (St. Andrews) and Dr. Bob Lambert (Exeter, ex-Special Branch).

<http://decadeofterrorismandcounterterrorism.wordpress.com/>

Contact: jan.bissett@strath.ac.uk

Ninth Workshop of The European Group of Public Administration (EGPA) on Ethics and Integrity Of Governance

Bucharest, Romania

7 September, 2011 - 11 September, 2011

The Study Group on Ethics and Integrity of Governance brings together academics and practitioners interested in the ethical dimension of administration and organization. The group's mission is to establish a long-term network aimed at stimulating research on public sector integrity and ethics in Europe. This year the group will particularly pay attention to East-West cooperation, given that the session will take place in Bucharest, Romania.

Themes include (but are not limited to) the following: Integrity policies: What works, how and when?; What is the state of public integrity in Eastern Europe; what are the good and bad developments?; Criminological perspectives on corruption and employee deviance; Historical and sociological analyses of ethics in governance in countries or European regions; Concepts of administrative ethics research; Methodologies of administrative ethics research; Developments of public integrity (and corruption) within administrations (and predictions); (Conflicting) public values; Normative analyses of public governance.

<http://egpa-conference2011.org>

Organised by: Study Group on Ethics and Integrity of Governance

Contact: jeroen.maesschalck@law.kuleuven.be

Creative Educations: A Workshop

Wednesday September 14th 2011

University College Cork.

“Creative Educations”, a designated research priority area in the College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences at UCC, invites contributions to a Workshop that will take up the challenge of re-imagining and reinvigorating the core ideals of education as the life-long cultivation of wisdom and civic virtue. Education that enables human flourishing and a healthy body politic means something more than skills training. Education is concerned with relations of influence. Educare means to cultivate, to lead forth, to draw out from within; and wisdom is derived from vision, vision and dommeaning judgment and authority. When we consider the challenges of recovery we realize that it is not just enterprise and innovation in technology and economy that is at issue, but more fundamentally are vitalization of our political, cultural and moral institutions. Our individual and collective abilities to be innovative and creative, to adapt to change and to reinvent our society and our economy to face the challenges of recovery and the future, whether in the fields of science & technology, industry & economy, law and politics, culture and the arts will come primarily from vision and he exercise of judgment based on good authority, inspired and guided by the light of higher values and ideals.

Afternoon Session

“Beyond Critique”: A discussion forum on professional impact.

Morning Presentations:

Professor Kathy Hall, Education

Professor Graham Allen, English, Vice-Head CACSSS

Professor Graham Parkes, Philosophy

Professor Arpad Szakolczai, Sociology.

For further information contact Professor Kathy Hall -k.hall@ucc.ie or Dr Kieran Keohane -

k.keohane@ucc.ie

PSA and BISA Teaching and Learning Group Conference

Teaching Politics and International Relations in the Post-Browne Environment

*Political Studies Association and British International Studies Association

13-14 September 2011,

Cardiff Bay, Wales

As a sector we now need to focus on doing the basics better as well as engaging in pedagogic innovation. We are being challenged to re-think how we engage with students in a mindful way with an ever diminishing resource and a new set of political and economical priorities.

The 2011 conference will provide an opportunity to discuss the current context and to share best practice. We are seeking papers that explore issues relating to politics and international relations as well proposals that address the following themes:

Technology Enhanced Learning, inclusive curriculum, employability, teaching challenging subjects and assessment.

Conference fees: £70 residential, £30 non-residential. Fees will include lunch, refreshments and dinner. Conference booking forms can be obtained from Vaida.andrijauskaite@newport.ac.uk

Conference organisers: Dr Bela Arora and Vaida Andrijauskaite, Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT), University of Wales, Newport.

Forms of Corruption in History and in Contemporary Society: Origins, Continuity, Evolution

Sorbonne University, Paris

14th to 16th September 2011,

The etymology of the word corruption indicates either an alteration, or an act of seduction, but in any case it leads toward a rupture. In a broader meaning, corruption is understood as the behavior of a person who derails another one from his/her way, customs or duties, through the promise of money, honors or security. History shows that this phenomenon has generally been manifesting in different kinds of cultures and societies starting with the most ancient times. Today corruption is still a reality, generated by the particular economic, cultural and political conditions in both developing and developed countries.

We are seeking contributions on different forms of corruption and on special aspects of corruption in different cultures, historical times, and juridical systems. The major questions which will be discussed during this international conference are: Do phenomena of corruption evolve over time, or remain as primitive as in their first manifestations? What is

the impact of these phenomena on forging the identity of certain individuals, communities or nations? Is the ideal that corruption disappear one day utopian?

Possible topics (only indicative list) include: corruption and the writing of history, corrupted laws, corrupted political or religious figures, corruption in political systems, totalitarianism and corruption, false cases of corruption, iconic corrupted figures, the .angels and demons of corruptions, positions of secret societies in history on corruption, specific laws on corruption and their different effects in different historical times, race and corruption, corruption during wars, sexual scandals, the theatre and/or the literature of corruption, implementation of state policies and corruption, the psychology or philosophy of corruption, corruption during revolutions, corruption and economy, manipulation, brain washing techniques, .enhanced interrogation techniques, medication and side effects, religious fundamentalism, censorship, millenarian politics, utopian politics and corruption, postcolonial society and corruption, representations of corruption in art, translations and corruption, film depictions of corruption cases, rhetorics of corruption, etc.

Address your enquiries to Ms. Silvia Stoica (President of Ars Identitatis), Mr. Ionut Untea (PhD candidate, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes) and Ms. Teodora Rogozea (Paris 1, Sorbonne University) at registration@identitatis.org or ars.identitatis@yahoo.com
For more information and updates please visit www.ars.identitatis.org

Parliamentary Discourses across Cultures: Interdisciplinary Approaches

September 23-24, 2011,
University of Bucharest, Romania (Conference languages: English and French.)

You are cordially invited to participate in the international conference on Parliamentary Discourses across Cultures, organized by the Centre for Theoretical and Applied Linguistics (University of Bucharest, Faculty of Letters), in connection with the Research Project Tradition and Modernity in the Romanian Parliamentary Discourse: a Pragma-Rhetorical Approach, sponsored by the CNCSIS – UEFISCSU (code 2136/ 2008, PN II IDEI).

The conference has an interdisciplinary scope and is open to specialists in several fields, such as Linguistics, Discourse Analysis, History, Political Sciences, Sociology, Media and Communication.

The topic is motivated by the growing interest for research on political discourse and particularly parliamentary discourse, one of its major subgenres. The distinctive features of parliamentary practices are of central interest to scholars who are concerned with exploring various traditions and rhetorical discourse styles in and across European parliaments. Many investigations are increasingly based on flexible, interdisciplinary, and multi-layered methodologies, whose main challenge is to try and integrate different approaches to the multifaceted manifestations of this discourse genre in a coherent system of analysis.

A historical perspective on national parliamentary discourses has the advantage of opening the way to a deeper understanding of the diversity of parliamentary practices across time and space. It aims at highlighting the particular roles played by local socio-historical factors, ideologies, collective mentalities, and social psychology in building up culture-specific traditions of political institutions.

Conference fee:

Regular: 100 euros – early bird (by June 1, 2011); after June 1, 2011: 120 euros

Students: 60 euros for students – early bird (by June 1, 2011); after June 1, 2011: 70 euros

Conference fee includes: welcome and final reception, coffee breaks, book of abstracts, conference kit.

Democracy and Its Critics: Ancient and Modern

PSA Political Thought Specialist Group

St. Hugh's College, Oxford University

22nd October, 2011.

The conference programme is available at: <http://www.psa.ac.uk/spgrp/39/polthought.aspx>

There is a participatory fee of £37.00, which will cover mid-morning tea/coffee and biscuits, a sandwich lunch and mid-afternoon tea/coffee and cake. It would greatly facilitate our planning and logistics if interested persons would send a cheque made payable to "Political Thought Specialist Group of the PSA" to Dr. Zenon Stavrinides, Research Fellow, School of Law, The Liberty Building, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, U.K. by 30th September 2011.

Please do not hesitate to contact the conference organizers, Dr. Evangelia Sembou (evangelia.sembou@hotmail.com) and Dr. Zenon Stavrinides (z.stavrinides@leeds.ac.uk), should you have any queries (including queries of accommodation).

RIA Annual Conference on International Affairs: Democratisation and New Media

Academy House, Dublin, Ireland

18 November, 2011

<http://www.ria.ie/Our-Work/Committees/Committees-for-the-Humanities-and-Social-S...>

This year's conference will include an address from the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr Eamon Gilmore, TD, who is the incoming chair of the Organisation for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE) in 2012. Keynote speakers in the field are also being invited.

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1st European Gender Summit: Science Quality through Equality

Brussels

8th – 9th November, 2011

The Summit will bring together leaders in science research, gender experts and policy makers to discuss emerging trends and advances in understanding how gender issues impact science research and innovation at the European Level. 45 high level speakers and 800 participants

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Plenary Session

- Advancing Research Policy for Integrated Action on the Gender Dimension in Science
- Launch the first "Policy Manifesto for Integrated Action on the Gender Dimension in Science"

An output of the event will be the "Policy Manifesto for Integrated Action on the Gender Dimension in Science", which all attendees will be invited to contribute to and sign. Along with this, during the registration process attendees are asked to contribute ideas of topics for discussion, and there is the opportunity to share your research or initiatives in the poster sessions. All sessions have ample opportunity for discussion and contribution from the audience, for detailed information on themes and speakers see the full programme on the website www.gender-summit.eu

Theme A: Enhancing Research Quality

Theme B: Effectiveness Of Innovation

Theme C: Promoting Structural Change

Theme D: Gender In Publications

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Institute of Public Administration

Date: 16 September 2011

OR 14 October 2011

OR 11 November 2011

OR 9 December 2011

Venue: Institute of Public Administration

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- What records can be requested

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Democracy in Bangladesh

Zillur R. Khan and Syed Saad Andaleeb (Eds.)

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This volume is based on selected papers from two conferences on Bangladesh at Harvard University in 2008 and 2009. It covers a variety of challenging topics, ranging from linkages between democracy and security to effects of a given electoral system on political stability,

micro-national autonomy for sub-regional peace, terrorism and its counter-forces. It also covers the role of NGOs in development and social change, intra-regional cooperation in conflict mitigation, and refugee related violence in South Asia.

A common theme that runs through the eight chapters of this volume is the felt need for multidimensional interactions in the continuous search for a common ground on which negotiations could take place for the resolutions of issues, problems and conflicts at different socio-political and economic levels. Papers selected for the present volume were edited to form chapters and the contributors comprise academics, policy implementers, researchers and consultants. The commonality tying them together is their quest for understanding the complex process of democratization for sustainable, multifaceted political development of Bangladesh.

Political Culture in Panama: Democracy after Invasion

Orlando J. Perez

Palgrave-Macmillan

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Twenty years have passed since the 1989 U.S. invasion that toppled Panama's military regime and initiated a period of democratization. This book represents the most comprehensive and empirically grounded analysis of the institutional and attitudinal factors that have shaped Panamanian politics since the invasion. Using quantitative and qualitative methods the book traces the development of the Panamanian nation-state from its early days after independence from Colombia, to the struggles to build democracy after the U.S. invasion, through the presidential elections of May 2009. The study makes use of extensive interviews with political and economic elites, as well as the most comprehensive series of public opinion surveys ever conducted in Panama. As such, they provide a wealth of data on democratic values and allow placing Panama in a comparative perspective.

Interactive Policymaking, Metagovernance and Democracy

Peter Triantafillou (Ed.)

Jacob Torfing (Co-Author)

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Traditional forms of top-down government are being challenged by the growing complexity and fragmentation of social and political life and the need to mobilize and activate the knowledge, ideas, and resources of private stakeholders. In response to this important challenge there has been a persistent proliferation of interactive forms of public governance that bring together a plethora of public and private actors in collaborative policy arenas. This book explores how these new forms of interactive governance are working in practice and analyses their role and impact on public policy making in different policy areas and in different countries. The need for facilitating, managing and giving direction to interactive policy arenas is also addressed through empirical analyses of different forms of metagovernance that aim to govern interactive forms of governance without reverting to traditional forms of hierarchical command and control. Finally, the normative implications of

interactive policy making are assessed through studies of the democratic problems and merits associated with interactive policy making.

Democratic Left: The Life and Death of an Irish Political Party

Rafter, Kevin

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Irish Academic Press

Democratic Left was a small political party which was organised primarily in the Irish Republic but also in Northern Ireland for just short of seven years in the 1990s. Formed out of a split in the Workers' Party in early 1992, Democratic Left was formally disbanded in January 1999 following a merger agreement with the Labour Party. The party - which was led by Proinsais De Rossa, Pat Rabbitte, Eamon Gilmore and Liz McManus - participated in the 1994-97 Rainbow coalition involving Fine Gael and Labour. This book explores the emergence of Democratic Left out of the crisis in communism and the fall of the Berlin Wall as well as continued allegations about their involvement in Official IRA criminality. Issues of ideology and identity, party organisation and political funding are examined in this major study which offers a unique and revealing insight in how politics operates in Ireland today. The book is based on access to internal Democratic Left documentation and papers, and interviews with all leading party members and other figures including Eoghan Harris, Sean Garland, John Bruton and Ruairi Quinn.

Democratic Deficit: Critical Citizens Revisited

Pippa Norris

Cambridge University Press

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Many fear that democracies are suffering from a legitimacy crisis. This book focuses on 'democratic deficits', reflecting how far the perceived democratic performance of any state diverges from public expectations.

Pippa Norris examines the symptoms by comparing system support in more than fifty societies worldwide, challenging the pervasive claim that most established democracies have experienced a steadily rising tide of political disaffection during the third-wave era. The book diagnoses the reasons behind the democratic deficit, including demand (rising public aspirations for democracy), information (negative news about government) and supply (the performance and structure of democratic regimes). Finally, Norris examines the consequences for active citizenship, for governance and, ultimately, for democratization.

This book provides fresh insights into major issues at the heart of comparative politics, public opinion, political culture, political behavior, democratic governance, political psychology, political communications, public policymaking, comparative sociology, cross-national survey analysis and the dynamics of the democratization process.
