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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 Bernadette Connaughton at Bernadette.Connaughton@ul.ie for inclusion.

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. 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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Section 1: News

1. Irish Political Studies Data Yearbook 2012: Call for Information

Material for the *Irish Political Studies Data Yearbook 2012* is currently being compiled. The editors would appreciate your input on content which you would like to see included in the June 2012 issue. Equally, if you have material which you believe to be of relevance, please contact the current yearbook editors before 23 January 2012:

Northern Ireland section: Neil Matthews (School of Politics, International Studies and Philosophy-Queen's University Belfast) - Email: nmatthews06@qub.ac.uk

Republic of Ireland section: Philip Murphy (Department of Government-University College Cork) - Email: philip.murphy@ucc.ie

2. Gearing up for PSA 2012

3-5 April 2012, Europa Hotel, Belfast

Registration for the conference has now opened on www.psa.ac.uk/2012/index.aspx so be sure to register early to avail of 'early bird' registration rates, until 31 January 2012. It is advised to book flights and accommodation early, and there are some great bargains to be had right now, some of which are detailed on the www.psa.ac.uk/2012/index.aspx.

The call for paper and panel proposals has now closed and with a 'full house' in terms of accepted papers and panels. The opening plenary 'In Defence of Politics' will be hosted by Professor Matthew Flinders (Sheffield) and confirmed panellists include David Blunkett, Peter Osborne and Peter Riddell. You can view the rest of the programme at www.psa.ac.uk/2012/programme.aspx.

Call for book launches: if you have a recently released book that you would like launched at the conference in the exhibitors' hall, please contact Louise Bates at lousie.bates@psa.ac.uk with details of the book and the publisher.

3. Geneva for Human Rights - Global Training is currently recruiting interns to work in the Human Rights Policy Studies Department in 2012.

Students may be interested in participating in the above internship programme.

GHR is a nongovernmental organization in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. It provides various training activities for human rights defenders, NGOs, networks and associations as well as for individuals who work in the field of human rights.

The training programme offers courses (also in-country and regional courses), briefings during the UN sessions and expert seminars.

The Human Rights Policy Studies department engage interns in preparation of the training activities and allow them to participate in some courses. The interns monitor selected sessions of the UN human rights bodies, write analytical summary reports and once a week they participate in a brainstorming session of the HPS department. Under the supervision of trainers, interns may also undertake research study related to projects of the organization.

For information please contact: info@gdh-ghr.org

4. UACES Re-EUnion

UACES would like to announce an open, competitive call for a new initiative, the 'UACES Re-EUnion'. The *UACES Re-EUnions* are designed to bring together academics and policy-makers to offer insight on the origin of policy initiatives and events in the EU's history. These events are intended to afford an opportunity for academics and practitioners alike to reflect critically upon their understanding of events and decisions and their consequences for the contemporary EU. *UACES Re-EUnions* are envisioned as one or two day workshops/conferences designed to bring together academics and analysts with those policy-makers who devised or implemented policy initiatives, were present at key events and/or who devised activities for the EU. The intention is that the *UACES Re-EUnions* afford the opportunity for critical reflection and allow for new insight in the study of the European Union. Examples of *UACES Re-EUnion* events might include those that focus on landmark summits or meetings, new policy directions for the EU, contested legislation, or crises confronting the Union. A successful proposal will demonstrate both the insight to be drawn from the topic of the Union and the degree of commitment by practitioner participants to participate. Further, there is the expectation that the event would subsequently be made available via podcast, or other medium, to the wider UACES membership. If appropriate, it is envisaged that the event should take place in the city, or place, of significance to the original event.

Partners UACES would like to collaborate with partners including other associations, Universities, think-tanks (or a combination of all). Ideally, the partnership would also include a media partner. Events would be co-branded.

Funding UACES is able to offer up to £5,000 in match funding (i.e. up to 50% co-financing).

Proposals Proposals should be sent to admin@uaces.org

Proposals (of 3-4 pages) should include:

- a description and outline programme for the proposed event;
- a list of the policy-makers present at the original event that would be invited to take part;
- a media strategy;
- a budget.

Deadline to apply Thursday 9 February 2012

The University Association for Contemporary European Studies can be found at <http://www.uaces.org/>

5. Defining Democracy to be published Online and in Hardcopy

Having published Peter Emerson's *Designing an All-Inclusive Democracy* in 2007, Springer (Heidelberg and Berlin) is now to publish his *Defining Democracy*; available on-line and hard copy from December. The book will be launched on 31st January 2012 in the House of Lords with Professor Emerita Elizabeth Meehan, Lord Mike Boyce and Lord Paddy Ashdown (subject only to *force majeure*).

The original Borda count and partial voting

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 rule – $(n, n-1 \dots 1)$ or the more usual $(n-1, n-2 \dots 0)$ – 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*, so hopefully, all will now use the MBC. The article is available on-line at <http://www.springerlink.com/content/k476366236x10402/>

6. Reporting Europe Prize 2012 - Nominations now invited

The University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) and Thomson Reuters invite you to nominate a piece of outstanding journalism for the Reporting Europe Prize 2012.

The Prize, now in its fifth year, honours excellence in reporting on the European Union published in the twelve-month period leading up to the nomination deadline. Any English-language print, radio, television or blog entry will be accepted.

The winner of the Prize will be announced at an award ceremony at the Thomson Reuters building in Canary Wharf, London on 24 May 2012. If you would like to attend the award ceremony, RSVP with your name and affiliation to:

admin@reportingeurope.eu

Please visit www.reportingeurope.eu for further details and to make a nomination.

Deadline for nominations: 2 March 2012

7. Podcast of Seminar on the Euro Crisis, 9 November 2011

The podcast below from a recent seminar on the Euro area crisis might be of interest, especially given the impressive expertise and experience of the guest speakers:

- John Purvis CBE, Conservative MEP 1979-84 and 1999-2009, former Vice Chairman of the European Parliament Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee (2001- 9)
- Dr Jacques Cailloux, Chief European Economist, Royal Bank of Scotland
- Professor Jacques Mélitz, Professor of Economics, Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh, formerly Professor at Institut d'Etudes Politiques, Paris.
- Dr David Howarth, Jean Monnet Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations at Edinburgh University's School of Social and Political Science.

There are some minor problems with the recording at the start but most of the proceedings are very clear.

The event was sponsored by the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the Europa Institute of the University of Edinburgh in association with the European Parliament Office and the European Movement.

The aim of the seminar was to consider how and why the Eurozone has arrived at the situation in which it now finds itself, to assess what is at stake and, looking ahead, to consider what

economic and political consequences might follow different possible courses of action that Eurozone leaders might take.

http://www.pol.ed.ac.uk/research_themes/index/jean_monnet_centre_of_excellence/euro_crisis_podcast

8. European Administrative Governance Publishing Opportunities

Palgrave Macmillan and the Maastricht Centre for European Governance (www.mceg-maastricht.eu) are launching a new book series and are inviting proposals for authored or edited books in the area of 'European Administrative Governance'. The new series will be edited by Thomas Christiansen and Sophie Vanhoonacker, both at Maastricht University, and will be open both to theoretically-oriented as well as more empirically-informed studies.

Proposals are welcomed from a range of disciplines addressing the study of European public administration. In particular, we seek contributions to the series that engage with the role and nature of the evolving bureaucratic processes of the European Union, including the study of the EU's civil service, of organization aspects of individual institutions such as the European Commission, the Council of Ministers, the External Action Service, the European Parliament, the European Court and the European Central Bank and of inter-institutional relations among these and other actors. The series also welcomes contributions on the growing role of EU agencies, networks of technical experts and national officials, and of the administrative dimension of multilevel governance including international organizations. Of particular interest in this respect will be the emergence of a European diplomatic service and the management of the EU's expanding commercial, foreign, development, security and defence policies.

Beyond this strong focus of EU administrative governance, the series will also include texts on the development and practice of administrative governance within European states. This may include contributions to the administrative history of Europe, which is not just about rules and regulations governing bureaucracies, or about formal criteria for measuring the growth of bureaucracies, but rather about the concrete workings of public administration, both in its executive functions as in its involvement in policy-making. Furthermore the series will include studies on the interaction between the national and European level, with particular attention for the impact of the EU on domestic administrative systems.

Please submit proposals, using the standard form available from Palgrave Macmillan at: <http://www.palgrave.com/authors/publishing.asp> by email to the series editors

t.christiansen@maastrichtuniversity.nl

s.vanhoonacker@maastrichtuniversity.nl

as well as to Amber Stone-Galilee, Senior Commissioning Editor at Palgrave Macmillan: A.StoneGalilee@palgrave.com

Informal enquiries to questions prospective authors may have from those considering submitting a proposal will receive responses.

Section 2: Jobs, Funding, and Academic Opportunities

Ireland

1. The National University of Ireland, Galway – Postdoctoral Fellowship

Institute for Business, Social Sciences and Public Policy

The Institute for Business, Social Sciences and Public Policy at the National University of Ireland, Galway is currently inviting applications for a fixed term Postdoctoral Fellowship contract position in the area of group decision support systems (GDSS) for team-based decision making in agile systems development projects. The position is available for a period of 1 year, to end no later than 31 Aug 2013 and may be filled on a full- or part-time basis commensurate with the needs of the successful candidate. **The closing date for receipt of applications is 31st January 2012 and further details are available from <http://www.nuigalway.ie/cisc/vacancies.html>**

2. The National University of Ireland, Maynooth – Research Assistant- Department of Applied Social Studies - Eighteen-Month Contract

The Department of Applied Social Studies

The Department of Applied Social Studies at NUI Maynooth is Ireland's longest established centre of professional education and training in youth work and community work, offering BA and MA programmes on both a full-time and part-time in-service basis. It also teaches the subject of social policy on the BSocSc degree programme, and offers the MSocSc in Rights and Social Policy. The Department currently has almost 400 students.

In addition to its teaching commitments, the Department of Applied Social Studies has an expanding programme of research in youth work/youth studies, community work/community studies and Irish and European social policy. For more information visit: <http://cappss.nuim.ie/>

Centre for Youth Research and Development

The Centre for Youth Research and Development within the Department is directed by Dr Maurice Devlin. In addition to pursuing the research and scholarly interests of departmental staff, the Centre conducts a range of research projects which are commissioned, funded or otherwise supported by external organisations and agencies. Recent and current partners and funders include the European Commission, the National Youth Council of Ireland, Youth Work Ireland, Kildare Youth Services, Combat Poverty Agency/Department of Social Protection, Youth Advocate Programmes Ireland and the Football Association of Ireland. The Centre has extensive links with international partners, for example through the Research Committee on Youth of the International Sociological Association and as part of a consortium developing an MA in European Youth Studies (www.youthstudies.eu).

National partnerships include the journal *Youth Studies Ireland*, an all-Ireland peer reviewed journal supported by a number of major youth organisations and academic institutions and published by the Irish Youth Work Centre: http://www.iywc.com/iywc_publications.htm

The Role: The person appointed will provide administrative support for the Director of the Centre for Youth Research and Development and for a number of related research projects, and will also participate directly in the Centre's research programme. S/he will work closely with other departmental research staff and participate as appropriate in departmental activities.

Applicants should hold an advanced qualification in a relevant social science discipline with a significant research dimension and should demonstrably possess a high level of competence in *either* qualitative *or* quantitative methods *and* a good understanding of the other (candidates with a high level of competence in both will be at an advantage). Applicants should also have significant experience and ability in office or programme administration. Other requirements include an ability to meet tight deadlines; very good oral, written and analytical skills; well developed interpersonal, organisational and administrative abilities; a high degree of computer literacy; and a willingness to work outside usual office hours. As the work may involve regular travel, access to a car and a clean driving licence would be desirable. In addition to the above, candidates will be at an advantage if they can demonstrate knowledge and awareness of key contemporary developments and issues relating to young people, youth policy and youth work.

Informal Enquiries

Candidates may contact Dr. Maurice Devlin, maurice.devlin@nuim.ie, (01) 7083781.

Salary Scale

Research Assistant*: €21,850 – €23,181 p.a.

*Appointments with no previous public sector experience will be placed on the 1st point of the Salary Scale. The rate of remuneration may be adjusted from time to time in line with government policy.

Applications

Applications should be made by sending the following information to kathryn.mcgarra@nuim.ie, please ensure that you include the words '**Research Assistant**' in the subject line:

A Cover Letter, stating why you think you would be suitable for the role, along with a detailed Curriculum Vitae and a sample of your written work;

The names, email addresses and contact numbers of three referees, who are acquainted with your abilities, and whom the University may contact, should also be given.

The completed application documents should be forwarded by email to arrive no later than **5pm on Wednesday, 11th January 2012**.

No late applications will be accepted. NUI Maynooth is an equal opportunities employer. The position is subject to the Statutes of the University.

United Kingdom

3. London School of Economics - Research Officer in Quantitative Text Analysis - Methodology Institute - 24 months fixed term contract

Start Date – 1 March 2012 or as soon as possible thereafter

Salary: £31,998 - £38,737 p.a. incl.

Applications are invited for the post of Research Officer, to assist with a principal research officer for the European Research Council funded grant Quantitative Text Analysis for the Social Sciences (QUANTESS).

The research officer's general duties and responsibilities will be to work with text and the computer organization, storage, processing, and analysis of text. These tasks will involve a combination of programming, database work, and statistical computation. The texts will be drawn from social, political, legal, and commercial examples, and will have a primarily social science focus. The research officer will be expected to work with existing tools for text analysis, actively participate in the development of new tools, and participate in the application of these tools to the social scientific analysis of textual data.

The successful applicant will be expected to possess advanced skills and experience with computer programming, especially the ability use a language used in text processing such as Python; familiarity with SQL; and experience with the R statistical package or the ability to learn R.

The successful candidate should have a postgraduate degree in computer science, computational linguistics, or possibly a cognate social science discipline and have an interest in text analysis and quantitative linguistics, have a knowledge of social science statistics and have worked in a research environment previously.

To apply for this post please go to 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 call 020 7955 6656 or email hr.jobs@lse.ac.uk

Application Deadline: 31st January, 2012

4. University of Manchester - School of Social Sciences – Lectureship in Comparative Public Policy

Applications are invited for a full-time, continuing, Lectureship or Senior Lectureship in Comparative Public Policy, tenable from 1 September 2012. The successful candidate will join the Politics discipline area and be attached to the Comparative Public Policy research cluster. Lectureship applicants must have, or be about to complete, a relevant PhD and demonstrate the potential to produce high quality publications and to provide excellent teaching. Senior Lectureship applicants must have established a strong record of publication and be experienced teachers at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Research and teaching interests may be in any areas of comparative public policy, broadly defined. Applicants must be prepared to teach across undergraduate and postgraduate modules, supervise undergraduate and postgraduate dissertations and make appropriate teaching and administrative contributions across Politics.

Salary: £32,751 to £55,758

Reference: HUM-00418

Further details about Politics at Manchester can be obtained from its Web pages at:

<http://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/disciplines/politics/index.html>

Informal enquiries can be made to Professor Alan Hamlin

Email: alan.hamlin@manchester.ac.uk

Application Deadline: 16 January, 2012

5. University of Warwick - Politics and International Studies - Research Fellow in Politics and International Studies

Fixed Term Contract from 1 September 2012 until 31 August 2014

The PAIS is seeking to appoint an outstanding postdoctoral researcher from anywhere in the world in order to consolidate PAIS's position as a world-leading unit of research across the discipline of political science and international relations. The objective is to train internationally excellent early-career political scientists to acquire the skills set to become the future world leaders in their chosen sub-field. Outstanding candidates with a clearly focused, ambitious and independent research agenda in any sub-field of politics and international relations are warmly encouraged to apply.

The candidate will be an early career researcher with an outstanding academic record as evidenced by the emergence of high quality publications in any field of politics and international relations. The candidate will be required to complement and enhance PAIS's existing research strengths across any part of the full range of sub-disciplines in politics and international relations (including, inter alia, comparative politics, international security, political economy, political theory, democratisation, development, and public policy) and develop bids for external funding of research individually and in collaboration with colleagues inside and outside PAIS. It is expected that the department will support you to apply for follow on funding schemes such as the ESRC Future Research Leaders and British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowships. You will be required to undertake approximately two hours of teaching duties per week in order to support the teaching provision of the Department and enhance its existing reputation for excellence across the discipline.

Candidates will possess A PhD in a relevant discipline (awarded or near completion); a record of high quality publications in their research field and an ability to act as an independent researcher and principal investigator on a project. You will have evidence of a clear research agenda and strategy for developing individual or collaborative bids for external research funding; demonstrable capacity for excellence in teaching at both undergraduate and graduate levels and a willingness to work with relevant research clusters in order to enhance the Department's research profile.

We would particularly welcome applications from female candidates and those from a minority ethnic background, as they are currently under represented within the department.

Application Deadline: Friday 20th January 2012

Europe

6. Vesalius College Brussels - Full-Time Assistant Professorship in European Union Policy

In addition, further part-time vacancies also exist for teaching specific courses in the new MSc in European Union Policy.

Further information can also be found at <http://www.vesalius.edu/aboutvesalius/jobs>

Deadline for applications: before 15 January 2012

Vesalius College Brussels, the American-style liberal arts college in the capital of Europe in association with the *Vrije Universiteit Brussel*, is expanding in the fields of European Union Policy and international business studies, and is currently seeking several new faculty members. All positions are initially for one year, but may become of indeterminate duration after a positive evaluation. All positions are at the level of assistant professor; promotion to

associate professor may be possible after a minimum of three years. All candidates must have a PhD in hand, a proven record in teaching, and a strong research profile. Successful candidates must be good networkers and have great ambitions in setting up lecture series, internships for students at the graduate and undergraduate level, and agreements with external partners such as study centres, think tanks and other teaching and research institutions in Brussels and abroad. Given the smallness of the institution and the very low student-teacher-ratio, all candidates must have a strong interest in the academic progress of their students. All candidates must have a valid work permit for the European Union.

Assistant Professor in European Union Policy (1.0 FTE): will become the head of our new programme MSc in European Union Policy; teach the course "Theories of European Union Integration" in this programme; teach at least two additional courses within our international affairs programme at the undergraduate level; supervise the internship programme at the graduate level and supervise up to eight master dissertations per year; conduct high-quality academic research with the *Institute for European Studies* of the *Vrije Universiteit Brussel*; and act as an academic advisor of Vesalius College undergraduate students. This position will start on 1 September 2012.

Assistant Professor in Tools and Methods in European Union Policy (0.2 FTE): will teach this course within the MSc in European Union Policy and supervise up to eight master dissertations per year. This position will start on 1 September 2012.

Assistant Professor in International and European Law (0.125 FTE): will teach the course "Legal Foundations" within the MSc in European Union Policy. This position will start on 1 September 2012.

Candidates must send their applications, with a cover letter, detailed curriculum vitae and two letters of recommendation, to Prof. Dr. Bert Mosselmans, Dean, Vesalius College, Pleinlaan 2, 1050 Brussels, Belgium, **before 15 January 2012**.

7. The University of Agder - Professor/Associate Professor in Public Policy and Administration at - the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Department of Political Science and Management

ref. 132/11

The University of Agder invites applications for 1-2 full-time permanent positions as Professor/Associate Professor in Public Policy and Administration at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Department of Political Science and Management, located in Kristiansand, Norway.

The Department of Political Science and Management seeks Professors/Associate Professors in the field of public policy and administration, preferably with an emphasis on organisational theory and leadership theory. The successful applicants must hold a PhD degree. Candidates with a proven track record of research publication beyond PhD level will be preferred. A solid knowledge of quantitative methods of analysis is also an advantage.

A comprehensive assessment of the applicant's scientific qualifications forms the basis of appointment. Information about the appointment criteria for position as Professor/Associate Professor can be found in the Regulations concerning appointment and promotion to teaching at research posts, available for download at www.uia.no/vacancies

Emphasis will also be given to the applicants' teaching qualifications, teamwork skills and personal suitability for the position. The successful applicants must be prepared to teach bachelor's, master's and PhD level courses within the Department's course portfolio.

Applicants who lack formal teacher training qualifications will be required to obtain such qualifications, or complete UiA's Foundation Course in Education for University Lectures within a period of two years.

In the ranking of eligible applicants, emphasis will be given to the suitability of each applicant's field of specialization in relation to meeting the needs of the Department and complementing the academic staff. Short-listed applicants will be invited for interviews and possibly a demonstration of their teaching competency, usually in the form of a trial lecture.

The positions are remunerated within the State salary scale, salary plan 17.510, code 1013 Professor, salary grades 67-80 (NOK 583.700–NOK 723.800), or code 1011 Associate Professor, salary grades 57-70 (NOK 448.200 - NOK 569.800). In the case of particularly highly qualified applicants a higher salary may be considered. A 2% compulsory pension contribution to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund is deducted from the pay according to current statutory provisions. For information on Norwegian salary grades, see: <http://bit.ly/dtAtQU>

Applicants are asked to submit their application and CV online. Please use the link "Send application".

The following documentation should be sent in three hard copies to the following address: Human Resources Office, University of Agder, Post box 422, NO-4604 Kristiansand, Norway, quoting "ref. nr. 132/11".

- Certified copies of diplomas and letters of reference
- List of your own publications
- Copies of selected scientific publications (no more than 10)

The applicants are fully responsible for submitting complete documentation in a sufficient number of copies before the closing date. All documentation must be available in a Scandinavian language or English.

Application Deadline: 24 January 2012.

In accordance with §25 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act, applicants may request that they are not identified in the open list of applicants. The University, however, reserves the right to publish the name of the applicants. Applicants will be advised of the University's intention to exercise this right.

For further information please contact Professor Dag Ingvar Jacobsen, phone (+47) 38 14 15 28, e-mail: dag.i.jacobsen@uia.no

8. European University Institute - Chair in Comparative Politics (SPS1)

European University Institute is looking for candidates with a distinguished record of scholarly publications and experience in postgraduate teaching and doctoral supervision, to fill

Chair in Comparative Politics (SPS1)

The Department of Political and Social Sciences invites applications for a chair in Comparative Politics. In line with the Department's research and teaching focus, we are seeking candidates with an interest in Europe.

The aim of the Institute shall be to contribute, by its activities in the fields of higher education and research, to the development of the cultural and scientific heritage of Europe... This aim shall be pursued through teaching and research at the highest university level..., the Institute shall develop interdisciplinary research programmes on the major issues confronting contemporary European society, including matters relating to the construction of Europe. (Convention setting up a European University Institute, art 2)

Interested applicants should contact the Director of the Academic Service, Dr. Andreas Frijdal (applypro@eui.eu), in order to receive an application and information pack.

Applications deadline: 15 January 2012.

Rest of World

9. Singapore – Singapore Management University – School of Social Sciences

The School of Social Sciences (SOSS), Singapore Management University, invites applications for a tenure-track position in Political Science, at the Full, Associate or Assistant Professor rank, to begin in July 2012.

The position requires a doctorate in Political Science or a closely related field, by the date of appointment.

Applicants in all areas of Political Science will be considered, but preference will be given to candidates with expertise in the following areas:

- Public policy, preferably with a focus on Asia;
- India/South Asia; and/or,
- International Relations of the Asia/Pacific, preferably with a focus on East Asia.

A candidate is sought with a demonstrated record of, or high potential for, scholarly research, commensurate with rank and the ability or aptitude to teach a wide range of courses.

The SOSS, which has a strong record of attracting the best students in Singapore and the region, is committed to an interdisciplinary and integrated curriculum. The ideal candidate will have a strong commitment to excellence in teaching and research and is comfortable working in an interdisciplinary environment with faculty members from Psychology, Political Science, Sociology and the Humanities as immediate colleagues. At a senior level, the appointee is expected to assume a leadership role in research activities and curriculum development for the School. The teaching load is light, compared to many research universities and research support is excellent. Salary and benefits are highly competitive.

Full evaluation of applications will start 2 January, 2012 and on-campus interviews will typically be conducted in the period from January to March 2012. However, submission of applications is open and evaluation will continue until the position is filled.

Applicants must submit, in electronic format (Word or .PDF files), detailed curriculum vitae, descriptions of research interests and philosophies and statements of teaching interests and philosophies, to the following address:

socialsciencescv@smu.edu.sg

Applicants should also send hard copies (if not available in electronic form) of selected publications and teaching evaluations.

Applicants should arrange for three confidential letters of recommendation to be sent directly to: Dean's Office -- School of Social Sciences, Singapore Management University, 90 Stamford Road, Level 4, Singapore 178903

Information about the University and the School can be found at:

<http://www.socsc.smu.edu.sg>

10. Qatar University – Assistant/Associate Professor in Political Theory - Dept. of International Affairs, *College of Arts and Sciences*

The University

Qatar University (QU) is an established and dynamic institution dedicated to academic excellence, and a strong contributor to educational advancement in the country. Recently, the University has been actively engaged in self-evaluation, instituting significant changes in its policies and procedures, curricula, research support, facilities, use of technology, and faculty. QU remains the largest and only state-supported university in Qatar. For more information, please visit our web page at <http://www.qu.edu.qa/main/index.html>

The College

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) houses nine departments, covering a wide range of specializations in the Arts and Sciences including English and Arabic Languages, History, Geography and Urban Planning, Sociology, Social Work, International Affairs, Mass Communication, Information Science, Mathematics, Statistics, Physics, Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Biomedical Sciences and Human Nutrition.

Position Summary

The Department of International Affairs at Qatar University, invites applications for an Assistant Professor position in Political Theory, to begin in the Fall of 2012. The position is for three years and is renewable. Applications to this position are open to scholars with academic expertise and research focus on Political and Social Theory or International Relations Theory. The candidate must use effective teaching methods that utilize modern technological innovation to ensure the creation of an environment conducive to learning. The Department of International Affairs is committed to engaging students with a wide range of texts, theories and perspectives, and to helping create an inclusive and vibrant intellectual community at Qatar University.

Position Category: Academic

Employment Type: Full Time

Position Term: Three Years Renewable

Duties and responsibilities:

- Teaching undergraduate courses including Social and Political Thought and International Relations Theory.
- Teaching other related topics or introductory level classes.
- Provision of a general educational lectures and sessions for students

- Active participation in the department, program and college committees
- Commitment to research and scholarship

Competencies:

Candidates will be considered for the position based on the following qualifications:

- Experience in teaching.
- Relevant academic qualifications
- A record of academic and research achievements that warrant appointment at the requested rank.

Qualifications:

- A PhD with a focus on Political or International Relations Theory
- Relevant teaching experience
- Fluency in English

Required Documents:

Please apply online by submitting a cover letter and curriculum vitae, as well as a dossier that includes three letters of recommendation. Additionally, please explain your research activities and teaching methods in your covering letter. General queries regarding this position can be directed to Dr. Steven Wright, Head of the Department of International Affairs, at swright@qu.edu.qa.

Benefits:

- A three-year renewable contract; competitive tax-free salary;
- furnished accommodation in accordance with QU HR policies;
- annual round trip air tickets for the individual and immediate dependents; educational allowance for candidate’s children (eligible candidates only) and private health insurance in accordance with QU HR policies; annual leave in accordance with QU HR policies;
- end-of-contract indemnity.

Qatar University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

Salary is commensurate with experience. This is a year-round position and will exist for the duration of at least three years.

Application Deadline: 31 January 2012

PhD/Post-Doctoral Funding Opportunities

11. National University of Maynooth – Post-Doctoral Position

Applications are invited for a four year post-doctoral researcher post at National University of Ireland, Maynooth. The researcher will be working on the "New Deals in the New Economy" project, a study of the transformation of 'workplace bargains' across Europe over the past fifteen to twenty years. The researcher will work on all aspects of the project and related activities, with particular responsibility for the analysis of data from the European Union Survey of Working Conditions, 1995-2010. The project is funded by a European Research Council Starting Investigator Grant and runs from 2012-2016.

The application deadline is January 17th 2012. Full details of the post are available at:

<http://www.publicjobs.ie/publicjobs/en/star/goToJobDetails.do?id=2230>

Copies of the project proposal are available at:

<http://sociology.nuim.ie/people/prof-sean-o-riain>

These provide a detailed description of project design and methodologies and the theoretical foundations and goals of the project.

Application Deadline: 17 January 2012

12. European University Institute, Florence - 160 Ph.D. Grants to Be Awarded for Academic Year 2012-13

The EUI offers one of the world's largest and most distinguished graduate programmes in Social Sciences

The European University is offering 160 Grants for a Ph.D. and we are asking for your help to extend the information about this opportunity.

The 160 Grants will be awarded in the fields of: [Economics](#), [History & Civilization](#), [Law](#) and [Political & Social Sciences](#).

The [European University Institute \(EUI\)](#) currently hosts about 550 doctoral students from over 50 countries and selected among the finest universities in Europe and beyond.

The EUI's efficient mix of coursework, seminars and regular student supervision enables 80% of our candidates to complete their degrees – most in less than four years. Depending on the discipline, between 50% and 80% of our graduates find positions in academia. Others find excellent opportunities in European institutions and International organizations such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund as well as in both public and private sectors in many countries.

Email: eui.pr@eui.eu

13. Postgraduate Studentships 2012

Queen Mary, University of London

The School of Politics and International Relations (SPIR) offers a number of generous studentships for students entering commencing their doctoral studies in October 2012. **The deadline for consideration for funded places is 31st January 2012.** Candidates whose applications are received after this date may be considered for admission but not for funding.

QMUL Principal's Studentships

The following studentships are offered:

- Politics & International Studies: in any area of politics or international studies, broadly defined, but with particular concern to the interests of members of the School's academic staff with respect to supervision. See www.politics.qmul.ac.uk/

- The Mile End Scholarship in British Political History (joint with the School of History)
- The Transnational Politics of the Latin American Diaspora, focussing on Bolivia (joint with the School of Geography)

Queen Mary Principal's studentships are open to UK, EU and international students. They cover tuition fees and a maintenance allowance of around £15,000 per year for up to three years. Candidates will normally be expected to have a good first degree and a Masters degree in Politics, International Relations, or a related subject.

Economic & Social Research Council: Doctoral Training Centre (London Social Science) Studentships

The School of Politics & IR is part of a prestigious ESRC-funded Doctoral Training Centre (DTC), London Social Science, with QMUL and Goldsmiths, University of London. The DTC will provide funding for up to two PhD studentships in SPIR for entry in 2012. Applications in any field where we can offer expert supervision are encouraged. A full list of research interests in SPIR is [here](#).

Studentships cover up to four years of tuition fees and provide a standard maintenance grant of £15,590 per year. PhDs with a particular emphasis on quantitative research may receive an additional Advanced Quantitative Methods (AQM) stipend of £3,000. Successful applicants will be offered a variety of flexible models of combined PhD study and research training: either a 1 + 3 model (i.e. 1 year doing an MA or MRes in advanced research training plus 3 years of PhD) or a model where the research training is completed throughout the course of the 4 years of the studentship.

Please note that you need to complete an additional ESRC application form to be considered for funding through the DTC. Further details and guidance on how to apply are below and available here: <http://www.londonsocialscience.org.uk/index.html>.

Candidates must adhere to the current residential eligibility rules as laid out in the ESRC Postgraduate Funding Guide available [here](#).

How to Apply

For both types of studentship, apply via the standard doctoral application process, indicating in your application that you wish to be considered for funding. Applications can be made online [here](#). Hard copies of the application form are also available.

ESRC DTC applicants must also complete an additional application for funding, which is available to download from here: <http://www.londonsocialscience.org.uk/index.html> (under Studentships). This additional form should be emailed directly to politics-pgresearch@qmul.ac.uk - ensure you include 'ESRC DTC Funding Application – Your Name' in the subject line of your email. Alternatively, you can send a hard copy to the School of Politics & IR, QMUL, London, E1 4NS for the attention of 'The Research Manager.'

Successful applicants to both funding schemes are expected to start in October 2012.

You are encouraged to visit the website to establish if your research ideas fit with our current areas of interest. In addition, you are encouraged to make informal contact with a potential supervisor to discuss your proposed topic, in advance of making your application. Two of the College studentships indicated above pertain to specific subject areas – click on the links above for more information.

Applications to both College and ESRC-funded studentships must consist of the following:

A research proposal which should include a hypothesis, key questions to be addressed by your research, methodology and an indicative bibliography

Please note that the research proposal word length for a studentship application is max. 2000 words.

You should have a 2:1 or equivalent in your first degree and if your first language is not English you must be able to provide recent evidence that your spoken and written command of the English language is adequate for the programmes for which you have applied. You need to provide evidence of an English language test score or intend to take a test before your studies. Information about English language entry requirements can be found [here](#).

- Transcripts from previous degrees
- 2 academic references
- A full curriculum vitae (CV)
- Supporting statement which states why you want to take the programme

Your complete application must be received in the Admissions Office no later than midnight on 31st January 2012. ESRC DTC funding forms must also be received by this date. Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that academic references are also received by this date and no later than Friday 3rd February 2012. Applications without references will be considered incomplete and will not be processed further.

Candidates whose applications are received after this date may be considered for admission but not for funding. Candidates will be interviewed for a place. Those shortlisted for funding will be passed to a selection panel for final assessment. ESRC DTC applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application from mid-March 2012.

General enquiries about making a formal application can be addressed to the Research Manager by email politics-pgresearch@qmul.ac.uk, or call +44 0207 882 5829.

14. ECPR Funding 2012

Call for Applications for funding to participate in series of workshops

The ECPR offers a range of funding to help support ECPR members wishing to participate in our activities: Joint Sessions of Workshops, General and Graduate Conferences and the Methods Schools. In 2011 we awarded nearly 150 different grants to people who met the criteria. The following 2012 Grants and Scholarships are now open for application:

- Winter School
- Joint Sessions
- Oxford Summer School
- Cologne Summer School

The eligibility criteria differ between events and these are listed under each link. If you have any queries or questions please contact Jenna Barnard (jbarnard@essex.ac.uk).

Deadline for applications: 31st January, 2012

15. Lund University – 2 Positions – 1 Post Doctoral and 1 PhD studentships

Applications are requested for one post-doc (two years with a possibility of two more) and two doctoral students (four to five years). The project is called "The Reform Capacity of Governments," and it is concerned with the effects of political institutions on the ability of political parties and interest groups to resolve distributional conflicts. The positions are well-paid research appointments at a leading Northern European research university, providing excellent conditions for both collaborative and independent research. For more information, see <http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/o.o.i.s?id=24914&Dnr=432919&Type=E> (the post-doc) or <http://www.lunduniversity.lu.se/o.o.i.s?id=24914&Dnr=432889&Type=E> (the doctoral student positions)

16. Doctoral Scholarships for EU & Non-EU Applicants

Call for applications for Erasmus Mundus Doctoral Fellowships

Up to 10 fully funded 3 year doctoral fellowships sponsored by the European Commission – open to both EU and non-EU citizens – through an International and interdisciplinary doctoral research programme.

The GEM PhD School is an international doctoral programme focused on questions related to "Globalisation, the EU and Multilateralism" covering most disciplines within Social Sciences.

It offers an integrated research and training environment set up by 9 leading global universities.

Three specific "Jointly Executed Research Projects" (JERPs) provide the GEM PhD School and its affiliated researchers with a shared backbone:

MORGANITE – Headed by the IEE-ULB: Institution centred research, focussed on regional and global institutionalized multilateral cooperation.

CITRINE – Headed by the University of Warwick: Interest centred research looking at the interactions between European policy mechanisms and global imperatives.

AMETRINE – Headed by LUISS-Guido Carli: A research initiative focused on the normative components of European international politics.

All details regarding the research programme, the conditions associated with the fellowships, and the application process can be found on the GEM PhD School's **website: www.erasmusmundus.gem.eu**

The application process as well as the detailed description of the three calls associated with the GEM PhD School i.e. MORGANITE; CITRINE; AMETRINE JERPs – can be found under the "Call for Applications" header on the programme's website.

Applications are to be submitted both by online registration and postal mail.

Deadline for applications: 16th January 2012

17. Post-Doctoral Opportunity - DesiguALdades

Postdoctoral Scholarships (6 to 18 months)

Scholarships can start as early as March 1, 2012.

The role of the postdoctoral scholarship holder is to contribute in close cooperation with the Principal Investigators of the network to the research foci listed below. These topics are

embedded in the broader investigation on transregional interdependent inequalities in Latin America (for further information, please see [www. desiguALdades.net](http://www.desiguALdades.net)):

- International financial flows, financial regulation and their impact for socio-economic inequality in Latin America
- International division of labour, domestic welfare regimes and inequality in Latin America
- Effects of China's/Asia's development on Latin America: Opportunities and risks for (in)equalities
- Political regimes, transfer systems, public policies and inequalities in Latin America
- Transregional entanglements of socio-ecological conflicts in Latin America: Nature, globalised economy and public policies (Foci: Agribusiness and Mining)
- Extractivistic economies, interdependent distribution policies, and multiple citizenships (e.g. unequal resource distribution and taxation, negotiations of territorial and resource rights) (Foci: Agribusiness and Mining)
- Ethnicity, "race", gender, and inequalities in Latin America
- Law and inequalities in Latin America
- Theoretical debates on global entanglements and social inequalities

desiguALdades.net is looking forward to applications from a broad spectrum of the social sciences participating in the network. Applications made by researchers from outside Germany are especially welcome. The Freie Universität Berlin is an equal-opportunity employer. Women and persons with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

Successful applicants should reside in Berlin for the duration of the scholarship.

Please apply online at <http://www.desiguALdades.net> and additionally send all required documents (see below) as one single PDF-file to: contacto@desiguALdades.net. Only after your documents in PDF-Format have been received, your application can be taken into consideration.

Application Deadline: 15 January 2012

18. Post-Doctoral Opportunity - DesiguALdades

Conditions of Postdoctoral Scholarships at *desiguALdades.net*

Offered: 6 to 18 months

Minimum requirements:

An outstanding doctoral/ PhD degree in social sciences not older than 5 years

Research concept addressing one of the research foci listed in this call for application

Excellent command of both English and Spanish/Portuguese research background in Latin America

Required documents:

Letter of motivation (max. 400 words in English or Spanish); Research concept, addressing one of the research foci listed in this call for application (max. 3.000 words in English or Spanish); CV (in English or Spanish); Copies of undergraduate and postgraduate degree documents and certificates; Publication list; Summary of the dissertation (max. 2.000 words in English or

Spanish); Up to two published or unpublished papers related to the research concept of *desigualdades.net* in English, Spanish, Portuguese, German, or French; Letter of recommendation from a university Professor (preferable from one of the researchers belonging to the research network, in English or Spanish).

Rationale of the postdoctoral scholarship

In the frame of a *desigualdades.net* scholarship, postdoctoral researchers are expected to carry out research which contributes to the research foci of the network and to produce one or more publications. Postdocs should actively engage in academic exchange with doctoral students and fellows of the network. They are expected to take an active part in the program and in the academic activities of *desigualdades.net*

The scholarship is 1.500 € per month

19. University of Birmingham – Fully Funded PhD opportunities with DAAD in the Dept. of Political Science and International Studies

Postgraduate studentships in German and European Studies 2012

The University of Birmingham (Institute for German Studies/Dept of Political Science and International Studies/Dept of German Studies) is offering fully funded PhD places by competition in the following areas for projects beginning in September 2012:

- European Language and Culture (AHRC studentship; deadline for applications 27 January 2012)
- Cultural Studies (AHRC studentship; deadline for applications 27 January 2012)
- European Studies (ESRC studentship; deadline 29 February 2012)

Fully funded University studentships are also available for overseas (non-EU) students in any area of study with a first class honours or equivalent undergraduate qualification (deadline 13 January 2012).

Potential candidates are welcome to contact s.colvin@bham.ac.uk to discuss topics and supervision.

Joint primary supervision across disciplines (literature/history/politics/film) is possible. Postgraduates have the opportunity to participate actively in the current research projects of the IGS/German Studies, as well as to join and organize a range of activities involving the DAAD's centres for German Studies worldwide (<http://www.daad.de/deutschlandzentren>).

<http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/institute-german-studies/index.aspx>

Application Deadlines: Varied see advert

BOOK OPPORTUNITY

20. WALK OF SHAME

Argument

The term "walk of shame" is deeply rooted in the idea that shame is a difficult emotion stemming from a feeling of inferiority or social discomfort, which causes a person to wish to

disappear, become invisible, be “swallowed up by the earth”. However, sometimes exactly at such a moment of disgrace, individuals are publicly exposed to the full extent of their misery and must walk “the walk of shame” witnessed by family, friends and acquaintances. Shame, considered by some to have genetic origins, is an integral part of social circumstances and settings in accordance with a set of values, patterns of thought and the individual’s physiological makeup. Shame is the result of familial, social and media processes. Thus the walk of shame does not take place privately behind closed doors, but on city sidewalks, in the workplace, in newspaper columns and on television and computer screens. It is not surprising, then, to discover that the tremendous power of shame has expropriated it from the individual’s control in the private sphere to the public sector, creating a collective punishing mechanism whose goal is to warn against undesirable behavior. Indeed, a person’s public humiliation is a form of punishment, a negative sanction leading to disgrace, debasement and mortification. Such an act has a physical dimension as well as a media-based one. The physical damage involves negating a person’s degree of freedom. The media-based damage involves widely publicizing the individual’s disgrace. In both dimensions this damage creates a social imbalance in which individuals lose their former standing, i.e., their place in the public sphere prior to being subjected to the sanction of shame. Thus the person finds himself/herself in thrall to an external force (whether physical or media-based) whose goal is to further specific interests. It is not surprising, then, that in ancient Greece Zeus dispatched Hermes to apportion to all human beings an equal amount of justice and shame, in order to facilitate their organization into societies and nations. In the thousands of years that have passed since then, people have transformed their sense of morality and shame into a tool with which to repress others and gather ever greater power (as is evident from Michel Foucault’s writings on this topic in his book *The history of sexuality*).

However, in recent years we are witness to yet another phenomenon: the disgraced individual’s attempt to change “the walk of shame” into the “walk of fame”, from an act of humiliation to an act of glorification, from downgrade to upgrade. No longer a shameful crawl through back alleys, we now have a well-planned, carefully

timed and rehearsed parade along the main thoroughfare of popular media. The marcher is transformed from a victim thrown to the lions to entertain the masses into a gladiator fighting for his life, placing his fate in the hands of readers and viewers.

As a result, the blurring of boundaries between the private and public spheres, following the expansion of celebrity culture and the proliferation of reality TV refugees, as well as the phenomenon of politicians chasing television screen time, has become multicultural and international. IT societies, as well as traditional cultures around the globe, are witness to well-known private and public figures, CEOs of financial organizations and companies side by side with high ranking political leaders, MPs and heads of state walking the walk of shame through newspapers headlines, paparazzi shots and of course prime-time television. Past struggles to achieve privacy, most commonly the morning after a night out at a bar, nightclub or party, have been replaced by a mass targeting of the public eye, while the victim simultaneously blames the media, and the public, for contributing to his or her degradation. Hence, this call for papers is targeted at original texts portraying current permutations (both qualitative and quantitative) of the walk of shame. These could include a wide range of multi-dimensional media phenomena focusing on political aspects, national discourse, financial crises, security leaks, sex scandals, embezzlement, treason and other kinds of cultural configurations.

Target Audience

The target audience of this book would include professionals and researchers working in the field of social sciences, encompassing education, political science, information and communications sciences, etc.

Submission procedure

General guidelines: All entries must be written in American English and typed in double-spaced Microsoft Word format (Times New Roman 12 pt. font). Texts in PDF format will not be accepted.

Proposals: Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit a 700-word chapter proposal which clearly outlines the mission and concerns of his/her proposed chapter. Each proposal should address one of the topics mentioned above. Proposals should be sent directly to the editors (moshe.corbu@gmail.com) by January 31st, 2012. A separate cover sheet should be provided stating the name(s), institutional affiliation(s) and e-mail address(es) of the author(s). Authors whose proposals are accepted will be notified by March 15th, 2012.

Completed chapters: These should be submitted on or before June 15th, 2012. They should constitute high-quality original papers of a theoretical or empirical nature that shed light upon and engage with the topic of "The Walk of Shame". The submitted chapters should elaborate on the ideas and topics that were presented in contributors' proposals. Manuscripts should be prepared in strict accordance with the guidelines of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th Edition). They should be a maximum of 9,000 words in length (including references, tables, figures, appendices and endnotes).

Contributors whose articles are accepted for publication will be obliged to sign a document specifying the publisher's terms and conditions, as well as a copyright agreement.

The fact that an abstract is accepted does not guarantee publication of the final manuscript. All chapters submitted will be judged on the basis of a double-blind reviewing process.

Timetable

January 31st, 2012: Deadline for proposal submission

March 31st, 2012: Notification of acceptance

June 30th, 2012: Full chapter submission

September 30th, 2012: Return of review results

October 31st, 2012: Submission of completed chapters

Section 3: Call for Papers and Panels

1. CALL FOR PAPERS: UACES 42ND Annual Conference

Date: 3-5 September 2012

Venue: University of Passau, Germany

Application deadline: 20 January 2012

The call for panels and papers is now open for the UACES 42nd Annual Conference, taking place in Passau, Germany from 3-5 September 2012.

Contributions are welcome on all areas of contemporary European Studies from across academic disciplines including law, economics, geography, history, sociology, public policy and politics. We accept proposals from established academics, practitioners and well-prepared doctoral students. The deadline for submission of panels and papers is 20 January 2012.

The three-day event will be hosted by the Department for Cultural Studies at the University of Passau. During the conference, we'll be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the JCMS.

To find out more and to submit a paper, visit the website at www.uaces.org/passau.

2. CALL FOR PAPERS: Exeter Centre for Ethno-Political Studies' (EXCEPS) 2012 Conference 'The Construction(s) of Conflict and Peace'

Dates: 9-10 July 2012

Venue: University of Exeter, Streatham Campus

Application Deadline: 15 January 2012

Conference Convenor: Professor Gareth Stansfield

Organizing Committee: Dr Mary-Alice Clancy, Mrs Zoë Jennings, Dr Klejda Mulaj and Dr Clémence Scalbert-Yücel

The manner in which conflicts are analyzed and represented are intimately linked to conflicts' various stages, including efforts to mitigate and/or abate their violent effects, be it through military intervention, humanitarian aid and/or the creation of new political dispensations. The shared understandings that provide the bases for these representations and analyses, however, are the products of various discursive practices within governments, NGOs, academia, journalism and manifold cultural productions (e.g., literature, visual arts, museums, etc.). These practices are contingent and messy, and often deeply contested.

The conference will investigate these practices from a multidisciplinary perspective, incorporating insights from both practitioners and academics. It seeks to uncover how the interplay of economic incentives, organizational cultures, political and social climates and personal and collective beliefs lead to the production and privileging of particular types of knowledge *vis-à-vis* conflict and peace. It also seeks to explore how these processes vary across occupations, disciplines, time and space. For instance, how do donor and NGO priorities affect the production of 'local' knowledge within a conflict site? Are certain stakeholders accorded greater legitimacy *vis-à-vis* knowledge production? How does access to conflict areas and privileged informants, language and translation, as well as the processes of data collection and representation inform specific conflict interpretations and mitigation efforts? Similarly, if a conflict is located within the 'academic periphery', how do the practices and priorities of the

'core' (e.g., US academia) shape knowledge production? In terms of time, how does knowledge change as conflicts transition away from violence, thus becoming ripe for 'lesson' extraction and exportation?

Beyond governments, NGOs, the media and academia, the conference also seeks to investigate how cultural productions create, affirm and/or challenge knowledge of peace and conflict. Specifically, how is knowledge of conflict and peace encoded through architecture and space planning, the visual arts, literature, museums, etc.? Do the different organizational cultures and intended audiences governing the production of these cultural artefacts create different types of knowledge? How are these types of knowledge incorporated and/or challenged by other knowledge producers within conflicts and peace processes?

The conference committee welcomes abstracts and panel proposals on any aspect of this theme. To submit a proposal for a paper or panel, please send an abstract of a maximum of 500 words to exceps-conference@exeter.ac.uk by 15 January 2012. Successful applicants will be notified by 15 February 2012. As a limited student travel fund will be available, please indicate in your abstract if you wish to be considered for this fund. For further information, please visit the conference website at

<http://centres.exeter.ac.uk/exceps/events/conference.html>

3. CALL FOR PAPERS: Media and the Arab Spring Conference

Dates: 14-15 April 2012

Venue: Clinton Institute, University College Dublin

Application Deadline: 1 February 2012

From their early days in 2005 to their unfolding in 2011, the uprisings in the Arab Middle East and North Africa have initiated a momentous upheaval in the history and politics of the region. There is a widespread perception that media – old and especially new – have significantly influenced the events of the "Arab Spring". This conference will bring together media practitioners, writers, commentators and scholars to investigate the role of different forms of media in shaping these events and perceptions of them.

Speakers include: Kamel Riahi (writer, Tunisia), Joseph Massad (Columbia University, US), Rami Abdurrahman (Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, UK), Caroline Rooney (University of Kent, UK), Ayman el-Desouky (SOAS, UK), Sahar el-Mougy (writer, Egypt), Scott Lucas (EA Worldview, UK), Michael Graae (photojournalist, UK)

Paper proposals (max. 250 words) are invited on all aspects of the "Arab Spring". Possible topics include (but are not restricted to):

- the evolutions and contributions of "citizen journalism" in the region
- the role of the Internet and new social media in fuelling and shaping the Arab Spring
- hip-hop and street art - the early shades and sounds of change in the region
- the roles of the Arab press and media and the effects of (self)censorship before, during, and after the uprisings
- Arab literature and the revolutions

- the role of international media in framing the Arab Spring
- the role of media in the development of civil society and post-conflict nation-building
- the role of diaspora media in relation to the ongoing events and the futures of the post-conflict states

Please send your paper abstracts (in e-mail attachments) to Rita Sakr: rita.sakr@ucd.ie before 1 February 2012.

For further details, see www.ucdclinton.ie

4. CALL FOR PAPERS: 4th ECPR Graduate Conference – EU Politics and Policy Studies

Dates: 4-6 July 2012

Venue: Bremen, Germany

Application Deadline: 15 January 2012

Section No.7 on EU Politics of the *4th ECPR Graduate Conference* (Bremen, 4-6 July 2012) is now inviting individual paper and complete panel proposals on any aspect of EU politics and policy studies. The call welcomes papers and panels from any theoretical, analytical, and methodological school or background, but certainly invites for innovative designs, data, and techniques.

The deadline for paper and panel proposal submissions is January 15, 2012. Proposals should be submitted to Sandra Thompson (slthomp@essex.ac.uk) by using the proposal form [available online](#) and following the instructions included therein.

Please refer to the [Conference's website](#) for further information on the Conference itself.

5. CALL FOR PAPERS: Sport & EU 2012 Conference: Toward a Networked Governance in Sport

Dates: 21 – 22 June 2012

Venue: Graduate School of Public Administration, Lausanne, Switzerland

Application Deadline: 13 January 2012

The Association for the Study of Sport and the European Union (Sport&EU) invites the submission of paper and panel proposals to be considered for the 7th annual conference entitled "**Towards a Networked Governance in Sport**" which will be held in Lausanne at the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration between 21st and 22nd June 2012. The organisers would welcome proposals that address some of the main topics of the conference: 1) networked governance in sport; 2) Sport Betting: A transversal challenge; and 3) The Summer Olympics are back in Europe: The Games and EU Law. Papers and panels with an interdisciplinary approach are encouraged, whilst graduate students and emerging scholars are also urged to submit works in progress. Panels and papers that do not fall within the main themes will also be considered.

In line with Sport&EU's traditional policy of promoting gender equality, female academics and/or practitioners are especially encouraged to send their proposals, and papers with a focus on gender equity in sport will be also welcome.

For **single paper proposals**, send a 250 word abstract, together with a short biography and your contact details.

For **panel proposals** (maximum of 3 papers per panel) send (in a single document) a 250 word panel abstract, together with a 250 word abstract for each paper. Please also include a chair for the panel (if you cannot find a suitable chairperson we will allocate one) and a biographic note for each presenter.

All paper and panel proposals should be sent to Jean-Patrick Villeneuve at conference2012@sportandeu.com. The deadline for submissions is **13th January**.

All papers submitted by this deadline will be peer reviewed with confirmation of successful applications provided by **17th February**.

6. CALL FOR PAPERS: 8th Annual Conference - The Future of Multiculturalism: Structures, Integration Policies and Practices

Dates: 26 - 27 June 2012

Venue: Centre for Research on Nationalism, Ethnicity and Multiculturalism (CRONEM), University of Surrey

Application Deadline: 1 February 2012

Multiculturalism as a policy approach to managing the cultural diversity of contemporary societies is once again under siege by national politicians and public commentators across Europe. Public concern about the impact of migration on social structures and cohesion has led to renewed calls for integration policies that are based greatly on ideas of assimilation rather than a desire for a genuine reciprocal integration. Furthermore, nationalist ideology or presuppositions frequently underpin the specific content of those policies.

Recent attacks on multiculturalism have coincided with increasing focus on security and securitisation in response to the threat of terrorism and political violence. Indeed, for some cause and effect is undeniable, with multiculturalism directly responsible for the recent increase in radicalisation among disaffected minority youths. While such claims are highly contentious, the links that have been drawn between multiculturalism and the growth of ideological extremism have further fuelled public anxieties concerning the suitability of multiculturalist policies.

Within Europe, two actors have been at the forefront of the debate. The European Union and the Council of Europe have to engage in a new dialogue about the position of migrants and minorities within the European social and political sphere. The focus of both organisations has been on "Intercultural Dialogue" as an alternative to multiculturalism. The aim is to establish an acknowledged form of respectful and open exchange between individuals and groups from different cultural backgrounds. This is seen as crucial for promoting tolerance and understanding, preventing conflicts, enhancing societal cohesion, and ensuring the democratic participation of all individuals in the cultural, social and economic life of the states in which they reside. In the case of the EU, 2008 was the Year of Intercultural Dialogue which sought to establish a framework of soft policy measures to support this new approach/strategy.

The conference seeks to provide an opportunity for interdisciplinary debate on:

- the different forms of multiculturalism identifiable in Europe

and beyond;

- critiques of multiculturalism;
- alternative policy approaches - including intercultural dialogue - for the management of cultural diversity issues;
- the intertwining of security and securitisation issues and the debate on multiculturalism;
- sources of radicalisation, political violence and terrorism;
- the relationship between multiculturalism, social exclusion, democratic citizenship and political participation;
- the impact of international policy networks on national "integration" policies;
- comparative perspectives on states' experiences of multiculturalism;
- political challenges to multiculturalism, migrant communities and intercultural dialogue;
- responses to migration: legal, economic and political;
- current migration trends and policy approaches;

The submission of individual papers is encouraged, as well as posters and symposia which address these various issues.

For more information about the Call for Papers and online submission forms, please visit

<http://www.surrey.ac.uk/cronem/>

7. CALL FOR PAPERS: 10th International Scientific Conference - Political and Economic Challenges - Provocative Strategic Choices towards Europe of Knowledge

Dates: 20 April 2012

Venue: Institute of Europe, Lithuania

Application Deadline: 1 March 2012

The Institute of Europe, Kaunas University of Technology organise International Scientific Conference "**Political and Economical Challenges provocative Strategic Choices towards Europe of Knowledge**" for the academic as well as public society and PhD students. The Conference will be held on **20th of April, 2012** at the Institute of Europe, Kęstučio str. 8, Kaunas, 44320, Lithuania.

Conference website:

http://www.euroi.ktu.lt/en/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8&Itemid=13.

Kaunas University of Technology and KTU Institute of Europe supports the conference.

The aim of the conference is to invite the members of academic as well as public society to present the newest scientific research results considering strategic choices in order to manage

political and economic challenges towards Europe of knowledge; to highlight other actual problems concerning further development of European Union.

Papers welcome on the following themes:

- Strategic choices for the political and economic stability in the EU
- Development of Common Market
- Research, education and innovation in Knowledge Triangle
- Technological development of EU
- Regional policy development
- The Northern Dimension policy
- Climate change and sustainable development
- Perspectives of EU initiatives on:
 - Horizon 2020
 - Research strategy for growth
 - Development of entrepreneurial business
 - Innovation union

LANGUAGE OF THE CONFERENCE: English

THE SCIENTIFIC OUTCOMES OF THE CONFERENCE:

After the double blind review there will be suggested two opportunities for paper publication:

1. Presented papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings E. Book (CD format).
2. Selected high scientific quality articles will be considered for publication in the refereed journal *European Integration Studies: Research and Topicalities*. ISSN 1822-8402 which is covered by the EBSCO (Central&Eastern European Academic Source Database Coverage List)

CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS:

Conference registration fee is: 60 Euro (207 LT)

Conference registration fee will cover: Conference Proceedings E. Book (CD format) or the E. version of scientific journal (will be send after the publication via regular mail), participant pack and badge, lunch and refreshments during the Conference, reception dinner after the conference.

Travel and accommodation costs are not included.

Please note that participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations.

Confirmation and further information will be sent to the registered participants.

For further information please contact:

Assoc. prof., dr. Rasa Daugėliene: e-mail: rasa.daugeliene@ktu.lt

8. CALL FOR PAPERS: International Workshop on the Management of Migration and Asylum in Europe Current Challenges and Policy Responses

Dates: 15-16 March 2012

Venue: Robinson College, University of Cambridge

Application Deadline: 16 January 2012

This international workshop aims to provide an intellectual venue for a discussion on the development of asylum and migration policy approaches in Europe within a multidisciplinary framework by bringing together academics and practitioners.

Objectives The recent political and social turbulences in the Middle East and North Africa, commonly referred as the 'Arab Spring', triggered new waves of migratory influxes to Europe by intensifying the pressure of population movements for several EU member states. In the face of such rapid changes, it would be timely to have a discussion on the current processes that are turning migration and asylum issues in Europe into increasingly salient issues. In this dynamic context, this workshop aims to contextualise current migration and asylum challenges faced by Europe through discussions over the rapid shifts in the international political arena from a multidisciplinary perspective.

Workshop format: The workshop is organised around three sessions. Each panel will have a leading academic as a discussant.

Session I, will be on current security challenges posed by immigration in Europe. It will involve a discussion on border management during crisis situations, global migration management and the European Union's (EU) role in it, and the implications of climate change on environmental refugees

Session II, will concentrate on wider demographic and social issues such as the ageing European populations-immigration nexus, integration and social cohesion, and the impact of global economic and financial crisis on migratory influxes to Europe.

Session III, will be on the assessment of policy responses developing at the national and the EU levels. This section will also consider the interactions between the European Union and its Member States in the field of asylum and migration. It seeks to understand both the role of Member States in shaping the EU asylum and migration policy, and the EU role involved in domestic-level asylum and migration policy-making processes.

All papers on any topic having relevance to the above listed are welcome

Funding: It is expected that a contribution to the travel costs of paper presenters, depending on the number of participants and availability of funds will be available.

Paper proposals: If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send the following information to <jes42@cam.ac.uk> and <ec409@cam.ac.uk>:

- An abstract of up to 250 words
- A brief bio of up to 250 words
- Your contact details
- Name
- Current institutional affiliation and position

- Full postal address
- Email address

The deadline for the submission of paper proposals is Monday 16 January 2012 (17:00 GMT). Please email <ec409@cam.ac.uk> should you have any questions.

9. CALL FOR PANEL PAPERS: EU Asylum and Migration Policy at the UACES Annual Conference in Passau, 3-5 September

Dates: 3-5 September

Venue: Passau, Germany

Application Deadline: 18th January 2012

Theme of the Panel(s): The Development of EU Asylum and Migration Policy

The panel seeks to assess the evolution of EU asylum and migration policies. Over the past decades migration issues have become gradually politicised in EU member states. At the same time, migration discourses have also become increasingly securitised. Partly resulting from these developments, member states have embarked on frequent policy reforms in the area of asylum and immigration policy. In addition, the EU began to cooperate and increasingly communitarise this policy area from the 1990s onwards. Various actions programmes (from Tampere to Stockholm) and Treaty revisions (from Amsterdam to Lisbon) have led to gradual developments both at the legislative and at the constitutional level. The Stockholm programme anticipates a 'dynamic and comprehensive migration policy' based on the so-called 'Global Approach to Migration', a Common European Asylum System and an integrated border management system for the EU's external borders. The EU's impact on this policy area is set to grow as the Union seeks to go beyond minimum standards in the legislative process.

Papers of the panel should address one (or more) of the following issues/themes:

- Conceptualising the EU migration discourse (and bureaucratic practices): the logic(s) of 'securitisation' and/or 'risk'
- Theorising EU asylum and migration policy and politics
- The dynamics and countervailing forces of EU migration policy
- The role of (specific) member states, EU institutions, NGOs or other important actors in the development of the EU asylum and migration policy
- The impact of domestic policies and politics on EU asylum and migration policy
- The impact of the EU's enlargement on its asylum and migration policy?
- Normative issues of EU asylum and migration policy

Anyone interested in presenting a paper as part of the panel(s), please send the following information by Wednesday 18 January to Prof. Arne Niemann: arne.niemann@uni-mainz.de<mailto:arne.niemann@uni-mainz.de>

- Your Full Name
- University/Institution
- Postal Address

- Email Address
 - The name of any co-authors
 - The Title of Your Paper
 - Keyword(s)
 - Research Discipline
 - Research Theme
 - A 250-Word Abstract
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10. CALL FOR PROPOSALS: 2012 ECPR Research Sessions

Dates: 19-22 June

Venue: the European University Institute, Florence

Application Deadline: 1 February 2012

After the very successful re-launch of the Research Sessions in 2011 the number of participants has been increased for 2012. The ECPR now offers this opportunity for eight research groups with a maximum of eight participants each, and will offer funding for successful groups, covering the accommodation and lunches/dinners for up to eight participants per group.

The ECPR Research Sessions provide the opportunity for a group to meet over two to three days to discuss either the beginnings of a research project (possibly as a result of a group formed at the General Conference, for example) or at the end to put together a publishing proposal etc. For more details please visit our [website](#).

Applications are particularly encouraged from ECPR Standing Groups.

Please email your proposal to Jenna Barnard (jbarnard@essex.ac.uk).

The closing date for proposals to be received by the Central Services is the 1st February 2012. For more information please see the website or contact me (jbarnard@essex.ac.uk).

11. CALL FOR PAPERS: Collapsing Europe?

Dates: 26-28 March 2012

Venue: Graduate Centre for Europe – University of Birmingham

Application Deadline: 13 January 2012

The borders that delimit our political, cultural and historical understanding of Europe are subject to constant renegotiation. Within this perpetual state of flux, the symbol of collapse has been extremely prominent in literature, politics, culture and history. Whether the dismantling of physical and figurative barriers in the name of integration, or apocalyptic predictions of the imminent failure of the "European project", the idea of collapse features prominently in modern notions of the continent's past, present and future.

The Sixth Annual Conference of the Graduate Centre for Europe will encourage postgraduate researchers to offer their own reflections on European collapse. It will explore the concept of upheaval through time and space and consider how Europe's shifting fortunes have been, and

remain, a function of both its own idiosyncrasies and of changes imposed upon it by its relationship with the outside world.

This conference invites contributions from postgraduate researchers in a variety of disciplines with the express aim of learning from other academic approaches and sharing their own. The conference theme will encourage the exchange of ideas about topics we often consider to be embedded in our own research contexts. Previous conferences have included presenters from the fields of history, politics, cultures, languages, literature, media, society, music, business, philosophy, theology, geography, environment and law.

If you would like to speak at the conference, please send an abstract of 200-300 words to gcfе.bham@googlemail.com<<mailto:gcfе.bham@googlemail.com>> by 13th January 2012.

12. CALL FOR PAPERS: "Taking You a Stage Further..." Military Education in the 21st Century

Dates: 8-9 March 2012

Venue: Military College, Curragh, Co. Kildare

Application Deadline: 2 February 2012

Submissions are invited for papers to be presented at a conference that will take place in the Military College, Defence Forces Training Centre, Curragh Camp on 08 / 09 March 2012.

Marking the tenth year of the Defence Forces' strategic education partnership with NUI Maynooth, this conference seeks to explore the requirements of military education in the second decade of the 21st Century. Papers could address issues such as; how do sociological, cultural, technological, environmental, ethical, economic factors combine with threat assessments and impact on military organisations? What are the consequences for induction, training and continuous career education? Is this a matter for the military alone or what requirement exists for greater civilian engagement? How do military organisations prepare themselves to conduct operations through a comprehensive approach?

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Submissions of not more than 300 words should be submitted by 02 February 2012 To Commandant Mark Hearn at the Command and Staff School. Presentations should be between 20 and 25 minutes in length.

mark.hearns@defenceforces.ie

13. CALL FOR PAPERS: EACES Biannual Conference, 2012 - Recovery or Lasting Depression? Comparing Economic Prospects

Dates: 6-8 September 2012

Venue: University of West Scotland, Paisley, Scotland

Application Deadline: 15 February 2012

The 12th EACES (European Association of Comparative Economic Studies) conference will be held at the University of the West of Scotland, Paisley, UK, on 6-8 September 2012.

Keynote speakers will be Sergei Guriev (New Economic School, Moscow) on *The Macro- versus the Micro- Economics of the Resource Curse and Its Implications for Russia*, and Paul Hare, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, Scotland, on *Institutions and Transition - Lessons and Surprises*. The conference will focus on how different economies have developed and how they have fared in the aftermath of economic and financial crisis, some recovering rapidly and some facing deep difficulties.

Diverse reactions and developments in different parts of the world have demonstrated the importance of an open-minded approach to understanding economic developments. Dramatic changes have taken place and are taking place and the outcomes for individual countries and the world economy remain very uncertain. The comparative approach, drawing on experience of studying changing economic systems, can make an important contribution.

The European Association for Comparative Economic Studies (EACES) was founded in 1990 as interest grew in the transformation of the former centrally-planned economies. The principal focus of the association was and remains the comparative study of real economic systems, including the economies of East and West, North and South, as well as the economic interactions among systems and among regional areas, such as the EU. The Association is a broadly based organization in which all schools of economic thought can exchange views and ideas on current and prospective research.

Proposals for papers and panels are invited which reflect current and ongoing research, on any theme of comparative economics.

Information on the conference, on suggested themes and on how to submit proposals, with a deadline of 15 February, can be found on the website www.uws.ac.uk/eaces2012. Information on EACES can be found on www.eaces.org. Conference registration should be available soon, with a fee of £150 for EACES members, £200 for non-members and £75 for research students (exchange rates could move in any direction, but that means about €175, €234 and €88 respectively). There will be discretionary support for some coming from less-wealthy countries.

14. CALL FOR PAPERS: Political Studies Association Annual Conference Graduate Student Workshop - "Studying Electoral Competition in Multilevel Contexts: Methodological Challenges in Cross-National Research"

Dates: 3-5 April 2012

Venue: Europa Hotel Belfast

Application Deadline: 2 February 2012

The Centre for Elections, Media & Parties (CEMaP) at the University of Exeter invites applications to participate in a workshop on the challenges associated with comparative cross-national electoral research. The one-day workshop is part of a series of workshops organized by Susan Banducci, Nicole Bolleyer, Jeff Karp, Caitlin Milazzo, Dan Stevens and Jack Vowles in the context of the ESRC-funded project "Comparative Cross-National Electoral Research" (CCNER). This particular workshop is directed towards graduate students and young scholars who conduct cross-national research in the area of electoral studies and comparative party politics. Participants will attend lectures on core methodological issues by Professors David Farrell (University College Dublin) and Ian McAllister (Australian National University) and have the opportunity to present their work and receive feedback from experienced scholars in the

area of comparative politics. The workshop is tentatively scheduled April 3rd 2012 at the PSA Annual Conference in Belfast.

Graduate students interested in presenting a paper should send a short abstract (max. 200 words) and a 1-page CV to Caitlin Milazzo (C.Milazzo@exeter.ac.uk). The deadline for applications is 2 February 2012 at 5pm (GMT). Successful applicants will be contacted in late February 2012 and will receive a bursary of £120.

15. CALL FOR PAPERS: Central and East European Energy Strategies: Creating A Sustainable Energy Future Within The EU

Dates: 2 March 2012

Venue: University of Glasgow, Scotland

Application Deadline: 16 January 2012

The UACES/CRCEES/BASEES Collaborative Research Network *assessing accession – central and Eastern Europe in the EU*, in conjunction with the EU-Russia Collaborative Research Network (Energy Study Group), will hold a 1 day workshop at the University of Glasgow (Friday 2nd March 2012) on “Central and East European energy strategies: creating a sustainable energy future within the EU”.

Paper proposals are now being sought. The event will also include a special practitioner session will also be included with a number of key policy makers and commentators on energy matters from the Central and East European region as well as the European Union taking part.

Details:

EU and non-EU member-states from the Baltic region to the Balkans are currently working towards establishing a fully integrated regional energy market. This will allow for greater security of supply through increased interdependency, improved infrastructure and enhanced competition, among other things. However, this can only be successful if undertaken within the context of the wider European/EU strategy on energy. Challenges to this process are varied and progress is slow, yet the requirement and desire for this region to achieve a sustainable energy future remains strong.

This workshop calls for papers examining the range of issues affecting the central and east European energy market and its current and future development within the wider EU and neighbourhood context. Issues include, but are not limited to national and corporate energy strategies, EU regulation and liberalisation policy, development and financing of infrastructure projects, merger and acquisition, as well as geopolitical and economic relations with Russia and other third party states. Papers should be focused on institutions such as the EU or European Energy community and/or states from Central Europe, South-eastern Europe, the Baltic Region and Russia and other former Soviet Republics. Papers can also focus on any of the varied energy sectors operating in the region, e.g. nuclear, piped natural gas and LNG, oil, coal and other fossil fuels, renewables etc.

Paper proposals should be between 300-500 words in length and final papers (c. 6000 words) should be completed in advance of the workshop so that they can be distributed to participants. The workshop will adopt a roundtable format. Some limited funding support for travel and accommodation costs will be available, though participants should be aware it is unlikely to cover their full costs.

Proposals should be sent to **assessing accession** (admin@assessingaccession.eu) and the deadline for proposals has been extended to January 16th 2012, although proposals are encouraged to be submitted sooner. Successful participants will be informed of their inclusion by the 18th January 2012. Completed papers should be made available to participants no later than Friday 24th February 2012.

Registration for paper givers and non-paper givers will be opened in January 2012. Please check the **assessing accession** website (<http://assessingaccession.eu>) for details in due course.

For more details on the **assessing accession** Collaborative Research Network please visit the website <http://assessingaccession.eu>

For more details on EU-Russia Collaborative Research Network please visit the website <http://www.eu-russia.eu>

16. CALL FOR PAPERS Workshop on: Europe and the Arab Region Post January 2011 - Coping with Multifaceted Challenges

Dates 8-9 June 2011

Venue: Berlin, Germany

Application Deadline: 31 January 2012

The public uprisings that have been sweeping across the Arab region since January 2011 represent a critical juncture in the history of the region as well as in international history at large. With major change of leadership taking place in Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya, other Arab countries –Yemen, Bahrain and Syria – are still struggling to introduce similar changes. From a comparative perspective, these ongoing uprisings in the Arab region raise the question on how comparable they could be to similar events in international history, e.g. the revolutions in Central Eastern Europe in 1989-1990.

These rapid developments in the Arab region bring back to the forefront of Western-Arab relations the interconnected political, economic and social dimensions of Euro-Arab relations in the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (EMP). Not surprisingly that the EU has quickly, in February 2011, started to consider a fundamental review of the European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) and released a new and more ambitious one in May 2011. This workshop focuses on the debate regarding the Euro-Arab relations and how the EU can effectively reinvent its role amid challenging security, political, economic and social contexts. The area of concern in this workshop is not limited to the EU's Southern Mediterranean partners, but encompasses the wider Arab Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The following list of sub-topics represents main strands of discussion. The workshop focuses on the role of Europe in the region, from a variety of security, economic, political or socio-cultural perspectives. Paper proposals are expected to combine academic analysis with policy oriented recommendations.

1. The EU and the Arab uprisings:

- Comparing "success" and "failures": How are the developments in Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya to be evaluated, as compared to Yemen, Bahrain, or Syria? What are the prospects for democratic transitions in light of the recent elections in Tunisia and Egypt?
- How can the EU help these countries in their current transitional phase? To what extent can the EU make use of its expertise in democracy and development assistance in the Arab region?

- How can the EU rethink its relationship with other Arab countries that are trying to maintain the status quo? (The Gulf Cooperation Council countries)
 - How applicable are the lessons learned from the EU experience in Central and Eastern Europe to the West Mediterranean as well as its experience in the Eastern partners of the ENP?
2. Assessing the political, economic, and security scene in the Mediterranean:
- Which security challenges emanate from the “new” Middle East, and how should the EU deal with them? Does the EU need a new approach toward the Israeli-Palestine conflict?
 - The EU and other Powers in the MENA region: How do EU-US relations and EU-Turkish relations affect the MENA region, and what are the prospects for conflict and cooperation?
How important is the economic aspect in the relation between the EU and the Southern Mediterranean and Middle Eastern Partners?
 - What are the major lessons learned from the failure of ENP in the Middle East and Southern Mediterranean so far? How should the ENP be reconstructed?

The workshop aims at a collective publication, either as a special issue or a volume edited by the workshop organizers. The workshop is funded by the "Kolleg Forschergruppe (KFG) The Transformative Power of Europe" of the Freie Universität Berlin, which pays for travel expenses as well as accommodation of the paper authors.

Interested colleagues are asked to send a 500-1000 word abstract to Dr. Sally Khalifa Isaac (sally_isaac@gmx.net) and Dr. Assem Dandashly (assemd@uvic.ca) no later than January 31, 2012. Notifications will be sent out no later than February 28, 2012. Invited paper givers need to finalize their papers by June 1, 2012 and present it at the workshop in Berlin on 8 and 9 June 2012.

17. CALL FOR PAPERS: Interdisciplinary Workshop - “Getting out of the crisis: Time for new initiatives”

Dates: 4 – 5 June 2012

Venue: Economics Faculty of Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Application Deadline: 15 February 2012

Over the last couple of years we have seen how governments and international institutions in Europe and worldwide try to take measures to solve the financial crisis which has invaded real economies and put some countries into real problems for everyday functioning. The focus has been put on banking systems, sovereign debt, and financial markets in general, and then on public expenditure cuts. But we see too often that measures taken, apart from socially unpopular, don't seem to give the desired results, and sacrifices don't seem to see an end. So we think it is time to wonder if there are alternative ways of doing things.

This two days' workshop aims to give some answers to the unsettled times we live on: Which is the contribution that each actor (governments, civil society, private companies, official institutions, citizens) and each sector (industries, banks, rating agencies...) can make? Should new policies be implemented at EU level? Is there a real risk for the future of the Euro? Who

should play a prominent role in this crisis? Are rating agencies really so important? Are sustainability and corporate responsibility things to be forgotten to focus on the short term?.

The aim of this workshop is to provide a forum for young and experienced researchers to share their work, ideas and findings with colleagues interested on the same fields, in a friendly environment. It will be organised through panels of 3 or 4 papers in parallel sessions, putting together those works dealing with similar issues, policies or sectors. Pre-organized panels (no more than 4 papers) will also be considered. If you want to participate, please send an abstract of approximately 200 words to info@inter-research.org before February 15th. Both abstracts and papers should be submitted in English. Notice of acceptance or rejection will be provided within four weeks from this deadline. Completed papers should be sent before May 15th. Selected papers (no more than 10) will be published as the first number of Inter-Research Journal.

Cost of the workshop will be:

- For students, Inter-Research and UACES members: €25
- Rest of attendants: €50

This will cover lunch and coffee breaks for the two days. There will be a guided tour through Madrid for people interested. In due course we will provide information about suitable accommodation, but at this point it is not forecasted that organization can cover travel nor accommodation expenses.

The workshop will take place on June 4th and 5th, 2012 at the Economics Faculty of Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

18. CALL FOR PAPERS: 4th ECPR Graduate Student Conference,

Dates: 4 – 6 July 2012

Venue: Jacobs University, Bremen

Application Deadline: 15 January 2012

The conference format will consist of open themed panels, three to four roundtables and a lecture by Michael Zürn from WZB. Approximately 22 sections will be offered, with panels containing between four and six papers. For further information about the conference schedule and guidelines on how to submit a panel/paper proposal, please see the [Graduate Student Conference website](#).

Got an idea for a panel and need to find some papers?

If you have a good idea for a panel but don't have enough proposals to submit it, please email the title and any other details of the panel to Sandra Thompson (slthomp@essex.ac.uk) and this information will be added to the "find a friend" page which will be added shortly to the website.

19. CALL FOR PROPOSAL AND PAPERS: The Consequences of Political Scandal

Dates: 21 June, 2012 - 23 June, 2012

Venue: Shippensburg university, Shippensburg, United States

Application Deadline: 15 January, 2012

Contact: addagn@ship.edu

There are many types of political scandals, to include political sex scandals, corruption scandals, and election scandals. All are public events of significant consequence for politicians and for the voting public. As we pay attention to scandal, we ignore more weighty matters and we over-estimate the bad behavior of our elected officials. Political scandals have tremendous consequence on citizenry and might possibly undermine democratic institutions.

This interdisciplinary conference will be an opportunity for scholars to explore and exchange research on the impact of political scandal on individuals, institutions and societies. Panels and roundtables are being sought for development to explore the implications of political scandal from multiple perspectives, including the humanities, behavioral and social sciences. Papers, reports, works-in-progress are invited on any of the following themes:

- The institutional politics of scandal: The structural/ electoral/ institutional outcomes following a political scandal.
- The behavioral politics of scandal: How various actors interact with one another in the midst of crisis?
- The aftereffects of scandal: On individual actors, on institutions, on society.
- The role of media and popular culture in investigating (or instigating) scandals.
- The demographic disparities of the scandalous: Examinations of gender, race, and ethnicity within political scandal.

The conveners invite panels and papers that address the theme of political scandal, from a wide variety of disciplinary approaches. Thus, we encourage papers from the disciplines of history, literature, rhetoric, journalism, art, music, gender study, sociological and political science. The conference will include plenary sessions designed to spark conversations, debates, and generate research inquiry. We welcome creative work that will promote work across the fields.

All accepted and presented papers are eligible for inclusion in a post-conference manuscript that will take the form of either a proceedings or an edited volume on political scandals.

The deadline for paper proposals is January 15, 2012.

Shippensburg, PA is in south central Pennsylvania, located an hour from Harrisburg, two hours from Washington, DC and two and half hours from Philadelphia.

For more information, please contact Dr. Alison Dagnes at addagn@ship.edu or Dr. Mark Sachleben at MDSachleben@ship.edu.

20. CALL FOR PAPERS: Intervention and Conflict Resolution in the 21st century Evolution, Challenge and Future

Graduate Conference: Centre for International Peace and Security Studies (CIPSS)

Dates: 16 March 2012

Venue: Centre for International Peace and Security Studies (CIPSS)

Application Deadline: 27 January, 2012

Contact: cepsi.cipss@umontreal.ca

The 10th Annual Graduate Student Conference of the Centre for International Peace and Security Studies (CIPSS) will be held on March 16th 2012. As a member of the Security Defense Forum, CIPSS is an inter-university collaboration between Université de Montréal and McGill University dedicated to the promotion of security and strategic studies.

We invite graduate students to submit proposals on security issues, defined in a broad sense. Here are a few topics of interest:

- Strategic Studies
- Military History
- Civil Wars
- Disarmament
- Proliferation of weapons of mass destruction
- Peace Operations
- Conflict resolution
- Civil-Military Relations
- Security and Defense Policies
- International interventions

The primary goal of this conference is to allow graduate students to present their research, while fostering exchanges amongst students of various North American institutions. The best paper presented at the Conference will be awarded a prize. Papers can be presented in either English or French. Some travel grants will be given for travels inside Canada.

Proposals should not exceed 200 words. Please include a short biography. Submit proposals at cepsi.cipss@gmail.com. More Information about the CIPSS can be found at www.cepsi.umontreal.ca.

21. CALL FOR PAPERS Conference on Sport, Conflict and Reconciliation

Dates: 9-10 July 2012

Venue: Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool, United Kingdom

Application Deadline: 31 January, 2012

Contact: reillyj@hope.ac.uk

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 papers are particularly welcome 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 by 31 January 2012. We will provide initial notification to proposers by 17 February. Late submissions may be accepted if feasible.

22. CALL FOR PAPERS: 6th Annual Research Conference

Dates: 11-13 April, 2012

Venue: European Union Centre of Excellence (EUCE) Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS, Canada

Application Deadline: 15 January 2012

Topic: Widening and Deepening of European Integration: Challenges and Strategic Choices facing the European Union?

Croatia is set to join the EU in 2013. Accession negotiations with Iceland have started. According to the latest enlargement reports from the European Commission Montenegro may open accession negotiations soon and Serbia may possibly become an official candidate country, although this is still rather uncertain. Negotiations with Turkey are not making progress and those with Macedonia cannot make progress because of the name dispute with Greece. Political conditions in Bosnia and Albania will most likely rule out candidate status for these countries for a number of years, and Kosovo is still not even recognized by five EU member states.

What are the prospects for future enlargements? Will the Icelandic government be able to conclude accession negotiations and win a membership referendum? What obstacles have to be overcome in the Western Balkan countries which want to become EU members? Will the membership perspective be a stimulus for reforms? What are the lessons from Bulgarian and Romanian accession in 2007? Were they insufficiently prepared? And, in the longer term, may some countries now offered Eastern Partnerships become candidates for EU accession?

The EU also faces a number of internal challenges, especially the eurozone financial crisis, and more broadly the employment crisis.

What steps are needed to overcome these crises? Was the Maastricht EMU set-up faulty? Is an economic government needed in the EU? Will more fiscal federalism be required?

Linked with the current challenges are questions of decision-making and leadership in the post-Lisbon Treaty EU. Is there a tendency to increasingly revert to intergovernmentalism, as for instance argued by the Spinelli Group should the application of the Community method, with enhanced roles for the Commission and the European Parliament, be the way forward? Might that mean the end of the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) as the way to increase competitiveness and create jobs? Will another treaty change be required to allow for imposition of economic policies on member states, as suggested by former ECB president Jean-Claude Trichet? And if economic governance is tightened among eurozone members, how will this affect EU member states not taking part in the euro? With all the challenges facing the EU will we get even more multi-speed integration than we currently have? Might there even be risks of major set-backs?

Deadline: Abstracts of paper proposals (max 500 words) and a short CV should be mailed to euce@dal.ca with a copy to finn.laursen@dal.ca by 15 January 2011. Ideally about 25 papers will be accepted for the conference. Accepted paper titles will be listed on the EUCes website www.euce.dal.ca by 1 February 2011. The selected paper givers will be expected to send a draft paper at least a week before the conference. These papers will be uploaded to the EUCes website to give all participants a chance to read them before the conference.

Financing: There is no registration fee for paper givers. The EUCE will offer meals during the conference, but paper givers will be expected to pay travel and accommodation. There will be some very limited financial assistance available, especially for younger scholars who cannot get participation financed through their home institutions. If your participation depends on such assistance please state it, including the amount, at the time of submitting your proposal.

Possible publication(s): it is hoped that there will be enough quality papers as well as sufficient spread of topics to publish at least one book. But ideally it is hoped to produce two books, one focusing on enlargement issues and one focusing on internal crises and challenges.

Only authors, who can promise a revised publishable chapter relatively soon after the conference, will be included in the selection for publication(s). This is particularly important this time since the current 3-year agreement with the Commission expires in December 2012.

Those interested in contributing to a publication are encouraged to use the Harvard method of references from the beginning (Authors mentioned in bracket, list of references after the text, as few footnotes as possible).

Questions about this call can be directed to the EUCes director, Professor Finn Laursen at finn.laursen@dal.ca.

For information about earlier conferences, see our website:

<http://euce.dal.ca/CONFERENCES/>

For information on books published under the auspices of the EUCE at Dalhousie, see: http://euce.dal.ca/PUBLICATIONS/EUCE_Books.php

23. CALL FOR PAPERS: Facing the EU's Future. Challenges and Strategies

Dates: 27-28 September 2012

Venue: University of Wroclaw, Poland

Application Deadline: 15 March 2012

The conference will provide a forum for the international academic debate and exchange the ideas among the scholars interested in the perspectives of the European Union development. This includes discussions concerning the EU's current problems: unemployment, labour market, social inclusion, climate changes, energy, territorial disparities between Member States and regions, financial crisis and its influence on relations between Member States and the European economy.

Those challenges are reflected in the EU economic strategy "*Europe 2020*", which sets development priorities for the coming years. Among them we have: struggle with unemployment, building a knowledge-based economy as a main source of economic development, social inclusion through employment and more competitive, coherent and environmentally-friendly economy creation. The aims of the conference are to define the degree of contribution between the reformed policies and the objectives of the economic strategy for Europe and their contribution to the objectives of the Lisbon Treaty.

We are going to focus on the influence on economic development and the position of the EU in the global environment. That is why we believe it is very important to analyze:

- Whether the EU is aimed by the direction of economic liberalism or the maintenance the protectionism?
- What kinds of instruments do encourage the EU's social and economic strategy implementation?
- Do the EU Member States have common vision of the future of European integration process?
- Does the European integration process today is a consequence of the coherent philosophy of cooperation or became only the outcome of bureaucratic mechanism?
- Are the ongoing global processes accurately identified and reflected in the EU development strategies?

The conference is opened to all relevant scientific disciplines and sub- disciplines, including, European studies, political and social science, economics, international relations, European law, history. It is also a good opportunity to exchange the views between scientific and political communities.

The key topics of the conference will be:

- Philosophy and theory of economic management in the EU
- The EU as a global actor in the political, economic and cultural dimension
- Building a knowledge- based economy- challenges and threats
- Competitiveness and social inclusion in the context of the European labour market
- Unionization/ Europeanization or nationalization of the European economy and policies

Candidates apply by submitting:

1. Filled out Application form, including abstract of the paper (300- 500 words in English),
2. Curriculum vitae of max. 1 page

Documents should be send by 15 March 2012 to:

conferenceeu@uni.wroc.pl

Scientific committee will select the paper proposals and we will send the acceptance notification and editorial requirements no later than 25 March 2012.

All selected participants have to confirm their participation by e-mail within 10 days of the receipt of an acceptance.

After the conference we are going to publish a volume, the paper must be formatted according to editorial instructions. Full paper should be submitted by 20th July 2012. A proceedings volume is planned to come out in February 2013.

Working language is English. There will be no translation and interpretation services available. Papers should be written and presented in English.

Section 4: Conference and Event Alerts

1. HENRY GRATTAN LECTURE

Elites and Crisis: the Case of the Econocrats

Speaker: Karel Williams, Manchester Business School

Venue: Thomas Davis Theatre, Arts Building, Trinity College Dublin

Date: Thursday 19 January from 6.00 to 7.30pm

The financial crisis from 2008-2011 demonstrates that econocrats (central bankers and regulators) cannot understand or control finance and markets. In this public lecture Karel Williams, Professor of Accounting and Political Economy at Manchester Business School, will argue that the debt debacle is also a crisis of our expert elites. The lecture will be chaired by Paul Sweeney, Economic Advisor at the Irish Congress of Trade Unions.

Registration:

This lecture is open to the public and there is no charge to attend. However advanced registration is recommended. [Reserve your place today.](#)

2. HENRY GRATTAN LECTURE

The End of the European Project?

Speakers: Joschka Fischer, former German Vice-Chancellor

Paul Gillespie, The Irish Times

David O'Sullivan, European External Action Service

Venue: Long Room Hub, Fellows Square, Trinity College Dublin

Date: Monday 23 January 2012 from 7.15 to 8.45pm

European integration has been described as riding a bicycle – if you stop, you fall off. Many claim that the only solution to the eurozone crisis is greater European integration, but it is clear that there is little popular appetite for this.

Joschka Fischer, former German Vice-Chancellor and Paul Gillespie, columnist at The Irish Times and David O'Sullivan, Chief Operating Officer of the European External Action Service will speak at a lecture titled *The End of the European Project?* The talk will be chaired by Elaine Byrne, journalist and lecturer in the Political Science Department, Trinity College Dublin

Registration: This lecture is open to the public and there is no charge to attend. However as space is limited advanced registration is required. [Reserve your place online.](#)

3. CPR Graduate Student Conference Roundtable – Women in Politics

Venue: Bremen, Germany

Dates: 4-6 July 2012

Together with the Local Organizers (LOs), Profs. Susanne Schmidt (skschmidt@uni-bremen.de) and Marco Verweij (m.verweij@jacobs-university.de), as EC members in charge of Graduate Matters, the programme for the ECPR Graduate Student Conference (GSC) which will take place in Bremen in 2012, on July 4-6 is being finalized. In addition to panel sections, the programme includes also two Plenary Lectures and four Roundtables (two sections with two roundtables running in a parallel fashion on July 5 and 6 respectively). So far, roundtables have been organized on the following topics:

- 1) Perspectives outside academia for Political Science PhDs
- 2) Getting an academic job in Asia
- 3) When, whether and how to publish one's dissertation
- 4) To be decided see note below

For the fourth roundtable, to be held on July 6th, it is thought of organizing a roundtable on "How to be a woman academic" (or other better phrased title). Your help in setting up this roundtable is desired. Rather than just offering our personal experiences, as had originally been the emphasis, it would be great if scholars who study the problems (or advantages) that women encounter in academia could offer both their personal and their professional insights. It would certainly be a topic of great interest among graduate students and a real help for their future career.

If you are interested in contributing to this roundtable, please get in touch with the two local organizers above as soon as possible.

4. EPOVB: The 5th Annual Political Networks Conference and Training Sessions

Venue: University of Denver Boulder Colorado, USA

Dates: June 13-16, 2012

The 5th Annual Political Networks Conference and Training Sessions, hosted by the University of Colorado at Boulder and the University of Denver, June 13-16, 2012.

The Conference and Training Sessions will be held at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Training June 13-14, 2012

June 13: -Introductory Training/Introduction to Network Concepts
-Computer Applications in Network Analysis (Intermediate)

June 14: Specialized Topics in Network Analysis

Conference June 15-16, 2012

June 15: first day of panels; Plenary Address and reception; poster session

June 16: second day of panels; business meeting

5. The First ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques -

Venue: The University of Vienna, Austria

Dates: 11th – 18th February 2012

The first Winter School in Methods and Techniques (WSMT) is now being held at the University of Vienna and registration is open!

The University of Vienna was founded in 1365 and is the oldest university in the German-speaking world and one of the largest in Central Europe. Vienna is an iconic historical city, rich in architectural ensembles, including Baroque castles and gardens, grand buildings, monuments and parks. The city is also known for its numerous museums, theatres and its opera. On the other hand Vienna also is a great place for shopping and having a night out. There are innumerable bars, pubs and clubs within easy reach. If you don't want to explore Vienna on your own we expect to offer a comprehensive social programme.

The Winter School will be an annual event that is complementary to the ECPR's Summer School and there will be a loyalty discount for participants who wish to take part in the 3 step programme at both of these schools.

The comprehensive programme consists of introductory courses and advanced courses, in a one-week format, suitable for advanced students and junior researchers in political science and its adjacent disciplines. There will also be the opportunity to participate in one of the software training courses.

Intermediate-level courses will continue to be held at the 2012 Summer School in Methods and Techniques in Ljubljana, in either one two-week or two consecutive one-week courses.

If you have any questions or require any further information please contact Denise Chapman, Method Schools Manager on +44 (0)1206 874115 or by email: dchap@essex.ac.uk

6. 13th Annual Postgraduate EU Studies Fair

Venue: Brussels

Dates: 10-11 February 2012

European Voice is delighted to announce its 13th annual postgraduate EU Studies Fair in the heart of Brussels that connects universities and prospective students.

The **EU Studies Fair** is a two day education fair and networking event bringing together prospective students, universities and academic institutions offering postgraduate programmes in EU and International Relations, Business and Law.

A Highly Focused Audience

Now in its thirteenth year the **EU Studies Fair** has established itself as a unique event focusing on postgraduate study in the fields of politics, business and law. It attracts multilingual, ambitious students and young professionals who have a direct interest in further study and careers in these fields.

Programme

Day 1: Friday 10 February 2012

10:00 – 12:00 Student tour of European Union Institutions

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch in the Committee of the Regions

13:30 – 15:00 Parallel seminars

· Seminar One: European and international studies *"The position of Europe in a changing world"*

· Seminar Two: Business and Law *"Comparing business environments in Europe, the US and Asia"*

15:00 – 16:00 Post-seminar reception

Day 2: Saturday 11 February 2012

10:00 – 16:00 13th Annual EU Studies Education Fair

10:30 Address by Androulla Vassiliou, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism, Sport, Media and Youth

11:00 – 12:00 Seminar One: *"What is 'European Studies'?"*

14:30 – 15:30 Seminar Two: *"The European Job Market"*

A Great Location for a Growing Event

The Fair will be held at **AREA 42** with excellent public transport connections – metro, tram, bus and only 15 minutes from the international train station (Eurostar & Thalys terminal).

Day 1 seminars will be held at the **Committee of the Regions**, on rue Belliard, at the heart of the European district.

Attendance as a visitor is free of charge.

You can register at www.eustudiesfair.com

7. Parliaments in the European Union after Lisbon

Crowne Plaza Hotel Maastricht

Maastricht, Netherlands

23 - 24 February, 2012

<http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/web/Faculties/FL/Theme/ResearchPortal/Confere...>

Organised by: Montesquieu Institute, OPAL

Contact: a.mingojaramillo@student.maastrichtuniversity.nl

The aim of this two-day conference is to contribute and take forward current debates on the impact of the Treaty of Lisbon on the role of parliaments in the European Union. The multi-disciplinary approach brings together scholars from law, comparative politics and public administration and combines academic debate with input from practitioners within the panels. Confirmed speakers include: Alain Delcamp, Secretary General of the French Senate, Jens-Peter Bonde, former Member of the European Parliament; Lord John Roper, member of the British House of Lords, Michael Shackleton, Head of the UK Information Office of the European Parliament and Hans Hegeland, Committee Secretary in the Swedish Parliament. The

conference is organised jointly by the Montesquieu Institute and the Observatory of Parliaments after the Lisbon Treaty (OPAL), with financial support from the NWO and the Gemeente Maastricht.

To register your participation, see:

www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/web/Faculties/FL/Theme/ResearchPortal/Conferences/ParliamentsInTheEuropeanUnionAfterLison/OrganisationAndRegistration.htm

For further information contact Ana Mingo at a.mingojaramillo@student.maastrichtuniversity.nl

8. Sixth Pan-European Conference on EU Politics

University of Tampere, Finland

23 February, 2012 - 24 September 2012

The deadline for the submission of papers and panels to the 6th Pan-European Conference on EU Politics is approaching.

The conference will be held at the University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland, 13-15 September 2012.

The online submission form can be accessed here
<http://ecpr-sgeu.sabanciuniv.edu/node/11>

Deadline: January 15, 2012

Section 5: Recent Publications

Hogan, G. (2012) *Origins of the Irish Constitution 1928-41*

Publisher: Royal Irish Academy

Gerard Hogan
ISBN 978-1-904890-75-1
Hardback: €50.00

The Constitution of 1937 represents the culmination of the 'constitutional revolution' begun by Eamon de Valera, John Hearne and others in the 1930s. Marking the 75th anniversary, the *Origins of the Irish Constitution* is a comprehensive selection of key documents relating to the development and drafting of the Constitution. The documents have been collected from a variety of archival holdings, covering the period 1929 to 1941. Gerard Hogan has written an extensive commentary and annotation as a guide to the complex legal and philosophical problems that arose during the drafting process

Institute of Public Administration (2011) *IPA Administration Yearbook 2012*

Publisher: Institute of Public Administration

Hardback: €70.00

Online ordering at <http://www.ipa.ie/index.php?lang=en&p=product&id=238&prodid=256>

The Administration Yearbook and Diary is forty-six years serving Irish business, and has become indispensable to people working in every facet of Irish life. It is the most widely used database on Irish business life, public and private.

The Directory contains the name, contact details (telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses), organisation description and names of key personnel (from board to middle management level) of each listed organisation.

The Diary is designed in a week-to-view flexible and non-time-restrained format with lined entries for each day. Daily events listing from the world of business, conferences, culture and sport.

The Yearbook contains a wealth of valuable statistical information and research material designed for the casual and professional user.

From 1st December 2011
