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Dear Colleague,

PSAI Membership: €50/£35. Students: €30/£21 - includes a print subscription to *Irish Political Studies*. The online membership form can be accessed at <http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/offer/fips-so.asp>

An online sample of the journal can be viewed [here](#).

If you are unsure about your current membership status, please feel free to contact Stacey Doran (stacey.doran@tandf.co.uk)

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February News

Irish Journal of Public Policy

Staff of the Department of Government in UCC has launched a new on-line journal, the Irish Journal of Public Policy. It is a peer-reviewed journal with the goal of providing an electronic open access forum for politics, political science, government, public policy and public administration.

The inaugural issue together with details of international editorial board, guidelines for authors and reviewers, call for papers etc are available on the website.

<http://www.ucc.ie/en/government/IrishJournalofPublicPolicy/>

Political reform—changing the voting system?

Have your say!

Hosted by TCD JS Irish Politics class & TCD Department of Political Science with The Joint Committee on the Constitution of the Houses of the Oireachtas

Public consultation @ the Public Theatre (Exam Hall) Trinity College Dublin Tuesday, February 2nd @ 7pm.

Ticket only event, places limited, free tickets available at tcdirishpols@gmail.com

This is the first time in Trinity's history that a fully constituted Oireachtas Committee will have sat in Trinity. The formal session of this meeting will be on the Dáil record.

The Department of Political Science will co-host a public consultation on electoral reform with the Joint Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution.

The first part of the evening will consist of the submissions, presentations and interaction with the twelve cross-party members of the Oireachtas Committee by the students.

The second part of the evening will be a panel discussion on electoral reform chaired by honorary Trinity fellow Dr. John Bowman, with invited guests including Noel Dempsey, Minister for Transport, Professor Ken Benoit, head of the Department of Political Science, Senator Ivana Bacik, Trinity Fellow, Seán Ardagh, Chair of the Joint Oireachtas Committee, Jim O'Keefe, Vice Chair of the Joint Oireachtas Committee and contributions from the audience.

You are invited to a reception afterwards hosted by the Department of Political Science in the GMB (Graduate Memorial Building)

Dr Elaine Byrne,
Department of Political Science,
Trinity College Dublin, College Green,
Dublin 2, Ireland

www.tcd.ie/Political_Science
www.elaine.ie

ECPR PRESS OFFICE MOVE CLEAROUT - MASSIVE SAVINGS ON ALL BOOKS

The ECPR Central Services have recently moved to new offices within the University of Essex and need to make some space. We are, therefore, offering some amazing savings on many of our publications, with at least 30% and up to 65% off until the end of February 2010. These offers are exclusive to ECPR members and will not be available in bookshops.

Below is a selection of some of the books but please visit www.ecprnet.eu/ecprpress to find other books on offer.

Seminar on Environmental Policy for Ireland

Venue: ESRI, Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2

Date: 18/02/2010

Time: 14:15-17:30

This Seminar on Environmental Policy for Ireland will be held on 18th February in the ESRI. This is one of the special events being held during 2010 to mark the [Institute's fiftieth birthday](#).

Programme

14:15-14:20 Welcome

Michael Lehane

14:20-14:30 The ISus project

Richard Tol

14:30-15:00 What should replace MoneyPoint?

Laura Malaguzzi Valeri

15:00-15:30 Waste policy

Paul Gorecki and Sean Lyons

15:30-16:00 Break

16:00-16:30 Tax reform, scrappage, and electric vehicles: The future of Irish cars

Hugh Hennessey and Richard Tol

16:30-17:00 Corporate expenditure on environmental protection

Liam Murphy and Richard Tol

17:00-17:30 Hedonic value of green space

David Duffy, Sean Lyons, Karen Mayor and Richard Tol

Entrance is free. All are welcome. For planning purposes, please [register](#) if you intend to attend this seminar.

Geary Lecture "Social Mobility and Equality of Opportunity"

Venue: ESRI, Whitaker Square, Sir John Rogerson's Quay, Dublin 2

Date: 11/03/2010

Time: 4 p.m.

Speaker: Professor Richard Breen (Yale University).

The first Geary Lecture of 2010 will be given by Professor Richard Breen (Yale) on the topic of 'social mobility and education'. It will be held in the ESRI on 11th March. This is one of the special events being held during 2010 to mark the [Institute's fiftieth birthday](#).

Richard Breen is Professor of Sociology and Co-Director of the Center for Research on Inequalities and the Life Course at Yale University. He is also a Senior Research Fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford and a Fellow of the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung. He works mainly on social stratification and inequality. Recent publications include *Social Mobility in Europe* (Oxford University Press 2004) and "Non-Persistent Inequality in Educational Attainment: Evidence from Eight European Countries", co-authored with Ruud Luijkx, Walter Müller and Reinhard Pollak which appeared in *American Journal of Sociology*, March 2009. He is a Fellow of the British Academy and a Member of Royal Irish Academy.

Entrance is free. All are welcome. For planning purposes, please register by emailing your name, contact number and organisation to admin@esri.ie, or phone Bridget on 01 8632000.

The Geary lecture is organised each year by the ESRI and honours Dr R. C. Geary (1896 – 1983), the first Director of the Institute. [Click here for information on the ESRI Geary Lectures.](#)

Feb Jobs

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP: MAKING ELECTORAL DEMOCRACY WORK

Applications are invited for a post-doctoral fellowship supported by the “Making Electoral Democracy Work” project. The study examines how the rules of the game influence voters and parties. The study examines 27 elections in five countries (Canada, France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland) and will include: an internet panel survey; an analysis of party strategies; and a series of experiments designed to complement the analyses of party and voter behaviour. For more information, see:

<http://www.electoraldemocracy.com>.

Applicants must demonstrate research interest and skills in the quantitative study of elections. The fellow will be actively involved in various aspects of the study, and will have the opportunity to collaborate and co-author with the co-investigators of the project.

He/she will have an office at the Canada Research Chair in Electoral Studies at the Université de Montréal and will work on a daily basis with Professor André Blais, the director of the study.

The annual stipend is \$40,000 (CAN). Travel expenses for up to two conferences (at which the fellow presents a paper) per year (maximum of \$1,000 per conference) are reimbursed.

The fellowship is due to start in September 2010. The successful applicant must have defended his / her dissertation prior to the start date. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2010. Applicants should email their CV, a short letter, and the names of two referees to: andre.blais@umontreal.ca.

Professor André Blais
Canada Research Chair in Electoral Studies
Département de science politique
Université de Montréal

The United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney invites applications for its 2010-2011 class of Postdoctoral Fellows.

The fellowship program, directed by Professor Margaret Levi of the United States Studies Centre and the University of Washington, is designed to bring to Sydney a cohort of the world's rising scholarly leaders working on the United States in the humanities, social sciences and related professional disciplines.

The Centre will award up to six Fellowships for a 12-month period commencing on 1 September 2010. Fellowships are open to scholars who have a PhD awarded no earlier than 1 January 2003 as well as doctoral students who will be awarded their PhDs by the end of 2010.

Fellows are expected to be in residence and to complete a major research project as well as to engage with students and scholars in Sydney and around Australia during the fellowship period. Salaries commence from AU \$82,112 and will be commensurate with experience and current employment.

Applications close on 27 February 2010. Late applications will not be accepted.

For eligibility and application details please visit <http://ussc.edu.au/ussc-people/positions-vacant>.

For further information please contact usscapp@usyd.edu.au.

Feb CFP

Participatory and Deliberative Democracy Specialist Group

CONFERENCE, 23rd-25th June, 2010

'Deliberative and Participatory Democracy in the UK'

GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY

CALL FOR PANELS & PAPERS

Discussions of deliberative and participatory democracy have dominated democratic theory for some time, and these debates have received extensive coverage in the UK. However, with deliberative democracy in particular, it is only in the last 10 years that we have witnessed what John Dryzek terms an 'empirical turn' in the discipline, as its proponents have increasingly sought to engage in the task of institutional design. Consequently, research in these areas has progressively taken on a more practical and empirical focus.

The PSA's Participatory and Deliberative Democracy Specialist Group is hosting a conference which will explore the broad range of issues that relate to the institutionalisation of deliberative and participatory democracy. In particular it encourages papers and panels that have a particular focus on, or relevance to, democracy in the UK. Papers drawing on empirical evidence as well as those with a more theoretical approach are equally welcome, as are papers from supporters, sceptics and critics of deliberative and participatory democracy. The organisers also encourage non-PSA members, and graduate students, to submit a proposal and attend the conference.

The deadline for the electronic submission of proposals for papers or panels is **1st March 2010**. If you are suggesting a paper, please submit as an email attachment your name, institutional affiliation, email address, title of paper and an abstract of 200-300 words. If you are proposing a panel of 3-4 papers, please provide these details for all of the papers which constitute the panel, along with a title for the panel. A full conference programme will be agreed and published soon after, along with details of booking arrangements.

The organisers are exploring the possibility that a selection of papers from the conference will form the basis of a special edition of an appropriate journal. Details regarding this possibility will be made available in due course.

Please submit paper and panel proposals to Dr Stewart Davidson. Email:

stewart.davidson@gcal.ac.uk

The conference organisers would like to thank Prof. Jacqueline Tombs and the Institute for Society and Social Justice at Glasgow Caledonian University for supporting this event.

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International Relations in Dialogue

The annual conference of *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* will take place on the **16-17 October 2010 at the London School of Economics and Political Science**. The conference will explore the concept and practice of dialogue in International Relations.

If there is a shared complaint from the increasingly segregated sub-fields of International Relations (IR), it is that there is a lack of meaningful dialogue in the discipline. The exchange of ideas is the life-blood of scholarship, but IR seems to have become a set of intra-disciplinary monologues. Dialogue can take many forms, depending on the interlocutors, the content and location. But *how* the state, individual, scholar or discipline interacts with that which lies beyond its borders - be they territorial or intellectual, imagined or real – also affects the course of relations with the other. Dialogue may exhibit as much exclusion as engagement, depending on who is authorised to speak, and about what. Moreover, entering into conversation with power may constrain scholars from engaging in public advocacy, just as an emphasis on understanding between 'civilisations' may reify stereotypes rather than facilitate genuine exchange. After a tumultuous decade in world politics, we have come to a point where dialogue is acknowledged in the field as a necessary good. But how much weight is or should be given to the need for dialogue in the discipline? If earnest dialogue entails a willingness to reassess and reconstruct one's existing assumptions, how far is IR able to shift and incorporate ontological, epistemological, sociological, and normative approaches beyond its dominant paradigms?

This conference seeks to explore the meaning, purpose and utility of dialogue in IR, and how it is put into practice. As the first decade of the 21st century draws to a close, what research agendas or collaborative projects can be carved out from a new scholarly dialogue? Contributions are encouraged around four organising topics:

1. Ontological and Normative Dialogue in IR: Are there any silences left to be critically exposed or any new paradigms to be pioneered in IR? Are there productive conceptual debates to be had about the nature of explanation, the possibilities of emancipation or the meanings of justice? Have we learned anything from the (great) debates of the past? Can we even talk about a single IR or a purpose with which it is imbued?

2. The Politics of Dialogue: What are the politics of collaboration and advocacy for IR scholars? Is any attention paid to IR as a community of experts or a resource for change? Does public IR exist? If so, are there responsible positions of argument, campaigning or advice to fill? Who is IR for and who do we give voice to? What relationship to power does this imply? What kind of communication, influence or complicity have IR's practitioners achieved in recent world events over global political agendas, war, peace or poverty?

3. Dialogue as Method in IR: If dialogue is a methodological approach, how is, or should it be conducted and how does that matter? Do we speak with participants or for them? What are the barriers of language or organisation and what are the conditions for constructive dialogue? What do academic conferences accomplish given today's modes of communication, and what might the alternatives be? What obstructs dialogue, and can the politics of exclusion and marginalisation be found within the intellectual field?

4. The Spatial Limits of Dialogue: What are the spaces and places of dialogue? Does it occur in the academy or on the streets, or between the two? Does geography create distinct IR

schools? If so, where do the borders lie and who imposes them? What, if anything, might decolonising the perspectives of IR involve in the wake of critical, feminist, post-structuralist and post-colonial theory?

Suggested panel titles:

- Complicity, Influence, Leadership and Resistance: IR Scholars and Dialogue with Power
- The Concept of Dialogue itself: Reflections on Definition and Purpose
- Ethics and Scholarship: Are they two different dialogues?
- The Sites and Cites of Dialogue: Between Academia and the Streets
- The Dilemmas of Public Diplomacy: IR Scholars and the War on Terror
- Decolonising the Dialogue: What about Gender, Race and Class?
- Emancipatory Dialogic communities: Dialogue as Emancipation?
- Beyond 'Communication' and 'Discourse' - the alternative approaches of Dialogue?
- Problematising Civilisational Dialogue

Keynote Speaker: Professor J. Ann Tickner (University of Southern California)

A selection of the conference papers will be published in *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, Volume 39, no. 3.

Deadline for abstracts 26 April 2010

For further information contact: The Editors, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, LSE, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE, UK; Tel: +44 (0)20 7955 6232; Fax: +44 (0)20 7955 7438

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Articulations of Justice Pt. 1: Justice and Liberty (Jena, Germany)

Call for Papers

Articulations of Justice Pt. 1: Justice and Liberty

IPSA RC31 (Research Committee on Political Philosophy)
Interim Conference
June 25-27, Jena, Germany

The modern era is notable for its emphasis on justice as the *idée-clef* of politics. Although

always central to political philosophy, justice, in the 20th century, under the prompting of John Rawls, was widely accepted as the primary virtue of social institutions.

Does the moral pluralism of modern societies of itself impose a thin, formal conception of the good society? Does modern pluralism directly preclude some more substantive normative basis for politics? Can political philosophy do no more than identify fair terms of cooperation that accommodate each individual's pursuit of his or her own specific conception of the good life? Is such a formal conception of the good society adequate? Can it motivate moral behavior? Is it too elusive to guide actual decisions?

This broad, modern debate on justice touches on the central problem of articulating justice in such a way as to (a) embrace the fact of modern plurality, without (b) falling into a pit of abstraction and idealism far removed from the concrete, practical contexts to which justice must apply.

The Research Committee on Political Philosophy (RC31) of The International Political Science Association will explore possibilities of overcoming this dilemma by relating justice (the central, but rather formal, normative concept of modern politics) to the main ideas associated with the creation of modern society, namely liberty, equality, and fraternity (in the language of 1789) – 'fraternity' being commonly formulated today as 'solidarity' and 'community', and earlier, among the Ancients, as 'friendship' (philia, amicitia, agape, eros, etc.).

IPSA RC31 is organizing a cycle of three conferences addressing, in turn, the relation of justice to liberty (2010), to equality (2011), and to fraternity (2012).

We now invite proposals for the first conference of this series. If you wish to present a paper on the relationship of justice and liberty, whether the approach is normative or empirical, analytical or historical, please send an abstract of no more than one page to Prof. Preston King (pping@morehouse.edu), Chair of RC31, and to the local organizer David Strecker (David.Strecker@uni-jena.de) no later than **March 14, 2010**.

Critical appraisals of Global Governance (University of Lucerne, Switzerland)

3RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON CRITICAL VOICES IN SWISS IR
10-11 June 2009, Institute of Political Science, University of Lucerne

http://www.sagw.ch/de/svpw/agenda/Call-for-papers/Call_critical_IR/mainColumnParagraphs/0/text_de_files/file/CFP_Critical_Appraisals_of_GG_conference.pdf

Deadline for paper proposals: **26 February 2010**

The New Politics of EU Integration: The View from CEE (Bucharest, Romania)

Third Annual Research Symposium

The New Politics of EU Integration: The View from CEE

National School of Political Studies and Public Administration -
Center for European Studies

Bucharest, Romania
Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd May 2010

CALL FOR PAPERS

DEADLINE 30th January 2010

<http://assessingaccession.eu/workshop2010.aspx>

New Conservatisms and New Approaches (Prague, Czech Republic)

CALL FOR PAPERS

NEW CONSERVATISMS AND NEW APPROACHES
A Conference of Conservatism Studies

Prague, 14-15 May 2010

It is hard to exaggerate the influence of Conservative ideas on the current shape of transnational, national and sub-national politics. Conservatives had been among the most powerful political actors in many societies during the 20th century and there seems no reason for a substantial change in the coming years. But the scholar interest to Conservatism still remains weak and Conservatism is mostly neglected as an ideology, a theoretical tool to interpret socio-political phenomena. New Conservatisms and New Approaches is announced with this point in mind, to provide the scholars of Conservatism an opportunity to present their researches, reflect on alternative methods and approaches on Conservatism Studies, share knowledge on peculiar forms of Conservatism in different societies, and form new links to further the scholar understanding of the Conservative ideology.

We invite interested academics to submit 200 word abstracts for a 40 minute paper (and a 20 minute discussion time) to conservatismconference@aauni.edu by 15th of February 2010.

Conference will be held in the Anglo-American University, Prague, between 14th and 15th of May 2010 and both theoretical works, case studies or investigations on methods are happily welcome.

Host: Anglo American University, Prague

Abstract Submissions: Abstracts should be sent to conservatismconference@aauni.edu

Deadline for Submissions: 15 February 2010

Further Information: www.conservatismconference.org

China and India: The End of Development Models

Dates: 12-13 April 2010

Call for Proposals Deadline: 30 January 2010

Location: Wellington, New Zealand

Website: <http://www.victoria.ac.nz/chinaresearchcentre/>

Over the last thirty years, the impressive growth performance of China and India has caused a new wave of global anxiety about the rise of power and wealth outside the developed world. More pointedly, scholarly interests and debates have focused on how the rising China and India would change the international political and economic structure, and whether India or China would outperform the other in a long run. What is missing amidst the anxieties and fanfare about the two new “giants” is a genuine scholarly interest in an understanding of how the impressive growth and social transformation has been achieved in these two unique countries. With “Japan as No 1” in the 1950s and 1960s, the “four little dragons” in the 1960s and 1970s, the extension of the “East Asian miracle” to the rest of the Pacific Asia in the 1980s and 1990s, and now China and India, scholars must have enough empirical evidence to revisit some of the long-troubling issues in post-War development research and debate: Is the developmental state essential for economic growth? Is export concentration inevitable? Are corporate groupings necessary? Does law matter? How do cultural and social relations contribute to economic and social development?

Moreover, China and India are two major world civilizations that have taken very different paths in modern development. Modern state building started in each of these countries under a set of very different conditions. China and India have been problematic cases in modern development. With the two countries reaching a new historical phase of their modern development, it would be useful to revisit the scholarly debate on modern development again and hopefully to lift it to a new level: how colonial experiences, nationalism, communism and socialism affect a nation’s modern development? How traditional social structure, values and relations transform or persist in modern development and how these shape the emergent modern state? Are there different types of modernity or different models of modern developments?

The conference is designed to bring leading scholars in the field to address these issues. We are very pleased to have Professor Wing Thyee Woo of UC Davis; Professor Pranab Bardhan, UC Berkeley; Professor Zhenglai Deng of Fudan University; Professor Prasenjit Duara of National University of Singapore; Professor B. Sudhakara Reddy of Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research; Professor Fu Jun of Peking University; Professor Sun Shihai of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; Dr John Alexander Michael of University of Madras, Professor Sheng Kaiyan of Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences; Professor Guo Sujian of Fudan University; Professor Dilip K. Das, of Conestoga College; Professor Heng Quan of Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences.

International Symposium on "China in search of Sustainable Development , Social Harmony and Soft Power"

Dates: July 30- August 1, 2010

Call for Proposals Deadline: February 1, 2010

Location: Endicott College, Beverly, MA

Website: <http://www.acpsus.org>

The Association of Chinese Political Studies will hold an international symposium at Endicott College, located in the historic Boston metro area, between July 30 and August 1, 2010, with a check-in date on Friday, July 30, and checkout date on Sunday, August 1. The

conference is co-sponsored and hosted by Endicott College, and will be held in conjunction with ACPS's 23rd annual meeting.

Conference Theme:

The conference's theme, "China in search of Sustainable Development, Social Harmony, and Soft Power," is broad enough to allow conference participants to address a number of key domestic and international issues, which can include, but is not limited to, the following areas:

- The reflection on the political development in the past three decades
- Theoretical and empirical investigations of current political development in China
- Theoretical or empirical studies of the new development model China is undertaking
- The role of civil society in China's transition
- Elite changes and local politics
- The causes and preventions of social disharmony in China
- The institutional building in modernizing China's political system
- The policy of "peaceful development" and China's relation with the world
- The détente and future direction of cross-Strait relations.

We invite research papers that address these issues as well as other important topics that are appropriate to the main theme of this conference. Well-researched conference papers will have the opportunity: (1) to be published in Journal of Chinese Political Science (JCPS); (2) and/or to be included in edited books.

Submission

All scholars and researchers who are working in related fields are invited to submit proposals for consideration. Please send your proposal(s) via email to meeting@acpsus.org no later than February 1, 2010. Paper proposals should include paper title, name(s) of author(s), institutional affiliation, title/position, mailing address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. All required information should be saved in MS Word documents (please do not use PDF) and sent as email attachments. Notification of acceptance will be issued no later than February 15, 2010.

Accommodation

The meeting organizers will provide FREE lodging for two nights and FREE meals for Friday evening, full day on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday for registered participants. To receive the subsidized lodging and meals, participants need to register and pay for the conference registration fees as well as ACPS membership fee by March 15, 2010. The completed paper must be submitted online to the new ACPS website at <http://www.acpsus.org> before July 15, 2010.

Instruction on Online Registrations

Once your paper proposal is accepted, participants are required to register for the meeting on ACPS's new web site: <http://www.acpsus.org>. You need to create an ACPS account first, then log back in with your user name and password into your account. You can register for the meeting and signup for ACPS membership or renew your membership. We do not have an online payment option yet. A check in US dollar should be made payable to the "Association of Chinese Political Studies" and be mailed to: Professor Yanmin Yu, ACPS Treasurer, Department of Mass Communication, University of Bridgeport, 303 University Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604, U.S.A. Tel: 203-576-4157. Fax: 203-576-4967. Email: yanmin@bridgeport.edu International participants who need a letter of invitation for the

purpose of obtaining a travel visa to the U. S. should contact Professor Baogang Guo at: bguo@daltonstate.edu.

Conference Registration Fee:

- ___ Regular Member (\$80 + membership, see below).
- ___ Non-Member or Associate Member without paying dues (\$270).
- ___ Student (\$60 + \$35 membership).

ACPS Membership Fee:

Assistant Professor (\$45); Associate Professor (\$50); Full Professor (\$60); Researcher/Other Professional (\$60); Student (\$35)

* Participants who do not pay membership fees will have to pay \$270 registration fee or disqualify for conference accommodations.

Minority Politics within the Europe of Regions

Dates: 17-20 June, 2010

Call for Proposals Deadline: 28 February, 2010

Location: Cluj, Romania

Website: www.ispmn.gov.ro/en/mineureg

Within the European space, issues related to ethno-regionalism and the legal status of national and ethnic minorities are covered by several models, such as federalization, self-rule and autonomy. In the recent decade these models and their consequences influencing European architecture have been widely studied in all sorts of theoretical and empirical frameworks. After the expansion of the EU with the Central and Eastern European countries in 2004 and 2007, and with the coming integration of the Western Balkans and possibly other states from Eastern Europe, there has been a proliferation of multi-ethnic regions and national and ethnic minority cases within or in the close vicinity of the Union. Researchers and speakers from a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines, including social and political sciences, history, linguistics, law, economy and area studies will be invited to present empirical and theoretical studies on the minority issue in the European space. The organizers will select 30 papers for presentation in the following four panels: (1) Ethno-regionalism in Europe – where the history of ethno-regionalism in the old Member States of the Union and the present state of affairs will be discussed. (2) Models of self-rule and autonomy with respect to national, ethnic and linguistic minorities in the Union: this panel will address the institutional solutions and rights benefiting minorities in old and new Member States and the solutions that are provided form by the Union’s transnational structure. (3) The historical and the present status of national and ethnic minorities in Central and Eastern Europe – focusing on the historical, social and economic and linguistic aspects of minorities’ situation. (4) Minority regimes at work – the implementation and the practical consequences of the policies concerning national and ethnic minorities in Central and Eastern Europe.

Networking Democracy: New Media Innovations in Participatory Politics

Dates: 25-27 June 2010

Call for Proposals Deadline: 11 January 2010

Location: Cluj, Romania

www.brisic.info/NetDem/index.php?page=call-for-papers

Democratic politics worldwide are increasingly being conducted and re-configured through the domain of digital communications networks. The socio-technical developments, such as Web 2.0, facilitating these media-saturated public spheres are in little doubt. What is highly contested however is the interpretation of what these profound changes offer for democratic governance in the twenty-first century. At its heart is the recognition that these new media networks are themselves the crucial site for a historical confrontation between opposing political and/or business interests and discourses intent upon forging new forms of social relations.

This short conference is intended to focus upon the nature and practices of this contested domain and addresses questions such as:

- * What new forms and relations of power are produced in the digital network society?
- * Who are the key social actors shaping the new public sphere and what are their respective strategies, framing, and repertoires of action?
- * What is the democratic potential of Web 2.0 applications such as social networking, blogging and twittering?
- * What empirical evidence do we have to understand and assess these developments?
- * How is networked democracy influencing new democratic societies?
- * What are its consequences for human rights, social sorting, migration, e-government, community politics, surveillance, protest, participation, culture, identity, mobilization, representation, nationalism, security, citizen journalism, trust, regulation, both exogenous and self-regulation and much more?

Speakers include:

W. Lance Bennett , University of Washington, USA

Bruce Bimber, University of California at Santa Barbara, USA

Donatella Della Porta, European University Institute, Italy

William H. Dutton, Oxford Internet Institute, UK

Brian Loader, University of York, UK

Rodica Mocan, Babes-Bolyai University, Romania

2nd Global Conference: Evil, Women and the Feminine

Dates: May 3-5, 2010

Location: Prague, Czech Republic

Continuing from last year's successful project launch, this inter-disciplinary conference seeks to examine issues surrounding the conjunction between evil and the feminine. In many cultures women have been long suspected as the source of sundry human miseries, however basic to society they may be. At the same time as ideals of purity and dedication to family have been exalted and feminine beauty lauded, women have been viewed as embodying

sinister forces of evil. Mistrusted as seductive and beguiling, women are also often thought of as vengeful, manipulative and even malevolent. In grappling with our understanding of what it is to be 'evil', the project aims to shine a spotlight on this dark area of the human condition and explore the possible sources of the fear and resentment of women.

Papers, reports, work-in-progress and workshops are invited on issues related to the following themes:

~ Evil Women and Feminine Evil
~ Representing and Misrepresenting the Female ~ Motherhood; Monstrous Motherhood ~ Monstrous Births and Infanticide ~ Matriarchy / Matricide ~ Devious Sexuality and Feminine Perversions ~ Women and the Abject ~ Menstruation, Castration ~ Fears and Myths: Feminine Blood ~ Anthropological Perspectives ~ Historical Perspectives ~ The Evil Woman in Literature ~ Psychoanalytic perspectives: Vagina Dentata etc ~ Sexualizing the Female or Evil Objectification ~ Jezebel, Delilah, Lilith, Harpies and the Femme Fatale ~ The Bitch ~ Women and Power ~ Beauty as threatening or evil ~ Portrayals of Evil Women ~ Fantasy ~ Mythology ~ Vampires, Witches and Sirens ~ Case Studies

The Steering Group particularly welcomes the submission of pre-formed panel proposals. Papers will also be considered on any related theme.

300 word abstracts should be submitted by Friday 27th November 2009. If an abstract is accepted for the conference, a full draft paper should be submitted by Friday 12th March 2009.

300 word abstracts should be submitted simultaneously to both Organising Chairs; abstracts may be in Word, WordPerfect, or RTF formats with the following information and in this order:

a) author(s), b) affiliation, c) email address, d) title of abstract, e) body of abstract.

Please use plain text (Times Roman 12) and abstain from using footnotes and any special formatting, characters or emphasis (such as bold, italics or underline). We acknowledge receipt and answer to all paper proposals submitted. If you do not receive a reply from us in a week you should assume we did not receive your proposal; it might be lost in cyberspace! We suggest, then, to look for an alternative electronic route or resend.

Organising Chairs:

Sorcha Ni Fhlainn

Hub Leader, Project Co-Leader, School of English, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland

E-mail: snf@inter-disciplinary.net

Stephen Morris

Hub Leader, Independent Scholar, New York USA

E-mail: smorris58@yahoo.com

Rob Fisher

Network Founder and

Leader, Inter-Disciplinary.Net, Freeland, Oxfordshire, United Kingdom
E-mail: ewf2@inter-disciplinary.net

The conference is part of the At the Interface programme of research projects. It aims to bring together people from different areas and interests to share ideas and explore various discussions which are innovative and exciting. All papers accepted for and presented at the conference will be eligible for publication in an ISBN eBook. Selected papers may be developed for publication in a themed hard copy volume(s).

For further details about the project please visit:
<http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/at-the-interface/evil/evil-women-and-the-feminine/>

For further details about the conference please visit:
<http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/at-the-interface/evil/evil-women-and-the-feminine/call-for-papers/>

Social Capital Foundation: Social Capital in Practice

Location: Mellieha, Malta
Dates: 7-10 May 2010

The Social Capital Foundation invites papers for the conference, which will take place from Friday, 7 May 2010, 5 p.m. (welcome cocktail, local time) to Monday, 10 May 2010, noon (local time).

Closure of submissions: Submissions will be closed on 15 February 2010, 6 p.m. CET.

Opening of registrations: Registrations are open since 1 June 2009, 6 p.m. CET.

Closure of registrations: Registrations will be closed on 28 February 2010, 6 p.m. CET.

For detailed information including guidelines, topics, submission and registration, please visit our conference website:

www.socialcapital-foundation.org/conferences/2010/TSCF%20International%20Conference%202010.htm

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The deadline for all proposals is 1 February 2010

Information on how to propose a panel or paper, and information to include in the proposal can be found by [clicking here](#).

Got an idea for a panel and need papers?

Find a Friend!

If you have a good idea for a panel, but don't have enough proposals to submit it, email the details to ecpr@essex.ac.uk.

Include the following information in your email:

Title _____ of _____ panel
Your name and contact details _____

This information will then be added to our website at:
http://www.ecprnet.eu/conferences/graduate_conference/dublin/find_a_friend.asp

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO NORTH-SOUTH?

The International Political Science Association (IPSA) and the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) announce their first major joint international conference, to be hosted by the Brazilian Political Science Association at the University of São Paulo (USP) from 23-26 February 2011.

This represents an unprecedented new initiative, with two of the world's leading political science associations coming together to organise a conference on a major international theme.

The conference will be organised around four major themes:

1. Changing patterns of IR/Regional Integration
2. Changing patterns of Democracy
3. Population flows, migration and social change
4. Economic trends and political and cultural changes

The Academic Convenors of the Conference are:

- **Prof. José Alvaro Moisés** (Executive Committee member, IPSA), University of São Paulo
- **Prof. Martin Bull** (Academic Director, ECPR), University of Salford

An official call for Section and Panel proposals will be announced in February 2010.

This is to invite all ECPR and IPSA members to start considering their proposals in advance of the official call. Both organisations would like to see as many of their members attending as possible

6th ECPR General Conference

25-27 August 2011

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CALL FOR SECTIONS

What's it all about?

The 6th ECPR General Conference will be held at the University of Iceland in 2011. The main academic forum will be organised in the format of sections and panels, with each Section Chair organising a variety of panels in a given field. The programme is intended to be very broad and will be coordinated by the Academic Convenors, Niilo Kauppi (Institut d'études politiques de Strasbourg) and Jonas Tallberg (Stockholm University).

ECPR membership

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The Academic Convenors warmly welcome proposals in any areas of political science of interest to ECPR members. Section Chairs may propose a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 8 panels.

When can I submit my proposal?

Proposals can be submitted from 15 January 2010

The deadline for all proposals is 15 April 2010

What should my proposal include?

- Title of the proposed Section
- Name of Section Chair
- Institution of Section Chair
- Email of Section Chair
- Name of Co-chair (if applicable)
- Institution of Co-Chair (if applicable)
- Email of Co-Chair (if applicable)
- Abstract of Section (up to 300 words)
- 3 keywords
- An indication of how many panels it will have (minimum of 3 and maximum of 8)
- List of possible panel titles (if known at this stage)
- List of possible panel chairs (if known at this stage)

[Click here to download the guidelines and deadlines for Section Chairs](#)

The UK and the US in 2010: Transition and Transformation

September 1, 2010 (Wednesday before APSA)

George Washington University, Washington, DC

Britain and the United States are grappling with major crises and transitions to new governments. How have these two political systems responded to these challenges? How have these relatively young administrations/governments performed? Does the current period represent a critical economic and/or political juncture for these states? Is it fair to talk about a common Anglo-American political sphere in both domestic and foreign policy, or have the US and UK begun to diverge in their political development? The British Politics Group is organizing a special one-day conference to explore these issues in addition to our regular APSA panels. We are open to all interesting paper and panel proposals. Individual papers do not have to be comparative in focus. The idea is to organize panels that are as a whole comparative. Possible topics include:

- The 2008 US and 2010 UK elections compared
- Executive transitions in the US and UK – Obama and Cameron (?)
- Party political developments in Britain and America
- Ideological change – divergence or convergence across the Atlantic?
- Comparative responses to the financial crisis
- Dealing with debt – fiscal crises in Britain and America
- Is there still an Anglo-Saxon model of capitalism?
- The healthcare debate – a transatlantic perspective
- Still the Special Relationship?
- The US, UK and the ‘War on Terror’

The conference is being held on the Wednesday prior to APSA at George Washington University, adjacent to the Foggy Bottom Metro stop. Proposals will be reviewed starting on January 15, 2010 and acceptances will be offered on a rolling basis thereafter. The final deadline for submission is April 15, 2010.

Proposals for papers or panels should be submitted *electronically* to TERRENCE CASEY, Executive Director, BPG (casey1@rose-hulman.edu). Further information on the conference can be found on the British Politics Group website (<http://www.britishpoliticsgroup.org>).

Co-sponsored by the Institute for Global and International Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University.

**7th EUROFRAME Conference On Economic Policy Issues In The European Union:
*After the Crisis: Exit Strategies for EU Economies in a Globalised World***

Venue: Amsterdam

Date: 11/06/2010

The EUROFRAME group of research institutes (CASE, CPB, DIW, ESRI, ETLA, IfW, NIESR, OFCE, PROMETEIA, WIFO) will hold its seventh annual Conference on Economic Policy Issues in the European Union in Amsterdam on 11 June 2010. The aim of the conference is to provide a forum for debate on economic policy issues relevant in the European context.

For further details on the Conference and Call for Papers visit the [ESRI website](#).

ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques

University of Ljubljana

30 July - 14 August 2010

The detailed course outlines, including the instructors details, reading lists and day to day timetables are now available to download on the website [http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102938396474&s=1290&e=001ILCi7BCg-2p_HMI8w1ldPTokqbyc_TnxrukefdJaGoK91qe3NqYZ3Nv-d7SUapxbAqOPLfIKbrtfQU0uHMs99Sw6_OMKqX6YtEe_TZ1XMCvMCI8O62ZIoDHmm2w7acW1YaXLwwWEC9oWIDcw-o_0JU2UWTvNYBfw]

Registration opens on 1 February 2010 and if you register before the 1 April, you qualify for a ?50 discount on the main courses.

All participants that register for the Summer School belonging to member institutions qualify for reduced course fees (ECPR Member: ?590, Non ECPR Member: ?840).

If your institution is not an ECPR member and you would like further information please visit our website [http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1102938396474&s=1290&e=001ILCi7BCg-2rtV7idp0M94Cg6GL8Oh1DSskeSZIDWYBXTk1pdIJQCDb67jRx-IOeTyPPEb3l4grr_WmSW-GcQ2IJK99Gc8MfGrIkfk4wE1C_kowkqMgEkqonVo1NzkMCR]

If you have any questions regarding the Summer School, please contact Sarah at scgood@essex.ac.uk

[<mailto:scgood@essex.ac.uk>]

FUTURE ECPR EVENTS

22nd - 27th March 2010 - Münster Joint Sessions

30th August - 1st September - ECPR Graduate Conference (Dublin)

2011 ECPR Joint Sessions 13 - 17 April St Gallen
6th ECPR General Conference 25 - 27 Aug. Reykjavik

ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques

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Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models

After our successful first summer school on Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models? (EITM) in 2009, I am very happy to announce the 2nd EITM Europe summer school, which will take place from June 21st to July 5th 2010 at the University of Mannheim. EITM Europe is organized in close cooperation with Washington University St. Louis by exclusively offering an equivalent program outside the United States in analytical politics to ambitious junior researchers (Phd and post-doc).

Besides methodological training the thematic focus of this year's EITM Europe summer school will be on experimental research in analytical politics. More specifically, Andrew Martin and Randy Calvert (WashU) will teach the Theoretical and Methodological Foundation classes, followed by Mark Fey (Rochester) on Random Utility Models and Strategic Choices. Finally, Rick Wilson (Rice) and Catherine Eckel (UTexas) will present Experimental Applications. To facilitate access to the ambitious EITM program, we additionally offer a refresher course in Mathematics and R taught by Martin Elff (Essex).

Please encourage your junior researchers to apply for EITM Europe, which only charges a tuition fee of 550 Euros, including accommodation. Thanks to the financial support of the MZES and GESS, we are able to offer this minimum fee for participation in the well-established EITM summer school. For more information

<http://eitm.sowi.uni-mannheim.de>

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EXIOPOL SUMMER SCHOOL on Environmental Accounting: Externality Valuation and Input-Output Tools for Policy Analysis

Venice, July 11th - 17th, 2010

<http://www.feem-project.net/exiopol/> Deadline for applications: April 1st, 2010

The 2010 Exiopol Summer School will take place from the 11th to the 17th of July at the VIU campus on the Island of San Servolo, in Venice, located just in front of St. Mark' Square. The theme of this Summer School is "**Environmental accounting: externality valuation and Input-Output tools for policy analysis**".

Policy makers are increasingly searching for tools that allow them to address economic, social and environmental problems in an integrated framework, consistent with a sustainable development framework which is driving much of the thinking of public policy. At the micro level researchers employ valuation methods to develop estimates of the value of environmental goods and services, so that decisions in this domain can be informed by the costs and benefits of environmental changes. But many policy decisions need to be taken not at the micro level of the plant or local community, but at the level of the state, region or even the Union. While there are many tools for making such decisions in the economic sphere, including the use of input-output matrices, the same is not true for the environmental sphere. The 'scaling up' from the micro to the macro is being addressed by the FP6 EXIOPOL Integrated Project. Taking advantage of the research experience of this IP, the Summer School, presents and discusses the up-to-date bottom-up externality valuation methods and top-down Environmentally Extended Input Output tools.

FACULTY and LECTURE TOPICS

Prof. Tim Taylor, *University of Bath, UK*

Methodological advances in externality valuation.

Prof. Stale Navrud, *Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway*

A value transfer protocol and comparison of value transfer techniques for biodiversity/ecosystem services valuation.

Dr. Paulo A.L.D. Nunes, *Ca' Foscari University of Venice and Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei, Italy*

Valuing biodiversity services.

Dr. Mikael Skou Andersen, *NERI, Aarhus University, Denmark* or **Rainer Friedrich**, *University of Stuttgart, Germany*

Impact pathway methods and application to agriculture and health risks valuation.

Dr. Arnold Tukker, *TNO Built Environment and Geosciences, Innovation and Environment, The Netherlands*

Introduction to EE IO.

Dr. Reinout Heijungs or **Ir. Arjan de Koning**, *Institute of Environmental Science (CML), University of Leiden, The Netherlands*

Relation between LCA, SFA, EE IO and impact assessment methods.

Dr. Frederik Neuwahl, *European Commission - Joint Research Centre, Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS), Spain*

Examples of uses of EE IO with hands-on exercises.

Prof. Jan Oosterhaven or **Dr. Dirk Stelder**, *Univeristy of Groningen, The Netherlands*
Multi-regional EE IO / EE IO and and trade with various examples a.o. using the IRIOS software.

ADMISSION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Summer School is targeted to postgraduate students. Admission is conditional on the presentation by each student of his/her doctoral work; therefore PhD students who want to apply normally need to be advanced in their PhD to have produced at least one substantive chapter, but not to have completely finished their thesis.

Given the highly interactive activities planned at the Summer School, the number of participants is limited to 20. There is no participation fee. All applicants can apply for a scholarship.

For further information on application and funding please access the EXIOPOL Summer School Website at: <http://www.feem-project.net/exiopol/scheda.php?ids=45> or contact the Summer School Secretariat <<mailto:exiopol@feem.it>> .

Summer School Secretariat

Ms. Angela Marigo and Ms. Ughetta Molin Fop

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Political Psychology at the ECPR Reykjavik 2011 -- call for panels

The ECPR Political Psychology Standing Group is preparing a proposal for TWO sections for the 6th ECPR General Conference in **Reykjavik, on August 25-27th 2011** (see announcement below).

If you are interested in organizing / chairing any of the panels below, please send me an email. Also, if you would like to propose a new panel to be hosted by the Political Psychology Section, please send me an email with a panel title and a short description. Our deadline for submitting the Section plan is April 15th so we have a little time to get organized.

At this stage we do not need paper proposals -- we only focus on Panel proposals for the two sections.

Similarly to last year, we will aim for the following Sections and Panels:

Section: The Political Psychology of Leadership and Public Opinion

Panels (each with 4-5 papers)

- Determinants of political leadership
- Image making and candidate style
- Attitudes towards parties and their leaders
- Mass media and electoral campaigns
- Political learning and information processing
- Deliberation and political reasoning
- Political emotions and election outcomes
- Methodological developments in political psychology

Section: The Political Psychology of Conflict, Reconciliation, and Passions

Panels (each with 4-5 papers)

- Threat and terrorism in politics
- Multiculturalism, Xenophobia, Islamophobia
- Inter-group conflict
- Patriotism, fanaticism and radical beliefs
- Political cynicism and mistrust
- Muslim identity in the European context
- National Identity construction and implications
- Negativity and civic involvement

In the end we might have to fold these in one section -- as we did last year, but for the start we will aim 'big'.

Goal of the two sections is to bring together all who share our passion and interest in addressing the psychological aspects of politics. The panels are designed to accommodate all scholars who attended our previous conferences, and new scholars who would be interested in joining the conference in 2011. Thanks to all of you our 2009 Potsdam, 2007 Pisa and 2005 Budapest conferences were a great success and we are confident that the 2011 program will be equally exciting.

ECPR Joint Sessions 2011

The Joint Sessions of Workshops in 2011 will be held at the University of St Gallen in Switzerland from 12-17 April

Guidelines on how to propose a workshop together with an online proposal form are now available on the ECPR website.

