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PSAI MEMBERSHIP/IRISH POLITICAL STUDIES

Dear Colleague,

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

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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News

Re-evaluating Irish national security policy: Affordable threats?

Manchester University Press.

New book by Michael Mulqueen of UL now available

Further details, click <http://re-evaluatingirishnationalsecurity.blogspot.com>

Web: <http://www.ul.ie/llcc/michael-mulqueen/>
<http://re-evaluatingirishnationalsecurity.blogspot.com>

ECPR 2011

The ECPR currently welcomes proposals to direct workshops at the 2011 Joint Sessions.

The deadline for submission of workshop proposals is

1st February 2010

Further information on how to submit a proposal, together with a proposal form, can be found on the ECPR website. [Please click here to visit the St Gallen pages.](#)

Nominations for the John Skytte Prize in Political Science.

History The Johan Skytte Prize in Political Science for outstanding contributions in the discipline of political science was first awarded to Robert Dahl in 1995. The Prize is awarded on a yearly basis by the Johan Skytte Foundation which since 1622 has provided the basis for one of the world's oldest chairs in political science, at the University of Uppsala. Among previous prize winners are Alexander George, Elinor Ostrom, Arend Lijphart, Theda Skocpol, Juan Linz, Sidney Verba and Robert Putnam.

Nominations We now welcome nominations for next year's (2010) prize winner. The winner will receive approximately 45 000 - 50 000 Euros. Nominations should be posted to the chair of the prize committee, Johan Skytte professor Li Bennich-Björkman, under the postal address

Department of Government Uppsala University Box 514 751 20 Uppsala Sweden.

A written motivation should accompany the nomination. Nominations via e-mail are not considered. **Deadline for nominations is the 10th of January 2010.** For further information visit the website of the Prize at skytteprize.statsvet.uu.se.

The Sixties: A Journal of History, Politics and Culture

Routledge is excited to announce the publication in its current issue of a Special Section on Northern Ireland in the 1960s. Guest-edited by Dr Lorenzo Bosi (European University Institute) and Simon Prince (Queen's University), the Section features pathbreaking, interdisciplinary essays that engage myriad aspects of the Sixties in Northern Ireland. Together, they argue for Northern Ireland's inclusion in accounts of the "global Sixties," while demonstrating the power and specificity of the Northern Irish case. These essays may

therefore be appreciated by scholars of Northern Ireland, the British Isles more broadly, the 1960s, social movements, contentious politics, political violence and deeply divided societies.

The lead essay of the Special Section, "Writing the Sixties into Northern Ireland and Northern Ireland into the Sixties" by Bosi and Prince, is available for FREE online. To access it, go to: www.informaworld.com/thesixties. Click on "Issue 2" (under "Volume 2"). Then click on your preferred format (PDF or html) to read the piece.

The other essays in the Special Section, which can be accessed through a subscribing library or purchased individually, are:

Gianluca De Fazio, "Civil rights mobilization and repression in Northern Ireland: a comparison with the US Deep South"

James Greer, "The Paisleyites: from protest movement to electoral breakthrough"

Tara Keenan-Thompson, "From co-op to co-opt: gender and class in the early Civil Rights Movement"

Finally, the Special Section is ideal for classroom use. To order bulk copies of the issue, contact:

The Editors, *The Sixties*

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Portuguese Institute of International Relations and Security (IPRIS)

IPRIS has developed several different publications. We think that all or some of them might interest you:

1. Portuguese Journal of International Affairs (PJIA)
In 2010 will be published two issues.

2. IPRIS Policy Brief
In 2010 will be published between 5 and 10 issues.

3. IPRIS Viewpoints
In 2010 will be published between 12 and 24 issues.

4. IPRIS Occasional Paper
In 2010 will be published between 5 and 10 issues.

5. IPRIS Lusophone Countries Bulletin (ILCB)
In 2010 will be published 12 issues, one each month.

If you wish to receive all or some of them please use the link below:

<http://www.ipris.org/?page=50>

If you have questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us to the email above.

All email subscriptions to our publications are free of charge.

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Second UL Winter School in Social Science Research Methods

Following the success of the first edition, the departments of Sociology and Politics & Public Administration are offering a second two-week winter school in social science research methods,

11 Jan to 22 Jan 2010.

The school is aimed at providing social research skills to PhD-level researchers, and offers parallel qualitative and quantitative streams. New this year is a joint session on mixed methods, in which all students will participate.

Participation is free to research students of ISSP institutions.

The fee for other participants is €300.

Five bursaries of €250 will be available.

The application deadline is 4pm Tuesday 15 December. Full details are available at <http://www.ul.ie/sociology/winter/>.

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Jobs

THE GARCÍA-PELAYO POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP programme at the Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies (CEPC) is intended to attract PhD graduates to spend up to three years researching at the Centre. Their work should fall within the scope of a CEPC Research Programme. The CEPC encourages Fellows to take part in its programme of teaching and academic activities (seminars, workshops, debates), to which they will be duly invited. Fellows will be asked to present their research during the Research Seminar.

CONDITIONS

1. Eligibility

Six fellowships are open to candidates holding a postgraduate doctoral degree. The fellowships are intended to support postdoctoral research by academics in the early stages of their professional career. Accordingly, applications will be considered from candidates who gained their PhD not more than five years prior to the closing date for the current tender.

A one-year extension may be applied to this five-year period for applicants whose academic career has been interrupted by maternity leave, illness or compulsory military service.

Candidates must explain such circumstances in their application.

2. Nationality

Nationals from all countries are eligible for the fellowships.

3. Languages

A sufficient knowledge of English and Spanish is required in order to engage in CEPC activities

4. Duration of fellowships

Fellowships are for 3 years.

5. Residence

Fellows are required to reside in Madrid for the duration of their fellowship in order to become actively involved in the academic activities of the CEPC.

6. Stipend

Total stipend is 55.349,30 euros per year gross (plus benefits).

7. Taxation

Fellows must comply with Spanish taxation rules.

8. Medical insurance

Fellows are covered by Spanish Social Security.

9. Moving and related expenses

Expenses incurred in moving to Madrid or setting up residence here are payable directly by Fellows.

APPLICATIONS

Applications might be submitted on line. The application form is available at www.cepc.es/application.asp

Applicants must also submit:

- Curriculum vitae
- Research Project
- Letters of reference of professors or researchers (3 maximum)
- Doctoral degree certificate
- Documents accrediting the merits of the candidate, according to the call

Deadline for applications: 18 January 2010 at 14:00 (Central European Standard Time Zone)

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES

The Selection Committee will be composed of the Director of the CEPC, a member from the National Evaluation and Foresight Agency, the Deputy Director General for Studies and Research of the CEPC, and a number of experts appointed by the Director of the CEPC.

The selection process consists of two stages:

1. Evaluation of academic merits

A total of 100 points will be marked in accordance with the following parameters:

- a) Scientific contribution of the candidates to their field of study. Evaluation of this criterion will be based on the different fields of the CV model. Up to 60 points.
- b) Scientific ability to put into practice the proposed research project. Up to 20 points.
- c) Adequacy to the research project to the research programmes of the CEPC. Up to 20 points.

The Selection Committee will decide the minimum mark required to pass the first phase.

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.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR REGIONAL AND SPATIAL ANALYSIS (NIRSA)/IRISH QUALITATIVE DATA ARCHIVE (IQDA) AND TALLAGHT WEST CDI

Research Assistant

(Contract Post – 11 Months)

The Irish Qualitative Data Archive (IQDA) is a central access point for qualitative (non-numerical) social science data generated within Ireland. Funded as part of the Irish Social Science Platform under PRTL14, IQDA is housed in the National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis (NIRSA), a multi-site research centre with a central hub in NUI Maynooth. The Tallaght West Childhood Development Initiative (CDI) is one of three 'Prevention and Early Intervention' sites co-funded by the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs and The Atlantic Philanthropies.

RACcER (Re-Use and Archiving of Complex Community-Based Evaluation Research) is a joint initiative of IQDA and CDI that has been co-funded for 12 months under the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences Research Development Initiative. RACcER will explore and implement innovative approaches to meeting the ethical and practical challenges involved in archiving and creating appropriate levels of access to the complex qualitative and contextual data generated in the rigorous evaluation of a major community-based childhood intervention strategy. It will document the concerns of research funders, researchers and potential data users, and will establish and disseminate best practice guidelines for archiving data generated in community-based evaluation research.

Job Purpose:

To assist the Principal and Associate Investigators in the implementation and documentation of a major qualitative data archiving project.

Main Activities of the Role:

- Liaising with the Principal and Associate Investigators, researchers, funders, potential data users and other stakeholders in order to ensure efficient delivery of the project
- Undertaking focus-group and in-depth qualitative interviews with relevant stakeholders and documenting their concerns and requirements in relation to qualitative data archiving
- Assisting in the preparation and documentation of an appropriate and ethical archiving strategy
- Preparing data for archiving
- Supervising and/or working with student interns, IT specialists and others
- Assisting in the production of a contextual guide to the data and a best practice report on archiving and re-using community based evaluation data
- Helping with the organization and promotion of events (conferences, workshops, seminars) organized by IQDA/Tallaght West CDI, and with arrangements for visitors
- Assisting the project leaders with any other relevant tasks

Person specification for the role (desirables):

- Third level qualified in a relevant social science discipline and professional research experience with qualitative data handling and analysis. Experience of working with multi-disciplinary research teams would be an advantage
- Excellent understanding of qualitative social science research and familiarity with the management of qualitative data sets.
- Experience and appreciation of ethical issues arising in relation to confidentiality and anonymisation in qualitative social science research.
- Professional attitude and image
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills

- Ability to work independently, demonstrate initiative and meet deadlines

Salary: €24,000

Applications with full C.V., together with the names, addresses, fax and telephone numbers of two referees, should be forwarded to Dr. Jane Gray, National Institute for Regional and Spatial Analysis, National University of Ireland, Co. Kildare, email: jane.gray@nuim.ie, so as to arrive no later than 5 p.m. on 5th January 2010.

Professional Development Coordinator

SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION

Grade 7: Salary £28,839 - £35,469 with a discretionary range to £38,757 p.a.

Applications are invited for the post of Professional Development Coordinator for three years from March 2010 or as soon as possible thereafter.

This is an exciting new opportunity to contribute to Oxford's preparation of Social Science graduate students and early career researchers for academic practice. The postholder will develop, with appropriate consultation, a division-wide strategy for a sustainable and high quality professional development programme, including the provision of training in transferable skills. In doing so, they will work closely with departments and faculties in the Social Sciences Division, and liaise with a range of internal and external individuals, groups and organisations. This programme will be an integral part of social science research skills and research methods training. The coordinator will also keep abreast of university-wide and national developments in this important area, and act as an advisor to students and staff.

Candidates must have a completed doctorate in a social sciences field. They must also have an interest in and enthusiasm for postgraduate skills training and researcher development in higher education, an awareness of the national policy context, and an ability to generate ideas and strategies for enhancing provision.

For further information see our website at <http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/fp/>, telephone 01865 270418 or email recruitment@admin.ox.ac.uk. The closing date is 12.00 noon on **Friday 15 January 2010**. Please quote reference D309001.

CFP

Deliberative Democracy: From experimentation to application

One-Day Symposium at University College Cork

March 26th, 2010

Keynote Speaker: Professor Jurgen Steiner

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS/PAPERS

Approximately five papers will be accepted for both presentation at the Symposium and subsequent publication in a special issue of The Irish Journal of Public Policy. Additional papers may be accepted for publication in the special issue of IJPP, but will not be presented at the symposium because of thematic concerns and because of time limitations.

ABSTRACTS

Abstracts should be submitted electronically. They should be circa 350 words in length and include three to six keywords.

Deadline: **January 15th, 2010**

The convenors will notify authors on whether or not their papers have been accepted on February 5th 2010.

FULL PAPERS

Successful authors will then be invited to produce a full peer-review quality paper.

The maximum manuscript length is 5,000 words, including footnotes and references. If the text includes tables or figures, an appropriate number of words should be subtracted from the limit. Format and citation style should match those of The Irish Journal of Public Policy (<http://www.ucc.ie/en/government/IrishJournalofPublicPolicy/StyleGuide/>)

Deadline: April 30th 2010

All questions about submissions should be directed to: clodagh.harris@ucc.ie

Convenors

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SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010

Call for Papers - Call for Posters

Queen's University Belfast

7-9 May 2010

Call for Papers & Posters

The Sociological Association of Ireland is pleased to announce that the 2010 Annual Conference will be held in Queen's University Belfast from 7-9 May. This will be an

open conference with no prescribed theme. In line with the success of recent conferences, we will be concentrating on having high quality papers and presentations with time for discussion and debate. As well as an exciting programme of papers and presentations, we will also have a stimulating social calendar. This means that there will also be time available for people to meet other sociologists, relax, and enjoy themselves.

You may submit an abstract for any of three different forms of presentation. For further information on these modes of delivery please see overleaf.

Plenary Paper: 750 words

Ordinary Paper: 400 words

Poster Presentation: 150 words

Those wishing to present a paper at the conference should send in an abstract as a Microsoft Word (.doc, not .docx) or Rich Text Format attachment to admin@sociology.ie by the 8th January 2010

Abstracts must include the presenter's name and full contact details and should not include any formatting i.e. please use 'normal' format, single spacing and no justification. Submissions will be reviewed and authors notified by February 8th 2010.

Further details about the conference can be found at annualconference.sociology.ie

Abstracts

Abstracts may be submitted for:

Plenary papers (40 mins presentation + 20 mins for questions)

Ordinary papers (15 mins presentation + 10 mins for questions)

Poster presentations

Plenary Papers

40 mins presentation + 20 mins for questions

Presenters will have 40 minutes to address the conference in plenary session. There will be a further 20 minutes for questions and discussion. Presenters will be required to submit a full copy of their papers by 10 April 2009 to facilitate distribution to conference participants. We are interested in particular in plenary papers that address the current crisis in Ireland and globally as we would like to have a series of such papers that would culminate in a roundtable discussion on the final day of the conference.

Abstract length: 750 words

Ordinary Paper

15 mins presentation + 10 mins for questions

Each ordinary paper session will include 3 to 4 presenters and will normally run in parallel to other sessions. Presenters in these sessions are expected to have a fully developed paper and are requested to bring copies of their paper with them. Each 3presenter will have 15 minutes to address the audience depending on the number of papers in the session.

Abstract length: 400 words

Poster Presentation

Poster's are visually stimulating forms of presentation, which focus upon the dissemination of research findings. Over the last few years, poster presentations have proved very successful in adding a visual dimension to the conference, enabling participants to view a wider range of work and providing an additional space for people to identify and discuss common interests. Specific guidance regarding the format of poster presentations can be obtained from annualconference.sociology.ie

Although the format is different to that of an ordinary paper, posters are

presentations of work and abstracts should be prepared accordingly.

Abstract length: 250 words

Abstract Content – All Presentations

If you propose to use empirical data in your paper, your abstract must include a clear outline of the data and its sources. Presenters are also asked to ensure that their work conforms to the SAI's Ethical Guidelines: www.sociology.ie/SAI_ethics.htm

Abstract Submission

Abstracts for all papers must be received on or before the 8th January 2010.

Abstract submissions **MUST**:

- be saved in Microsoft Word or Rich Text formats
- sent as an attachment by email to admin@sociology.ie
- be single-spaced, unjustified and without any formatting
- include the presenter's name, institution, and contact details
- specify the type of presentation the abstract relates to

Abstracts that do not fulfil these requirements will be returned to the author.

NB: Only the names of authors attending the conference will be associated with their paper and poster titles in the main programme. However, additional authors, not attending the conference, can be named in the abstracts included towards the end of the conference programme.

IMPORTANT NOTE

All presenters at the SAI conference are required to be members of the SAI for the current year (2010).

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Second Annual European Graduate Conference on Political Parties

Thursday 4th March 2010

Centre d'Études Européennes, Sciences-Po, Paris, France

CALL FOR PAPERS – Deadline Monday 18th Jan 2010

The second annual postgraduate conference on the topic of political parties at a national, subnational and European level will be held on **Thursday 4th March 2010** at **Sciences-Po, Paris, France**.

Keynote Speakers for the Second AEGCPP Conference

Prof. Bernard Manin Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (E.H.E.S.S.), Paris.
Editorial Board of *Esprit* and *Revue Tocqueville-Tocqueville Review*

Prof. Paul Taggart, University of Sussex. Head of Department for Politics and Contemporary European Studies, and Jean Monnet Chair, Editor of *Government and Opposition*

Prof. Paul Whiteley, University of Essex. Co-Director of the ESRC funded British Election Study

For many years, political parties have been frequently declared dead by a wide range of observers. Despite this recurrent death warrant, political parties still dominate the landscape of modern democracies and provide researchers with often difficult questions as to their persistence, their organisation and their behaviour. Nevertheless, these organizations seem to survive the challenges. On the whole, political parties have been a permanent feature in almost all modern democracies across the world, whether it be at national, sub-national and now supra-national level. These powerful organisations have differed across states, across governance levels, and throughout time and researchers have tried to pick their locks to explain their existence, organisation and behaviour.

The AEGCPP conference seeks to provide a platform for postgraduate research in the area of political parties. The conference wants to provide postgraduate students with an arena in which to discuss, challenge and interpret the changes occurring in the field. The conference is designed to bring together postgraduate researchers from across Europe working with political parties and share current research about the life of the party, from the structure of the organisation itself to the behaviour in parliaments and legislatures; from its inter- or intra-party communication to its method of campaigning. Along with encouraging multiple theoretical approaches to the study of political parties worldwide, this conference aims to work across methodological approaches to discover the state of research currently undertaken by graduates. Organised by and for postgraduate students, the AEGCPP conference tries to provide a supportive atmosphere in which to present research and a significant opportunity to discuss work with peers and senior researchers across Europe and beyond.

For more information about submission of an abstract or a panel proposal please visit <http://www.aegcpp.org.uk>

or contact the AEGCPP 2010 academic convenors:

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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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The politics of performance management and measurement in the public sector

EGPA Study Group on Performance in the Public Sector

Conference of the European Group of Public Administration (EGPA)

7-10 September, 2010, Toulouse, France

The *EGPA Study Group on Performance in the Public Sector* studies aspects of public sector performance. Public sector performance topics in the past have included the use of trust and satisfaction indicators, case studies of organisational performance, measurement issues and the utilisation of public sector performance information.

Performance management and measurement are anything but neutral.

Consider two familiar international examples: The PISA study assessing students' performance in OECD countries has tremendous effects on how different national systems are assessed by the media, the population and political and administrative actors. The World Bank Study Doing Business surveying the business-friendliness of the regulatory and administrative endowment of a particular country also has a substantial impact on how the countries are perceived (from outside and within). In both cases, the design of the selection and design of indicators, their detailed definition has tremendous effects on the results of the studies – and are therefore highly contested and subject to more or less visible political battles concerning the construction of performance. Many more examples from domestic contexts could be listed, ranging from the design of target systems for public services to performance related pay schemes for civil servants. The way performance is constructed matters for how favourable or unfavourable the activity of an individual public servant, an agency or a whole policy subsystem will be assessed.

The selection and design of the indicators, the organisation of the measurement process and the way measurement is embedded in modes of control and accountability matter a lot for how the affected parties react to such systems. Behavioural coping strategies such as 'gaming' and 'crowding out' effects (i.e. teaching to the test) are now widely reported and discussed (though their overall significance is contested).

Much less is known about the role of politics in the design and use of performance information and management system: political conflict and contestation at the macro and micro-level, bargains and negotiation. Following Lasswell, politics is thus broadly defined as issues of who gets what, when and how. Such political issues are at play at all levels; in

government wide policy making, in policy sectors and networks, in organisational management, and in micro-management. We do not want to confine the scope to the political institutions.

Hence, some indicative questions include; How is performance information used in the politics of policy-making, i.e. in setting the agenda or evaluating public policy? What games do real actors play in the design and implementation of performance management systems in order to deflect blame for poor results and to be rewarded for good results? How are different organizational units in government using performance information in steering,

We invite empirical, conceptual or theoretical papers studying the politics of public performance management and measurement from different theoretical and empirical perspectives. Relevant topics include, among others:

- Framing contests in the development of performance measurement and management systems
- Turf wars in the decision-making about and the operations of performance systems
- Negotiations between principals and agents or between equal partners about the indicators to be used to measure performance, progress, compliance etc. in contracts, networks, or policies.
- Evidence about the scope and real effects of coping strategies developed in reaction to indicators systems
- Bureau-political dynamics that performance management engenders in organizations

Practicalities

The EGPA Permanent Study Group on Performance in the Public Sector held its first meeting in 1986. Papers from recent conferences have been published in symposia and special issues of the International Journal of Public Administration (2003), Public Performance and Management Review (2005), and the International Journal of Productivity and Performance Management (2006), and the International Review of Administrative Science (2008). The book "Performance information in the public sector: How it is used" was published by Palgrave in October 2008.

Study Group website: <http://www.publicsectorperformance.eu>

Practical information on the EGPA 2010 conference, and the other Study Groups, can soon be found on the dedicated conference website <http://egpa2010.com/>

Please submit a short abstract outlining (max 2p.)

- the title of the paper
- the argument and contents of the paper
- the research method of your contribution, and the empirical material to be used (if applicable)
- name, affiliation, and contact information of the author(s)

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **May 1st, 2010**. Papers will be selected by the chairpersons no later than **June 1st 2010**. Authors whose abstracts have been accepted should dispatch their completed text to the relevant chairpersons and to f.maron@iiasiiisa.org, by 31 July 2009 at the latest.

Papers will be made available on the Study Group Website. Due to time restraints, only a limited number of papers will be accepted.

Please e-mail paper proposals/abstracts in .doc or .rtf format (please do not use .docx or .pdf!) to the study group convenors:

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7th EUROFRAME Conference On Economic Policy Issues In The European Union

Venue: Amsterdam

Date: 11/06/2010

After the crisis: Exit strategies for EU economies in a globalised world.

CALL FOR PAPERS

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.

This year the Conference will focus on **exit strategies for EU economies in a global context**. Contributions should address issues related to: **Exit strategies for monetary policies** (normalising central banks' balance sheets and policy rates, inflationary and deflationary risks); **Exit strategies for fiscal policies** (What are the risks in terms of higher interest rates and unsustainable debt developments?; Should public deficits and debts be rapidly reduced? Should the focus be on public expenditure or on taxation?); **Exit strategies for public support of the financial sector**; appropriateness of the proposed **new regulations of institutions and financial markets**; Will new **growth strategies** be implemented, especially in the countries where external imbalances had been growing widely before the crisis?; Will the G-20 be able to introduce a **world economic governance**?

Submission Procedure

Abstracts should be submitted by 12 March by e-mail to: catherine.mathieu@ofce.sciences-po.fr.

Abstracts (2 pages) should include: title of paper, name(s) of the author(s), affiliation, corresponding author's e-mail address, postal address, telephone number. Authors will be informed of the decision of the scientific committee by mid-April. Full papers should be received by e-mail by 24 May.

Scientific Committee

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Annual Meeting of IPSA RC 20, Political Finance and Political Corruption (Ljubljana, Slovenia)

JULY 16-18 2010

IPSA RC 20, political finance and political corruption, invites all members and scholars conducting research on any aspect of political finance and political corruption to submit proposals for individual papers and organized panels for the interim meeting Ljubljana, 16-18 July, 2010. Since this conference is expected to be sufficiently small, we expect panels to consist of chair and two members each, thereby allowing a longer presentation (up to 30 minutes each). We hope this will constitute an opportunity to share opinions in greater depth as well as to get better acquainted. We also hope to combine some of the presentations into a volume to be submitted for publication.

Proposals should be accompanied by an abstract of approximately 250 words, and submitted as MS word email attachment. Please include title, abstract, email address and affiliation. Proposals should be submitted to the program committee chairs, Jonathan Mendilow, Jmendilow@rider.edu and Jurij Toplak, toplak@gmail.com.

For purposes of grant submission, as well as planning ahead for tours, etc, we would like to know as soon as possible the names and temporary titles to be presented at the meeting. Even if you do not have as yet any finalized proposal, please be kind enough to notify us by the end of the first week in January (January 8th, 2010) of your intent to submit one in due course. **The date for the final submission will be announced in February.**

Ireland and Victims: Recognition, Reparation, Reconciliation? (Rennes, France)

An international conference to be held at the University of Rennes 2, Brittany, France.
9-11 September 2010

The Centre for Irish Studies based at the University of Rennes 2, France, is soliciting papers for an interdisciplinary conference, which will run from 9th-11th September 2010.

2009 has been marked by the publication on the island of Ireland of two high-profile reports on very different aspects of victims. The publication of the final Ryan Report on institutional abuse in the Republic, and the Eames / Bradley report from the Consultative Group on the Past set up in 2007 by the then Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Peter Hain, to “find a way out of the shadows of the past” have both sparked heated debate in academic and non-academic circles, in Ireland and abroad.

In the run-up to and following the Good Friday Agreement, the issue of how to address the

grievances, demands and needs of victims of the 30 year conflict has proved highly sensitive, due to differing perceptions of who the victims really are, of how best to approach their needs, with some quarters even questioning the wisdom of “stirring up” the past. Indeed, the steady stream of reports and commissions investigating the victims of the Troubles is indicative of the difficulty in reaching consensus on the most appropriate way(s) to deal with the legacy of the past in order to provide for a more serene future.

Patricia Lundy and Mark McGovern outline three distinct threads in dealing with the past in post-conflict transformation today, all concerned with key concepts of truth, justice, memory and healing:

“The therapeutic, archival and judicial imperatives can be taken as defining the logic of post-conflict memory work today. They also establish the, at times, contradictory, ends of truth recovery processes: to find ‘healing’ for victims by giving them a public voice; to re-write the record of the conflict and establish a new, potentially shared narrative of the past; and to revisit past injustice in order to establish an accountable, rights-based regime in the future.” .

In a broader perspective, Ireland’s past and collective memories are etched with examples of victims, victimhood, and victimisation: the Famine victims, those who have become martyrs or heroes in both nationalist and unionist narratives of the past, victims of the siege of Derry, the Easter Rising, the battle of the Somme, Bloody Sunday, the Hunger strikes and more recently, those groups left out of the economic boom, and victims of the growing fear of otherness which manifests itself in racism and hate crime.

It would now seem an opportune moment to devote a conference to this general thematic in an Irish context.

We are particularly interested in hearing papers on :

- differing perceptions and definitions of victims and victimhood,
- the plight of victims,
- the reluctance of the State and other parties to delve into the past,
- the input of civic society in representing victims,
- revisiting past wrongs to move forward in the future,
- closure and victims as survivors,
- conflict transformation and peace-building,
- the portrayal of victims in literature, film and the arts

The cross-disciplinary nature of Irish Studies provides a wide range of approaches from which to examine victims and victimhood. We welcome submissions for 20-minute papers in English (preferably) or French from numerous areas including Conflict and Peace Studies, Victims studies, Law and Human Rights, History, Politics, Comparative Analysis, Sociology, Psychology, Cultural Studies, Migration Studies, Literature, Media and Film Studies, Visual Arts, Performing Arts...

We plan to publish a selection of papers in a special edition of the Re-imagining Ireland series edited by Dr. Eamon Maher (Director, National Centre for Franco-Irish Studies, Dublin).

Keynote Speakers

Keynote speakers confirmed to date:

Professor Marianne Elliott, O.B.E., F.B.A., Director of the Institute of Irish Studies,
University of Liverpool

Patricia MacBride, Commissioner for Victims and Survivors, CVSNI

Rita Duffy, visual artist

Paper Submission

Please submit your proposals (title and 300-word maximum abstract) by **28th February 2010** to Dr Lesley Lelourec, copying in Dr. Grainne O’Keeffe-Vigneron with your institutional address.

lesley.lelourec@univ-rennes2.fr

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Practical Details

Travel and accommodation details, as well as a registration form, will be circulated in the Spring.

Regulation in the Age of Crisis (Dublin, Ireland)

Call for Papers - Regulation in the Age of Crisis

The Standing Group on Regulatory Governance of the European Consortium for Political Research ECPR and the Regulation Network are organizing their Third Biennial Conference from **June 17 to 19, 2010** at [University College, Dublin](#) in Ireland.

The Biennial Conference of the European Consortium on Political Research Standing Group on Regulatory Governance is the leading interdisciplinary conference on regulation held in Europe and regularly attracts papers from all over the globe and from disciplines including political science, law, accounting, business, sociology, economics, international relations, anthropology, public administration and other cognate disciplines. The Majone Prize will once again be presented to the best paper at the conference by an early career researcher.

This conference will be held at University College Dublin and is hosted by the UCD School of Law, UCD School of Politics and International Relations, UCD School of Business, UCD Global Finance Academy, The Institute of Public Administration and Trinity College Dublin. An international Academic Steering Committee is working with the local organising committee on the programming for the conference.

Dublin is an exciting venue for this conference. As a small open economy Ireland has been at the forefront of regulatory innovation across a range of domains, including financial and environmental. Ireland is a small but significant player in European and World affairs and political and economic commentators take a close interest in its contribution and response to current economic difficulties. In addition to being a major centre for financial services, Dublin has three universities ranked in the THES global top 300 and is a very popular destination both for conferences and tourism because of its strong air transport links, mix of

heritage sites and modern infrastructure and facilities.

Subjects

Perceptions of crisis in finance, corporate governance, climate, equality, security and other areas simultaneously invoke blame and heightened expectations for the activities of regulatory regimes. In this conference we welcome panels and papers addressing the following indicative themes and other themes relating to regulatory governance:

- Regulatory politics
- The dynamics of regulatory governance
- The causes of and responses to crises
- State and non-state regulatory capacity
- Issues of transnational and supranational regulation
- Regulation after the financial crisis
- Regulating for sustainability
- Re-thinking environmental regulation
- Rights and regulation
- Regulation and the global South
- New methods in regulatory research
- Joined-up regulation and the consolidation of regulatory regimes
- State aid as a response to crisis
- Competition policy and regulation after crisis
- Regulatory coordination
- Multi-level regulation
- Assessing regulatory impact
- Regulatory institutional architectures
- European networks of regulation
- Accountability and regulation
- Fragmentation in financial regulation
- Fiscal governance
- Juridification of Regulatory Regimes
- Regulating NGOs
- Teaching Regulation and Governance

Proposals for Panels (of between 3 and 5 papers) or papers should include titles, abstract(s) (300 words), name(s) and email address(es) and be submitted to the chair of the local organising committee

<mailto:colin.scott@ucd.ie> no later than **15 January 2010**. If submitting a paper please indicate preferred theme(s) and/or up to 6 keywords.

The organisers hope to be able to offer a number bursaries to support the participation of PhD students and academics from emerging economy countries The programme will be available from the end of February 2010, with details of booking, registration costs, bursaries and accommodation published at that time.

New Conservatisms and New Approaches (Prague, Czech Republic)

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

Politics Beyond the State: Transformations of the State between De- and Repoliticization (Bremen)

Call for Papers

Politics Beyond the State: Transformations of the State between De- and Repoliticization
Collaborative Research Center 597“Transformations of the State”

University of Bremen (Germany)

May 27-29, 2010

Call for paper deadline: January 11, 2009

Info: http://www.sagw.ch/de/svpw/agenda/Call-for-papers/Call_Politics_Beyond_State.html

Alerts

Africa and the Global Economy: Creating Opportunities and Development Strategies
(Berlin, 17th – 23rd January 2010)

"The Rise of Africa":

An International Conference on New Strategies and Approaches to Governance and Sustainable Development in Africa
(Berlin, 21st – 23rd January 2010)

Under the Patronage of the Hon. Sir James Mancham, KBE, Founding President of the Republic of the Seychelles

I am writing to announce the dates of two complementary programs being organised by the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy in January 2010. We appreciate your support and assistance in spreading the word about this great opportunity and would be grateful if you could forward this information on to any individuals who you feel may be interested in attending these programs.

“Cultural Diplomacy in Africa: A Forum for Young Leaders” (CDA) is an active network of young leaders from across the world, who conduct activity to strengthen intra-African relations and the relations of Africa with other continents. Members join the forum by taking part in an CDA Weeklong Seminar. The forthcoming CDA Weeklong Seminar will be held in Berlin from 17th – 23rd January 2010 and will have as a theme *“Africa and the Global Economy: Creating Opportunities and Development Strategies”*. The program will consist of lectures, workshops, seminars, as well as cultural and social activities. During the last three days of the program participants will take part in **“The Rise of Africa: An International Conference on New Strategies and Approaches to Governance and Sustainable Development in Africa”**.

“The Rise of Africa: An International Conference on New Strategies and Approaches to Governance and Sustainable Development in Africa” is an international conference for students, young professionals, economists, diplomatic and political representatives, and civil society practitioners from across the world. **“The Rise of Africa”** will take place in Berlin from 21st – 23rd January 2010 and will consist of speeches and panel discussions by leading figures from the fields of politics, diplomacy, civil society, academia, and the private sector. Speakers will explore the range of new ideas and initiatives being developed and implemented in support of African development, and to assess the challenges and opportunities they will bring for African leaders and the continent as a whole. The program will aim to set a new pace in the development of Africa and its role in the world economy.

In particular, “The Rise of Africa” will pursue the following specific aims:

- Evaluate the importance of Africa within the international sphere
- Consider the importance of soft power and cultural diplomacy in strengthening relations both within and outside Africa

- Examine the role of specific stakeholders in developing and implementing new strategies and approaches to the development of Africa
- Evaluate the role of the international community with regard to resources and conflict economics
- Examine the relationship between economic independence, peace, stability and conserving cultural integrity
- Consider the challenges faced in constructing a sustainable economic environment
- Explore new strategies for progress in healthcare, education, sustainability and water management
- Encouraging and promoting the initiatives of young leaders to key decision-makers

Further information about the two programs, including the online application forms can be found under:

http://www.culturaldiplomacy.org/experienceafrica/index.php?en_cda_about-cda

and

http://www.culturaldiplomacy.org/experienceafrica/index.php?en_the-rise-of-africa

2010 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference

Space is limited. Early Registration - Closes December 8, 2009 (extended)

General Registration - December 9, 2009 through January 15, 2010

We encourage you to register for the 2010 APSA Teaching and Learning Conference.

The conference includes:

- Unique professional development experiences for faculty and graduate students
Links to a vast network of political scientists who focus on pedagogical research
Best practices and new theories in the scholarship of teaching and learning

Featuring:

Pi Sigma Alpha Address: "Teaching as Redemption", by Rogers Smith, University of Pennsylvania

Opening Session Speaker: Former Senator Bob Graham, Graham Center for Public Service

Workshops

Workshops focus on practical issues related to teaching and allow participants to interact with political scientists outside their assigned track. The call for workshops includes the following themes:

Integrating Technology in the Classroom

Classroom and Program Assessment

Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Strategies for Teaching at Community Colleges

Professional Development

Civic Education & Engagement

Tracks

Using a working-group model, the conference is a forum to develop models on teaching and learning as well as to discuss broad themes affecting political science education. The meeting will consist of tracks constructed around the following themes:

Program Assessment
Internationalizing the Curriculum
Teaching Political Theory and Theories
Diversity, Inclusiveness, and Equality
Teaching Research Methods
Graduate Education and Professional Development
Simulations and Role Playing
Civic Engagement
Core Curriculum/General Education
Integrating Technology in the Classroom

Registration

Registration is still open for the 2010 conference. Register online today:
www.apsanet.org/teachingconference

Panel and Paper proposal to the Section Gender and Politics at the ECPR Graduate Conference 2010 (30 August-1 September, Dublin)

Panel Title

“The substantive representation of women: new questions, new methodologies, new research”

Panel Section

Gender and Politics

Abstract

The acceptance of the fragmentation of female identities and awareness about the increasing diversity of women’s interests, as well as the current understanding of representation as a creative process of claims-making (Mansbridge 2003; Saward 2006; Squires 2008), have urged feminist scholars to rethink traditional accounts of the substantive representation of women. Rather than studying the difference women make, new studies have pushed towards a more encompassing view on the sites of substantive representation, the actors involved, the representative acts it takes, and the circumstances under which it is expressed (Celis & Childs 2008; Weldon 2002; Lovenduski 2007).

Although these contributions provide important insights into the dynamics of women’s representation, questions on how to deal with this complexity in terms of research design remain largely unanswered. How can we translate new concepts, such as critical acts/actors, and representative claims into empirical work? Moreover, what is the link between substantive representation, claims-making, and responsiveness? And how do we tackle the question of intersectionality in research?

The current understanding of substantive representation seems to direct research towards micro-level studies and inductive approaches (Childs & Krook 2006). This shift conjures up questions concerning the desirability of quantitative work, and the optimal design of comparative research. Given the complexity of representation, and the need for inductive studies, how do we set limits to the material under scrutiny? And how do we establish a level of generality needed to compare between contextualized studies?

This panel welcomes papers that incorporate these recent debates on women's substantive representation. Contributions may have a strong theoretical, methodological and/or empirical focus, but should deal with the new methodological and empirical questions that arise.

Deadline for abstracts (max. 300 words):

15th of January 2010

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Eline Severs- University of Antwerp (UA): Eline.Severs@ua.ac.be

4th ESRC Research Methods Festival, 5-8 July 2010

Overall aims of the Festival

The Festival aims to engage social scientists across a wide range of disciplines and sectors and at different points in their research careers. We are aiming to stimulate interest, raise issues, highlight opportunities and showcase new developments.

Programme

For detailed information about the draft programme scheduling please see the **festival programme** (opens a .pdf file) which is subject to change.

Themes running through the festival include:

- Resources for research
- Ethical and Philosophical issues
- What is?
- Disciplines and interdisciplinarity
- Research impact
- Survey methods
- Support for PhD students, researchers and teachers
- PhD student posters
- Substantive themes
- Development in Qualitative methods
- Developments in Quantitative Methods

There will also be a workshop on [The Processes of Methodological Innovation: Successful Development and Diffusion](#)

Festival speakers include:

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| Michael Agar, Ethknoworks | Wendy Hollway, Open University |
| Paul Atkinson, Cardiff University | Christina Hughes, Warwick University |
| Julia Brannen, Institute of Education | John MacInnes, Edinburgh University |
| Patrick Brindle, Sage Publications | Bren Neale, University of Leeds |
| Nick Buck, University of Essex | Ann Oakley, Institute of Education |
| Andrew Chesher, UCL | William O'Connor, Natcen |

Thomas Cook, Northwestern University	Mike Savage, University of Manchester
Louise Corti, ESDS	Jackie Scott, University of Cambridge
Sara Delamont, Cardiff University	John Stillwell, University of Leeds
Bill Dutton, University of Oxford	Mike Thelwall, University of Wolverhampton
Ros Edwards, London South Bank University	Mike Wallace, University of Cardiff
Peter Elias, University of Warwick	Richard Wilkinson, University of Nottingham
Jay Gershuny, University of Oxford	Malcolm Williams, Plymouth University
Peter Halfpenny, University of Manchester	Lucy Yardley, University of Southampton
Martyn Hammersley, Open University	

[View all of the speakers](#)

Who is the festival for?

This festival is of relevance to anyone interested in social science research methods. Specific groups of people can include:

Geographers	Government researchers	Policy researchers
Economists	Anthropologists/ethnographers	Psychologists
Sociologists	Statisticians/survey researchers	Business sector
Methods teachers	PhD students	Social Researchers

Booking your place at the Research Methods Festival 2010

Booking commences on 1st March 2010. Early bird rates apply from 1st March to Friday 16th April. Early booking is recommended as we expect the festival to be as popular as in previous years. In the event of cancellations of booked places, refunds will be given if replacement bookings can be taken, but this cannot be guaranteed for any cancellations made after the end of May 2010.

Costs:

Early bird registration (1st March 2010 - 16th April 2010)

- Registration is £50 per day and £20 for the first day.
- Registration for full-time students is £30 per day and £10 for the first day.

Normal registration (From 17th April 2010)

- Registration is £60 per day and £25 for the first day.

- Registration for full-time students is £40 per day and £13 for the first day.
- Exhibitors: bookings for people as per standard rates; stands cost £250 for the duration of the festival.

Overnight accommodation at St. Catherine's including dinner and breakfast will cost £85 per night. Registration for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday includes lunch and mid-morning and mid-afternoon refreshments.

Sponsorship opportunities

- Inserts in conference packs: £100 per set of 1 insert in each pack.
- Inserts in conference programme booklet: £60 per page, £40 per half page.
- Exhibition stand: bookings for people as per standard rates (please see above); stands cost £250 for the duration of the festival.

If you are interested in sponsoring the festival, please get in touch with NCRM External Relations & Resources Officer [Kaisa Puustinen](#).

Directions

For information about how to get to St. Catherine's College, see the [_directions page](#)

Social activities

We have arranged guided tours of Oxford as the evening activity on Monday 5, Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 July. The guided tour is an hour and a half's walking tour, starting at 8.15 pm from St Catherine's College and ending up in a pub. Each tour, will be accompanied by a Blue Badge Guide from the Oxford Guild of Guides who will lead an entertaining and informative walk through the city. The cost of the tour is £3.00, payable in advance.

We have also prepared a page of suggestions for [things to do](#) before or after the Festival, which may also be useful if your partner or family will be with you in Oxford.