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ECPR says 'YES' to Scotland...

(as host for its 2014 General Conference)

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ECPR Central Services bid goodbye to Essex campus

After 44 years located on the University of Essex campus, the ECPR's Central Services are moving to a new home at the end of this year.

At the very first meeting of the ECPR on 30 August 1970, three main orders of business were agreed: Jean Blondel and Stein Rokkan were confirmed as Executive Director and Chairman respectively and it was agreed that the administration of the organisation (to be called the 'Central Services') should be located at the home institution of the Executive Director, so the University of Essex.

By 1976, when the core building blocks of the ECPR were in place (institutional membership, the Joint Sessions, the EJPR...) the Central Services were fully established and located in an office within the University's Department of Government. And here they stayed until expansion of ECPR activities and resulting staff numbers, meant there was simply no longer room within the Government Department to house the organisation. In 2009, the CS moved out of the Department and into an office block across campus. But in December the ECPR's lease with the University of Essex will come to an end.

The University's continuing expansion and development means that the ECPR's lease will not be renewed since it needs to reclaim the building for University usage. Faced with paying commercial rent from 2015 onwards, the ECPR's Executive

Committee thought laterally, and made the landmark decision to purchase an office building for the CS in Colchester – 'Harbour House'.

Located in the harbour side 'Hythe' conservation area of Colchester town, the purchase of Harbour House is a significant investment for the ECPR, both for the organisation and for the local area that has been home to the ECPR and its staff for the past 44 years; Harbour House is located in an area of regeneration and the purchase and renovation of the House will contribute to this.

Built in 1720, and considered a building of historical interest, Harbour House will not only provide a much improved office environment for CS staff, but also a permanent 'headquarters' for the organisation; we invite anyone passing to pop in for a cup of tea and to say hello!

It will, however, be with some sadness that we will leave the University of Essex campus this December, which is (whatever your opinions on the controversial architecture are) a beautiful and inspiring place to work. The ECPR therefore takes this opportunity to thank the University for its warm hospitality which has supported the creation and growth of the organisation for all these years.

What does this mean for our members?

On a practical note, the move has necessitated a change in email addresses for all staff, since we were using University of Essex accounts. While there will be a period of transition after the move where the Essex addresses are still active, we would encourage everyone to start using the new addresses as soon as possible; opposite is a comprehensive list of all staff members by department, as well as our new postal address and telephone number. Aside from these communication changes, it will be business as usual...

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Could you help shape the future of the ECPR...?

For the last 44 years the ECPR has been instrumental in shaping the development of the discipline; successive Executive Committees have all made their own, individual marks, can you help shape the new one?

With a portfolio of major international events, highly ranked publications, prestigious prizes and an institutional membership that is growing year on year, the ECPR remains at the cutting edge of political science and is the association for all involved in its study.

Some of the most influential names in political science have sat on the ECPR's Executive Committee, recent prominent members have included: Mick Cox, Michael Laver, Joni Lovenduski and Hanne-Marthe Narud.

Executive Committee members are elected for six-year terms, and these are staggered, with elections occurring every three years when roughly half of the Committee is replaced. Seven new EC members must be elected for the coming period April 2015-2021.

The nominations stage is now closed but ECPR member institutions through their Official Representatives (ORs) are now invited to firstly

endorse and then vote for candidates over the next few months. More information about the process is on the ECPR website and below:

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Procedures and timeframe

The procedure for electing members of the ECPR Executive Committee will involve three successive stages: nominations, endorsements and final voting. Each stage is organised electronically via the MyECPR area on the website.

1. Nominations

Any individual from any Full ECPR Member institution can nominate themselves to stand for election to the EC. This stage of the process opened on 15 October and closed on 15 November 2014.

2. Endorsements

To go through to the final ballot a nomination must be endorsed by at least five ECPR Official Representatives from Full Member institutions. The endorsement period opened on 1 December 2014 and closes on 1 January 2015.



3. Ballot

Those receiving sufficient endorsements will go through to the final ballot where Official Representatives from Full ECPR Member institutions will be invited to vote. This process will open on 15 January and close on 15 February 2015. The votes are counted and final seats allocated based on the Single Transferable Vote System (Scottish variant).

4. Results

The results will be announced on the ECPR website once they have been certified by the Returning Officer and all candidates informed. The new EC will have its first meeting at the ECPR offices in March.

New Chair for 2015-18

The Chair of the Executive Committee for the 2015-18 period will be Professor Rudy Andeweg, who was elected as 'Chair-designate' at Glasgow, September 2014, and who is currently working with the current Chair, Professor Simona Piattoni, on the process of transition between them which will occur at the ECPR offices in March.


Associate Members

If you are from an Associate Member institution and would like to take part in the ballot, you may want to consider upgrading to Full Member status. To find out if your institution is eligible contact membership@ecpr.eu.

The EC in Glasgow: above left - Outgoing Chair Simona Piattoni; above - members of the EC and Central Services at the Plenary Lecture. Rudy Andeweg is pictured top centre.

Join the ECPR in Montreal in August 2015

The 2015 General Conference provides a unique opportunity for North American scholars to truly engage with their European colleagues by attending an ECPR event on their own soil. It also gives European scholars planning to attend the APSA's Annual Meeting in San Francisco, a great opportunity to combine both events into one transatlantic trip.



The call for Sections for Montreal has now closed, and as this issue of ECPR News goes to print the Academic Convenors are reviewing the proposals. The list of accepted Sections will go live on the ECPR website on the 1 December, with the call for Panels and Papers opening the next day.

The ECPR follows a two stage process for its General Conference, so once the accepted Sections are agreed individuals will be invited to propose either a full Panel or an individual Paper. Those proposing a Panel must propose a complete Panel to a Section, meaning the Panel proposal must also include four to five Paper proposals too. Individual Paper proposals to Sections can be submitted too. Since the ECPR is following a two stage process there will be no separate call for Papers, so those wishing to propose just a Paper must do so as part of this process.

For more information about how to submit a proposal, or the full guidelines and key dates and deadlines, see the website. The closing date for Panel and Paper proposals is 16 February 2015.

In addition to the academic programme, the local organisers in Montreal are working hard to create an enjoyable and stimulating plenary programme. As part of this, the Plenary Lecture will be delivered by Michael Ignatieff. Bridging the worlds of journalism, politics and academia, Michael Ignatieff was leader of the Liberal Party of Canada and Leader of the Opposition from 2008 until 2011. Prior to entering politics Dr Ignatieff lived in the UK and was a well-known television and radio broadcaster and editorial columnist for *The Observer*. Since leaving politics he has taught at the Universities of Harvard and Toronto. The title of the lecture is yet to be confirmed, but it should prove to be a must-attend part of the Conference.

ECPR discusses Open Access at APSA

In keeping with the theme of the 2014 Annual Meetings ('Politics after the Digital Revolution'), the ECPR ran a Panel at APSA with the title 'Open Access in the Social and Political Sciences: Threat or Opportunity?'

The panel, organised and chaired by Martin Bull (Director of ECPR) brought together both Europeans and North Americans as well as academics and publishers to discuss developments in Open Access in the United States and Europe and their implications for academia, the publishing industry and scholarly associations.

Open Access promises to carry through the most revolutionary change in publishing in living memory, radically altering relationships between publishers, scholars and universities, as well as having implications for authors' copyrights. In view of the vanguard role played by the UK in Open Access through the government's decisions in 2013 over Open Access in relation to Research Council funding and the 2020 Research Assessment Exercise, the Panel took a particular focus on the UK, but also on the US as the largest home of political scientists in the world, since its position on Open Access will likely have a significant influence on whether the forms of Open Access promoted by the UK government will influence other countries to follow suit.

Papers were presented by Terrell Carver (University of Bristol), 'Open Access in the UK and its

Implications'; Jennifer Hochschild (Harvard University), 'Open Access and its Implications for American Political Science'; Alex Holzmann (Temple University Press), 'Open Access in US Publishing in the Social and Political Sciences'; David Mainwaring (Cambridge University Press), 'Open Access in UK Publishing in the Social and Political Sciences'; Iain Hrynaszkiewicz (Palgrave Macmillan), 'Open Access Journals: A Sustainable and Scalable Solution in Social and Political Sciences?'; and Martin Bull (University of Salford), 'Open Access and the Implications for Academic Associations.'

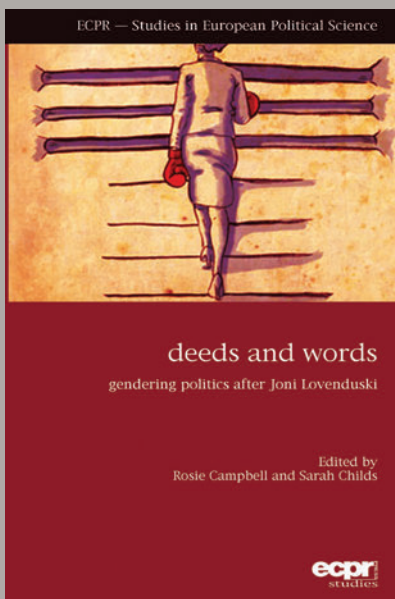
The Panel produced a very lively discussion, and the papers presented will provide the foundation for a Symposium on Open Access to be published (available Open Access we hope....) in the ECPR's journal of the profession, *European Political Science (EPS)*.



Westminster launch for Lovenduski tribute volume

A bestselling ECPR release of recent months is *Deeds and Words*, a collection celebrating the pioneering work of political scientist Joni Lovenduski. *ECPR News* caught up with the book's editors

Get your copy!



To get your copy of *Deeds and Words*, simply visit the ECPR Press website where you can pick it up at the discounted price of £45.50 / €51.80 (RRP £65 / €74). As a recent release it's currently available only as a hardback, but will be released next summer in paperback format.

The editors are planning another special event to mark their book's publication at the 4th European Conference on Politics and Gender of the ECPR's Standing Group on Gender and Politics, which runs from 11–13 June 2015 in Uppsala, Sweden.

A compilation of state-of-the-art essays on gender politics by distinguished political scientists, interspersed with vignettes by women in political life (including current Home Secretary Theresa May), *Deeds and Words* reveals the impact of feminist interventions on politics.

In late October, the compilers of this 'kind-of *Festschrift*' organised a launch reception for the book at the Palace of Westminster, welcoming Professor Lovenduski as the guest of honour. Generously sponsored by MP for Aberdeen South Dame Anne Begg, the event allowed lead editors Rosie Campbell and Sarah Childs to talk about the inspiration for the book, their relationship with Joni – as students, colleagues, and friends – and to underline the profound and far-reaching effects of Joni Lovenduski's life and work.

Joining Rosie, Sarah and Joni for the event were Dario Castiglione of ECPR Press, and many other distinguished social scientists, including Meryl Kenny (Leicester), Amy Mazur (Washington State University), Vicky Randall, (Essex), Anne Phillips (LSE), Albert Weale and Alan Ware (UCL), Yvonne Galligan (Queen's Belfast), Rainbow Murray and Peter Allen (QMUL), Helen Margetts (Oxford), Wyn Grant and Colin Crouch (Warwick), Lawrence Freedman (King's College), Georgina Waylen (Manchester), and

Jennifer Rubin (RAND Europe), along with Joni's Birkbeck colleagues Sasha Roseneil, Miriam Zukas, Diana Coole, Jenny Hansson and Sam Ashenden.

Introducing the book, Rosie spoke feelingly about what motivated her and Sarah to create it:

'Joni has transformed the study of politics. After her, political science will never be the same.

Joni and her peers did the hard part of gendering the study of politics. She was one of the first generation of feminist political scientists who had to negotiate a profession and discipline which, at that time, understood women neither as political actors nor as academics. A substantial proportion of Joni's early work focused on asking "where are the women?" in political and academic life.

We called our book *Deeds and Words* because of the combination of academic work and political action that Joni exemplifies. Not only a brilliant scholar, Joni was a founding member of the PSA Women and Politics group and the ECPR Standing Group on Gender and Politics.

She has been instrumental in bringing about party change: co-authoring a Fabian pamphlet with Maria Eagle arguing for fairer representation

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of women, bolstering the efforts of Labour party women as they made demands of their leaders. She co-authored a Fawcett Society report, helping to arm women in civil society with facts and arguments, and mobilised to raise the issue up the political agenda. Throughout her career, Joni has acted as informal advisor and consultant to parties and government.

As well as being an exceptional scholar, Joni is always extraordinarily generous with her time and expertise.

In the book's Afterword, many friends and colleagues supply personal tributes not just to her scholarship, but to her warmth, elegance and zest for life. As our friend Judith Squires has remarked: "Joni created the intellectual and organisational space for future generations of gender and politics scholars to grow and thrive."

Co-editor Sarah Childs added, 'I'd never heard the word *Festschrift* and – much to my colleagues' amusement – it took me most of the project to even work out how to spell it!

Joni Lovenduski has been a constant in mine and Rosie's lives since our student days, and we were inspired to put this volume together for reasons that are personal and political. To many of my generation, Joni is the Godmother of the discipline. Her work laid the foundations for the first generation of women in political science; she fought some tough fights so the women who came after her didn't have to.

Joni is the most wonderful role model and mentor. Her generosity feels unlimited. As her friends Amy Mazur and Liz Evans attest in the book, "She gives us faith in our own work; makes us expect more of ourselves; and guides and advises us."

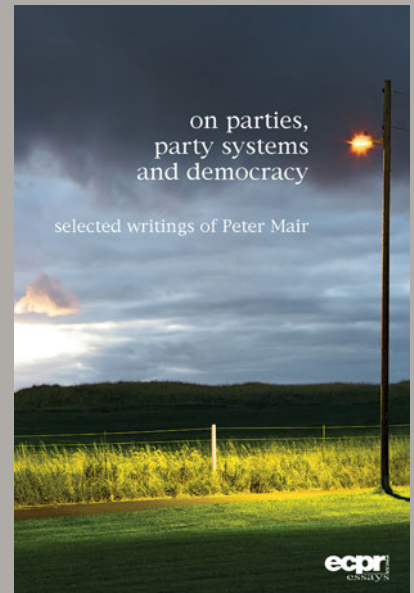
Everyone we approached to contribute to this book agreed on first ask, and didn't need chasing. It brought home just how highly Joni is thought of, and the difference she has made to so many people's lives.'

To round off the event, Professor Lovenduski was presented by Rosie and Sarah with a bound *Friends Book* filled with personal tributes and recollections from friends and colleagues around the world.



Left to right: Rosie Campbell, Joni Lovenduski and Sarah Childs

Posthumous Peter Mair collection



Peter Mair was, according to longstanding collaborator Stefano Bartolini of the European University Institute 'a leading scholar of party politics and European Politics of the post- postwar generation whose work has been influential in the field for more than thirty years.'

On Parties, Party Systems and Democracy is the eagerly awaited collection of writings by this eminent and much-missed figure, who died suddenly in spring 2011.

Introduced by Ingrid van Biezen, and prefaced by an intellectual portrait from Stefano Bartolini and Hans Daalder, the selection includes frequently cited papers alongside lesser-known work. Collectively, they attest to the scope and depth of Mair's insights into the field of comparative party politics, and the changing realities of party government.

On Parties is available in hardback format (great for Christmas gifts!), and is newly released in student-friendly softback.

'...a suitable tribute to an intellectual giant in the field of comparative politics.'

**David Farrell,
University College Dublin**

Glasgow gives the ECPR a warm welcome just weeks before Scotland votes

Just a few weeks before Scots went to the polls to vote on independence from the United Kingdom, the ECPR held its General Conference in Glasgow. And while the outcome of the referendum may have been 'No', conference participants certainly voted 'Yes' to the University and City of Glasgow

2014 was always going to be significant for the General Conference as it denoted the move from a biennial to annual event, driven by the growing demand the ECPR has seen for it. Some 1,900 participants from across the world and all stages of their career came together at the University of Glasgow for three days of sharing the best thinking across the discipline. The result, according to some of our 'vox pops' (see page 16) was 'Very inspiring Panels and good discussions...' and '...many opportunities for networking.'

The academic programme was rich and diverse, with 66 Sections covering the full gamut, from 'Art as a Political Witness' to 'The New Ethical Terrain in International Relations' (a full list is over the page). Across these Sections, 403 Panels (with an average of four to five Papers presented in each) examined the detail of those overarching themes.

Alongside this, participants could attend two Roundtables: 'Democracy and its Discontents' (Chaired by Sarah Birch and with

speakers Dirk Berg-Schlosser, Rosie Campbell, Leonardo Morlino and Matthew Flinders) and 'Contested Human Rights' (Chaired by Kelly Kollman and with speakers John Dryzek, Jan Willem Duyvendak, Todd Landmann and Christina Boswell). These are always a popular addition to the programme. This year three Featured Panels also took place: 'State Migration and Protest in Transnational Perspective: Contributions from Political Sociology' (Chaired by and featuring speakers from the stable of ECPR Press editors and authors), 'The Significance and Implications of the Scottish Independence Referendum' (sponsored by the University of Glasgow and Chaired by and featuring speakers from universities across Scotland) and 'Lives in and for Political Science' (Chaired by and featuring speakers from the stable of ECPR Press editors and authors).

The Welcome Address and Plenary Lecture were a highlight of the event, not only because of the calibre of the speakers of course, but also because of the stunning location – Harry Potter fans may have felt that

they were in the 'Hogwarts' dining room, so dramatic was the setting of the Bute Hall (in fact, there is a rumour that some of the scenes from the films were shot in the Hall and outside on the quadrangle). Whilst there were no wizards in attendance on the night (as far as we know), there was still a magical feel as participants moved on from Iain McLean's Plenary Lecture on fiscal federalism, to the beautiful and cavernous Kelvingrove Gallery, for the opening reception.



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With such a full programme of events it can be difficult to plan time at the conference effectively, so this year we worked hard to improve not only the timetable on the website and the layout of the printed programme to make information easier to search and browse, but we also developed our first conference App. Feedback on the ground was good and we look forward to developing this further for Montreal and also the Joint Sessions and Graduate Student Conference.

For ECPR members a key piece of business also took place in Glasgow, the annual Council meeting. With the current Executive Committee and Chair (Simona Piattoni) due to stand down in the spring at the Warsaw Joint Sessions, this was an opportunity for Professor Piattoni to deliver her final report to Council and prepare the ground for the EC elections that are currently taking place (see 'News' feature). This was followed by a reception for all Council members.

As always, we could not hold these events without the incredible support, investment and commitment of the host institution, so thanks must go to the University of Glasgow. Local Organiser Maurizio Carbone and his team worked tirelessly to ensure the event ran as smoothly as possible, and it clearly paid off as one 'vox popper' said "ECPR Glasgow has been fabulously organised. The 'red shirts' have been extraordinary." So that's a 'Yes' vote for Glasgow!



Section List

As always the list of Sections was a comprehensive reflection of the breadth of the discipline:

Analytical Politics: Theoretical Models and Empirical Inference

Art as a Political Witness

Assessing the Effects of the Preferences and Trajectories of Political Elites

Bridging Research and Teaching: The Responsibilities of Political Science Scholars

Bridging Worlds: Political Parties and International Migration

Changing Patterns of Electoral Competition and Voting Behaviour

Citizens' Resilience in Times of Crisis

Citizenship: New Trends and Developments

Comparative Territorial Politics and Policy

Contemporary Challenges to Political Representation

Contemporary Local Self-Governance and Democracy – Challenges and Responses

Contemporary Modes of Food Governance

Critical Policy Studies: Discourse, Argumentation and Interpretation

Globalisation and the New Governance of National Security?

Governance and Policy Instruments

Governing by Numbers or Democratizing Measurement: Do Performance Indicators Stand Participation?

Governing Knowledge: Policy and the Politics of Knowledge Production and Use

Identity and Political Behaviour

Institutions in Tension: Economic Crisis, Democratic Crisis and Institutional Change

Interest Groups and Comparative Political Science: Empirical, Theoretical, Methodological and Normative Challenges

International Political Theory

Kant and Kantian Constructivism in Moral and Political Philosophy

Key Concepts in Political Science: Fields, Issues and Arenas of their Change

Democratic Theory: Mediation, Power and Contemporary Governance

Elites and Citizens: Leadership, Responsiveness, or Distance?

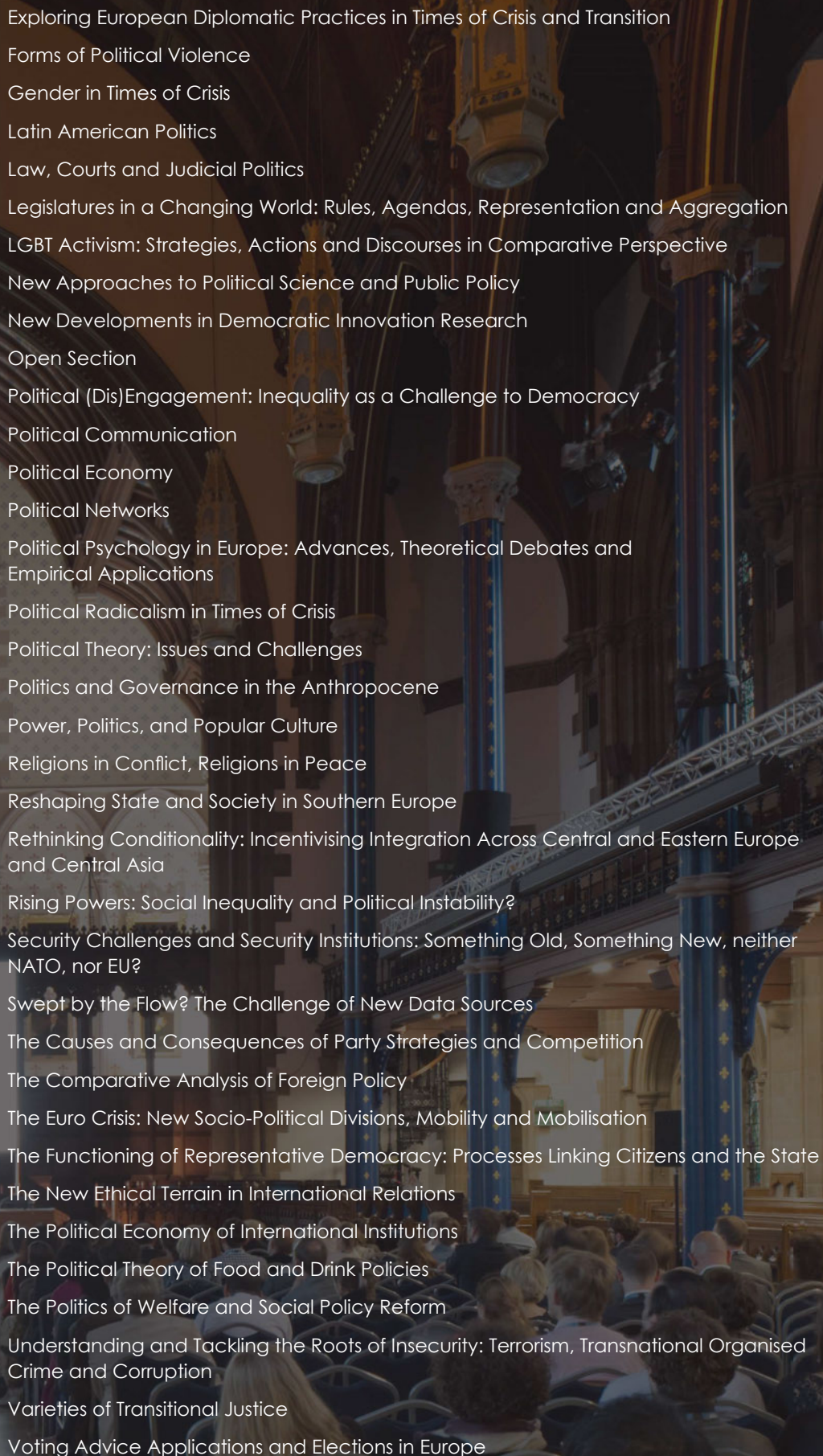
Energy Policy Dilemmas: National, European and Global Challenges

Environmental Politics

Europe of Knowledge

European Neighbourhood Policy – Ten Years After

Executive Politics and Agenda Dynamics



Exploring European Diplomatic Practices in Times of Crisis and Transition

Forms of Political Violence

Gender in Times of Crisis

Latin American Politics

Law, Courts and Judicial Politics

Legislatures in a Changing World: Rules, Agendas, Representation and Aggregation

LGBT Activism: Strategies, Actions and Discourses in Comparative Perspective

New Approaches to Political Science and Public Policy

New Developments in Democratic Innovation Research

Open Section

Political (Dis)Engagement: Inequality as a Challenge to Democracy

Political Communication

Political Economy

Political Networks

Political Psychology in Europe: Advances, Theoretical Debates and Empirical Applications

Political Radicalism in Times of Crisis

Political Theory: Issues and Challenges

Politics and Governance in the Anthropocene

Power, Politics, and Popular Culture

Religions in Conflict, Religions in Peace

Reshaping State and Society in Southern Europe

Rethinking Conditionality: Incentivising Integration Across Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Rising Powers: Social Inequality and Political Instability?

Security Challenges and Security Institutions: Something Old, Something New, neither NATO, nor EU?

Swept by the Flow? The Challenge of New Data Sources

The Causes and Consequences of Party Strategies and Competition

The Comparative Analysis of Foreign Policy

The Euro Crisis: New Socio-Political Divisions, Mobility and Mobilisation

The Functioning of Representative Democracy: Processes Linking Citizens and the State

The New Ethical Terrain in International Relations

The Political Economy of International Institutions

The Political Theory of Food and Drink Policies

The Politics of Welfare and Social Policy Reform

Understanding and Tackling the Roots of Insecurity: Terrorism, Transnational Organised Crime and Corruption

Varieties of Transitional Justice

Voting Advice Applications and Elections in Europe





A few shots from the Conference: top far left - Iain McLean delivers the Plenary Lecture to a full Bute Hall; above left - Rosie Campbell (and Dirk Berg-Schlosser in the background) discusses the work of leading political scientists in the Featured Panel 'Lives in and for Political Science'; above right - the 'red shirts' helping participants plan their conference; left - the magnificent Kelvingrove Gallery which hosted the opening reception; right - the grand Bute Hall; below - participants browse the book exhibition.



The people

1,900 people from across the world came together in Glasgow to share ideas, create networks and further the work of the political science community. Here are just a few of them...



Jean-Paul Gagnon
Australian Catholic
University

Glasgow 2014 was my first experience attending the ECPR's General Conference. It was a delight for me to meet colleagues I had collaborated with over the years, to meet new people researching in my field, and to mix attending Standing Group Panels with Roundtable sessions. The Conference provided an invigorating atmosphere of serious scholarly engagement and productive publication planning. Attending Glasgow was well worth the travel from Australia and I look forward to Montreal 2015.



Lise Rolandsen Agustin
University of Aalborg

Very inspiring Panels and good discussions. Particularly enjoyed the gender and politics Section.



Stephen Elstub
University of the West of
Scotland

Really enjoyed the Conference. Huge programme, but the democratic innovations Section was excellent. Although the allocated room was poor.

Antonina Gentile, University of Milano

ECPR Glasgow has been fabulously organised. The 'red shirts' have been extraordinary.

Matteo Bonotti, Queen's University Belfast

The conference was excellent and very well organised. I really enjoyed all the Panels in which I participated and I also had many opportunities for networking.

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ECPR in the News

The General Conference attracted press coverage in Scotland, here are some clippings...

Neither side has been honest about harsh reality of Scotland's finances

AGENDA

A column for outside contributors.
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THOMAS LUNDBERG

THERE are more than 2,000 political scientists from all over the world in Glasgow this week, attending the European Consortium for Political Research's annual conference at the University of Glasgow.

These experts specialise in a wide variety of different subfields of political science and studies, but they will not be able to escape the topic on which most Scots are now focusing: the independence referendum.

Yesterday's keynote lecture, delivered by Professor Iain McLean of Oxford University after a welcome address by Education Secretary Michael Russell, focused on a key issue relevant to this historic event that has not been properly addressed by either side of the debate.

Titled Spending too much, Taxing

too little? Parliaments in Fiscal Federalism, the lecture addressed a crucial problem for decentralised countries: how to promote fiscal responsibility? Sub-state governments established by devolution or federalism – typically charged with providing many public services – usually want to spend lots of money, yet are normally less endowed than the central government with tax-raising powers and reluctant to use what taxation powers they do have.

Although many political scientists will be able to relate to this problem, the situation of vertical fiscal imbalance has particular relevance to Scotland and the UK now, as Professor McLean points out.

Unfortunately for Scottish voters, both the Yes and No campaigns have failed to address fiscal matters in forthcoming ways. Most of the money spent by the Scottish Parliament comes from a block grant sent by the UK Government raised from taxation across the UK.

Critics, particularly from the right, argue this system works against fiscal responsibility at Holyrood, and left-wing critics might add that the Barnett Formula, which currently favours Scotland with higher per capita spending than in

the UK as a whole, is unfair to Wales and the poorer regions of England.

Change is coming regardless of the outcome of the referendum, with the introduction of a Scottish rate of personal income tax to be introduced soon after a No vote, and, for political reasons, a discussion about changes to or the scrapping of the Barnett Formula in favour of needs-based system for entire UK appears likely.

Both campaigns fail when it comes to dealing honestly with the harsh realities of Scotland's finances. The SNP, the largest component of the Yes campaign, promises to keep the "free" things enjoyed by Scots (but not their English neighbours), adding childcare to the list.

Somehow this Nordic aspiration would be funded through relatively light taxation that would include Irish-style levels of corporation tax.

This is despite the fact the extensive Nordic welfare states are financed by high levels of broadly based taxation and contributions: regressive value-added taxes, hefty "sin" taxes on alcohol and tobacco, and co-payments when you see the doctor. Even in Norway, the vast majority of oil revenue is reinvested in a sovereign wealth fund for future

generations, with only about four per cent going on current spending.

The No side talks about "greater powers" for the Scottish Parliament, but this consists mainly of forcing that body to raise in Scotland more of the money spent in Scotland without allowing much in the way of innovation in taxation policy overall. There is nothing about allowing Scotland to keep oil revenue derived from its territory, a policy seen in decentralised countries like the US.

Furthermore, any increase in tax powers would be accompanied by a corresponding reduction in the block grant, meaning that if Barnett is scrapped, tax rises in Scotland will be inevitable if Scots want to retain services that are currently free.

Professor McLean's lecture, along with many other panels and discussions taking place at the conference, should help to illuminate areas where both campaigns are failing to delve into the implications of this month's independence referendum.

Thomas Lundberg is a lecturer in Politics at Glasgow University.

Add your comment online at heraldscotland.com

Above - *The Herald*, 5 September; far right - *The Scotsman* 5 September; and right *Evening Times*, 2 September



Glasgow's Justice of the Arbroath.

City event for academics

MORE than 2000 political scientists from across the world will arrive in Glasgow this week for the European Consortium for Political Research's annual conference.

The ECPR aims to further research in the field of

political science and international relations.

The conference, the largest of its kind in Europe, will be hosted at Glasgow University from tomorrow until Saturday and opened by Deputy First Minister Nicola Sturgeon.

Platform

Better relations needed between voters and our leaders, says Sarah Birch

REPRESENTATION is the institutional cornerstone of democratic practice. At the same time, traditional forms of political representation face numerous challenges with the decline of mass parties, policy constraints due to globalisation, and economic strains.

Democracy in Europe – including the UK – has come under threat in recent years from disenfranchisement, low turnout and disaffection with elected leaders.

Democracies need citizens who are engaged and care about politics, and it needs leaders who listen and respond to their concerns.

The MPs' expenses scandal of 2009 was one of a series of events that characterised politicians as distant and venal. Not surprisingly, this led people to engage less with political life and less likely to vote.

For example, recent discussions of the referendum have highlighted the "missing millions" who are expected not to take part in the vote. This trend has not affected all groups equally and we have witnessed an alarming rise in political inequality, in particular, younger people and poorer people are less likely to vote than older and richer people. This means that the voting electorate is unrepresentative in important ways.

This has considerable consequences for society as a whole: politicians have a strong incentive to listen to groups that are known to vote; they have little incentive to cater for those less likely to cast ballots.

So what is the solution? The answer involves change at the top and the bottom.

Politicians need to have a better understanding of how people see them. Citizens would benefit from a more nuanced appreciation of the difficult art of governing and making tough decisions. It may well be that bold measures are also needed, measures that require us to change our attitude toward political duty and how that duty is enshrined in our institutions.

It is at junctures such as this that the lessons of political science prove relevant, and we have high hopes that a gathering this week of experts at the University of Glasgow for the Annual Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research will yield novel insights and ideas.

Professor Sarah Birch is Professor of Comparative Politics at the University of Glasgow.

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9th Summer School for the ECPR in Ljubljana

For the ninth year in a row the ECPR held its annual Summer School in Methods and Techniques at the University of Ljubljana in Slovenia.

Twenty eight courses ran throughout the 2014 Summer School with the most popular being the one-week course on 'Qualitative Data Analysis: Methods and Procedures' (Instructor - Marie-Hélène Paré) which actually ran for two weeks such was the demand from participants. The most popular two-week course was 'Set-Theoretic Methods: Qualitative Comparative Analysis and Related Approaches' (Instructors - Carsten Schneider and Patrick Mello) and the most popular Refresher Course: 'Introduction to R' (taught by Andrej Blejec).

Whilst the ECPR's Methods School (and both events within it - the Summer and Winter Schools) have

become synonymous with high quality, cutting edge teaching, they are also becoming well known for the supporting plenary programme.

The Methods School organisers both at the ECPR and the local host institution go to great lengths to provide a fun, stimulating and inclusive set of events, aimed to support young scholars at the start of their careers (the Brown Bag Lectures) and create vital networks for future support and collaboration (social events).

This year's Brown Bag Lectures provided advice on the vitally important themes of 'Getting the

first job' and 'Getting published' alongside fascinating talks on 'Extremism in Europe' and 'Lessons from 2014 European Parliament elections'.

Outside of the classroom participants could challenge themselves physically too, with organised sessions for rafting and hiking; or satisfy their interest in history and geography through a tour of the Castle of Ljubljana and the beautiful Alpine resort of Bled Bohinj.

Missed the Summer School...?

Then there's just time to book your place at the 2015 Winter School in Methods and Techniques

Places at the 2015 Winter School in Bamberg, Germany, are filling up fast but some key courses still have places, such as:

- * Introduction to Mplus - Rens Van de Schoot
- * Ethical Issues in Field Research Methods - Peregrine Schwartz-Shea
- * Focus Groups - From Qualitative Data Generation to Analysis - Virginie Van Ingelgom
- * Advanced Discrete Choice Modelling - Paul W Thurner
- * Correspondence Analysis - Philippe Blanchard
- * Age-Period Cohort Analysis - Anja Neundorf
- * Respondent-Driven Sampling - Lisa Grazina Johnston

Plus, see online for more course offerings at both the Winter and Summer Schools - www.ecpr.eu



Summer School in Methods and Techniques



The people

As is has done for the past nine years, the Summer School in Methods and Techniques brought together students from across the world, here are some of them...



Conor Galvin,
University College
Dublin, College of
Human Sciences

Course followed: Analysing
Discourse I – Analysing Politics:
Theories, Methods and Applications -
Michal Krzyzanowski

This is my first Summer School,
it's absolutely superb, the quality
of engagement is great. Discourse
analysis is very challenging, so it's
very hard to make it as interesting as
the instructor is making it.



Kim Mannemar
Sonderskov

Instructor - Applied Multilevel
Modelling

It has been wonderful! Meeting highly
qualified PhD students from all
over Europe has been great. I have
enjoyed teaching.



Scott Pruyzers,
Carleton University

Course followed: Multivariate
Statistical Analysis and Comparative
Crossnational Surveys Data - Bruno
Cautrès

I would have had to take a four
month course in Quant at Carleton,
but I can get this in two weeks here.

Fay Madeleine Farstad, University of York

Course followed: Multivariate Statistical Analysis and Comparative Crossnational
Surveys Data - Bruno Cautrès

It's very intense but when I compare today to Monday, I have such a larger
understanding of the subject in just four days.



Fanny Frei, ETH Zürich

Course followed: Issues in Political, Policy, and Organisational Ethnography - Dvora Yanow

I am trained as an engineer and I have worked for five years so I have a lot of work experience, but I only started my PhD in February. I thought ethnography would be suitable for one of my research questions but I had a hard time finding an ethnography course. I found this course through a colleague who highly recommended the instructor, Dvora Yanow. The course gave me the tools to think about the method in a structured way and further develop my research design. Dvora was very interactive and welcomed specific concerns from all students which led to very interesting discussions. It was more like a seminar than a lecture.



Lili Vargha - Hungarian Demographic Institute

Summer School Participant and Winner of the Dirk Berg Schlosser Poster Competition

Excellent Summer School! You learn a lot and meet other international students interested in methodological issues. It is also a good opportunity to present your own research and receive feedback from both teachers and students.

My course about survival analysis was especially demanding with daily assignments and lab exercises. Nevertheless I left with sufficient knowledge to perform my own

survival analysis in the future. Our Instructor Janez Stare and TA Maja Pohar Perme were not only very good teachers, but they were extremely helpful when it came to giving guidance on students' research.

The poster competition was another opportunity to present and receive feedback on my own research. As a junior research fellow at the Hungarian Demographic Research Institute and a PhD student in Demography at the Doctoral School of Demography and Sociology (Pécs, Hungary), I am still at an early point in my career. However I am involved in an inspiring global research network of the National Transfer Accounts Project. This policy-oriented project analyses the economic consequences of the changing population age structure. Seeking to address population aging from various aspects, my poster presents new indicators about ageing. I am happy that my poster was received well and that I won the Dirk Berg-Schlosser Award for best poster this year.

All in all, the Summer School was a stimulating environment. Discussing methodological issues together and attending the social events fostered friendships, and maybe even future collaboration.

Jean Blondel PhD Prize

The call for nominations for the 2015 edition of the ECPR's prestigious PhD Prize opened on 1 October

Since October 2003, the ECPR has awarded an annual PhD prize for the best thesis in politics nominated by a Full Member institution. Winners to date have included Kevin Casas-Zamora, Laura Morales, Daniel Mügge and Virginie Van Ingelgom - all have gone on to have successful careers and to have books published with the ECPR Press. Indeed, that is one criteria of the Prize, that, with revision, the thesis could be potentially published as a book within the ECPR Press' Monographs series.

The timeline for the 2015 Prize is below:

- 1 October
Call for nominations opened
- 2 February (midnight)
Nominations close
- 2 March
Shortlist announced and shortlisted candidates contacted and given four weeks to send in the full version of their thesis for judging

Guidelines for entry

The thesis must have been examined and been deemed to have passed between 1 January 2014 and 31 December 2014. However, the doctorate need not have been officially conferred during this period.

- Each ECPR Full Member institution can nominate no more than one candidate for the prize.
- The candidacy must come via the ECPR Official Representative or the Head of Department.
- Only Full Member institutions can nominate candidates for the prize, and the thesis nominated must have been submitted at that institution.
- The topic of the thesis should fit broadly within the field of political science and political thought. For example, work on political economy should draw substantially on relevant political science literature as well as on any economics literature, likewise work on comparative constitutions should draw substantially on relevant literature from political science as well as from law, and so on.
- The thesis shall be the work of a single author.

Procedure

The submission must comprise (as three separate PDF files):

1. A letter from the Official Representative or Head of Department of the member institution at which the doctorate was conferred;
2. A 15 to 20-page abstract, in English, outlining the main arguments of the work. The abstract should outline:
 - a. the subject of the thesis;
 - b. its main findings and arguments;
 - c. its principal conclusions;
3. The table of contents of the thesis, also in English.

Submissions (as detailed above) must be sent to mtaylor@ecpr.eu no later than midnight on 2 February 2015. Submissions received after this date will not be accepted.

The documents will be used to select a shortlist (usually of not more than five candidates). The authors of the shortlisted theses will then be asked to provide an electronic copy of their complete thesis by 31 March 2015.



What Homeland has to do with causal inference in process tracing

In this blog post, ECPR Summer School Instructor Ingo Rohlfing (BIGSSS, Universität Bremen) shows how popular television programmes can illustrate key methodological arguments

More often than one might expect, television series and films offer excellent illustrations of methodological and methods-related arguments (which is worth a blog post of its own). When I was working on my Paper on comparative hypothesis testing in process tracing, I was watching the first season of the terrific TV series, *Homeland*. As it turned out, a very important element of episode 1.7 (The Weekend) exemplified the deficiency of a central argument in the process-tracing literature that is at the heart of my Paper.

For those readers who haven't watched *Homeland*, some contextual information is necessary for understanding the point (spoiler alert, I should add). One central figure in *Homeland* is Adrian Brody, a Marine who was captured during the Iraq war and held captive by Al-Qaeda. Brody had been part of a sniper team with Tom Walker, who was also captured and was apparently killed while being held prisoner.

After eight years of captivity, Brody is rescued, returns to the United

States as a hero and starts a political career in Washington. Shortly before Brody is rescued, Carrie Matthews, a CIA agent working in the Middle East, receives information that an American prisoner of war was turned while being held hostage. She doesn't know who it is, but believes that it must be Brody. Large parts of the first season circle around the question of whether she is right and her attempts to show that Brody is planning a terrorist attack in the US.

Now, at the end of episode 1.7, the CIA has gathered conclusive information that Walker is alive and seeks to carry out a terrorist attack in the US. The CIA concludes that Walker must be the one that was turned and not Brody. The following episodes show their conclusions are incorrect; in fact, Walker and Brody were turned by Al-Qaeda and a planned attack on the Vice President of the USA involves them both.

This is the part of the *Homeland* plot that meets with a deficient argument in the process-tracing literature on comparative hypothesis-testing. The argument is tied to the 2x2 typology

of hypothesis tests that became central in recent years and which I do not consider in detail here (e.g., Collier has an ungated article on this in *Political Science & Politics* and an appendix that includes a discussion of the typology and illustration with a **Sherlock Holmes case**). One type of test is the so-called doubly-decisive test, one that is marked by high uniqueness and high certainty. This means we are testing an observable implication of a working hypothesis that only follows from it (high uniqueness) and for which theory tells us that it is highly likely that we find confirming evidence (high certainty). Such a test is argued to be doubly decisive because confirming evidence for the working hypothesis automatically invalidates competing hypotheses.

In my Paper, I show that this is not necessarily true because an implication can be unique for one hypothesis and unrelated to another. As a matter of fact, this is the scenario in *Homeland*. Let's formulate the two hypotheses 'Brody was turned and is the assassin' and 'Walker was turned and is the

assassin'. At the end of episode 1.7, the CIA has information that leaves little doubt that Walker is planning a terrorist attack. Does this mean that Brody cannot be an assassin as well? No, it does not.

When simply examining the two hypotheses, it becomes clear that one does not rule out the other. Furthermore, the CIA does not have credible information suggesting that there is only one assassin. Carrie receives information about a turned prisoner in episode 1.1, but it is of unknown quality and does not strongly suggest that it is only one (or that any prisoner was turned in the first place). Sure, the CIA also does not have information that there are two assassins, but ruling this out at the end of episode 1.7 is premature. Confirming evidence on the Walker-hypothesis does not invalidate the Brody-hypothesis because the absence of evidence pointing to Brody does not mean that he might not be an assassin as well. (Whether the absence of evidence for a hypothesis is evidence of the absence of what the hypothesis stipulates, i.e., that it is wrong, is another interesting topic.)

For process-tracing researchers and people engaged in comparative hypothesis testing in general, the take-home lesson that I develop in my Paper is that one should distinguish between unique and contradictory implications. A unique implication is attached to one hypothesis and unrelated to others. A contradictory implication is at stake when two hypotheses yield exactly the opposite expectation. When one person predicts the world is ending tomorrow and another one says it will not, only one of the two can be correct.

I haven't done a systematic review of hypotheses in the social sciences, but there is good reason to believe that most hypotheses are not contradictory but instead yield unique

and complementary implications (or non-unique implications). In order to incorporate the distinction between unique and contradictory implications in a typology of hypothesis tests, I develop a 2x2x2 typology at the end of my Paper. It certainly is less handy than the 2x2 typology, but it does disentangle the two dimensions that are lumped together under the rubric of 'uniqueness' in the 2x2 version. The expanded typology would also have helped the CIA avoid drawing the wrong conclusion at the end of episode 1.7, but it also would have taken some of the edge away from Homeland's fascinating plot.

To see more from Ingo's blog go to:
<http://ingorohlfing.wordpress.com>



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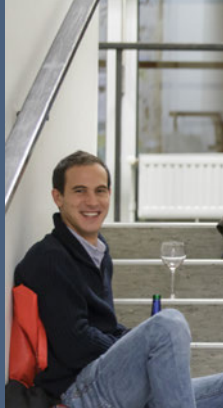


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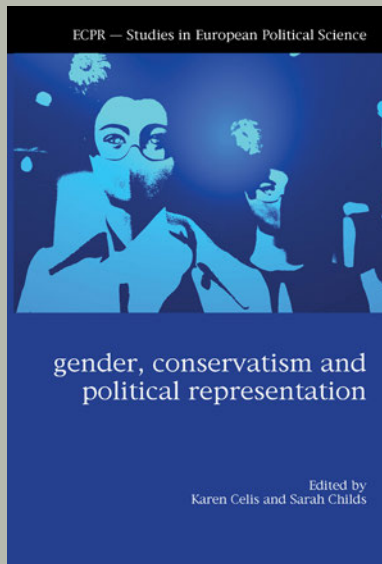
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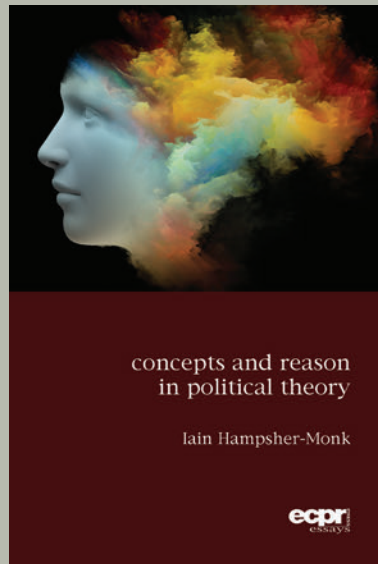


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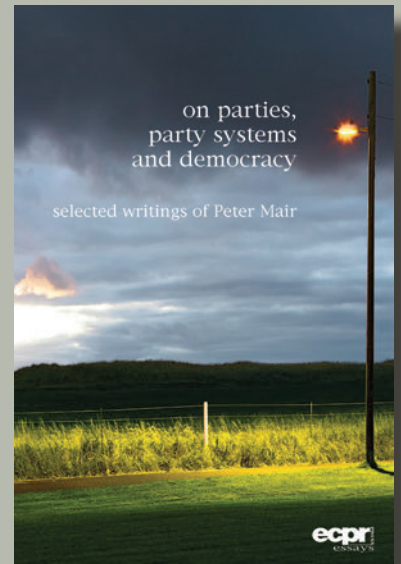


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