

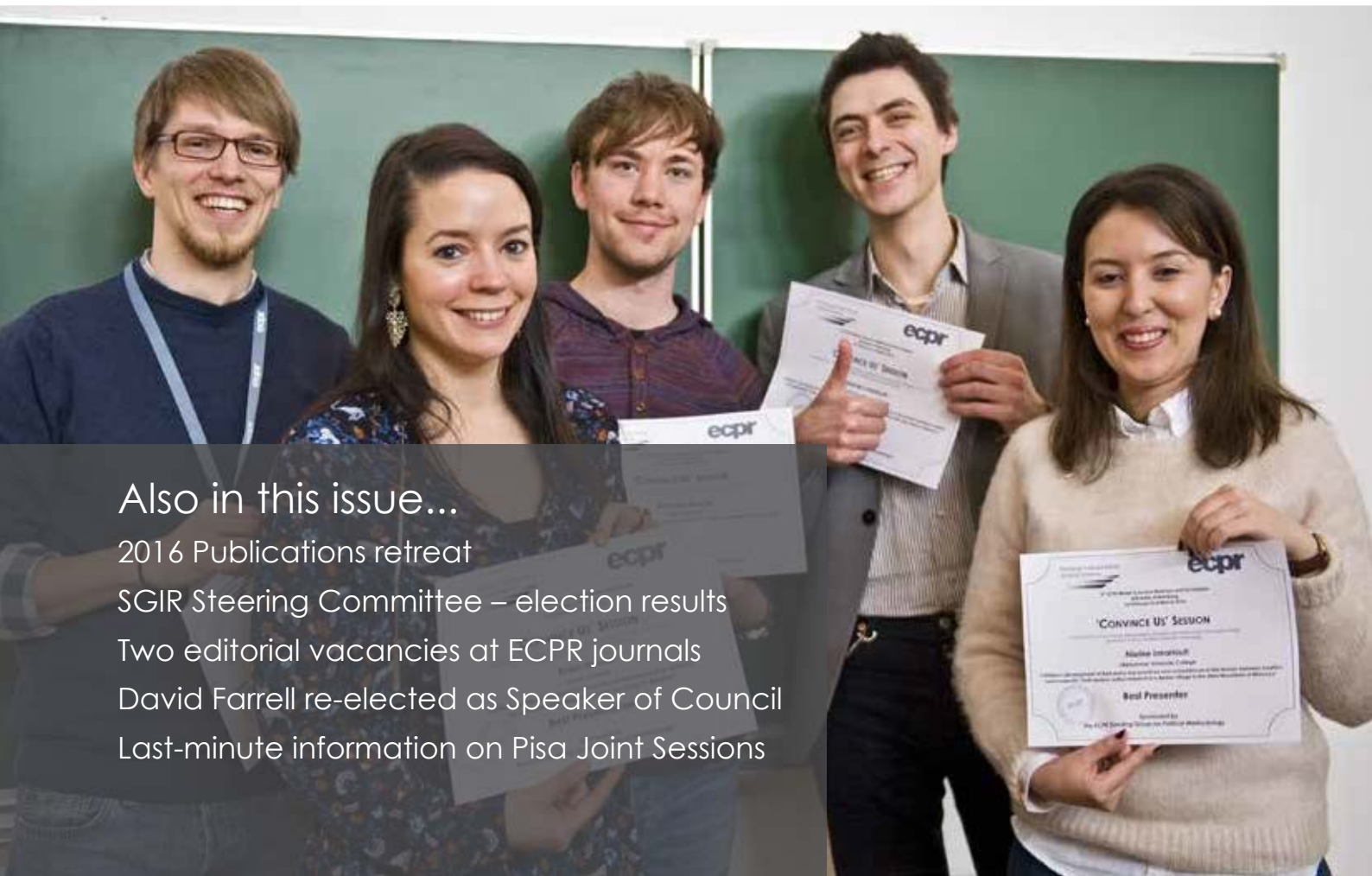
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Harbour House hosts second Publications Retreat

This February, the ECPR's editors and publishing partners came together for three days of workshops and meetings focussed on developing the organisation's publishing portfolio and strategy

Following the success of last year's event at ECPR headquarters, the 2016 Publications Retreat was extended to three days, to include book editors from ECPR Press and the OUP's Comparative Politics series.

The format remained largely the same as in 2015, with intensive editorial meetings, presentation of annual reports to the Publications Board, and plenary sessions.

A workshop on DA-RT made an interesting addition to the programme.

Data transparency

The debate over data transparency and replication in political science continues. EJPR editor Ioannis Papadopoulos organised and chaired a workshop aimed at better understanding the issues at hand, and drafting an ECPR response.

One editor from each journal attended, as did *EPSR* and *EJPR* publishers (respectively CUP and Wiley), an ECPR Press editor, and Publications Board Chair Mary Farrell.

US-based colleagues Colin Elman (Syracuse) and Bill Jacoby (Michigan

State) who have been deeply involved in the movement were invited to join via Skype to share their experiences and perspectives. Sadly, Jeffrey Isaac (Indiana) was forced to withdraw.

Discussions among all editors and the Publications Board continued during the following day's plenary session. *EPS* editor Daniel Stockemer is now working on the draft of an ECPR statement.

Thanks to all the publishers and editors who made the (in some cases not inconsiderable!) trip to Colchester and helped make the Retreat such a productive and collegial few days.





Opposite page ECPR Communications Manager Rebecca Gethen and Publications Board Chair Mary Farrell run through the schedule for the day

Above EPSR editor Wil Hout chats to EJPR publisher Rachel Smith

Below EJPR editor Ioannis Papadopoulos catches up with editorial manager Oliver Fritsch

Right The various editorial teams meet throughout the Retreat

Bottom right The ECPR Publications Board



Executive Committee comes to Colchester

The ECPR's Executive Committee (EC) meets twice a year in plenary; in February at Harbour House and then at the General Conference in the autumn. This February, their meeting took place straight after the Publications Retreat

With a full agenda, the Committee met over two days. Subcommittee meetings took place either side of plenary meetings so EC members could meet with their counterparts in Central Services ahead of the full meeting, to confirm agenda points and to run through actions arising. To make the work of the EC more manageable, it is split into

six delegated subcommittees plus a senior management team. Each subcommittee is made up of two EC members, the portfolio pairing/s from Central Services, and the Chair, Treasurer and Director as *ex officio* members. The senior management team comprises the Chair, Treasurer and Director.

Find a summary of the subcommittees below, and on the facing page.



Chair and Treasurer

Rudy Andeweg (Universiteit Leiden) chairs the EC and leads the Senior Management Team along with Treasurer **Richard Katz** (Johns Hopkins University) and Director Martin Bull. Richard Katz leads the Finance Subcommittee, which also comprises the Chair, Director and EC members Klaus Goetz and Kris Deschouwer.



EC Subcommittees



General Conference

Maurizio Carbone (University of Glasgow) and **Klaus Goetz** (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München) are responsible for the delivery of the annual General Conference. They act as Academic Convenors for the event, ensuring the quality of the academic and plenary programmes. They also have oversight of all organisational and practical matters.



Workshops

Anna Sroka (University of Warsaw) and **Kris Deschouwer** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) are responsible for the delivery of the annual Joint Sessions of Workshops and Research Sessions. They act as Academic Convenors for both events, ensuring the quality of the academic and plenary programmes. They also have oversight of all organisational and practical matters.



Publications

Luca Verzichelli (Università degli Studi di Siena) and **Mary Farrell** (University of Plymouth) oversee the ECPR's publishing strategy through the Consortium's books and journals, and its relationships with editors and publishers. The publications portfolio currently includes *EJPR*, *EPSR*, *EPS*, ECPR Press and the Comparative Politics series.



New Generation

Ólafur Þ Harðarson (University of Iceland) and **Petri Koikkalainen** (University of Lapland) are responsible for activities and services directed at students and young scholars. They have oversight of the Graduate Student Conference (where they act as Academic Convenors etc), the Methods School and the Graduate Student Network.



Organisation

Reuven Y. Hazan (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and **Birgit Sauer** (University of Vienna) have oversight of membership (growth and retention), Standing Groups and Research Networks, the gender diversity project, prizes and communications (marketing and publicity) – all of which are core areas of the organisation.

David Farrell re-elected as Speaker of Council

The ECPR's Speaker of Council plays an important role at the highest level of the organisation's governance

Following the recent elections for the Speaker of Council, we are delighted to announce that **David Farrell** (University College Dublin) has been re-elected for a further three years. Professor Farrell was appointed to serve a three-year term when the post was first created in 2013.

The Speaker of Council fulfils an important role, overseeing the work of the ECPR's highest level of governance, its Council, which is comprised of the Official Representative from each member institution.

The Senior Returning Officer for the election was Thomas Saalfeld, University of Bamberg.



David Farrell was elected as the first Speaker of Council in 2013. He will now continue in the role until 2019

Extraordinary meeting of the ECPR Council

The ECPR Council meets on an annual basis during our General Conference.

This year, an extraordinary meeting has been called, to discuss the ECPR's conversion from a registered charity into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

The meeting takes place during the Joint Sessions of Workshops, Pisa.

Date **Monday 25 April**

Time **17:30 – 18:30**

Venue

Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna



Plan your time at the 2016 ECPR Joint Sessions

If you're coming to Pisa at the end of this week, be sure you have all the information you need to make the most of your valuable time there

Visit www.ecpr.eu to find the academic programme, an up-to-date Schedule of Activities, the full plenary programme, local information and guidance on travel.

For updates as and when they happen, download the free App. Search for ECPR Joint Sessions 2016 in Google Play or the App Store. Containing the full academic and plenary programme, plus interactive maps to navigate around the three sites, it's a really useful tool. A handy 'chat' feature helps users quickly and easily connect with fellow attendees.

Don't forget to share your JS experiences using the hashtag [#ecprjs16](https://twitter.com/ecprjs16). We would love to see

your pictures and hear about what's happening in your workshop.

Publishing after the Joint Sessions...

If you have a book idea you'd like to discuss with either the ECPR Press or the Comparative Politics series, we can put you in touch with an editor.

To arrange a meeting with Peter Kennealy or Laura Sudulich of ECPR Press, email editorial@ecpr.eu

To set up a meeting with Emilie van Haute or Ferdinand Müller-Rommel of the Comparative Politics series, email evhaute@ulb.ac.be

ECPR Press

The publishing imprint of our organisation. ECPR Press's thriving catalogue covers four book series: Monographs, Essays, Classics, and the highly regarded Studies in European Political Science. This latter series publishes work arising from research presented at the Joint Sessions of Workshops.

Comparative Politics Series

This series was founded in 1990 and is published in partnership with Oxford University Press. It is devoted to the comparative study of contemporary government and politics, with a specific interest in the comparative domestic politics of institutions and political actors.



Two editorial vacancies on ECPR journals

The ECPR is seeking editors for two of its journals – the professional journal *EPS*, and research journal *EPSR*

Both posts commence at the end of this year and are an excellent opportunity for scholars interested in serving and leading the discipline through the development of these two high-profile publications.

The closing date for applications for both positions is 9 May.

European Political Science (*EPS*) Reviews Editor

EPS is the professional journal of the ECPR, devoted to publishing contributions by and for the political science community. Its interpretation of ‘political science’ is wide and encompasses comparative politics, political economy, international relations, public administration, political theory, European studies and related disciplines.

The journal publishes pieces on how the discipline is, can and ought to be. Articles address research matters (including debates in the discipline, research projects, political science information sources, funding opportunities); professional matters (such as career structures and prospects, external evaluation, higher education reforms, accreditation issues); doctoral training provision and teaching matters; and relations

between academia and politicians, policy makers, journalists and ordinary citizens.

EPS also includes substantive pieces that provide a political science perspective on important current events.

In addition to original articles, the journal carries shorter notes, review articles and symposia, progress reports on lively areas of research, and profiles of people in the profession.

Current Reviews Editor Lasse Thomassen completes his term of office at the end of 2016, so the ECPR is seeking a replacement with specific responsibility for book reviews who will work alongside the rest of the editorial team.

European Political Science Review (*EPSR*) Editor

EPSR is wide-ranging, broad-minded and embraces all the key themes and approaches of the discipline. It is not restricted to any particular methodology or regional focus.

The journal encourages scholarship that reaches across fields of substantive interest and methodological commitments, reflecting the full richness and

diversity of the discipline. At the same time, it seeks creatively to reach beyond the borders of political science.

EPSR publishes original research of the highest scholarly quality from leading political scientists around the world. It also features the work of the best young scholars in the discipline.

Readership consists primarily of political scientists, but also includes policy analysts, and social scientists in cognate disciplines.

Current Co-Editor Wil Hout completes his term of office at the end of 2016, so the ECPR is seeking a replacement to work alongside Carlos Closa and the rest of the editorial team to meet the objectives of this successful journal.

To read the full job descriptions, go to www.ecpr.eu and click on the ‘Vacancies’ tab at the bottom of your screen.

Interested applicants can also contact the *EPS* or *EPSR* editors, or ECPR Publications Manager Rebecca Gethen on rgethen@ecpr.eu for more information.

To see the latest articles in both journals, as well as the full archive of content, click the Publications tab on the ECPR home page.

Bamberg serves up second excellent Methods School

400 participants, 38 courses, four side dishes, 1,000 types of local beer! Joint Academic Convenor Benoît Rihoux talks us through the 5th ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques

What is the ECPR Winter School all about? Imagine that I have landed on Mars, inhabited by Martian political and social scientists who have not yet heard of the ECPR Methods School – and the Winter School in particular. How could I explain to them what it's all about?

It's about... a course programme

The Winter School, together with the Summer School, constitutes the ECPR Methods School. It offers a vast array of courses, at introductory, intermediate and advanced levels, catering for the very diverse needs of political and social scientists.

At the Winter School, two course formats cover six types of course topic. Two-day preparatory courses are held Friday–Saturday, each lasting seven and a half hours. They offer a quick introduction or refresher around either software training (more than 10 different software environments!) or philosophy/epistemology of the social sciences.



Then comes the main dish: five-day fifteen-hour main courses, held Monday-Friday with (typically) three daily lecture/lab hours, and additional daily work such as tutorials, assignments, project work.

There are four broad ‘families’ of such courses: research designs/fundamentals; data collection/generation; introductory data analysis; advanced data analysis.

The concept is that you can come to the Winter School at different stages of your research project – and research career – to consolidate/upgrade your methods skills, and do better, more solid research!

You also get interactive, small-group training, and tailored advice from the expert instructor and their teaching assistant(s). Indeed, all courses are capped at 25 participants. The pedagogical quality of each course is carefully evaluated, year after year.

It's about... a plenary academic programme

What may well be unique about the ECPR Methods School is its real plenary academic programme, which is fine-tuned yearly.

Consider it as an optional set of side dishes that open up methodological cross-fertilisation and debates, build skills and boost your career.

This year there were four such types of plenary event, and its likely that the same will be offered in 2017.

1 One-minute ‘beauty contest’ presentations from each main course instructor, conveying the essence of each course. Participants can then chat informally with those instructors at the welcome reception.

2 ‘Course tasting’ sessions: 25-minute introductory lectures by the instructors of four selected courses. This enables you to get a clearer picture of the core assumptions, goals and ‘toolboxes’ of courses other than the ones you have already signed up for.

3 ‘Brown bag’ lunchtime sessions:

presentations by an expert panel on a hot methods-related topic, followed by a debate with the audience. This year the brown bag sessions were about complexity in case-based research, and frontiers of Social Network Analysis.

4 An innovative ‘Convince Us’ session:

Five participants engaged in PhD research presented aspects of their work, with an emphasis on methodology. A panel of experienced researchers and instructors then gave feedback, followed by a plenary discussion. Two presenters received a awards for originality, pedagogical quality and general appeal.


Presenters highlighted diverse methodological approaches. Nisrine Lmariouh (Lillehammer University College) presented aspects of her ‘action research’ and ethnographic fieldwork on the tension between tradition and modernity in Berber villages in Morocco in a very lively manner. Stefan Wallaschek (BIGSSS/ University of Bremen) demonstrated convincingly how to bridge the fields of discourse and network analysis – fields often considered as separate.

It's about... networking and fun

Besides all the hard work, the Winter School is a great place to meet a huge range of social scientists from all over the globe, every one of them with research methods interests and (developing) skills.

Many informal networks are formed, tips and good practice exchanged, and bonds of friendship developed. As many former participants will attest, the Winter School has a great linkage and career-building function.

It's also a great place to go out and have fun or, to put it in a more politically correct way: to ‘discover the local cultural heritage’.



Consolidate/
upgrade your
methods skills,
and do better,
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research!

The beautiful medieval city of Bamberg is not only a UNESCO World Heritage site, it's in the heart of the Oberfranken region in which no fewer than 1,000 beers are produced, including the unique *Rauchbier* – smoked beer.

I usually don't drink alcohol, but since I am seriously into comparative methods, I had to at least taste some of these brews! On occasional early-morning jogs, I have probably crossed a few Methods School participants coming back from more intensive tasting sessions...

Many groups have had lots of fun in many other ways, visiting tourist attractions, going to cosy cafés or lively pubs, dipping into some thermal spas nearby... It's definitely possible to combine work and pleasure, provided you have good physical endurance!

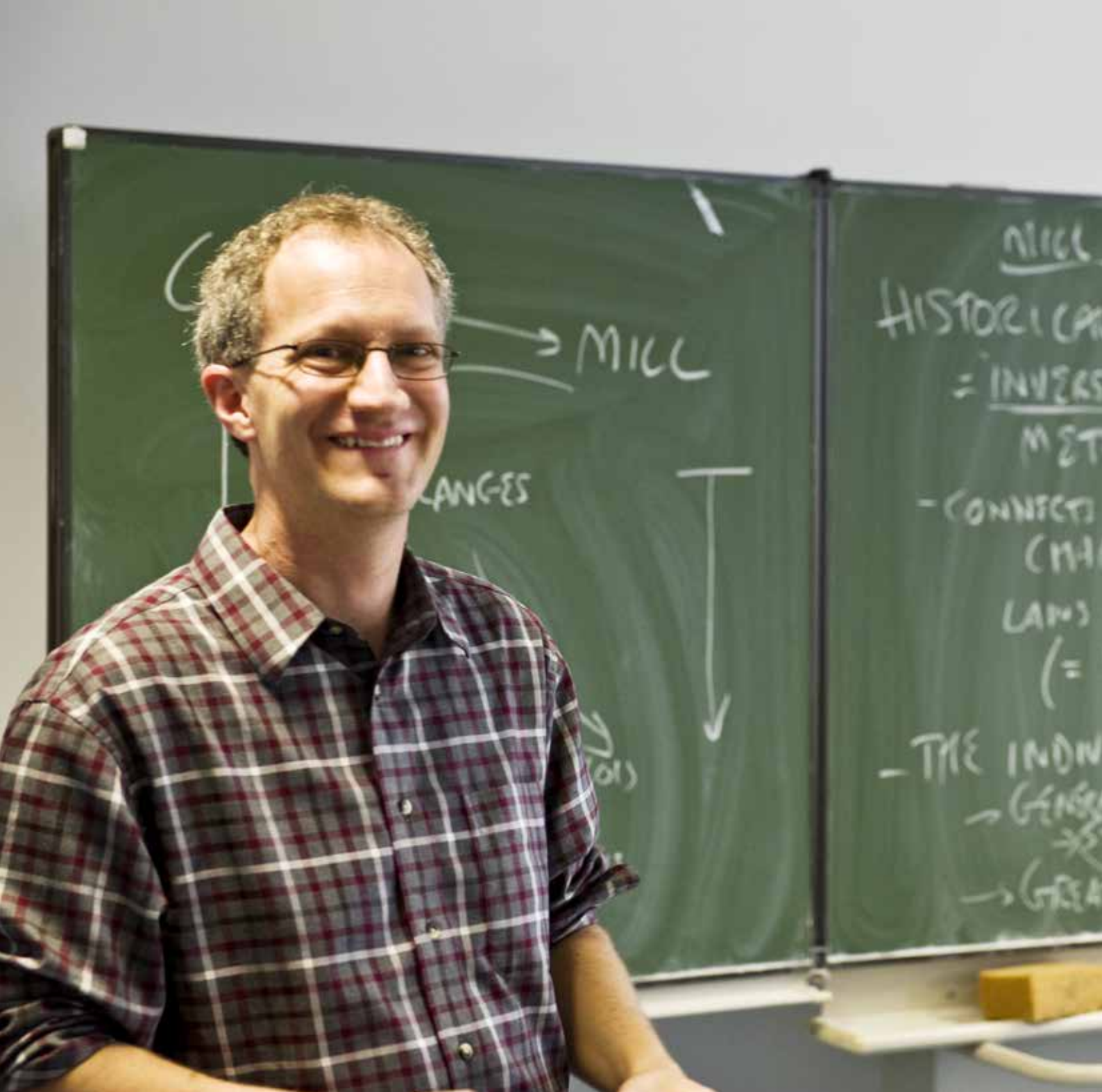
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3 – 10 March 2017

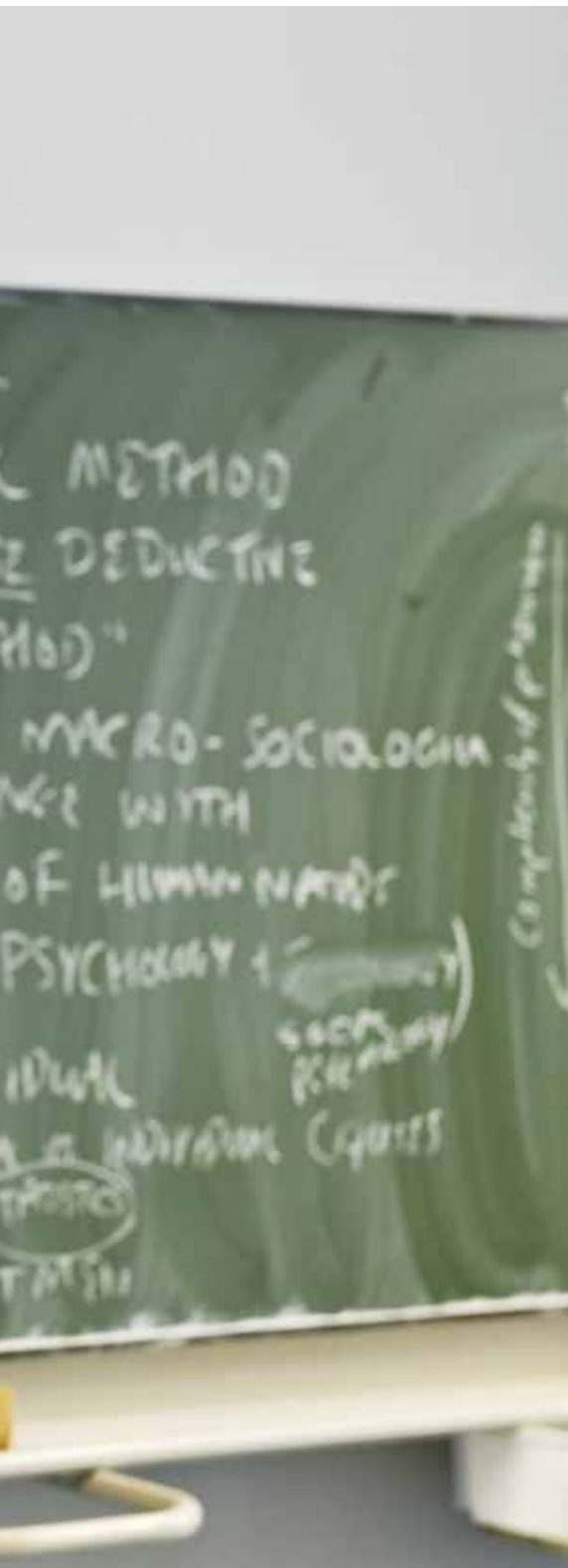
The 2017 programme on which I am working with fellow convenors Derek Beach and Levi Littvay will be at least as exciting as this year's. Look out for it on the Methods School web pages, before summer 2016.

In March it will be almost spring, the *Rauchbier* will be exactly at the right temperature, and the time will be right to refresh your skills.

And don't forget, you still have time to register for this year's Summer School in Methods and Techniques, which takes place in Budapest, 28 July – 13 August.

WINTER SCHOOL





- When *not* interview (only)... ?
 - When looking for precise factual information
 - When what people say may not be the most significant type of information for us (-> observational methods)
 - To spare us the hassle of going to the library or the archives (-> library/documentary research)
 - To get large-scale and/or representative information (surveys/questionnaires)



Courses at the 2016 Winter School

Preparatory short courses

Philosophy and Methodology of the Social Sciences: A Pluralistic Framework
Programming in the Social Sciences: Web Scraping, Social Media, and New (Big) Data with Python
Programming in LaTeX for Social Scientific Document Preparation
Introduction to R
Introduction to STATA
Introduction to SPSS
Introduction to z-Tree, a Software Package for Designing and Implementing Laboratory Experiments
Combining Data from Different Sources: Different Techniques, Different Worlds
Introduction to Qualitative Data Analysis with Atlas.ti
Introduction to NVivo for Qualitative Data Analysis
Introduction to MAXQDA a Qualitative and Mixed Methods Data Analysis Software

Research Design Fundamentals

Research design/fundamentals courses
Comparative Research Designs
Historical Methods for Social Scientists
Introduction to Qualitative Interpretive Methods
Experimental Methods
Introduction to Statistics for Political and Social Scientists
Game Theory for Social Scientists

Data collection/generation courses

Qualitative Interviewing
Focus Groups – From Qualitative Data Generation to Analysis
Survey Design
Automated Web Data Collection with R

Data analysis course (introductory)

Quantitative Text Analysis
Introduction to Applied Social Network Analysis

Data analysis course (advanced)

Analysing Political Language
Advanced Process Tracing Methods
Advanced Topics in Set-Theoretic Methods and QCA
Advanced Multi-Method Research
Advanced Qualitative Data Analysis
Advanced Discrete Choice Modelling
Interpreting Binary Logistic Regression Models
Inferential Network Analysis
Introduction to Bayesian Inference
Panel Data Analysis:
Hierarchical Structures, Heterogeneity and Serial Dependence
Methods of Modern Causal Analysis Based on Observational Data
Handling Missing Data
Multilevel Regression Modelling
Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) with R

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The ‘Convince Us’ Sessions

New to this year’s Winter School were two interactive workshops giving junior researchers the chance to pitch their ideas to more experienced researchers. The Sessions were followed by feedback and open discussion on the topic.

Two awards were handed out. ‘Best Presentation’ went to **Stefan Wallaschek**, Bremen International Graduate School of Social

Sciences, for his presentation on ‘Understanding discourse (and) network analysis’. ‘Best Presenter’ went to **Nisrine Lmariouh**, Lillehammer University College, for her presentation, ‘Children’s development of their everyday practices and competences in the tension between tradition and modernity: Participatory action research in a Berber village in the Atlas Mountains of Morocco’.





Thinking about Methods...

Stefan Wallaschek, winner of the 'Best Presentation' award, shares his experience of the 2016 Winter School in Bamberg

It was my first time at an ECPR Methods School and I was really looking forward to it. The timing was perfect because I was about to start empirics, and needed methods training.

Participating in the R introductory and social network analysis classes, I learnt the basics, got to know the seminal literature, used the software and met other researchers.

The social events were well-organised and a good opportunity to meet outside the classroom. The local organisers and ECPR team created good working and free-time environments for us.

Convincing session

The 'Convince Us' session was an interesting opportunity to reflect on my dissertation from a methodological perspective. This was motivating for me, because I was struggling with my

method and empirical approach and wasn't sure if I could adopt discourse network analysis to my research. I did, however, find the relatively short notice of acceptance to the session was quite challenging.

While participating in the courses and assignments, we had to prepare a concise presentation. Just beforehand, we were told we would present in one big plenum instead of two separate ones, and had only eight minutes to present. Still, the presentations were interesting and many took part during their lunch break. The format of six presentations in 90 minutes was an experiment for us all which resulted in minor confusions but the convenors took it in relaxed fashion.

Important questions

Unfortunately, the discussion was very short. Getting feedback was one of the reasons I applied: What

do other researchers think about my research? Luckily, we had some time afterwards to talk informally about methodological issues, and research questions. I felt it was a great opportunity to present a part of the dissertation which often seems to be of minor interest, and which is kept brief in articles.

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Nisrine Lmariouh and Stefan Wallaschek, winners of the 'Best Presenter' and 'Best Presentation' awards



It was stimulating to reflect on these important questions and talk about them to other researchers. I'm confident it will raise my awareness of methodological issues in future research.

A lot to learn

All in all, I enjoyed the week in Bamberg. The introductory courses laid the methodological foundations for my ongoing dissertation on the politics of solidarity in times of crisis and I am sure I can build on these. I am also sure that I will, sooner or later, participate in another ECPR Method School. There is a lot still to learn about methods and techniques...



Summer School in Methods and Techniques



Central European University,
Budapest

28 July – 13 August 2016



Methods Short Courses added to the 2016 Graduate Student Conference

Three short introduction to Methods courses will be offered as part of the Graduate Student Conference programme in Tartu

The ECPR's biennial Graduate Student Conference allows young scholars to present their work to peers and gain essential conference experience. Our Methods School offers state-of-the-art training in research methods and techniques by leading experts in the field. For the first time, these two must-attend student events will be brought under one roof, with a full day of methods training added to the Conference programme in Tartu, Estonia.

Three five-hour methods courses will run concurrently on **10 July 2016**, the day before the academic programme of the Conference begins.

Course content

Each course will provide an overview of the main analytical and epistemological contours of the methodological field; the questions asked by the method; how these questions have evolved; and how

techniques have been developed and applied. The courses won't involve lab sessions, advanced reading or homework; though they may include in-class exercises.

Taught by ECPR Methods School Instructors, and following the School's acclaimed teaching programme, these courses are ideal for students who want to experience the structure and teaching style of the Methods School before signing up for the real thing.

You don't need to be attending the Graduate Student Conference to register. If you are already registered and would like to take a short course, you will have to register separately.

There's still time to register

Registration for the short courses closes 15 June 2016. Visit the Graduate Student Conference pages of www.ecpr.eu to find out more, and to register. Alternatively, email Anna Foley on afoley@ecpr.eu

Tartu 2016 Short Methods Courses

Cross-National Survey Data and Analysis

Instructor: Bruno Cautrès,
Sciences Po, Paris

Process-Tracing

Instructor: Hilde van
Meegdenburg, Hertie
School of Governance

Interpretive Methodologies and Methods:

Introduction and Overview

Instructor: Dvora Yanow,
Wageningen University
and Research Center

*The Graduate Student
Conference will take place
at the University of Tartu
in Estonia from
10 – 13 July 2016*

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Mapping methods – a step towards more constructive methodological debates?

Would-be participants at ECPR's Methods School have a dizzying 80-odd courses from which to choose. Attempting to navigate them sparked a research project to review how methods are classified. Co-author Philippe Blanchard discusses the results

The trouble with methods is that they develop quickly and in many directions. How can one be sure of using the most appropriate tool(s) for a given research project? How to choose the most appropriate technique or software?

With the same concerns in mind, the convenors and the advisory board of the ECPR Methods School (MS) were looking for a way to help aspiring participants to orientate themselves among their 80-course offer.

Twenty questions

Dissatisfied with existing methods classifications, the convenors and the board devised a 20-question online survey and put it to the 65 MS instructors, all recognised experts in their respective, very diverse, fields. They asked the instructors to describe the main epistemological, methodological, technical and educational features of their respective specialisms.

This collaborative, inductive and

international approach proved fruitful, and the results have recently been published in the *International Journal of Social Research Methodology**. The survey results were analysed using multivariate statistical techniques, to reveal converging and diverging principles and practices in the growing landscape of methods. 'Qualitative' versus 'quantitative' cleavage is still present, but less consensual. The 'qualitative' block in particular displays considerable epistemological variety. Moreover,



several courses, such as multi-method designs or small-N techniques, clearly depart from the QQ scholastic.

Moment in history

The study illustrates a moment in the history of relationships between methods. The debate about methods and paradigms in the discipline has been plagued for decades by power and identity investments that limited collective intellectual progress.

Power and identity concerns, world-views and ontological assumptions, as well as arbitrary technical or aesthetic preferences may still sometimes stifle methodological reflection. However a pragmatic pluralism is gaining momentum in European political science methodology, and limiting the effects of dogmatism that can be observed elsewhere.

The recent flow of data from the web should reinforce this trend. Hopefully, methodology debates may one day raise their views to the level already achieved by concrete method practices.

* Philippe Blanchard, Benoît Rihoux & Priscilla Álamos-Concha: 'Comprehensively mapping political science methods: an instructors' survey'. Online first, Feb. 2016.

P. Blanchard (University of Warwick) teaches at the Methods School (MS), chairs its Academic Advisory Board and co-convenes the Standing Group on Political Methodology; B. Rihoux (University of Louvain – UCL) also teaches at the MS and has been MS joint Academic Convenor since its inception in 2006; P. Álamos-Concha (University of Louvain – UCL) is a PhD researcher and has acted as teaching assistant at the MS.

The Standing Group on Political Methodology

This Group is a forum for methodological discussions among European political scientists and interested scholars and students from adjoining disciplines.

The Group circulates information about new tools and approaches to studying political phenomena, promotes and facilitates cooperation on various methodological issues, broadly defined, and provides an organisational basis for supporting new initiatives in political methodology.

Find out more at www.ecpr.eu

Become a member of an ECPR Standing Group today

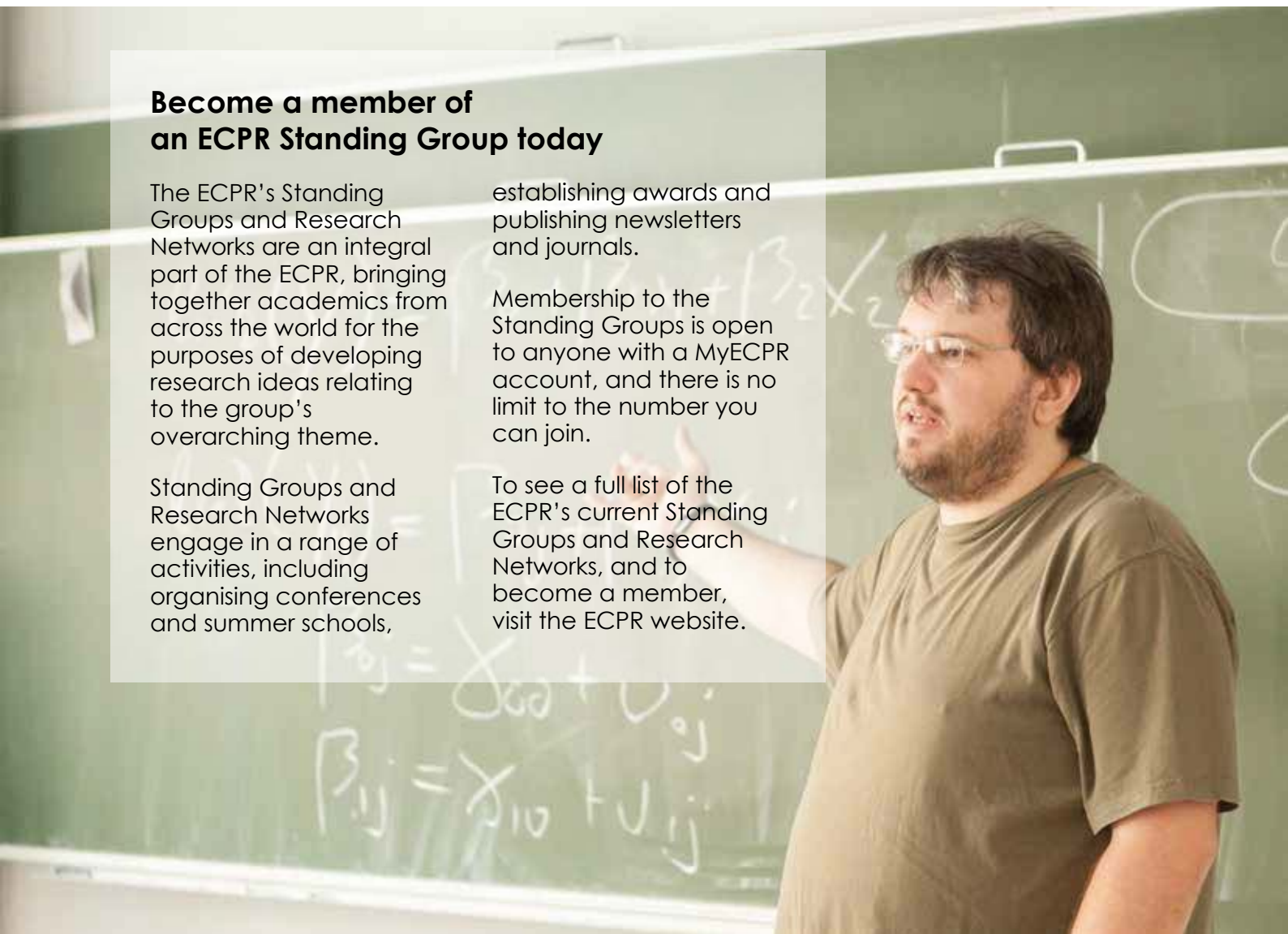
The ECPR's Standing Groups and Research Networks are an integral part of the ECPR, bringing together academics from across the world for the purposes of developing research ideas relating to the group's overarching theme.

Standing Groups and Research Networks engage in a range of activities, including organising conferences and summer schools,

establishing awards and publishing newsletters and journals.

Membership to the Standing Groups is open to anyone with a MyECPR account, and there is no limit to the number you can join.

To see a full list of the ECPR's current Standing Groups and Research Networks, and to become a member, visit the ECPR website.



New SGIR Steering Committee elected

Following the recent election process, the ECPR are pleased to announce the new SGIR Steering Committee

Three new members have been elected as the new Steering Committee for the Standing Group on International Relations. They are:

Lisa Dellmuth Lecturer in international relations and comparative politics at the Department of Political Science at Stockholm University and the Stockholm Resilience Centre

Piki Ish-Shalom The A. Ephraim and Shirley Diamond Family Chair in International Relations and Associate Professor at the Department of International Relations, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Manuela Moschella Associate Professor in international political economy at the Scuola Normale Superiore in Pisa

Lisa will act as Convenor; Piki as Secretary; and Manuela as Treasurer.

In a statement following their election, the new members said:

‘We very much welcome the opportunity to serve as members of the Steering Committee of SGIR. We will work to re-establish SGIR as an energetic and inclusive Standing Group able to deliver its distinctive intellectual contributions in the European academic community. We will also work to develop scholarly networks, and accord special importance to building cooperative working interactions with EISA and other relevant European associations. Our goal is an enriching academic network, dedicated to research and the training of future

generations of scholars in all areas of International Relations. We welcome any suggestion and advice from all members of SGIR.’

“ We will work to re-establish SGIR as an energetic and inclusive Standing Group

Lisa, Piki and Manuela take office as soon as the formal agreement outlining the cooperation and division of labour between SGIR and EISA has been signed.

Lisa Dellmuth



Piki Ish-Shalom



Manuela Moschella





Make the most of your ECPR membership

The ECPR brings people together across the spectrum of political science and related disciplines. It offers unrivalled opportunities to collaborate with scholars who share your research interests, and to explore this constantly changing academic field

The ECPR's conferences and events are a forum for lively and fruitful discussion and idea exchange, while its biannual Methods School – Summer and Winter – invites you to hone your research skills under the tutelage of internationally renowned experts.

Your institution's ECPR membership entitles you to a host of tangible benefits that will advance your studies and help further your career. Set up a MyECPR account, and make the most of them!

Your benefits include:

- Reduced fees for the General Conference and Graduate Student Conferences, Joint Sessions of Workshops and Methods School
- Eligibility for funding to attend ECPR events
- Print copy of *EJPR* delivered to your Official Representative
- Online access to *EPS* via Palgrave Macmillan
- 30% discount on all titles in the ECPR/OUP *Comparative Politics* series and 20% off all OUP politics titles
- Opportunity to direct Workshops at the Joint Sessions (Associate Members can co-direct)
- Opportunities to join a Standing Group or Research Network, or to set up new ones
- Online MyECPR account, where you can register for events, and propose Workshops, Sections, Panels and Papers
- Eligibility to win prizes and awards
- Regular e-bulletins – including job alerts

Europe's Present Discontents

Back in February, a stellar academic panel convened at University College London to discuss the many daunting challenges facing the European Union

Since the beginning of the Euro crisis, the Union has transformed in many ways, but the prospects for the deepening of European integration have become more uncertain.

Have the transformations in Eurozone governance contributed to greater political legitimacy, or have they instead put a strain on what was already a fragile system?

Are there reforms that would enhance legitimacy, and if not, what is the prospect for the euro, the Eurozone and indeed the future of the Union itself?



Left to right Ulrich K Preuß, event organiser Claudia Sternberg, Christian Joerges, Kalypso Nicolaïdis, Albert Weale, former ECPR Press Editor Dario Castiglione, Michelle Everson

'Brilliant minds'

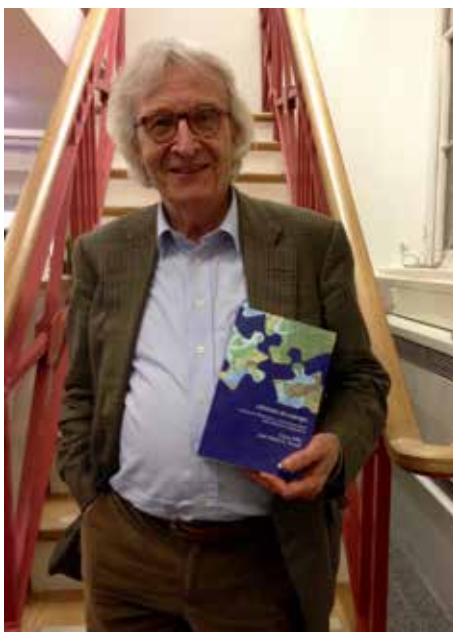
To discuss these weighty matters, a roundtable panel assembled on 8 February at UCL's Institute of Advanced Studies. 'Europe's Present Discontents' tackled current events with reference to two recent books: *Beyond the Crisis: The Governance of Europe's Economic, Political and Legal Transformation*, edited by Mark Dawson, Henrik Enderlein, and **Christian Joerges** (OUP), and the ECPR Press volume *Citizens in Europe: Essays on Democracy, Constitutionalism and European Integration* by Claus Offe and **Ulrich K. Preuß**.

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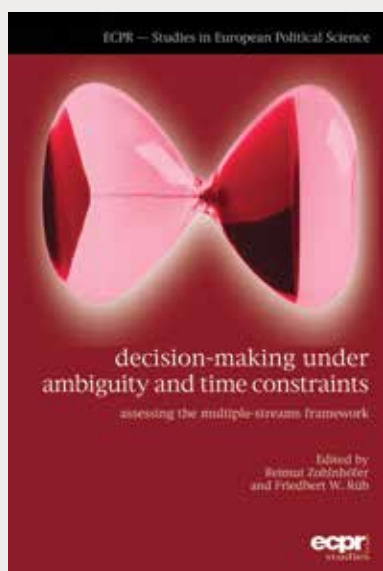
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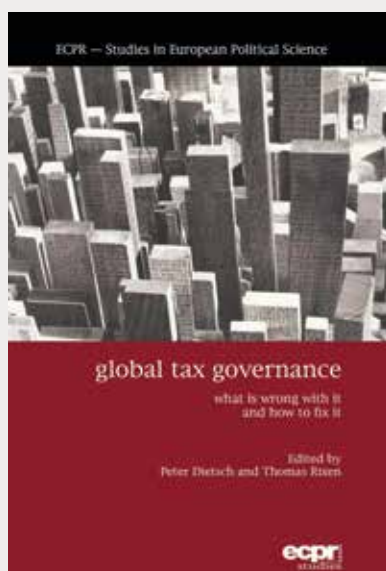


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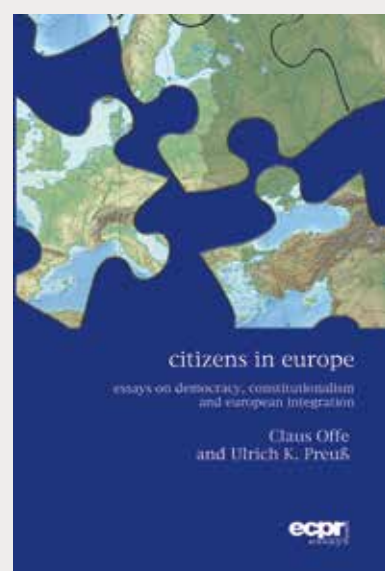


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