REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSIONS

1. Must be a very substantial and original contribution in comparative social science research.
2. Can be either an unpublished manuscript of book length, or a printed book, or collected works published within the two years preceding the award ceremony.
3. Should include four copies of manuscripts, typed double space, or of printed works.
4. Should be accompanied by a formal letter in support of the nomination from the head of a research institution – a university department, research centre or institute; the letter of nomination must provide information on the nominee, his/her work, and justify their candidacy for the award.
5. Should preferably be submitted in English; if a submission is written in another language, it should be accompanied by an English summary of the work.
6. Should be submitted by the deadline of 1 December 2008.

Submissions should be sent to:
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Clare Dekker can also answer any queries; her e-mail address is: dekker@essex.ac.uk.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2008/2009 PRIZEWINNERS AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE AWARD CEREMONY

1. The decision of the jury will be announced by early February 2009.
2. The 2008 and 2009 prizewinners will be invited to attend an award ceremony, which will take place during the ISSC's World Social Science Forum in Bergen, Norway, from 10 to 12 May 2009 (see http://www.rokkan.uib.no/wssf/).
3. The ISSC will organise the award ceremony, during which prizewinners will be expected to give a public lecture on the work for which they have been awarded the prize.
4. The ISSC will organise a reception in honour of the laureate.

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ecpr executive committee elections 2009

WHAT IS THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND WHY SHOULD I CARE?

The ECPR's Executive Committee consists of twelve persons elected by the ECPR Council. Six members step down and six are elected every three years. Each member of the Executive Committee must be a member of a full (not associate) ECPR member institution and is elected in order to serve the organisation, not to represent a constituency. Each member of the Executive Committee is allocated a 'portfolio' covering one of the main areas of responsibility

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– publications, Joint Sessions, finance, for example – that is backed up by a sub-committee, but members are also expected to contribute to furthering and publicising all the Consortium's activities. The Executive is responsible for deciding policy and directing the affairs of the Consortium and though it is supported on a day-to-day basis by the Academic and Administrative Directors and Central Services staff, it is an important and increasingly demanding job that requires commitment and energy. Anyone who cares about the ECPR and wishes to see it flourish should consider standing for the Executive Committee. It is, however, important to understand that being a member of the Executive Committee is not simply one more line on one's CV. Doing the job seriously needs time and commitment, and may be hard to combine with other significant responsibilities.

WHAT HAPPENS IN 2009?

Each member of the Committee is entitled to serve for a maximum of two three-year terms. Six members retire every three years, thus ensuring continuity. The term of office of the six members of the Executive Committee who were elected during the Edinburgh Joint Sessions in 2003 will come to an end during the Lisbon Joint Sessions in April 2009. They are required to stand down, thus creating six vacancies. The following people will stand down in 2009:

Carlos Alba, Autonoma University of Madrid
Michael Cox, London School of Economics
Maurizio Ferrera, Università degli studi di Milano
Ursula Hoffmann-Lange, Universität Bamberg
Hanne Marthe Narud, University of Oslo
Erik Neveu, Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Rennes

The following people will continue in office:

Klaus Armingeon, Universität Bern
Luciano Bardi, Università di Pisa
Eileen Connolly, Dublin City University
Joaquim Molins, Universitat Autònoma Barcelona
Vello Pettai, University of Tartu
Jacob Torfing, Roskilde University

Nomination forms and guidelines for nominations and the election process will be sent to all official representatives at least three months before the election takes place. This information will also be available on the ECPR website. The deadline for nominations (which require the signature of the person standing for election, together with the signatures of five nominees who must be official representatives of ECPR member institutions) is approximately two weeks before the election takes place (18 April 2009).

WHAT DO I DO IF I AM INTERESTED?

Talk to a current member of the Executive Committee or one of the Directors. Their email addresses can be found in the 'ECPR people' pages of the ECPR website at www.ecprnet.org.

2009 JOINT SESSIONS, LISBON, PORTUGAL: 14–19 APRIL

Workshops currently welcome paper proposals. If you would like to summit a paper proposal, please contact the workshop director(s) directly. A full list of workshops, contact details and information on how to apply to participate are now available on the ECPR website at: http://www.ecprnet.org.

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The deadline for submitting a paper proposal is 1 December 2008.

2010 JOINT SESSIONS, MUNSTER, GERMANY: 22–27 MARCH

The ECPR currently welcomes proposals to direct workshops at the 2010 Joint Sessions that will be hosted by the University of Münster.

Please see our website for full details on how to submit a proposal to run a workshop at: http://www.ecprnet.org.

The deadline for proposals is 1 February 2009.

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