# ECPR conferences

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## NEW ECPR VENTURE: JOINT CONFERENCE WITH IPSA IN SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL

In February of this year, history was made as two of the principal organisations representing political science in the world (ECPR and the International Political Science Association, IPSA) organised a major joint event together with the Brazilian Political Science Association (BPSA) at the University of São Paulo in Brazil. The Conference was a tremendous success, with about 800 participants, although not free of logistical problems, which were exacerbated by the daily tropical storm that seemed to bring traffic to a halt in the city. But for ECPR this was its first venture beyond Europe and where better to go than somewhere that both challenged its organisational capabilities and extended its reach into countries, where the political science profession is interested in interacting more with its counterparts in Europe. And the ECPR, of course, was in good company with IPSA's vast international and organisational experience (led by President Leonardo Morlino), and the BPSA's local astuteness (led by President Fabiano Santos) and the experience of the local organisers at the University of São Paulo (led by Marta Arretche President of the Local Organising Committee). The ECPR is immensely grateful to all three of these organisations for helping it to stick its toe in non-European waters.

The theme of the Conference was 'Whatever Happened to North-South?', with Programme Chairs Martin Bull (ECPR) and José Álvaro Moisés (IPSA) overseeing three major themes: Changing Patterns of IR/Regional Integration (Theme Convenors: Dirk Nabers and Miriam Prys); Political Regimes, Democratic Consolidation and the Quality of Democracy (Theme Convenor: Thomas Poguntke); and Economic Trends and Political, Social and Cultural Changes (Theme Convenors: Rachel Meneguello and Lucio Rennó). There were keynote addresses by Wanderley Guilherme Dos Santos, Philippe Schmitter and Peter Gourevitch. The academic programme was supported throughout by IPSA administrators Isabel Brinck, Roksolana Bobyk and Yee Fun Wong.

The fact that this first joint event was staged in a country at the beginning of its sixth democratically elected government following more than 20 years of dictatorship was a source of pride to all those involved. The ECPR hopes that the new road taken by IPSA and ECPR will be emulated elsewhere, and that the Conference will mark the beginning of a new era of cooperation, one which sees political science as a genuinely global brand furthering the interests of politics, societies, academe and governance. The ECPR has already opened discussions with IPSA about a possible future joint event.

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## THE ECPR WINTER SCHOOL IN METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

Eastern Mediterranean University,
Famagusta, North Cyprus,
11–18 February 2012

The ECPR is delighted to announce the creation of a compliment to the hugely successful Summer School in Methods and Techniques (SSMT): the ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques (WSMT). This too will be an annual event, complementary to the Summer School and for the same public of advanced students and junior researchers in political science and adjacent disciplines.

The WSMT, specifically, will feature *both introductory courses and more advanced courses, in a 1-week format*, while the intermediate-level courses will continue to be held at the SSMT in Ljubljana, in a 2-week course format for quantitative techniques and two consecutive 1- week courses for qualitative techniques.

The WSMT will be held in the historic site and seaside location of Famagusta (North Cyprus), at the Eastern Mediterranean University.

The SSMT and WSMT together will form the *ECPR Schools in Methods and Techniques*.

## 6TH ECPR GENERAL CONFERENCE

Reykjavik, Iceland – 24–27 August 2011




The Reykjavik General Conference will be the largest ever held by the ECPR and the largest in Iceland to date also; highlights will include:

- Plenary lecture given by the *President of Iceland*, Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson.
- Roundtable on *Small States and the Global Economic Crisis*.
- Roundtable on *Globalisation and Inequality. Explaining Change in Gender and Politics*.
- Almost *450 panels* will be held and more than *2,500 participants* will be attending.

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## 39TH ECPR JOINT SESSIONS OF WORKSHOPS

Antwerp, Belgium – 10–15 April 2012




The ECPR will be announcing the Workshops to be held in Antwerp 2012 during the summer of 2011 – please check the website (www.ecprnet.eu/joint_sessions/antwerp) or sign up to MyECPR and the *Conferences* mailing list to receive details via e-mail.

If you are interested in presenting a paper in one of the Workshops please contact the Workshop directors directly – details will be available on the ECPR website. The deadline for submission of Workshop papers is 1 December 2011.

## ECPR PRESS: NEW PUBLICATIONS

### *STATE FORMATION, PARTIES AND DEMOCRACY*

*Studies in Comparative European Politics*
*Hans Daalder*

Publication Date: April 2011
Page Extent: 304pp.
ISBN: 978 1 907 30117 9
Price: £34.00; €36.00

This volume re-publishes classical studies by Hans Daalder on three major themes: the different paths towards state formation in Europe; their effect on parties and party systems and their alleged crises; and the rise and merits of the consociational democracy model. They testify to the actuality of past analyses for understanding patterns of democratisation, the stability and challenges to democracy, pluralism and individual liberties and the political role of bureaucracies in Western Europe. The book throws a unique light on the development of comparative studies after World War II as seen through the eyes on an active participant. In a fascinating preface, Peter Mair contrasts two scholarly generations in the field of comparative and cross-national studies.

### *COERCING, CONSTRAINING AND SIGNALLING*

*Explaining and understanding International Sanctions after the end of the Cold War*
*Francesco Giumelli*

Publication Date: April 2011
ISBN: 978 1 907 30120 9

International sanctions are often imposed in response to diverse crises and problems, but there is little agreement about the intent with which they are used. This book unveils how sanctions can influence their targets and it investigates the systemic causes of these mechanisms. Sanctions can coerce, constrain and signal targets in the international system, but the power to decide among these three types is limited the context in which actors decide.

### *SCHOOLS OF DEMOCRACY*

*How Ordinary Citizens (Sometimes) Become Competent in Participatory Budgeting Institutions*
*Julien Talpin*

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*Schools of democracy* offers a vivid analysis of the long-term impact of engagement in participatory budgeting institutions in Europe. Great hopes have appeared on the potential of democratic innovations potential to re-enchant representative government and solve the increasing apathy of the public. Based on a rich ethnographic study in France, Italy and Spain, this book shows how participatory institutions can satisfy this ambition, by creating the procedural and social conditions of formation of a competent citizenry. It also shows, however, how individuals often end up disappointed by the little decision-making power they are granted, exiting the institutions ever more cynical than at the beginning.

### *JUST DEMOCRACY*

*The Rawls-Machiavelli Programme*
*Philippe van Parijs*

Publication Date: May 2011
Page Extent: 292pp.
ISBN: 978 1 907 30114 8

Among the countless ways in which democracies could be organised, we should not opt for the most democratic. Instead, we should go for those that offer the best prospect of making our societies and our world more just. This is the core of the 'Rawls-Machiavelli programme' vividly illustrated in this book, with special attention to the pursuit of intergenerational justice and of social justice in multilingual polities such as Belgium or the European Union.

### *MAESTRI OF POLITICAL SCIENCE*

*Edited by Donatella Campus, Gianfranco Pasquino & Martin Bull*

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In Italian, the word 'Maestri' is associated with those that lead the way; this successor to *Masters of Political Science* continues the editors' re-evaluation and appreciation of the works of those political scientists that has gone before. *Maestri of Political Science* is aimed not only at a new generation of political scientists, but is a valuable opportunity for established scholars to see new light through old windows.

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