



SG Citizenship Annual Meeting,

Time: Oct 29, 2020 12:00 PM GMT

Attendees (at the start)

Siklodi, Solaugh, Konstantinidou, Weber, Vintila, Levy, Marej, Ganoheriti, Wongs, Finn, Kukesova, Charlton, Fournier, Reichert, Szukala

Welcome Information *Nora

- Introduction of SC members present, including Andrea Szukala, Gal Levy, Bernard Fournier, Frank Reichert and Nora Siklodi
 - Apologies from Didem Cakmakli and Tuuli Marja Kleiner
- Minutes from last year's meeting on [new website](#) (in due course).

MEETING AGENDA

1. Call for nominations for the ECPR SG Citizenship steering committee. *Nora At least four candidate places will be up for election in course of the next year (for a period of three years). Election to be held at later stage via myECPR website. If interested in joining us, please let us know in advance about your intention.
 - We ARE looking for volunteers to join the committee. Please get in touch if you are interested – and then to run in the election as a candidate.
 - We are especially interested in volunteers from full member institutions given the necessities associated with chairing official ECPR events, including sections at the General Conference and directing the Joint Sections.
 - Introduced Tuuli Marja Kleiner (Thuenen, Germany) and Frank Reichert (University of Hongkong) as new SC member volunteers.
 - Comments from attendees:
 - i. Generally supportive of extending SC membership.
 - ii. Suggestions of following our attempt to reach out to colleagues working on/from beyond Europe.
 - iii. Trying to find out, how quota for member-institution candidates work

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2. Feedback regarding the 2020 ECPR Virtual General Conference (GC).

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- We were very much looking forward to meeting our members in Innsbruck.
- Challenges following move to online platform after the section/conference arrangements for analogue conference were completed.
- Many panel withdrawals – and we were ready to cancel the section. But there were many individual papers left – even in some pre-prepared panels collapsed. We had thus decided to keep the section and form new panels.
- However, there were a lot of confusion about procedures, registrations, fees, members' availability to attend the final event.
- The actual event proved to be more engaging than what we had anticipated. There was a lot of discussion and debate in each panel and we were pleasantly surprised by the number of attendees across our 8 panels.
- Comments from SG members:
 - i. ECPR deserves commendation for the technological side.
 - ii. Positive feedback in terms of level of engagement from attendees also recognised by our panel chairs.
 - iii. Positive feedback from a number of our members on introducing the observer fee (£25) – allows non-presenters access.
 - iv. Reduced fee allowed access to Central and Eastern European members / those with worse research budgets who would otherwise find it difficult to join this event.
 - v. There is thus anticipation of the longer-term positive impact observer/reduced fees can have for future GC.
 - vi. There were difficulties for members also when accessing different options in preparation for the event (not during) and communication at that stage.
 - vii. However, no access to panels apart from real-time. This is challenging for those not based in Europe.
 - viii. Many withdrawals the result of what has been seen as a highly priced participation fee for presenters (£100). ***We had four full panels (pre-prepared) withdraw for this reason.

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- ix. Hybrid formats should be integrated more regularly to make ECPR events more inclusive
3. Joint Sessions 2021: Citizenship education and challenges to democracy. Exploring educational practices in the ‘political classroom’ (planned for Charles Univ., Prague).
***Trond Solhaug and Simone Abendschön**
 - Our section has been transferred from 2020 to 2021 and will be led by Trond and Simone.
 - Limited space for new paper proposals available but no deadline at present.
 - Currently the virtual event call for section is open.
 - There is every likelihood for the whole event to being transferred online.
4. General Conference 2021: Volunteers for Section Chairs for next Annual Conference. *** Frank**
 - Date of event 31 August- 3 Sept 2021, Innsbruck.
 - DEADLINE for section proposal: 23 November 2020.
 - SC is preparing our section draft – will be circulated via newsletter soon.
 - We encourage our members to step forward and suggest panel ideas.
 - Our committee members are in the process of drafting the first call for panels and this should be out soon.
 - We would like to welcome volunteers for section chairing responsibilities from full member institutions only– who can then expect help from our SC members, including Didem, Tuuli and Frank as co-chairs.
5. ECPR SG Citizenship Bi-Annual event – next in Munster in 2022 only and in analogue format ***Andrea**
 - Following our successful kick off at Portsmouth in 2019, we are planning on continuing the bi-annual conference series that focuses on SG citizenship.
 - We wish to ensure that the different strands of our group is well-represented at the next event, including, citizenship education, citizenship studies, migration, identity and so on scholars.
 - Our next event will take place at the University of Munster and will be chaired by Prof. Andrea Szukala who has secured funding to host the event and colleagues.

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- Due to ongoing Covid restrictions as well as heightened workload, we plan this event for the second half of 2022. More information to follow in due course.
6. Invite ideas on how can get to know SG members better * **Gal**
 - SC proposal: To feature 2-3 members each month via newsletter and Twitter
 7. SG Citizenship Social Media presence ***Gal**
 8. Invite members to input on alternative online platforms to bring together scholars in 2021 * **Gal**
 - SC proposal: possible online workshop or reading groups via Zoom.
 - We would like to ask members to step forward who would be willing to chair zoom meetings
 - i. On the practical aspects of academia (such as CV writing, conference attending etc.)
 - ii. Organise reading groups on the key themes of our SG, such as civic education, citizenship research etc.
 - We would like to have fairly frequent such events, i.e. 4-6 weeks and envisage them to be of support to colleagues who would otherwise might find it challenging to access such resources or are keen on keeping in touch despite the current rather challenging times we are facing (whereby teaching and admin responsibilities tend to overshadow our research endeavours for obvious reasons).
 9. Agenda points raised by members, including ways ahead, member suggestions for activities, etc. ***Nora**
 - We invite input from our members with ideas and strategies on how to make the Group more visible and active in general. Please feel free to contact us.
 - Please follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) and keep in touch with your news so we can share with our members.
 10. Close of meeting.