

# Knowledge Politics and Policies

## ECPR Standing Group Newsletter



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## Letter from SG Steering Committee

### Join us for ECPR and ICPP this year!

We hope this newsletter finds you well in the new year! The season of abstract submitting is well under way! We have a listing of events which you may find relevant later in the newsletter, but here, we wish to highlight two events.

First, continuing with the tradition started at the 2011 General Conference in Reykjavik, the Standing Group is organizing a Section on "[Knowledge Politics and Policies](#)" at the [2019 ECPR General Conference](#) in Wrocław (4-7 September). We are looking forward to organizing eight panels in our section (the details of which you can find below). Please consider submitting your proposals directly to the section by 18 February 2019 at the latest.

Apart from the ECPR General Conference, members of standing group are also involved in the [International Conference on Public Policy](#) (26-28 June, Montreal). There are two panels (each with several sessions) that may be of particular interest for you: (1) [Knowledge Policy Dynamics in the Global Context](#) and (2) [Resilience, Adaptability and Transformability in Public Policies and the Co-evolving Dynamics of Organizations](#). The deadline for submitting proposals is 30 January 2019.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for renewing your memberships to the SG.

We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Martina Vukasovic and Mitchell Young (ECPR General Conference Section co-chairs)

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## SG Section- at ECPR Wroclaw 2019

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Knowledge, understood to be the foundation on which societies coalesce and economies thrive, has become central to contemporary politics and policymaking across governance levels. This section is interested in theoretical, empirical, and comparative contributions that investigate the role of politics and policy in the multi-level, multi-issue, and multi-actor governance of knowledge. In focusing on role, we refer to effects that ideas (including political ideologies), actors (both individual and organisational, including political parties and transnational entities), policy instruments, and institutions have on the governance, creation, dissemination, and transfer of knowledge. Panels will be oriented around these roles, key empirical questions, theories or methodologies. The Section continues the work on knowledge policy domains from the past 7 ECPR conferences (previously under the titles 'Politics of Higher Education, Research and Innovation' and 'Europe of Knowledge'). It continues to welcome scholars, globally and interdisciplinarily, from all theoretical and methodological approaches.

This year's section includes a total of eight panels presenting a variety of themes relating to knowledge politics and policies.

**Please consider submitting your proposals directly to the section by 18 February 2019 at the latest.**

<https://ecpr.eu/Events/SectionDetails.aspx?SectionID=803&EventID=123>

### **Panel 1: Travelling, diffusion and translation of ideas and policies in the area of post-secondary education**

Jens Jungblut (University of Oslo, [j.p.w.jungblut@stv.uio.no](mailto:j.p.w.jungblut@stv.uio.no)), Tim Seidenschnur (University of Kassel, [tim.seidenschnur@uni-kassel.de](mailto:tim.seidenschnur@uni-kassel.de))

### **Panel 2: Governance and the political economy of knowledge**

Meng-Hsuan Chou (NTU Singapore, [hsuan.chou@cantab.net](mailto:hsuan.chou@cantab.net)) and Tero Erkkilä (University of Helsinki, [tero.erkkila@helsinki.fi](mailto:tero.erkkila@helsinki.fi))

### **Panel 3: Science Diplomacy: interfaces of knowledge and foreign policy**

Pauline Ravinet (University of Lille, [pauline.ravinet@univ-lille.fr](mailto:pauline.ravinet@univ-lille.fr)), Mitchell Young (Charles University, [young.mitchell@gmail.com](mailto:young.mitchell@gmail.com))

**Panel 4: Twenty Years of the Bologna Process – Reflecting on its ‘global strategy’**

Hila Zahavi (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, [hilape@bgu.ac.il](mailto:hilape@bgu.ac.il)) and Hannah Moscovitz (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, [hannah@post.bgu.ac.il](mailto:hannah@post.bgu.ac.il))

**Panel 5: Politics of Big Science and Research Infrastructures within and beyond Europe**

Isabel Bolliger (University of Lausanne, [isabel.bolliger@unil.ch](mailto:isabel.bolliger@unil.ch)), Nicolas Rüffin (WZB, [nicolas.rueffin@wzb.eu](mailto:nicolas.rueffin@wzb.eu)) and Inga Ulnicane (De Montfort University, [ingaulnicane@gmail.com](mailto:ingaulnicane@gmail.com))

**Panel 6: Assessing higher education governance reforms impact on system and university performance: Theoretical and practical contributions**

Davide Donina (University of Bergamo, [davide.donina@unibg.it](mailto:davide.donina@unibg.it)), Sandra Hasanefendic (VU University Amsterdam, [sandrichko@gmail.com](mailto:sandrichko@gmail.com))

**Panel 7: Beyond Competition? The Future Geopolitics of Knowledge**

Miguel Antonio Lim (University of Manchester, [miguelantonio.lim@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:miguelantonio.lim@manchester.ac.uk))

**Panel 8: The politics of size in higher education: devices, patterns and spatial imaginaries**

Alexander Mitterle (Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg, [alexander.mitterle@soziologie.uni-halle.de](mailto:alexander.mitterle@soziologie.uni-halle.de)), Susan Lee Robertson (University of Cambridge, [slr69@cam.ac.uk](mailto:slr69@cam.ac.uk))

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# The Europe of Knowledge Blog at a Glance

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## Mobility in Doctoral Education

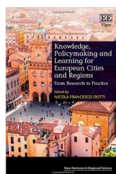
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## Knowledge, Policymaking and Learning for European Cities and Regions. From Research to Practice

Published on 10 December 2018 by Europe of Knowledge | No Comments

How do researchers contribute to policymaking? What facilitates policy learning? And how do big data influence research-policy nexus and policy-making in European cities and regions? These are some of the questions addressed in the new book 'Knowledge, Policymaking and Learning for European Cities and Regions. From Research to Practice', edited by Nicola Francesco Dotti. Here [...]



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## Making sense of changing relationships between technology, security and society in Europe

Published on 14 November 2018 by Europe of Knowledge | Comments Off on Making sense of changing relationships between technology, security and society in Europe

How do new technological developments influence security in Europe? What role do drones, artificial intelligence and social media play in contemporary European society and security? And what to expect from recent trends in European Union's (EU) security policy such as plans to fund defence research? These were some of the questions addressed at the workshop [...]



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## A spotlight on higher education politics

Published on 2 November 2018 by Europe of Knowledge | Comments Off on A spotlight on higher education politics

Martina Vukasovic While analysis of higher education policy has been the hallmark of the higher education research field, questions concerning the politics of higher education have not been considered in and of themselves to the same extent (but see Jungblut, 2015, 2016). This is contrast to the still growing political salience of higher education (Busemeyer, [...])



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The [Europe of Knowledge Blog](#) is the official blog of the ECPR Politics of Higher Education, Research and Innovation Standing Group. The aim of this blog is to communicate our research findings to the wider international, academic and policy communities. The blog publishes up to 1000 word posts (with links, references and photos) on recent publications, events and policy in the fields of higher education, research and innovation in Europe and beyond. It is a great way to communicate your research to a broader audience of academics and policy-makers.

Please consider contributing to the blog. If you have any ideas for contributing entries, contact [Inga Ulnicane](mailto:Inga.Ulnicane@ecpr.eu) [ingaulnicane@gmail.com](mailto:ingaulnicane@gmail.com)

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## CFPs and Announcements

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### ECPR Events

**CfP Knowledge Politics and Policies section** ECPR 2019 conference, Wrocław (Poland), 4-7 September

<https://ecpr.eu/Events/SectionDetails.aspx?SectionID=803&EventID=123>

Deadline for paper proposals: 18 February 2019

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**ECPR 2019 Summer School in Methods and Techniques**, Budapest (Hungary) 26 July – 9 August

<https://ecpr.eu/Events/EventDetails.aspx?EventID=131>

Registration closes 29 May 2019

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**ECPR Jean Blondel PhD Prize** <https://ecpr.eu/Prizes/PrizeNominationProcedure.aspx?PrizeID=4>

Submissions deadline 4 February 2019

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### **CfP- Eu-SPRI 2019 Conference**

Science Technology and Innovation Policies for Sustainable Development Goals. Actors, Instruments and Evaluation, Rome 5-7 June, 2019

**Deadline for abstract submissions: February 15, 2019**

<http://www.ircres.cnr.it/index.php/it/euspri2019>

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**CfP International Conference on Public Policy** (<http://www.ippapublicpolicy.org//conference/icpp4/10>), Montreal, Canada June 26-28, 2019. Deadline to submit a proposal is January 30, 2019

We are looking for submissions to our accepted panel titled "**Theorizing Internationalization of Higher Education - A Policy Approach**" (T19:P03)

<http://www.ippapublicpolicy.org/conference/icpp4-montreal-2019/panel-list/10/panel/theorizing-internationalization-of-higher-education-a-policy-approach/790>

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**CfP - Shaping Sustainable Futures for Internationalization in Higher Education**,  
University of Toronto, June 24-25, 2019  
**Deadline for abstract submissions: January 25th 2019.**

<https://www.oise.utoronto.ca/cihe/cihe-events/2019-shaping-sustainable-futures-for-internationalization-in-higher-education/>

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**CfP The Atlanta Conference on Science and Innovation Policy, Atlanta (US), 14-16 October**

<http://www.atlconf.org/>

**Deadline for submissions 15 March 2019**

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**CfP European Sociological Association Conference**, Manchester (UK), 20-23 August

<https://www.europeansociology.org/conferences/esa-conference-2019-manchester-uk>

**Deadline for abstract submissions 1 February 2019**

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**CfP 4S Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting**, New Orleans (US), 4-7 September

<https://www.4s2019.org/>

**Deadline for submissions 1 February 2019**

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**CfP Science in Public 2019 conference 'the global and the local'**, Manchester (UK), 10-12 July

<https://sip2019.com/>

**Deadline for submission 29 March 2019**

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**CfP 2019 STS Conference**, Graz (Austria), 6-7 May

<https://sts-conference.isds.tugraz.at/event/2/>

**Deadline for paper abstracts 28 January 2019**

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Should you be in Madrid for the **Council for European Studies Conference (CES)**  
Conference website: <https://councilforeuropeanstudies.org/conferences/upcoming-conferences/2019-conference>

Please contact Beverly Barrett at [beverly.barrett@jhu.edu](mailto:beverly.barrett@jhu.edu)

Should you be interested in participating in **Conference of the Americas on International Education (CAIE)**

<https://caie-caei.org/en/> October 23-25, 2019 in Bogota, Colombia

Please contact Beverly Barrett at [beverly.barrett@jhu.edu](mailto:beverly.barrett@jhu.edu)

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## Recent Publications

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Cerna, L., & Chou, M. H. (2018). Defining "Talent": Insights from Management and Migration Literatures for Policy Design. *Policy Studies Journal*. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/psj.12294>.

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## About the SG

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Our newsletter is published three times annually, and includes summaries of recent events, upcoming events, announcements, calls for papers, a list of recent publications from SG members, and more! **Next issue: June 2019**

The Standing Group on Knowledge Politics and Policies, (European Consortium for Political Research) Standing Group established in February 2016. We seek to bring together scholars whose work relates to the deeply interconnected fields of higher education, research, and innovation to encourage debates and research on the politics and policies in these areas. We aim to generate comparative insights on all aspects of scholarly research—methodologies, theories, data collection, processing and analysis—into the dynamics and complexities of knowledge policymaking around the world. For more information about the SG and its activities visit our website at <http://standinggroups.ecpr.eu/ecprknowledgepolitics/>.