# Standing Group on Interest Groups General Meeting

ECPR Virtual General Conference 2020

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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#### Agenda

- Overview:
  - Number of members and governance
  - Communication (Twitter, website, Facebook)
- Activities and plans
  - Section: volunteers for next year
  - Webinars: continue on monthly basis
  - Cancelled Summer School 2020: return to 'new' normal 2021
- Any other business

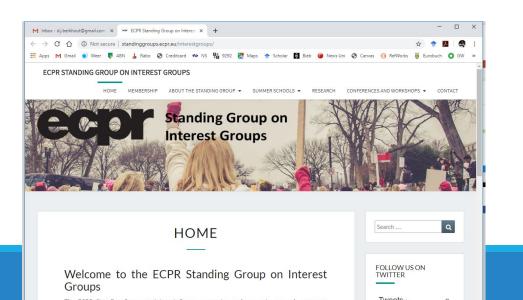
#### Overview

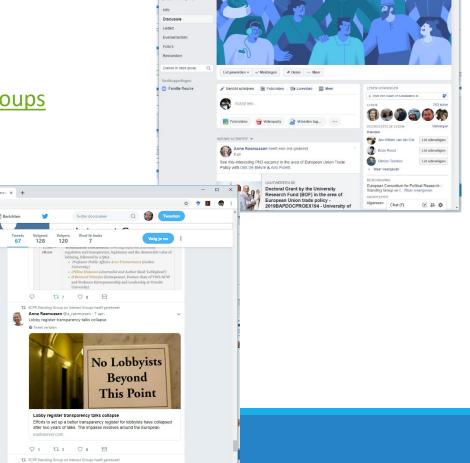
- Steering Committee members and terms
  - Anne Rasmussen (chair, first term: 2018-2021)
  - Joost Berkhout (member / treasurer, first term: 2018-2021)
  - Iskander de Bruycker (second and final term: 2018-2021)
- 215 members (173 in 2019, 205 in 2018, 146 in 2016)
- Healthy finances
- Journal: no formal links but we offer financial support for workshops aimed at special issue contributions



#### Communication

- Website (relatively static): <a href="http://standinggroups.ecpr.eu/interestgroups/">http://standinggroups.ecpr.eu/interestgroups/</a>
- Twitter (195 followers): <a href="https://twitter.com/ECPR Int Groups">https://twitter.com/ECPR Int Groups</a>
- Facebook (266 members):
  - https://www.facebook.com/groups/210139832358282/
- Mails via ECPR system and email list: Subscribe/unsubscribe at: https://listserv.uni-stuttgart.de/mailman/listinfo/ecpr-interest-groups





#### Section at Annual Conference

- Important event; also for cross-disciplinary outreach
- Wroclaw 2019:
  - 9 well-attended panels
  - thanks to section chairs: Wiebke Junk and Marcel Hanegraaff
  - Congratulations to winners of best papers awards (see Tweets)
- Ongoing Virtual conference:
  - 5 panels
  - Thanks to section chairs: Francesca Colli and David Marshall
  - Best paper prizes will be awarded as last year







Congratualations to @BCEgerod and @wmjunk for winning the @ECPR\_Int\_Groups best paper award in the category "early career researcher" for their paper titled "The shadow of your opponent".



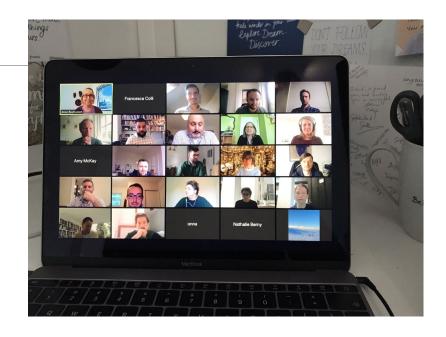
Congratulations to the winners of the @ECPR\_Int\_Groups best paper awards Elin Allern, Vibeke Wøien Hansen, David Marshal and @SimonOtjes for their paper "Organizational Ties between Interest Groups and Political Parties"

## Cancelled Summer School 2020: 'new' normal 2021 Lubljana

- 11<sup>th</sup> edition Slovenia, 12<sup>th</sup> edition Italy: annual
- When needed in hybrid online/fysical format

#### Webinars

- Three well-attended Zoom sessions in May and June 2020
- Panel set-up and Round-table
- Proposal: continue a monthly base? Chairs take initiative on participants, substance and communication (via regular SG channels)
- Volunteers for chairing a session next year?



#### Webinar: The Revolving Door in the EU & the US

Time: Wedn May, 13, 2020: 4-6 PM CET Location: Zoom

Link: https://ucph-ku.zoom.us/j/67820592036 Twitter contact info: @ECPR\_Int\_Groups



Chair: Anne Rasmussen, University of Copenhagen Discussant: Tim LaPira, University of Virginia

Organizer: ECPR Standing Group in Interest Groups "Business-Government Revolving Doors in the EU?" David Coen & Matia Vanoni, University College London & King's College London

> "The Bureaucratic Revolving Door: Career Trajectories and Alex Bolton & Josh McCrain, Emory University

"Organized Interests & the Revolving Door: The political and economic effects of hiring revolvers in the European Union" Benjamin Egerod, Jens van de Ploeg & Anne Rasmussen, University

"The Effects of Lobbying and Revolving Door Lobbying on Congressional Earmarks" Jeffrey Lazarus & Amy McKay, Georgia State University & University of Exeter

"Brussels' Revolving Doors. Explaining Interest Groups' Hiring behavior from the Public Sector'

Sharon Belli & Peter Bursens, University of Antwerp

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