

Methods of Normative Political Theory Newsletter

The quarterly newsletter of the [ECPR Standing Group on Methods of Normative Political Theory](#)

On behalf of the Standing Group on Methods of Normative Political Theory, we are happy to announce that the quarterly newsletter of the *Methods of Normative Political Theory* will appear at the beginning of March, June, September, and December. The newsletters will remain accessible on the standing group's [website](#). We are happy to receive your updates regarding new publications, calls for proposals, events, Summer / Winter PhD Courses and job advertisements pertaining to methods of political theory by email to normativepolsmethods@gmail.com.

Our Best Wishes for 2024!

At this time of year I read a lot of newsletters. Our department goes from strength to strength! Our university has never been more relevant! The pupils at our school shine like never before! Or, alternatively: Wheelie-bin collection day might or might not change in your post-code from January – do check whether you're in a yellow, orange, or purple area. Oh the excitement. In our case though it's different. We're still, amongst other things, very *new*. So, yes, going from strength to strength, but also still happily youthful. Full of clever minds, but happily pluralistic, open-facing, conversational, creative, curious, and constantly active. You'll see some of that activity detailed below, past and future, but I encourage those who have not yet been part of our events, in person, to read between the lines. Our events – our joint-sessions, our conference sections, and our one-off workshops – are seriously busy, dynamic, and, dare I say it, often rather fun. Here then is your resolution for 2024: Don't just read and write about methodology in political theory – come and talk about it, in person, with the rest of us. You won't regret it.

- Jonathan Floyd

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Past Academic Events

ECPR Summer School in Research Methods and Techniques (online)
 24 July-11 August 2023
 Information and Registration: <https://ecpr.eu/SummerSchool>

PhD Course: "Discrimination – The Concept of Discrimination, Wrongness-Accounts, and Experimental Method."
 Aarhus University, 2-4 August 2023.

Summer School of the ECPR Standing Group on Political Parties
 University of Duisburg-Essen, 21-26 August 2023.

Upcoming Academic Events

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops 2024

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops
 25-28 March 2024
 Leuphana University, Lüneburg

This year, Standing Group endorsed the workshop proposal "*Critical Methods in the Face of Crisis – Analytical and Critical Political Theory in Dialogue*", of Svenja Ahlhaus (University of Münster) and Janosch Prinz (Maastricht University). The workshop thematically focuses on the methods of critique in analytical and critical political theories in times of crises. Crises, such as of climate and democratic representation, have led to renewed interest in critique across different

traditions of inquiry. However, political theorists have thus far failed to grapple sufficiently with these current crises. This failure points to the need to develop critical methods tailored to these particular circumstances. The goal of this Joint Sessions workshop is to develop critical methods suited to address the current crises by taking the exchange between analytical political theorists and critical theorists and their respective methods of critique to a new level. The workshop has received more than 30 paper proposals. To know more about the workshop program please click [here](#).

ECPR General Conference 2024

ECPR General Conference
12-15 August 2024
University College Dublin, Ireland

Call for Paper Proposals for the ECPR General Conference Section (Submission Deadline: 18 Jan. 2024—Before Midnight UK Time)

The 2024 ECPR general conference in Dublin, will take place this August. The section proposal “[Methods on Normative Political Theory](#)”, endorsed by the standing group, has successfully found its place in the program. Section chairs, Simon Stevens (De Montfort University) and Esma Baycan-Herzog (University of Geneva) proposed 7 different thematic panels exploring methodological topics on experimental methods, public political philosophy, political theory and other disciplines, fictional narratives and storytelling, general vs theme-specific methodologies and more. Simon and Esma are currently seeking to receive paper proposals. The submission period starts by 6 December. Paper proposals must be submitted online in English, **before** 18 January 2024, midnight UK time. To know more about how to submit your paper proposals please see the guidelines [here](#). To submit your paper proposal please click [here](#).

Recent Publications

Dumitru, S. 2023. “[The ethics of immigration: How biased is the field?](#)”, *Migration Studies*, Volume 11, Issue 1, pp. 1–22, (Open access)

Kaminitz, S. C. 2023. “[Political theory in social progress indices: the mutual benefits of theory and practice](#)”. *Political Research Exchange*, 5(1), 2284759.

Perez, N. 2023. [Worldly Politics and Divine Institutions: Contemporary Entanglements of Faith and Government](#). Oxford University Press.

von Negenborn, C. 2023. “[Das Spiel Des Lebens: Zur Möglichkeit Einer Physiozentrischen Erweiterung Der Spieltheorie](#)”. *Studia Philosophica*, pp. 66–79 (Open access)