

# 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 [normativepolmethods@gmail.com](mailto:normativepolmethods@gmail.com).

In case you are struggling to work out what 'methods' your work involves and would like a visiting lecturer to come in and give a talk on 'methods and methodology' at your department, feel free to contact our Standing Group Chair, Jonathan Floyd, who is happy to help.

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## Upcoming Academic Events

### 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

12-15 August 2024

University College Dublin, Ireland

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](#).

### Re-Thinking Liberal Democracy Workshop

7-8 March 2024 (registration is open)

Universität Potsdam, Germany

Keynote Speaker: Veith Selk, Technische Universität Darmstadt

For more information, click [here](#).

## Recent Publications

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