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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 ecprmethods@gmail.com.

Our Best Wishes for 2024-2025 Academic Year!



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“Dear Methodologists, can you believe it's now been a full year of newsletters? Many thanks to our upstanding team of Esma/Ed/Ilkin for making that happen, and indeed for doing it so well. In that same time we've also been, as a group, as busy as Mandeville's bees. A buzzing workshop in Lüneburg; a hive of activity in Dublin; and not one moment where you felt anyone was just droning on, or indeed stretching out a bad pun about bees. Honeyed highlights in all of this included the brainstorming group sessions in between papers at the workshop (thanks again to Svenja/Janosch!), the packed plenary event at the conference (thanks to co-ordination across all four theory Standing Groups!), the seven fascinating panels organised either side of that event (thanks Esma/Simon!), but also the social/intellectual activities we increasingly make our signature in all those gaps in between. These included group walks, group dinners, group drinks, and even this year a rather longer/larger drinks event in Dublin, again co-ordinated with our fellow theory-groupings in the ECPR, with about a hundred of us in a fine old Victorian pub, running up a tab that almost but not quite got paid in full (I suggest we don't go back there anytime soon, though personally think it was the Kantians who decided to free-ride). Next year promises more of the same, though with hints of bigger and better already percolating. More on that, no doubt, in our next newsletter.”

Jonathan Floyd

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Past Academic Events

ECPR General Conference 2024

12-15 August 2024

University College Dublin, Ireland

The 2024 ECPR general conference in Dublin assembled us around the section “[Methods on Normative Political Theory](#)”, including more than 7 panels, the section co-chaired by Simon Stevens (De Montfort University) and Esma Baycan-Herzog (University of Geneva) offered a venue to discuss the ongoing work in political theory methodology. Alongside, section had its own dinner, morning walk and other various activities, meeting new people and refreshing the already existing connections. Allowing all to plan for a future together with various activities...

Upcoming Academic Events

Plans for the Future – Save the Date!

ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops 2025

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20-23 May 2025

Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic

A proposal is being submitted on behalf of the standing group on the topic of ‘exploring the interplay between normative political theory and empirical political science’

ECPR General Conference 2025

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26-29 August 2025

Aristotle University Thessaloniki, Greece

A proposal will be submitted on behalf of the standing group!

Recent Publications

Jonathan, Leader Maynard. (2024). "[The Logic of Idealization in Political Theory](#)." American Journal of Political Science.

Jonathan, Leader Maynard. (2024). "[What Is Political Moralism?](#)" Topoi.

Special Issue

Migration and Discrimination

Ethics and Global Politics, (2024), Vol: 17(2,3)

This special issue consists of four articles, contributed by David Owen; Désirée Lim, Sahar Akhtar and (as co-authors) Mollie Gerver, Miranda Simon, Patrick Lown and Dominik Duell. These contributions address issues related to migration policies with the aim of bringing normative theories of migration and discrimination into dialogue. Such a dialogue is possible when some weak theoretical presuppositions related to methodological nationalism are removed. These theories describe the various types of discrimination inherent in the domestic and global migration systems, as well as assess arguments, *pro et contra*, about whether these forms of discrimination are permissible. Th

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Akhtar, S. (2024). [Discrimination and the exclusion of people with disabilities](#). Ethics & Global Politics, 17(2–3), 68–82.