

ECPR Standing Group

Religion & Politics

Newsletter #22 (March 2013)

Welcome to the 22nd issue of the newsletter of the ECPR Standing Group, Religion & Politics. The Standing Group (SG) was founded seven years ago, in February 2006. The newsletter . which appears three times a year (March, July and November) . is circulated to over 250 subscribers around the world, mainly but not exclusively in Europe. I do hope that you find it useful. *If you have suggestions for improvement, please let me know.*

I am always keen to receive more contributions for the newsletter from standing group members. So, remember: if you have anything noteworthy or newsworthy that you would like to impart to other group members, please let me know.

If you would like an item to be included in the next issue (#23, July 2013), please email it to me (jeff.haynes@londonmet.ac.uk) **no later than 30 June 2013.**

Issue #22 is divided into three sections:

- (1) Conferences, Meetings, Research Projects**
- (2) Publications**
- (3) Miscellaneous**

Until next time!

Jeff

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CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, RESEARCH PROJECTS

As many SG members will know, **the next ECPR General Conference** will take place in Bordeaux, France, 4-7 September, 2013. The Religion and Politics SG is organising a section of six panels. The title of the section is: **Regulating Private and**

Public: Between Religion and Secularism. The section is co-chaired by Guy Ben Porat (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev) and Jeffrey Haynes (London Metropolitan University)

Section theme:

Panels in this section will examine, theoretically and comparatively: the role of religion in public and private lives, regulation of religion by states, and religious-secular struggles over rights and obligations. The modern state has taken control from religious institutions not only the regulation of education and welfare but also services like marriage and burial. Secularisation has implied a new division of labour between political and religious authorities, where the modern state has official authority while religion provides moral guidance for individuals and, in some cases, legitimacy for the political system. Consequently, in many modern and seemingly secular states religion has different roles in private and public lives and different divisions of labour between religious institutions and the state exist.

Differing arrangements face different challenges, either by traditional, or religious, proponents that reclaim the definition of the common good, or by those that find the common good too close to religion. Specifically, some religious actors believe that modern, western individualism is contrary to the common good, while some secular actors believe that individual choice must be expanded. Consequently, questions like the recognition of gay marriage, abortion, polygamy and religious slaughter of animals are often politically salient as states contend with conflicting demands of groups unsatisfied with existing rules or fighting against change. In many democracies, therefore, previous agreements are being re-negotiated between religious and secular actors.

This section seeks to engage with both regulation of and competition in private and public life involving both religious and secular authorities. The specific questions include: How do various societies, in Europe and elsewhere, deal with these new and unexpected demands? To what extent is it possible for either the state or religious authorities to regulate private lives? In this regard, which models of accommodation have been successful unsuccessful?

Details of the individual panels that make up the section are located at:

<http://www.ecpr.eu/Events/PanelList.aspx?EventID=5&SectionID=66>

The SG will hold its next meeting at the conference; details to follow. Jeffrey Haynes has chaired the SG since its inception in February 2006. It is now time, perhaps, to have an elected executive for the SG, with members electing the chair and other posts, including membership coordination, information dissemination, events, etc. This issue will be discussed in Bordeaux, and a decision made about the future organisational structure of the SG. Please make every effort to attend the meeting.



REGULATING RELIGION E-JOURNAL - CALL FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS PAPERS

The Religion and Diversity Project (www.religionanddiversity.ca) is pleased to announce that we are now receiving submission for the Spring /Summer 2013 issue of our Graduate E-Journal: *Regulating Religion*. The aim of this platform is to collect and make accessible innovative, well-written and well-researched graduate students papers on topics broadly related to the regulation of religion. To access and read previous issues of the E-Journal please visit the E-Journal webpage: <http://religionanddiversity.ca/en/projects-and-results/e-journal/>.

Submission Information

- Deadline for submitting a paper for the Spring/Summer 2013 issue is **April 30th 2013**.
- To be considered for inclusion in the E-Journal, a graduate student's paper must first be recommended by a professor/lecturer. Please note that only papers that have been recommended by professors/lecturers will be considered and reviewed.
- Professors/lecturers can recommend a paper by email to Amélie Barras at: amelie.barras@umontreal.ca
- Graduate students must be informed that their paper has been recommended for inclusion in *Regulating Religion*.
- Papers can be submitted either by professors or directly by graduate students at amelie.barras@umontreal.ca
- Submitted papers should not have been previously published nor be under consideration for publication elsewhere.
- French or English papers are welcome.

Note: Once papers are submitted, graduate students will be contacted and provided further instructions related to the review process, article formatting, editing, etc. If a paper is selected for inclusion, the Religion and Diversity Project will also seek approval from the student prior to publishing.

Should you have any questions regarding the new *Regulating Religion* E-Journal or the submission process, please contact Amélie Barras at amelie.barras@umontreal.ca.

CALL FOR PANELS

Conference of the Italian Political Science Society (SISP) . Section Politics and Religion

Florence (Italy), 12-14 September 2013

<http://www.sisp.it/convegno>

Deadline: 20 March 2013

To propose a panel, send an abstract of about 200 words to Prof. Piero Ignazi (piero.ignazi@unibo.it) and Prof. Damiano Palano (damiano.palano@unicatt.it).

After the so-called "revenge of God" (according to the definition proposed by Gilles Kepel) taking place in the last decades of the 20th century, the relation between politics and religion has been a crucial variable to understand the contemporary world. This is true both at the domestic level, with religious values and actors (churches, but also organizations, movements and parties) influencing public debates and public policies; as well as at the international level, where . especially after 9/11 . the religious factor has been relevant in orienting global relations. This section will take into account such issues, by including panels . both in Italian and in English . dedicated to the relation between politics and religion according to different points of view and methodological perspectives.

To begin with, the section will tackle the issue related to the role of religion within representative democracies, taking into account both the opportunities and the risks this latter can engender. To do so, we will analyze on the one hand the role played by collective identities, within phenomena such as religiously oriented parties and movements; but also, in quantitative terms, the role played in voting dynamics by the religious factor. We will also not neglect this latter's influence on non democratic regimes: both theocratic polities, and authoritarian regimes relying on the sacred as a source of legitimacy. The section will also accept panels taking into account the influence of religion on more specific features of the political process, such as policy-making and political communication.

Moreover, the section will analyze the role of the confessional factor at the international level, first of all under a theoretical point of view, by taking into account the role (to date mostly neglected) that religion can play in the development of the international relations theory and, at the empirical level, its actual influence on foreign policies as well as on global processes such as globalization and new media development. We will also accept panels devoted to transnational religious actors (churches, movements, and diaspora religious organizations), which are playing an increasingly relevant role in influencing the relations among nation-states.

SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN STUDIES AT OXFORD

**European Studies Centre ▪ St Antony's College
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**

**Freedom and Unfreedom in Turkey: Religion, Society and Politics
March 9, 2013**

**Convened by Özgür H. Çınar
Academic Advisor: Kerem Öktem**

09.30 Registration

09.45 Welcome and introduction

Özgür H. Çınar
Kerem Öktem

10.00 Opening Remarks, Edward Mortimer, CMG, Vice President of the Global Salzburg Seminar and Fellow of All Souls College

10.30-12.00 Legal framework and practice: Precarious rights?

Chair: Nazila Ghanea, University of Oxford
Kerem Altıparmak, University of Ankara
Işıl Karakaş, European Court of Human Rights

12.00-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.00 Civil Society: Achievements and limits to agency

Chair: Dimitrios Gkintidis, University of Oxford
Ziya Meral, University of Cambridge
Ville Forsman, The Raoul Wallenberg Institute

15.00-15.30- Coffee break

15.30-17.00 Politics: Between Reform, Populism and Authoritarianism

Chair: Kerem Öktem, University of Oxford
Aytaç Gözaydın, Istanbul Dogus University
Bill Park, King's College London

17.00-17.15 Closing remarks

17.30 Reception

AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION (APSA)

Andrew Stinson writes with news of the 2013 APSA Africa Workshop program.

Professor Kenneth Wald is serving as co-leader for a 2-week political science workshop in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on the topic of Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective. APSA is now soliciting applications from early-career scholars based at African universities or research institutes who are interested in taking part.

Note that this year's program will be a dual-language event and APSA is soliciting applications from both French and English speaking scholars.

Additional information and application instructions are also available online: http://www.apsanet.org/~africaworkshops/content_82322.cfm?navID=1035.

The deadline for applications is March 15, 2013

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

UCSIA 2013 summer school on Religion, Culture and Society

This summer school is a one-week course taking place from Sunday 25th of August until Sunday 1st of September, 2013 (dates of arrival and departure). This year the programme will focus on the topic of **Religion, Reform and the Challenge of Plurality**.

Topic:

We will research processes of change that arise in the interaction between religions and societies in contexts of plurality - especially and also in a global world. Where a diversity of religions and societal perspectives are present, identity-claims are problematised, and the understanding of citizenship is evolving. What role can religions play in shaping such societies? How do plural societies affect religions towards changing their own attitudes towards one another and revising their role in society? How do religious convictions and perspectives on citizenship relate to one another? Can one belong to various cultures and religions? These challenges can be studied in various areas: changes in the perception and self-image of religions and faith-based organizations (so-called identity-issues), education, public health management, welfare programs, the relevance of voluntary work, attitudes towards (im)migration, gender and race issues, culture, politics, involvement in the public sphere, etc.

Guest lecturers are **José Casanova** (Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, Georgetown University, Washington DC), **Robert W. Hefner** (Boston

University), **John Hutchinson** (London School of Economics) and **Louise Ryan** (Social Policy Research Centre, Middlesex University, London).

Practical details:

Participation and stay for young scholars and researchers are free of charge. Participants should pay for their own travel expenses to Antwerp.

You can submit your application via the [electronic submission](#) on the [summer school website](#). The completed file as well as all other required application documents must be submitted to the UCSIA Selection Committee not later than **Sunday 18 April 2013**.

For further information regarding the programme and application procedure, please have a look at our website: <http://www.ucsia.org/summerschool>.

Please help us to **distribute** this call for application among PhD students and postdoctoral scholars who might be interested in applying for this summer school.

For all further information, do not hesitate to contact us on the address below.

Best regards,

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PUBLICATIONS

Routledge Studies in Religion and Politics

Series Editor: **Jeffrey Haynes**

This series, launched in 2010, publishes high quality works on the topic of the resurgence of political forms of religion in both national and international contexts. This trend has been especially noticeable in the post-cold war era (that is, since the late 1980s). It has affected all the world religions (including, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism) in various parts of the world (such as, the Americas,

Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, South and Southeast Asia, and sub-Saharan Africa).

The series welcomes books that use a variety of approaches to the subject, drawing on scholarship from political science, international relations, security studies, and contemporary history.

Books in the series explore these religions, regions and topics both within and beyond the conventional domain of church-state relations to include the impact of religion on politics, conflict and development, including the late Samuel Huntington's controversial yet influential thesis about clashing civilisations.

In sum, the overall purpose of the book series is to provide a comprehensive survey of what is currently happening in relation to the interaction of religion and politics, both domestically and internationally, in relation to a variety of issues.

To date, the series has published nine books, many of which are written or edited by SG members. Another nine are in the pipeline to be published in the first half of 2013. Full details at: <http://www.routledge.com/books/series/rsrp/>

Please contact Peter Harris at Routledge (Peter.Harris@tandf.co.uk) if you are interested in submitting a book proposal for the series.

New publications from SG members

1. Ioannis N. Grigoriadis and Tugba Gurcel

Religious Courses in Turkish Public Education: Explaining Domestic Change with Europeanization Theory *Journal of Church and State*, 2012.

2. Kucukcan, T., 'Are Muslim Democrats a Threat to Consolidating Freedom of Religion? The Turkish Case', in Allen Hertzke (ed.), *The Future of Religious Freedom*, Oxford: Oxford University Press, (2012), pp. 270-289

Küçükcan, T., 'European Views of Turkish Foreign Policy', (with M Küçükkele), *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 15, No 1, 2013, pp. 127-144

Kucukcan, T., 'Diritto e Religione in Turchia', in Alesseandro Ferrari (ed.), *Diritto e Religione nell'Islam Mediterraneo*, Bologna: Societa Editrice il Mulino, 2012, pp. 283-304

Kucukcan, T., 'Derecho Y Religion En Turquia', *Revista General de Derecho Canónico y Derecho Eclesiástico del Estado*, Number 28, 2012, pp. 1-16.

3. François Gauthier, University of Fribourg, Switzerland and Tuomas Martikainen, University of Helsinki, Finland (*EDS.*), *Religion in the Neoliberal Age*. Political Economy and Modes of Governance, Ashgate, 2013

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR DETAILS

MISCELLANEOUS

News from SG members

Dr Lucian Leustean (Aston University, Birmingham) had a book launch on *Representing Religion in the European Union. Does God Matter?* (Routledge Studies on Religion and Politics, 2012) at the European Parliament. The event was hosted by Laszlo Surjan, Vice-President of the European Parliament and chaired by Canon Dr Gary Wilton, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the European Union. For more details see

<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415685047/>

Dr Alexandre Christoyannopoulos, Loughborough University, has been promoted to senior lecture in Politics and International Relations. Congratulations, Alex!

Professor Mirosljub Jevtic, Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade, announces the following:

1. New issue of *Politics and Religion* journal, which Miro edits, is on line. Issue is dedicated to China <http://ipsa.org/news/journal/politics-and-religion-journal-pri-2>

http://www.politicsandreligionjournal.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=6&Itemid=3&lang=en

2. ISSR, International Society for Sociology of Religion will have Conference 27-30 June, 2013: Turku, Finland

THEME: "Rethinking Community"

Miro is the chair and convener of STS 34 RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES AND POLITICS INTO BALKAN // LES COMMUNAUTÉS RELIGIEUSES ET POLITIQUE AU BALKANS [http://www.sisr-issr.org/English/Newsletters/Network%20\(PDF%20and%20Word\)/Network%2044.pdf](http://www.sisr-issr.org/English/Newsletters/Network%20(PDF%20and%20Word)/Network%2044.pdf)

3. In Skopje Republic of Macedonia from 10-12 May 2013 THE THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE ON DIALOGUE AMONG RELIGIONS AND CIVILIZATIONS, will be organized. Miro is presenting a paper: "Dialog Among Religion as Condition for Peace"

Dr Fabio Petitio, University of Sussex, organised an event in Rome on 11 February, 2013. Please find some material (blurb in Italian, and programme and discussion paper in English) linked to the conference, entitled: 'Promoting Religious Freedom and Peacefull Coexistence' at:

<http://www.ispionline.it/it/eventi/evento/promoting-religious-freedom-and-peaceful-coexistence> (there is also a short video from the then Italian Foreign Minister, who gave an address at the conference)

Nassef Manabilang Adiong announces the following:

- Please click [here](#) to join the International Relations and Islamic Studies (IR-IS) Research Cohort, an online community interested in advancing research between IR and IS.
- Call for paper/panel proposals for the section on the "[Critical Relations between International Relations and Islam](#)" for the 8th Pan-European Conference on International Relations on 18-21 September 2013 in Warsaw, Poland.
- Full academic scholarships for applicants to [PhD or MA in Civilization Studies programs](#) at the Alliance of Civilizations Institute in Istanbul.

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