

## TLP Steering Committee Skype meeting – 4 October 2017

Steering Committee members present (via Skype)

- Eszter Simon (University of Birmingham)
- Gabriela Pleschova (University of Economics)
- Heidi Maurer (London School of Economics)
- Silviu Piros (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
- Ulrich Hamenstädt (Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster)

Agenda

1. Discuss members' portfolios (areas of responsibility) – current and future
2. Deciding on the group convenor<sup>1</sup>
3. Reflecting on our section in Oslo
4. Panels for the next year ECPR conference in Hamburg
5. Euro TLC – how can we help?
6. Suggestions for further group initiatives

### MINUTES from meeting & follow-up actions

Short welcome to newest members of our TLP steering committee: great to have Ulrich now also formally involved (after his excellent support at conferences), and also a big thanks to Silviu for joining our group (after his support with the 2<sup>nd</sup> EuroTLC in 2016).

#### 1. Steering committee members: areas of responsibility

For the next year, we agreed on following division of tasks:

Area of activity	Member in charge	Upcoming tasks in 2017/2018
ECPR plenary conference Hamburg	Ulrich & Christ Goldsmith as section convenors	Prepare the section in Hamburg
Euro TLC	Heidi & Silviu	Fundraise for and organize the 4 <sup>th</sup> EuroTLC in Prague
Teaching and Learning summer school	Gabriela & Eszter	Apply for a grant from the ECPR, organize 4 <sup>th</sup> TL SS
Website	Gabriela & Eszter	Regular update Transfer to the ECPR domain
Membership (including the newsletter)	Silviu & Heidi	Regular newsletter
Any further portfolio	Silviu Eszter	Twitter Facebook group

#### 2. Deciding on group convenor

Our steering committee is sharing the responsibility and working as collective. In order to represent our group to ECPR and the outside, Heidi agreed to act as group convenor with Gabriela staying on as co-convenor, as suggested by the other steering committee members. In 1,5-2 years we will evaluate and think about possible hand-over, also in terms of securing a sustainable development of our group, with Eszter, Gabriela, and Heidi already serving their last, second term on the committee.

<sup>1</sup> Convenor has to be from the ECPR member institution, which disqualifies, for example, Gabriela. In the past, we had two co-convenors, with one of them from the ECPR member institution.

### **3. Reflecting on our section in Oslo**

Strong panels and good variation in topics; Some panels with more visitors than others, but even if less people present, we always had really interesting, engaging and good discussion. Roundtable organised by Eszter was very well perceived and managed to attract approximately audience of 130 colleagues, which was evaluated as the second most attended roundtable at the Oslo conference. ECPR management had sent email to thank her for efforts and inspiring topic selection.

### **4. Next ECPR conference in Hamburg**

Conference: 22-25 August 2018; Call for section is now open till 15 November;  
Call for papers and panels: 4 December -15 February; We agreed that we will first come up with list of panels and then ask potential paper givers to get in touch with panel organisers;  
We discussed that it would be good to have something on e-learning/digital learning (Silviu), and also consider cooperation with other standing groups (so far we have collaborated with Methods, Politics of Higher Education and Politics and Art SGs; Eszter: keep panel on scholarship of teaching and learning  
We also discussed the possibility of having another roundtable; Probably only possible in 2019 (in Lodz), but perhaps we could organize a panel like “meet the editors” in Hamburg where journal editors that publish studies in teaching and learning s share their insights, tips and tricks;

#### *Action points:*

- **Gabriela:** emails Chris Goldsmith to invite him to be section co-convenor with Ulrich
- As, section convenors **Ulrich and Chris Goldsmith:** submit section proposal till 15 November Gabriela suggested that we ask the ECPR for allocating us 7-8 panels (the maximum)
- **Heidi:** call for papers in newsletter in December; and also ask members to volunteer as chairs and discussants.

### **5. EuroTLC – how can we help**

Heidi & Silviu as organising committee for TLP SG, together with host Tomáš Weiss; Date is now fixed: 31 May – 1 June. We are in touch with UACES, PSA, and BISA to coordinate and see how much they want to be involved again;  
Call should be out end of October: still thinking of particular theme (e.g. Teaching politics in contested world, civic engagement etc). We will liaise with colleagues in Prague if there is particular topic that they would be interested in. Can use website from 2<sup>nd</sup> EuroTLC: <https://www.eurotlc.eu>  
From October will publicise call widely; Deadline for submission: mid-December.  
In the meantime, we will also reach out to local actors, e.g. Europeans Commission office to see if interested to be involved in discussing funding opportunities for HE cooperation; Also we will approach publishers to ask if they what to be involved, and e.g. sponsor session or guest speaker: OUP, Budrich (Gabriela can email Budrich);

#### *Action points:*

##### **Heidi & Silviu:**

- finalise call, prepare website, circulate widely till end of October Liaise with UACES, BISA, PSA;
- Get in touch with ECPR Helen Cooper about VAT issue and possibility to apply for “major activity grant” as soon as possible
- Contact local actors and publishers; make budget and think about funding
- Contact providers of digital learning tools (Silviu)
- Possibly apply for MAG grant from the ECPR (contact ECPR for the deadline)
- **Gabriela:** to email B. Budrich

## **6. Suggestions for further group initiatives**

We briefly discussed the feedback from the standing group meeting in Oslo. Generally, members seem pleased with the TLP SG activities; Two suggestions from members were to add profiles of SG members on website, and to find way of interacting more actively (e.g. crowdsourcing for teaching ideas).

We agreed that would be good to have social media presence (twitter and facebook). The latter we could then also use to create community and venue where TLP members can interact more actively. We also agreed that there is no point in replicating what other colleagues do so well (e.g. blogs, or overview of TLC scholarship).

### *Action points*

- **Silviu:** create twitter account
- **Eszter:** create Facebook group; for now, unmoderated and will see how it works; will add call in next newsletter to ask for volunteer who helps to manage Facebook group
- **Eszter & Heidi:** add profiles of TLP members to website, e.g. under “experts”. Eszter suggested that we ask for members’ area of interest rather than expertise in order to encourage people to contribute into this list. Design submission via google forms (individual contributors should not be allowed to delete parts of the list). Heidi will include invitation to members to submit information in next newsletter.

**NEXT steering committee get-together:** in 6 months, i.e. mid-April.

### *Action point:*

- **Heidi** sends invitation to steering committee members beginning of April or sooner depending upon the Agenda.