

Annual business meeting Standing Group 'Theoretical Perspectives in Policy Analysis' 2019

Agenda and report

1. Update on Standing Group activities

- *Membership*: despite the usual fall in membership after the biannual ECPR process of having to reconfirm your membership, we have seen an increase from 184 to 194 members compared to last year. We are doing our best to further increase our number of members, because this will give us greater traction within ECPR.
- *Mailing list and website*: we have been making regular use of our mailing list (and to a lesser extent the website) to inform our members of relevant news. Everyone is encouraged to send the conveners any relevant information (new publications, job openings, conferences, workshops, etc.) they may have. And for those active on social networks, you can follow @ipa_science for updates in the community or @interpretivePA on Facebook.
- *Network/collaboration*: we have continued to promote activities from our partner groups, networks and journals. We have unfortunately not managed to get to the stage of drafting Memorandums of Understanding but this still remains our ambition. A very exciting opportunity for strengthening collaboration is the upcoming PA Theory Network conference 2020 (see below).
- *Recent activities*
 - The Interpretive Policy Analysis Summer School was held 20-22 May 2019 at the University of Southampton. It received funding from the ECPR based on support by the SG.
 - SG members organised a number of panels at the recent ICPP conference in Montreal on 26-28 June. There was a dedicated stream of panels under the header 'Policy Discourse and Critical Policy Research' as well as panels on Relational Policy Analysis.
 - SG members participated in a 3-day series of workshops on Grounded Normative Theory, The event was convened by Genevieve Fuji-Johnson (Simon Fraser University) and Chris Tenove (University of British Columbia) and was part of the annual conference of the Canadian Political Science Association, 4-6 June in Vancouver. Currently a follow-up workshop in Europe in 2020 is under discussion.

2. SG mission statement

After last year's business meeting, we have organised a consultation about revising the SG mission statement. We received a limited number of responses and have done our best to improve the mission statement based on these and our own views of the changing nature and purpose of the SG. Please see the new mission statement here:

<https://ecpr.eu/StandingGroups/StandingGroupHome.aspx?ID=40>

3. ECPR 2019

- *'It's About Time: Temporality and Complexity in Public Policy'*: we are delighted that this year we are seeing the first time the SG-endorsed Section is being organised by a group of SG members (rather than the conveners): Holger Strassheim, Marlon Barbehön and Johanna Kuhlmann. The Section was initially allocated 8 panel slots but unfortunately only 3 were filled. The Section nevertheless addresses an important and innovative theme and includes a strong line up of papers:
<https://ecpr.eu/Events/SectionDetails.aspx?SectionID=818&EventID=123>
- *Expert Wars as Culture Wars*: this is another Section at this year's conference that has been organised by SG members, which might be of interest to you:
<https://ecpr.eu/Events/PanelDetails.aspx?PanelID=9007&EventID=123>

4. Upcoming events

- *ECPR Joint sessions Toulouse 2020*: a SG endorsed workshop at the upcoming joint sessions in Toulouse from 13-17 April 2020 will be organised by SG members (Imrat Verhoeven and Wouter Van Dooren): 'How Policy Conflicts Develop: Interpretation and Action in Policy Making'. The call for papers will be open from September 2 to November 5 2019. Please go directly to myecpr to submit your paper.

- *PA Theory Network conference*: the PA Theory Network is one of our key partners and usually holds its annual conference in the USA. But next year it will be held in Malmo (Sweden) from 11-14 June 2020. We encourage all our members to attend. The theme will be: 'Part of the Solution or the Problem? Reimagining Public Administration in Turbulent Times'. For more info, see here: http://www.pattheory.net/annual_conference/

5. Next year's Section

All SG members are again encouraged to submit a proposal for a Section at next year's ECPR conference. The conveners will send out a call including deadlines in September. ECPR 2020 will be held in Innsbruck (Austria). The call for Section proposals opens 16 Sept and closes 18 Nov. For more info, please check <https://ecpr.eu/Events/132>