

**Open board meeting for ECPR Standing Group (SG) Citizenship,  
Bordeaux, Saturday 7 September, Room E111, time: 12.40 – 14.00**

1. Adoption of the agenda
  - a. The board meeting is opened at 12:50. Trond Solhaug is presiding; Bernard Fournier is taking the minutes.
  - b. 13 persons are present. As this is the first meeting of the group, the board meeting is opened to all researchers interested in the topic.
2. Agenda from the ECPR
  - a. Trond presents briefly the discussions about the future of the ECPR Standing Groups held yesterday during the standing group convenor meeting. Opinions of the floor are taken. Among the topics discussed:
    - i. the number of SGs in the ECPR (clearly for them, there are too many groups)
    - ii. the focus of SGs (broad versus narrow scope)
    - iii. rules for leadership (suggestion: convenors – 3 years plus one extra term) and “Steering group” or board
    - iv. the ECPR should be proactive in creating SGs, not just reactive
    - v. the ECPR should close down groups which don’t work well
    - vi. rules for fees and finance
    - vii. rules for contracting
3. SG Citizenship and its scope.
  - a. Trond explains that this Standing Group is only in its beginning. Even if ECPR global rules are changing, we are free to structure this group as we want. However, it is very important for us to be proactive (because our outcomes will be evaluated in two years) and we have to cover many aspects of research (of not all) on citizenship.
4. ECPR Conference in Glasgow (3 - 6 September 2014)
  - a. A broad scope of the Standing Group should be reflected in our suggestion for a section in Glasgow 2014.
  - b. Trond will propose the title and abstract of the section (call for sections will be open between 10 September 2013 - 15 November 2013). Those present discuss research agendas that should be mentioned in this section proposal.
    - i. Two persons present the work of specialists which can interest us<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> I didn’t catch what Avril said. Joe Turner sent this message : During the meeting Trond requested that I send my panel idea for the general conference 2014 to you both - so please find it below.  
(This is a 'rough' description of course and I would be happy to re-draft it into a more appropriate form if this was necessary).

I was thinking something along the lines of:

'Re-thinking Citizenship' This panel would aim to engage with the wide ranging literature which has emerged through various theoretical 'turns' regarding citizenship. It also considers how our understanding of citizenship has been changed through contemporary social processes (globalisation, europeanisation, decolonisation). Critical citizenship studies has opened up the discussion of citizenship so that we now consider the concept in regards to 'practices', 'acts' and forms of 'government'. There has also been a renewed focus on exploring citizenship through the interconnection with other political themes - security, migration, orientalism, social control, resistance (to name a just a few).

This panel would welcome papers which look to reflect on theoretical and conceptual challenges of analysing citizenship. Specifically those that draw upon critical approaches to citizenship and that aim to forward our understanding - both theoretically and empirically. Likewise, which explore how being political is constantly re-imagined and re-situated in regards to community, identity and forms of difference in the contemporary world. How we understand exclusion, racialisation, political violence, dissidence, political agency in regards to

- ii. Other proposals:
      - 1. Citizenship and Migration
      - 2. Citizenship and participation including rights to vote.
      - 3. Citizens identities (considering that we are in Glasgow and the Scottish referendum will be soon(considering that we are in Glasgow and the Scottish referendum will be soon
    - c. A call for full panels and individual papers will be open between 2 December 2013 - 15 February 2014
- 5. SG meeting in March 2014?
  - a. A proposal is discussed for a first round table meeting next March in Frankfurt. Simone Abendschön will see what her university can provide.
- 6. Website
  - a. The Standing Group has its own website at <http://ecprcitizenship.wordpress.com/>. Bernard Fournier make it and will maintain it. Any suggestions should be addressed to him.
  - b. A new page for membership has to be done.
- 7. Election of the Steering Committee:
  - a. After approval from the persons present, a Steering Committee as been elected for a period of 1 year (until the next ECPR meeting in Glasgow, where a smaller Committee will have to be chosen):
    - i. Convenor : Trond Solhaug, Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim, Norway
    - ii. Co-convenor : Bernard Fournier, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
    - iii. Niels Nørgaard Kristensen, Associate Professor, Aalborg University, Denmark
    - iv. Kjetil Børhaug, Professor, University of Bergen, Norway
    - v. Tatjana Samsonova, Professor, Moscow State University, Russia
    - vi. Simone Abendschön, Assistant Professor, Goethe Universität Frankfurt, Germany
    - vii. Dimokritos Kavadias, Associate Professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
    - viii. Hilde VanLiefveringe, Associate Professor, Gent University, Belgium
    - ix. Judith Torney-Purta, Professor, University of Maryland, USA
    - x. Audrey Osler, University of Leeds, Professor, UK/Buskerud University College, Norway
    - xi. Erik Amnå, Professor, Örebro University, Sweden
    - xii. Willem Maas, Associate Professor, York University.
- 8. Other issues
  - a. A suggestion is made for a listserv and a email member list. Other Web tools to stimulate exchanges are discussed. The convenors will see what can be done
  - b. It is suggested that no other issues have been raised.
  - c. The meeting adjourned at 13:30.

## Minutes of the second Standing Group on Citizenship Glasgow 2016

Friday 5th September room: Alexandar Stone 204, 12.45-14.00, Glasgow

*After a brief lunch, the meeting starts at 1 pm. 24 persons were present.*

### Welcome Information

Trond Solhaug, convenor of the Standing group, presents the history of the Standing group and its upcoming activities:

- Joint session – University of Warsaw, March, 29th - April, 2nd 2015. (<http://www.ecpr.eu/Events/EventDetails.aspx?EventID=90>). Paper proposals should be sent before December 1st.

ECPR General conference, Montreal 2015 (first General conference outside Europe): T. Solhaug explains the process we have to get through as a Standing group. We should receive proposals for panels before November 17th with at least 3 participants. Proposals should be sent to Trond Solhaug or Bernard Fournier. This is very important for allowing a good visibility in Montreal (the number of panels cannot be increased even if we receive a lot of paper proposals later - except by exceptional decision of the ECPR).

#### 1. **ECPR – Standing group framework.**

T. Solhaug explains briefly the logic behind the new Standing group Framework. It should help to increase the activities of the SGs and assure a fair level of funding for SGs which number grows each year (the current framework can be found on the ECPR website).

2. **More activities** - Should we organise more activities as a Standing group? Proposals for a summer school, for example, are welcomed (some funding is available from the ECPR). It has also been suggested to organise a conference in the beginning of November 2015. It could be a good opportunity for people who won't received funding to go to Montreal. A location (Brussels ?) should be quickly determined. Other members initiatives are welcomed.

3. **Membership** – This is an important element of the new Framework. SGs should have at least 100 registered members with an ECPR account – a need for member initiatives.

4. **Sections for subfields of Citizenship.** Citizenship can look like a very large topic, We encourage scholars to form sections or formal networks in the SG (as it is asked in the new Framework).

#### 5. **Elections**

The two convenors have been elected in 2013 for three years. However, a steering group has to be elected. Previous discussions with ECPR allowed us to elect 3 other members (this has to be confirmed).

Four candidates showed their interest as Steering Group member and introduced themselves. One candidate withdrew her name. Three candidates remained and were elected:

- Katja Mäkinen, University of Jyväskylä
  - Joe Turner, University of Sheffield UK
  - Nora Siklodi, University of London, Royal Holloway College UK
- 6 Other issues.

One member mentions that her paper has been refused by the ECPR because she was co-chair. However, she saw several cases where it doesn't seem to have been a problem. The Steering Committee will check that.

*The meeting was closed at 12:45.*

Bernard Fournier

Co-convenor

## Minutes SG Citizenship Meeting 2015

Friday, 28 August 12.45 - 13.50 Jean Brillant Building.

*31 members in attendance*

### 1. Welcome Information.

- Trond introduces attendees to ECPR's SG framework and network, using the ECPR website (for further information see: <http://ecpr.eu/StandingGroups/StandingGroupFramework.aspx>).
- Agenda approved.
- Issues arising from the ECPR SG Convenors meeting – held on Thursday 27 August 2015:
  - Use of admin grants: every SG receives 500 Euros admin grant. Proposal to pull grants together and introduce membership fees. Some groups have membership fees.
  - Majority of members adopt the view not to have a fee for our SG.
- Broad membership and research focus of SG citizenship, incorporating the various dimensions of interests of our members. This is reflected in the papers and panels in the general conference. Number of panels have grown over the last three general conferences – Recent events: Bordeaux 2013 (5 panels), Glasgow 2014 (9 panels), Montreal 2015 (16 panels 2 sections) and would like to keep this.

### 2. ECPR General Conference Prague, 7-10 September 2016

- Information provided about the process of proposing a section for the ECPR general conference.
- Call for sections and panels: To be included in/or supported by SG Citizenship the ideas/proposals should be submitted to the members of the steering committee.
- Panels should be proposed by SG Citizenship members and must include an abstract and a minimum of 3 paper titles and paper givers (maximum of 3). Deadline of submission **25th October 2015**.
- If too many panels, SG Citizenship will support an additional section.

### 3. SG Citizenship at the ECPR Joint Sessions.

- Information about proceeding in the Joint Sessions.

- Pisa Joint Session, 24-28 April, 2016. It will be chaired by Katja Mäkinen and Joe Turner. For key deadlines and academic programme visit: <http://ecpr.eu/Events/EventDetails.aspx?EventID=101>
  - Deadline for paper proposals **01 December 2015**.
4. Call for organising summer schools on the theme of citizenship.
    - Financial assistance is available for hosts.
  5. SG Citizenship Conference – call for host in central Europe.
    - Preference for location due to accessibility and financial consideration.
    - Possible time frame: late November and early January.
    - Proposals should be sent to the members of the steering committee.
  6. Other issues, raised by members.
    - Question of introducing research networks within SG Citizenship.
      - First perhaps better to build a community – an issue to come back and address in SG citizenship meeting in 2016 in Prague.
      - Anyone is allowed to propose a research network. The process is organic. It does not require steering committee approval or support.
    - Information about how other SG function. ECPR has a preference for larger and interdisciplinary groups.