

Annual business meeting of the Standing Group 'Theoretical Perspectives in Policy Analysis'

Thursday 2 September 2021 10:15-12:00 CEST, online

Present: Selen Ercan, John Boswell, Koen Bartels (minutes), Marie-Louise Mangion, Joannie Willett

Agenda

1. Update on SG activities of the past year
2. Upcoming events and activities
3. Funding opportunities
4. Any other business

1. Update on SG activities of the past year

- Hendrik Wagenaar and Anna Durnova stepped back and Selen Ercan and John Boswell joined as **co-conveners**.
- Our **membership** has grown from 252 last year to 312 this year, and almost tripled compared to 5 years ago (see overview below). We expect a slight drop as biannual membership renewal is due. This is an easy and important process and we will send out a reminder to members before the deadline of September 30. Membership is important for the status of the SG within ECPR (e.g. in terms of no. of panels that will be allocated).
- We have organised this year's **Section**, consisting of 7 panels, including 1 roundtable and 22 papers. We have also produced a document with guidance for how to organise a Section that can be used by future Section conveners.
- We have **supported** the Community of Practice of interpretive practitioners, which has had 4 meetings so far, and its blog posts are on the SG website. We also supported the IPA conference and IPA summer school (which wasn't held in the end due to Covid restrictions).
- We have sent out regular **newsletters and messages**. We intend to make more active use of the **website**. We have also made a brief intro video about the SG as part of the ECPR conference that will be added to the website.

2. Upcoming events and activities

- **Next year's Section:** all members can propose a section (not just SG conveners) and will be supported by conveners and the guidance document for organising a Section we have created. In addition, based on our experience and the approach taken by other SGs, we plan to actively reach out to members to organise a Section.
- **Joint Sessions:** the SG can endorse proposals from members for a JS workshop. None was submitted this year. We encourage members to do so and will send a reminder when deadlines have been released.
- We're planning to organise a **mentoring session** for ECRs. This was supposed to be part of our programme at the conference but ECPR only offered 30 mins. We'd like to organise a session that allows sufficient time for an engaging and useful mentoring activity. More details to follow soon.
- **Any other ideas** are welcome for initiatives and events. The SG is here to support members to organise things big and small and we'll do our best to support you by making use of our mailing list, website, network, and ECPR resources.
- We are still planning to organise a meeting with conveners of our **partner groups, networks and journals** to establish a more formal mode of collaboration in order to strengthen the cohesion, impact and resilience of our community.

3. Funding opportunities

- The extended deadline for submitting a [Standing Group Research Project Grant](#) application was 1 September, but it is likely to be repeated. It is a very good opportunity, with lots of flexibility and support from the ECPR and SG.

4. Any other business

- No other business was discussed.
- Next business meeting to be held at the next ECPR conference, which will be held 22 – 26 August 2022, University of Innsbruck.

Membership numbers

2017: 114

2018: 184

2019: 194

2020: 252

2021: 312