

Annual business meeting Standing Group 'Theoretical Perspectives in Policy Analysis' 2020

Agenda and report

1. Update on Standing Group activities

- *Membership*: we have seen an increase from 194 to 252 members compared to last year. We continue to do our best to further increase our membership.
- *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 are planning to organise a meeting this Autumn to establish a more formal mode of collaboration in order to strengthen the cohesion, impact and resilience of our community.

2. ECPR General Conference 2020 and Virtual Event

- The ECPR General Conference 2020 was organised virtually from 24 – 28 August 2020. An overview and highlights can be found here: <https://ecpr.eu/GeneralConference>
- A Section was co-organised by Koen Bartels, Kathrin Braun, Selen Ercan, Anna Durnová, Tamara Metzke and Hendrik Wagenaar. This attracted 6 panel proposals and 19 individual paper proposals, with a total of 47 papers. A 7 panel Section was prepared but eventually withdrawn in the context of the turn to an online conference due to Covid-19.
- A virtual event ('Interpretive Approaches to Policy Studies: Developments, Challenges and Ways Forward') was organised instead from 2-4 September with support from ECPR. It contained 6 panels and 22 papers. Over 75 people registered and panels were attended by 30 people on average. An overview of the event can be found here: <https://ecpr.eu/MyEcpr/MyEvent.aspx?EventID=158>

3. Next year's Section

All SG members are encouraged to submit a proposal for a Section at next year's ECPR conference. ECPR 2021 will be held in Innsbruck (Austria) or again virtually if the situation so requires. The schedule and call for Section proposals has not been released yet we will send out a call and deadlines as soon as this happens.

4. Standing Group convener elections

After a long period of service, Hendrik Wagenaar and Anna Durnová will step down as conveners of the Standing Group. We are therefore now inviting our members to come forward and nominate themselves as convener (to serve a three-year term) by Monday 5 October. Elections will be organised shortly afterwards.