

**Greek  
Politics  
Specialist  
Group**

Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG)  
of the UK's Political Studies Association (PSA)

*est. July 2004*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report**

**30 March 2006**

## **Background:**

The *Greek Politics Specialist Group* (GPSG) was established by the approval of the Political Studies Association (PSA) Executive Committee at its July 2004 meeting. The original application form was submitted by Roman Gerodimos (Bournemouth) and Maria Zisouli (AUEB), Convenors-Designate; it was backed by 64 prominent academics and researchers of Greek politics in the United Kingdom and Greece.

GPSG's aims are:

- To promote the understanding of Greek government and politics via the encouragement of systematic research and teaching.
- To strengthen the ties between the UK and Greek academic communities and facilitate the exchange of research and expertise between the two countries.
- To support comparative and interdisciplinary political analysis, by collaborating with other PSA Specialist Groups and academic research centres, and by highlighting an expanding body of work on public administration, international affairs, psephology, political communication, political marketing, political theory etc.
- To provide UK-based scholars of (and from) Greece with a much-needed forum for the free exchange of ideas and to facilitate networking within the academic community.

**Current Membership:** 125 (as of March 2006) [the list of members is available upon request]

## **Overview of Activities 2005-06:**

1. PSA Conferences – 4 panels at Leeds, 4 panels at Reading
2. Financial support for graduate students (9x£75 at Leeds, 7x£100 at Reading)
3. Application for a special issue of an academic journal to be submitted, following from the papers presented at the Leeds conference
4. Presence at the 2nd LSE PhD Symposium on modern Greece and financial support for three doctoral candidates (3x£80)
5. All Thematic Networks now have Convenors / Contributors; 5 out of 6 have posted detailed resources (bibliographies, links) on the website
6. Quarterly Newsletters being published regularly (#7 after Reading); Thematic Networks contributing one article per Newsletter
7. Panel session proposed and accepted at the 20th World Congress of the IPSA, Fukuoka, Japan (July 2006) – 5 papers provisionally scheduled
8. Website growing, now with comprehensive Links page

visit our website:

<http://www.psa.ac.uk/spgrp/greek/GreekPol.htm>

**GPSG Accounts 2004 – 2006**

	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>2004</b>	<b>£750</b> (PSA SG Funding)	9 grants (x £75) to doctoral students presenting at the 55 <sup>th</sup> annual PSA conference (Leeds, April 2005) <b>= £675</b>	1x £80 for an one-page advertisement at <i>Synthesis</i> (volume tbc) <b>= £80</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>£750</b> (PSA SG Funding)	3 grants (x £80) to doctoral students presenting at the 2 <sup>nd</sup> LSE PhD Symposium (June 2005) <b>= £240</b>	£200 for administrative costs 2004 - 2005 (including photocopying, stationery, postal, committee meetings, phonecalls and travel expenses) <b>= £200</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>£750</b> (PSA SG Funding)	7 grants (x £100) to doctoral students presenting at the 56 <sup>th</sup> annual PSA conference (Reading, April 2006) <b>= £700*</b>	£150 for the 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Essay Competition  £205 for other / admin expenses <b>= £355*</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2250</b>	<b>£2250</b>	

\* estimates

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**The Six Thematic Networks**

A: Greece and the Challenge of a 25-Member EU	<i>A. Vallianatou, T. Chardas, M. J. Romanos</i>
B: Political Communication and Civil Society	<i>Dr. P. Yannas</i>
C: Political Parties and the Political System	<i>N. Bilios</i>
D: Political Economy	<i>Dr. D. Tsarouhas</i>
E: Greek Foreign and Defence Policy	<i>A. Liaropoulos, M. Petrelli</i>
F: The Social State and the Greek Citizen	<i>A. Liarigovinou, Dr. S. Ladi</i>

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