

**6th Annual Report**  
**of the**  
**Greek Politics Specialist Group**  
**January 2010**

*Aims and Membership*

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**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 (AUERB), 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: 241** (as of 3 January 2010)

of which

- 54 Full Members
- 53 Affiliate Members
- 134 not yet transferred to the new membership scheme

2009	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	
	<i>Carried forward from 2008: <b>£15.25</b></i>	GPSG Prizes (Travel Grants) for Young Scholars at the 4 <sup>th</sup> PhD Symposium of the LSE Hellenic Observatory	<b>£400.00</b>
	<b>£900.00</b> <i>(PSA Funding)</i>	Website design and maintenance services	<b>£300.00</b>
	<b>£130.46</b> <i>(membership fees)</i>	Advance travel expenses for panel convenor of the international roundtable on "Public Policy in Southern Europe" (PSA 2010, Edinburgh)	<b>£250.00</b>
		Telephones & postage	<b>£26.78</b>
		Stationery	<b>£27.23</b>
TOTAL	<b>£1045.71</b>	TOTAL	<b>£1,004.01</b>
		<i>Carried forward to 2010</i>	<b>£41.70</b>

## REVIEW OF 2009 ACTION PLAN

As agreed at the GPSG AGM (April 2009, Manchester) and revised at the Summer/Autumn meetings of the GPSG Committee.

No	Action Description	
1	Award GPSG postgraduate grants for the 4 <sup>th</sup> PhD Symposium of the Hellenic Observatory, London School of Economics, June 2009	Completed <a href="http://www.gpsg.org.uk/activities.html">http://www.gpsg.org.uk/activities.html</a>
2	Launch essay/paper competition	Completed – as (1) above
3	Successfully complete the 4-5/02/2009 Athens International Conference on “Images of Nations: Strategic Communication, Soft Power and the Media”, organised under the auspices of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Completed <a href="http://www.gpsg.org.uk/athens/index.html">http://www.gpsg.org.uk/athens/index.html</a>
4	Secure funding and convene GPSG panel at the Yale International Conference on Reform in Greece (May 2009)	Completed <a href="http://www.gpsg.org.uk/docs/GPSG_Yale_Summary.pdf">http://www.gpsg.org.uk/docs/GPSG_Yale_Summary.pdf</a>
5	Appoint Treasurer, Newsletter Editor and Events/Sponsors Officer	Ongoing – part of the constitutional and organisational review
6	Discuss and Amend GPSG Constitution [AGM]	Ongoing – a draft of the new constitution to be circulated to all Full Members in early 2010
7	Set Strategy on PSA panels and papers [AGM]	Completed – it was decided to opt for a select few panels and propose more interactive and dynamic roundtables
8	Establish ties with affiliate organisations and develop ties with existing collaborators	Ongoing
9	Introduce “Media Experts” service [Full Members only]	Carried forward to 2010
10	Consider the strategic role of the Thematic Networks	As (5) above
11	Launch Working Papers series on the GPSG website	Completed <a href="http://www.gpsg.org.uk/workingpapers.html">http://www.gpsg.org.uk/workingpapers.html</a>

**DRAFT ACTION PLAN 2010**

[as agreed at the Winter meeting of the GPSG Committee - to be formally agreed at the 2010 AGM, Edinburgh – also depending on funding allocation]

No	Action Description
1	Develop Working Paper series
2	Launch 2 <sup>nd</sup> annual prize competition for the Graduate Student Conference of Princeton University's Hellenic Program, May 2010
3	Develop the edited volume of the proceedings from the 2009 International Conference on "Images of Nations: Strategic Communication, Soft Power and the Media", organised under the auspices of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs (funding secured)
4	Draft new constitution and launch consultation/approval process (Full Members only)
5	Implement organisational/structural changes including committee membership and appointment of executive positions
6	Launch competition for GPSG-sponsored small research project (fieldwork)
7	Convene panels and roundtable at the 60 <sup>th</sup> annual conference of the PSA (Edinburgh) and prepare proposals for the 61 <sup>st</sup> annual conference (2011).
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9	Introduce "Media Experts" service [Full Members only]
10	Consider the strategic role of the Thematic Networks