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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the latest issue of the **Newsletter** of the **Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG)**.

The GPSG recently launched its first **Fieldwork Competition** as part of its Greece Beyond the Crisis Series. After a robust and competitive selection process, we are delighted to announce that **Eleni Christodoulou** from the University of Birmingham was awarded the £400 prize. More details about Eleni's project can be found below.

We are also pleased that the GPSG will convene a **Panel on "Post-Crisis Public Policy Reform in Southern Europe"** at the forthcoming **ECPR General Conference**, which will take place in Reykjavik. The panel is being organised in collaboration with ECPR's Standing Group in Southern European Politics and an imminently expiring Call for Papers is included below.

Following a massive expression of interest in April's **61st Annual Conference of the Political Studies Association**, we are delighted that all six of the GPSG's panels have been accepted. They feature leading scholars from some of the UK's and Greece's top universities engaging in important debates on a series of crucial issues and challenges facing Greece.

In addition to a thought-provoking **article by Dimitris Rapidis**, on the debate surrounding Athens' first ever mosque, you can also find details about our latest **working papers, featured publications, calls for papers** and **web links**, as well as some of our members' recent activities.

As always, **your contributions**, ideas and comments are always welcome and crucial to the development of our work. The GPSG is only as good as its **members' input** and there are many ways in which you can contribute, such as submitting a short article for our website, bringing us in touch with potential sponsors and taking part in our competitions and events. Last but certainly not least, if you haven't already done so, please remember to complete the **online membership form**, which helps us stay in touch. By joining us as a Full Member you also get a range of benefits, such as priority access to our events, eligibility for funding support and inclusion to the forthcoming media 'Experts' service.

The **Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG)** of the UK's Political Studies Association (PSA) was founded in 2004.

It is one of the largest and most active groups of the PSA and a leading, international network of scholars and researchers of Greek society, government and politics.

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GPSG Fieldwork Competition Prize 2010

GREECE BEYOND THE CRISIS

As part of its **Greece Beyond the Crisis** series, the Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG) recently launched its first research fieldwork competition. Applications were sought for any type of fieldwork on any aspect of the complex economic and social crisis facing Greece.

Following a highly competitive field of applications and a rigorous selection process, the Executive Committee of the GPSG is delighted to announce that the winner of the **£400 prize** is

Ms Eleni Christodoulou

ESRC Doctoral Researcher at the Department of Political Science and International Studies,
University of Birmingham.

The panel commended Ms Christodoulou on a very strong and topical bid with a transparent and robust framework, a feasible research timeframe and a clear link between the funding and the primary research. A report on the findings of this research project will be published under the GPSG's Working Paper series in the summer of 2011.

GPSG Fieldwork Competition 2010 – Abstract of winning project

**Greek Politics and Passion(s):
Reconstituting National Identity in the Midst of Financial Crisis**
Eleni Christodoulou, University of Birmingham

Claudia Aradau (2004) has noted how the discipline of International Relations (IR) has not sufficiently dealt with the importance of emotions in driving governance strategy. Nor has IR, however, taken stock of the emotional models present in public re-action to particular crises, and in particular financial crises. The aim of this research is to examine the significance of emotions, and their role in (re)constituting national identity in the wake of the recent Greek socio-economic crisis. Through the lens of social constructivism, and by adopting a methodology of discourse analysis I explore the role of emotions in Greek public discourses, as these have emerged post- December 2009 (this month marking the official revelation to the public of the severity of the financial crisis as well as the announcement, by the Greek Prime Minister Papandreou, of the programme of tough public spending cuts). In particular, I want to examine the presence and investigate the importance of 'shame', 'fear' and 'discontent' in public articulations of issues related to the financial crisis and how, in turn, these emotions affected interpretations, perceptions and meanings associated with Greek national identity. Have the previous twelve months been a period of intense domestic criticism and 'national' self-reflection for the Greek people? Have the crisis conditions in Greece led to a reinforcement, a re-imagining, or a disintegration/disorientation of Greek national identity?

Assessing the impact of the economic crisis on what it means to be 'Greek' through emotional phenomena present in discursive political representations will highlight the constitutive and productive power of emotions and potentially illustrate the 'emotional contagion' (Izard and Tomkins, 1966; Gibbs, 2001) of the crisis across the socio-political spectrum of Greek society. Hence, this conceptual framework could open up avenues of exploring the 'movement' of feelings within the public domain but also enable political scientists to borrow from the theoretical insights of the psychoanalytic approach to help shed light on how it is (if at all) possible that emotions can foster new identity antagonisms or commonalities in the face of financial crises. It is important in times of socio-economic hardship to step back to examine and reflect upon the political dynamics at work, and to step forward to offer some alternatives for navigating through these re-actionary trends of a national (identity) crisis.

The data of analysis of this study will involve public discourses, as these are manifested in newspaper articles; television programs; political speeches but also in new media. These research findings will then be cross-examined with further qualitative research in the form of semi-structured academic interviews.

GPSG Panel at the ECPR General Conference Reykjavik, August 2011

Call for Papers

Post-Crisis Public Policy Reform in Southern Europe

ECPR Section ID: 58

ECPR Section Title: Crisis Zone? State Quality and Democratic Quality in Southern Europe

This session is organised by the ECPR Standing Group in Southern European Politics

Final Deadline: 1 February 2011

Background: The recent economic crisis has exposed the high degree of vulnerability suffered by Southern EU (SEU) member states. Despite their 30-year long membership of the Union and their Eurozone participation, SEUs have been faced with speculative attacks in the financial markets, while Greece's near-default has triggered pan-European debates (and subsequent political action) to avoid collapse. Moreover, the crisis has produced a wave of public policy reforms in SEUs, most notably Greece, reforms adopted in a faster pace than ever before and meeting with comparatively little societal and interest group resistance.

Aim & Key Questions: This panel aims to provide a platform for comparing the problems, solutions and challenges that Southern EU (SEU) member-states are facing. Its raison d'être is motivated by a set of **interlinked questions that paper givers are encouraged to reflect on:**

- A. Which aspects of public policy in Southern Europe contributed to the crisis and to the fact that South European member states are the Eurozone's "weakest link"?
- B. What has been the public policy response of the administrations in the region to the crisis, and what lessons can we learn from their response?
- C. What does their response tell us about European public policy in terms of the Eurozone's ability to reform public administration structures?
- D. What does the crisis tell us about the effectiveness of EU's soft law framework on public policy/administration in strengthening national policy-making capacity?

This panel is convened by the Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG) of the Political Studies Association, UK.

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Panel Discussant: Professor Leonardo Morlino, Istituto Italiano di Scienze Umane, Italy

Guidelines and Deadlines for Submitting your Paper Proposal:

http://www.ecprnet.eu/conferences/general_conference/reykjavik/documents/Paper_Proposal_Guidelines_and_Deadlines.pdf

Panel Website:

http://www.ecprnet.eu/conferences/general_conference/reykjavik/panel_details.asp?panelid=262

GPSG Panels at the 61st Annual Conference of the PSA

61st Political Studies Association Annual Conference

Transforming Politics: New Synergies

19-21 April 2011

Novotel London West



The Greek Politics Specialist Group is delighted to announce that all six of its panel proposals have been accepted for the 61st PSA annual conference. With six panels engaging with some of the most critical and current debates, and with 20 leading contributors from top UK and Greek universities, this is set to be the GPSG's strongest presence ever. The GPSG's 2011 Annual General Meeting will also take place during the London conference (date, time and venue to be announced via our website).

Full details about our panels, including session details, panel and paper abstracts and contact details for the authors will be available on our website at

<http://www.gpsg.org.uk/london2011.html>

The full text of the papers will be available to all GPSG and PSA members on our website after the conference.

Important Note for All Panellists: The deadline for early registration is 20 February 2011 after which there will be a £40 surcharge. Panellists should register for the PSA Conference as soon as possible at <http://www.psa.ac.uk/2011/registration.aspx>

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GPSG Panel 1 – Politics, Emotions and the Crisis (1)

Organised in collaboration with Bournemouth University's Institute for Media & Communication Research

Session 2, 19/04/2011, 11:30am

- Prof. Barry Richards (Bournemouth University), "Emotional Governance, Extremism and the National Stage"
- Prof. Nicolas Demertzis (University of Athens), "The Emotions-Politics Nexus: Approaching the Crisis"
- Dr. Yannis Stavrakakis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), "Discourse, Affect, Enjoyment: Lacanian Political Theory and the Economy"

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Roman Gerodimos

GPSG Panel 2 – Politics, Emotions and the Crisis (2)

Organised in collaboration with Bournemouth University's Institute for Media & Communication Research

Session 10, 21/04/2011, 10:00am

- Dr. Roman Gerodimos (Bournemouth University), "Extreme Emotions: an analysis of the role of emotions in the discourse of Greek terrorist and anarchist groups"
- Dr. Sappho Xenakis (ELIAMEP / University of Oxford), "In the eye of the beholder: Accounting for the role of emotions in Greek politics"
- Giorgos Katsambekis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), "Populism in post-democratic times"

Chair: Prof. Barry Richards; Discussant: Dr. Yannis Stavrakakis

GPSG Panel 3 – Contemporary Challenges: Greece Beyond the Crisis

Session 9, 20/04/2011, 16:30pm

- Dr. Georgios Karyotis (University of Strathclyde), "I Predict a Riot': Public Responses to Economic Crisis Management in Greece"
- Dr. Julien Etienne (London School of Economics), "Making Sense of Non-Compliance and Defiance in Contemporary Greece"
- Theologia Iliadou (University of Warwick), "Migration: a Positive Actor for Greece?"
- Dr. Ioannis Andreadis and Prof. Theodore Chadjipadelis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), "The 2010 Elections for the Greek Regional Authorities"

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Dimitris Tsarouhas

GPSG Panel 4 – The Transformation of Greek Party Politics

Session 11, 21/04/2011, 13:30pm

- Pavlos Vasilopoulos and Dr. Christoforos Vernardakis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), "The Rise and Fall of the Greek Conservative Party: Ideological Realignments and Egocentric Economic Voting at the Dawn of the Financial Crisis"
- Dr. Dimitris Tsarouhas (Bilkent University), "A window of opportunity: Greek social democracy in the crisis era"
- Theodora Kotsaka (University of Athens), "Politicization and party enrollment as procedures of social integration: The case of PA.SO.K. at the peripheries of Florina and Heraklio, 1974 – 1981"
- Costas Eleftheriou (University of Athens) and Dr. Chrisanthos Tassis (University of the Peloponnese), "Party organization as a 'test tube': PASOK before and after the 'debt crisis'"

Chair: Dr. Ioannis Andreadis; Discussant: Dr. Chrisanthos Tassis

GPSG Panel 5 – Youth Policy in Europe and Greece

Session 4, 19/04/2011, 16:00pm

- Dora Giannaki (Queen Mary, University of London), “The History of Youth Work and Youth Policy in Greece”
- Paschalis Aganidis (General Secretariat for Youth), “An innovative youth policy and the concept of intergenerational justice”
- Nikos Nyfoudis (University of Crete), “The Europeanization effect in the Greek youth, through participation to Transnational Youth Networks”

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Yannis Stavrakakis

GPSG Panel 6 – Greece Beyond the Crisis (2): Higher Education and Research, crisis, reforms and modernisation

Session 8, 20/04/2011, 15:00pm

- Dr. Foteini Asderaki (University of Piraeus), “Greek Higher Education system under reform: governance, funding, evaluation”
- Dr. Charalambos Gousios (University of Piraeus), “Multilingualism as key competence to respond to current challenges”
- Vassiliki Chatzipetrou (Hellenic Association for Doctoral Researchers), “Doctoral Candidates: Students vs./or Professionals? The Case of Greece”

Chair/Discussant: Dr. Foteini Asderaki

GPSG website: www.gpsg.org.uk

Conference website: www.psa.ac.uk/2011

Important Reminder to All Panellists:
please register for the conference before 20
February 2011.



Mourning the Passing of Prof. Phil Taylor

It is with great sadness and shock that the Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG) learned of the death, on 6 December 2010, of *Prof. Phil Taylor*, Professor of International Communications at the University of Leeds.



The GPSG had the privilege of being associated with Prof. Taylor, who was the keynote speaker at our 2009 [“Images of Nations”](#) conference in Athens, Greece.

Dr Athanassios Samaras, Academic Convenor of the conference, said that Phil was a “top scholar and a pillar” of the field of strategic communications and propaganda: “He contributed seminal ideas and research. Some of the finer researchers on the field were his students. It was really an honour to have him as a keynote speaker”, said Samaras.

Dr Athina Karatzogianni, who participated in the conference, called Phil a “prolific researcher, an inspiring scholar and a fantastic conversationalist indeed”.

The Executive Committee of the Greek Politics Specialist Group would like to extend its condolences to Prof. Taylor’s family and colleagues.

Links:

University of Leeds announcement:

http://www.leeds.ac.uk/forstaff/news/article/1328/professor_philip_taylor

Prof. Phil Taylor’s website:

<http://ics.leeds.ac.uk/details.cfm?id=18>

Prof. Phil Taylor’s keynote presentation at the 2009 GPSG “Images of Nations” Conference:

http://www.gpsg.org.uk/athens/docs/GPSG_Athens_2009_Taylor.ppt

Latest Addition to our GPSG Working Paper Series

WP06, November 2010

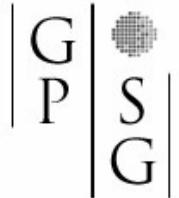
Dr George Aspridis: *The Evaluation of Human Resources in Modern Public Management*

[http://www.gpsg.org.uk/docs/GPSG Working Paper 06.pdf](http://www.gpsg.org.uk/docs/GPSG%20Working%20Paper%2006.pdf)

GPSG Working Paper #06

The Evaluation of Human Resources in Modern Public Management

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Keywords: *Human resources management, performance appraisal, public sector, Common Assessment Framework (C.A.F.), civil servants*

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Coming Up

Working Paper 07

Dr Andrew Liaropoulos

Cyber-Security and the Law of War: The Legal and Ethical Aspects of Cyber-Conflict

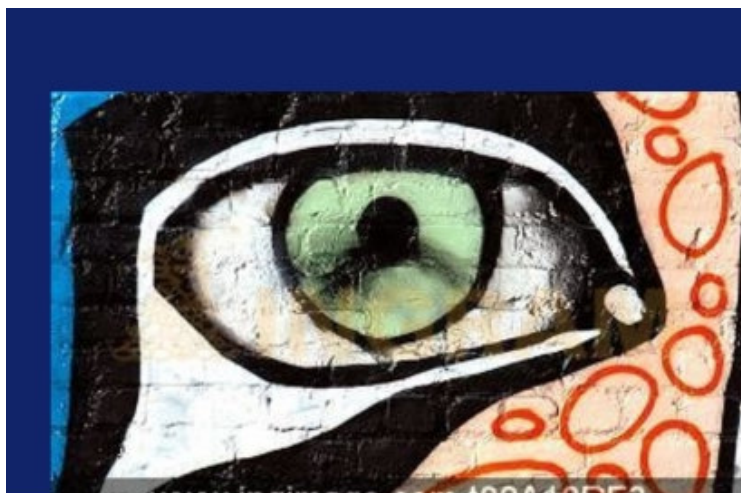
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<http://www.gpsg.org.uk/workingpapers.html>

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Featured Publications



THEODORA KOTSAKA KALAITZIDAKI

SOCIAL CLEAVAGES AND IDEOLOGY

THE CASE OF PA.SO.K. IN THE 70's



Theodora Kotsaka Kalaitzidaki
Social Cleavages and Ideology
The Case of PA.SO.K. in the 70's

Lambert Academic Publishing 2010
ISBN: 978-3843351966
76pp, £42

Οι ιδιαίτερες κοινωνικές συνθήκες της μεταπολίτευσης διαμόρφωσαν το απαραίτητο πλαίσιο για τη δημιουργία ενός κομματικού μορφώματος, όπως το ΠΑ.ΣΟ.Κ. και την επακόλουθη άνοδό του στην εξουσία. Το ΠΑ.ΣΟ.Κ. έχει τοποθετηθεί από τους μελετητές της ευρωπαϊκής σοσιαλδημοκρατίας στην κατηγορία των 'αμφιλεγόμενων κομμάτων'. Πήρε μέρος στις εκλογές του 1974 ως το outsider του εκλογικού αγώνα, ωστόσο κατόρθωσε να διπλασιάσει τις δυνάμεις του στις δύο εκλογικές αναμετρήσεις που ακολούθησαν και να αναρριχηθεί στην εξουσία, κερδίζοντας την εμπιστοσύνη του μισού εκλογικού σώματος. Επρόκειτο για το μόνο νέο κόμμα για το οποίο οι ψηφοφόροι δεν είχαν

ξεκάθαρη ιδέα τι πρέσβευε, ενώ είχε να ανταγωνιστεί τα προ-δικτατορικά κόμματα, με τα οποία το εκλογικό σώμα είχε ήδη ταυτιστεί πολιτικά. Στο ιδεολογικό φάσμα που κάλυπτε το ΠΑ.ΣΟ.Κ. εμπεριέχονταν στοιχεία σοσιαλισμού, λαϊκισμού, εθνικισμού, προβληματισμοί του χώρου της νέας αριστεράς, καθώς και θέσεις που συναντούνται σε αγροτικά και κεντρώα κόμματα.

Σκοπός της παρούσας μελέτης αποτέλεσε η κατανόηση της ιδεολογίας του ΠΑ.ΣΟ.Κ. στη βάση των κοινωνικών διαιρέσεων που ήταν ισχυρές στην ελληνική κοινωνία τη δεκαετία του '70 και η περιγραφή των κοινωνικών χαρακτηριστικών εκείνων των κοινωνικών ομάδων που το στήριξαν. Στην πορεία του προς την πολιτική σταθερότητα, το ελληνικό κράτος πέρασε πλήθος πολιτικών περιπετειών, που χάραξαν βαθύτατα τη συλλογική μνήμη και δημιούργησαν ισχυρότατες πολιτικές και κοινωνικές διαιρέσεις. Σε ποιο βαθμό η κομματική ιδεολογία αντιστοιχούσε στις κυρίαρχες κοινωνικές διαιρέσεις και ποιες κοινωνικές ομάδες κατόρθωσε να κινητοποιήσει το ΠΑ.ΣΟ.Κ.;

Η έρευνα αναφέρεται στις κοινωνικές διαιρέσεις από τη σύσταση του ελληνικού κράτους, προκειμένου να γίνουν κατανοητές οι συνθήκες υπό τις οποίες δημιουργήθηκαν και ο βαθμός έντασής τους, αλλά εστιάζει στη μεταπολιτευτική περίοδο από το 1974 έως το 1981.

<http://www.amazon.co.uk/Social-Cleavages-Ideology-CASE-PA-SO-K/dp/3843351961>

Members' Latest Activities and Publications:

- ✚ **Dr Roman Gerodimos** is leading the UK part of a global study on students' relationship with the media. *Unplugged: 24 Hours Without Media* took place in 19 universities from five continents (South & North America, Europe, Africa, Middle East, China & Hong Kong). The study was launched during the 4th Salzburg Academy on Media & Global Change in August 2010 and is co-ordinated by Prof. Susan Moeller (University of Maryland). Link: <http://blogs.bournemouth.ac.uk/unplugged>
- ✚ **Dr John Nomikos** and **Dr Andrew Liaropoulos** (2010), "Truly Reforming or Just Responding to Failures? Lessons Learned from the Modernisation of the Greek National Intelligence Service", *Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism*, Vol. 5, No. 1, 2010
- ✚ **Dr Dimitris Tsarouhas** (2010), "Straddling Two Continents: Social Policy and Welfare Politics in Turkey", *Social Policy & Administration*, 44 (6): 746-63 (with Aybars, A.I.); and also: Tsarouhas D. (2010), "The EU's Energy Politics", *Eurasia Critic* 3(1): 46-49
- ✚ **Δρ Στέλλα Λαδή** (2010), «Συμμετοχή των Πολιτών στη Δημόσια Πολιτική: Από τη Θεωρία στην Πράξη», *Επιστήμη και Κοινωνία*, 24: 79-98
- ✚ **Antonios Aggelakis** presented a paper entitled "Regional innovation capability & innovation systems: evolutionary lessons from Sweden" at the 3rd ECPR Graduate Conference, Dublin City University, 30 August-1 September 2010
- ✚ **Anastassios Chardas** presented a paper entitled "Conceptualising the Domestic Impact of Europe: the Regional Policy of the European Union and the third Community Support Framework (2000-2008) for the case of Greece" at the Regional Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Pecs, Hungary, 24-26 May, 2010
- ✚ **Dora Giannaki** participated in the 1st European Conference on the History of Youth Work and Youth Policy, which took place in July 2010 in Ghent, Belgium. Link: <http://tinyurl.com/ghent-youth>

Web Bookmarks

<http://www.ekemeuroenergy.org/en/>

EKEM European Energy Policy Observatory



The fundamental goal of the Observatory is the establishment of a multidimensional Specialized Research Programme that will deal exclusively with the analysis of the (geo)political, economic and institutional aspects of European Energy Policy and the way it interacts with Greek Energy Policy.

The Observatory aspires to become a two-way scientific/research channel through which, on the one hand, the E.U.'s energy policies and priorities will be diffused to Greece and via Greece to the wider Black Sea and Middle East region, and on the other hand, the Greek energy policies will be communicated to a European, regional and international level. For this exact reason the Products/Deliverables of the Observatory will be uploaded on its website in four different languages, English, Greek, Russian and Arabic.

Building a mosque in Athens: Necessity and Obligation for a Modern State

by *Dimitris Rapidis**

The construction of a mosque in the heart of Athens is above all a matter of respect for the Muslim people living and working in Greece. It is vital to Greece's social development to choose between establishing a modern and multicultural society or remaining in the backyard of religious intolerance and backwardness.

The construction of a mosque in the heart of Athens is above all a matter of respect for the Muslim people living and working in Greece. It is also an essential act of proving that the Greek state accepts and implements constitutionally the will and concern of other civilizations to practice their own religion in a secular and free-minded political, social, and cultural environment. Finally, without that being a binding obligation, Athens is one of the last European capitals that do not have a mosque, although Greece does have a Muslim population of around 700,000.



One of the major counter-arguments against the idea of constructing a mosque, is one that appears to dominate the debate over the crisis of multiculturalism and the increasing security awareness of European states over the rise of Islam as an extremist and pro-violent religion after 9/11 and the chain of terrorist attacks following it in other countries of the European Union (e.g. Madrid and London in 2004 and 2005 respectively). In general, the upsurge of international terrorism has led to the increasing securitization of migration agendas and Western societies are becoming less tolerant towards Muslim minorities and their requests for liberal worshiping. In Greece, the issue is taking further political and diplomatic dimensions as governments need to cope with the Muslim minority in Thrace.

The Turkish government is consistently endeavouring to embrace the area-centred Muslim population under its auspices and incite Turkish identity as the core feature of the community, while downgrading the issue of religion identity as of minor importance. From that prism, the construction of a mosque could face serious impediments as both countries do not seem to reach a common ground of understanding vis-à-vis the identity of the Muslim community. In addition to that, it seems that public opinion is not unanimously or at large part endorsing the idea of having a mosque in Athens not only from a merely cultural perspective, but also from a labour-economic one. Both perspectives are blindly mixed with a general overview of the side effects of incessant migration flows in Greece.

Referring to the cultural perspective, the fear of “Islamization” of Europe is also apparent in the Greek society as well as all over Europe. Nonetheless, it is intensified by the fact that previous generations had hardly accepted the presence of other cultures and immigration inflows as a permanent and global trend, despite Greece's large migration outflows in Europe, America and

Australia back in the 1950s and 1970s. The lack of social sensitivity in individual level and the slow-moving and even prejudiced state bureaucracy are amongst the major drawbacks that impede that process of accommodating immigrants, helping them get integrated and further fulfilling their citizenship demands. In a similar level, the construction of mosque is also invested with deep concerns as it is said to be linked with the construction of a cemetery, a pressing necessity as nowadays deceased Muslims are sent back to their homeland or being buried in cemeteries in Thrace.

Referring to the labour-economic perspective, the massive and sometimes non-regulated inflow of immigrants has over-crowded the “grey” economy (i.e. the part of the economy not accounted for in official statistics and therefore being illegal) with a low-cost workforce deprived of permanent job positions and public insurance. In the midst of the immense economic and budgetary crisis Greece is going through, with high unemployment and criminality rates looming over the society, some people tend to disproportionately accuse immigrants for the downturn Greek economy is faced with. This is a completely naive and frivolous point of view, but it might find significant ground over the general perception of the public over the role and effect of immigration in Greece.

Coming back to our topic, we would like to make some concluding recommendations that would facilitate the idea of constructing a mosque and a Muslim cemetery. Firstly, it would be useful for the media to initiate a pro-mosque campaign and the government to voice out the reasons why Greek society has to accept it in a wider multicultural context. Secondly, it would be essential for the Greek government to try to unbind the link between the construction of the mosque and the resolution of the Muslim minority issue in Thrace, two issues with different departing points and no essential connection. Finally, it would be of equal importance for the young generation to acknowledge and understand the reasons why people from the developing world decide to migrate. It is vital to Greece’s social development to choose between establishing a modern and multicultural society or remaining in the backyard of religious intolerance and backwardness.

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Call for Papers

41st Annual UACES Conference Exchanging Ideas on Europe 2011

Robinson College, University of Cambridge

Deadline for Abstracts: 21 January 2011

Come and join us for the 41st Annual UACES conference, taking place at Robinson College in historic Cambridge. The Call for Panels and Papers is now open. We encourage contributions from all academic disciplines, including law, economics, geography, history, sociology, public policy and politics. We accept proposals from established academics, practitioners and well-prepared doctoral students. Although individual paper proposals will be accepted, our preference is for pre-organised panel proposals, comprising FOUR papers and a Chair/Discussant. The deadline for the call is Friday 21 January 2011.

To submit your proposal and for more information about the event visit the conference website:
www.uaces.org/cambridge

Registration Open

The Lisbon Treaty Evaluated: Impact and Consequences A UACES conference, supported by the European Commission 31 January - 1 February 2011 Woburn House, Tavistock Square, London

UACES invites you and your colleagues to register for 'The Lisbon Treaty Evaluated', a two-day conference assessing the impact and consequences of the Treaty's first year. The conference is intended to encourage creative and informed thinking that will contribute to the ongoing debate on the 'Future of Europe'. Research from internationally renowned scholars will be presented in a series of panel sessions. **Professor Helen Wallace** (LSE) will present a keynote address on the opening day of the conference.

Guest Speakers include:

Andrew Duff MEP

John Palmer (Visiting Fellow, Sussex European Institute and founder political director of the European Policy Centre)

John Peet (Europe Editor, The Economist)

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Ελληνική Εταιρία Πολιτικής Επιστήμης 2η Ετήσια Συνάντηση Νέων Διδασκτόρων Προθεσμία: **31 Ιανουαρίου 2011**

Η Ελληνική Εταιρεία Πολιτικής Επιστήμης, λαμβάνοντας υπόψιν τη μεγάλη άνθηση του κλάδου τα τελευταία χρόνια, όπως αυτή τεκμαίρεται από την ίδρυση αρκετών νέων Τμημάτων και τη δημιουργία πληθώρας σχετικών προγραμμάτων μεταπτυχιακών σπουδών και θέλοντας, επίσης, να συμβάλει στην περαιτέρω ανάπτυξη του επιστημονικού διαλόγου και στην ανάδειξη των ερευνών που διεξάγονται από νέους συναδέλφους, διοργανώνει τη δεύτερη Συνάντηση νέων ερευνητών.

Η Συνάντηση αφορά κυρίως νέους/ες διδάκτορες πολιτικής επιστήμης, οι οποίοι/ες έχουν υποστηρίξει τις διδακτορικές τους διατριβές κατά την τελευταία τριετία. Οι νέοι/ες διδάκτορες καλούνται να παρουσιάσουν είτε σημεία είτε μια σύντομη περίληψη της διατριβής τους. Δίνεται, επίσης, η δυνατότητα σε υποψήφιοι/ες διδάκτορες σε υποψήφιους/ες διδάκτορες οι οποίοι/ες βρίσκονται στο τελευταίο στάδιο πριν την υποστήριξη των διατριβών να παρουσιάσουν, σε

διακριτό πάνελ, ενότητες της ως τώρα εργασίας τους αρκεί αυτές να έχουν λάβει ολοκληρωμένη μορφή.

Οι εισηγήσεις δεν θα πρέπει να υπερβαίνουν τα είκοσι (20) λεπτά ώστε να υπάρχει αρκετός χρόνος σε κάθε συνεδρία για σχόλια και παρατηρήσεις τόσο από τους νεότερους όσο και από τους παλαιότερους συναδέλφους. Παρακαλούνται οι συμμετέχοντες/ουσες να ενημερώσουν έγκαιρα την Οργανωτική Επιτροπή αν επιθυμούν να κάνουν χρήση ηλεκτρονικών μέσων.

ΕΝΔΕΙΚΤΙΚΕΣ ΘΕΜΑΤΙΚΕΣ ΕΝΟΤΗΤΕΣ

Πολιτική και κοινωνική θεωρία	Κράτος, πολιτικοί θεσμοί, δημόσιες πολιτικές
Συγκριτική πολιτική – Πολιτική κοινωνιολογία	Διεθνείς σχέσεις
Ευρωπαϊκές σπουδές	Πολιτική οικονομία
Πολιτισμικές σπουδές	Πολιτική και κοινωνική ιστορία
Πολιτική επικοινωνία	Πολιτική ψυχολογία
Διοικητική επιστήμη	

Η Συνάντηση θα διεξαχθεί την Άνοιξη του 2011 στην Αθήνα.

Οι ενδιαφερόμενοι/ες καλούνται να υποβάλουν τίτλο και περίληψη εισήγησης (μέχρι 300 λέξεις) όχι αργότερα από τη Δευτέρα 31 Ιανουαρίου 2011: ηλεκτρονικά στη διεύθυνση info@hpsa.gr ή ταχυδρομικά στη διεύθυνση: Ελληνική Εταιρεία Πολιτικής Επιστήμης (υπόψιν κ. Ρόγγα), Αιόλου 42-44, ΤΚ 10560, Αθήνα.

Οι προτάσεις θα αξιολογηθούν από συναδέλφους αντίστοιχων γνωστικών αντικειμένων με ευθύνη της Επιστημονικής Επιτροπής η οποία θα αποτελείται από ομότιμους καθηγητές του κλάδου μας. Όσοι/ες επιλεγούν θα ενημερωθούν ηλεκτρονικά και θα κληθούν να επιβεβαιώσουν τη συμμετοχή τους.

Το κόστος εγγραφής για τους εισηγητές και το κοινό της Συνάντησης ορίζεται στα δέκα (10) ευρώ. Θα χορηγηθούν βεβαιώσεις παρακολούθησης σε όσους/ες το επιθυμούν. Του κόστους εγγραφής εξαιρούνται οι προπτυχιακοί φοιτητές.

Μετά το πέρας των εργασιών της 2ης Ετήσιας Συνάντησης η Ελληνική Εταιρεία Πολιτικής Επιστήμης προτίθεται να χορηγήσει, κατόπιν εισηγήσεως της Επιστημονικής Επιτροπής, τιμητικούς επαίνους στις καλύτερες παρουσιάσεις της Συνάντησης.

Η Οργανωτική Επιτροπή της Συνάντησης

Βάλια Αρανίτου
Κώστας Κανελλόπουλος
Ευθύμης Παπαβλασόπουλος
Βασίλης Ρόγγας

Ελληνική Εταιρεία Πολιτικής Επιστήμης.

Ημερίδα **Επιστήμη και Κοινωνία**

Η Συντακτική Επιτροπή της Επιθεώρησης *Επιστήμη και Κοινωνία* προγραμματίζει για το Φθινόπωρο του 2011 τη διοργάνωση μιας επιστημονικής ημερίδας αφιερωμένης στις αιτίες της κρίσης της ελληνικής οικονομίας και στις θεσμικές και κοινωνικές προεκτάσεις της κρίσης αυτής. Πρόθεσή μας είναι να προσεγγίσουμε με τα θεωρητικά και τα μεθοδολογικά εργαλεία των πολιτικών και κοινωνικών επιστημών τις δομικές προϋποθέσεις των ποικίλων εκδηλώσεων της κρίσης. Υπό το ίδιο επιστημολογικό πρίσμα θα επιχειρήσουμε, επιπλέον, να διερευνήσουμε συγκεκριμένες κοινωνικο-πολιτικές στάσεις και συμπεριφορές που διαθέτουν αφενός ιστορικό βάθος, αφετέρου φανερώνουν την εξακολουθητική παρουσία κοινωνικών αντιστάσεων στις πολιτικο-θεσμικές μεταρρυθμίσεις και τον κοινωνικό και οικονομικό εκσυγχρονισμό.

Τίτλος της ημερίδας:
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Κρατισμός, πελατειακό σύστημα, αμυντική κοινωνία**

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- Δ.** Εκσυγχρονισμός και αντιδυτικισμός, ευρωπαϊκός προσανατολισμός και εθνικολαϊκισμός: εξηγώντας τις αντινομίες μιας αμυντικής κοινωνίας.

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