

## GPSG Newsflash

16-Jan-2015



Dear Colleagues,

Four items for this week's newsflash:

**1) Urgent Call for Election Commentary - GPSG Pamphlet no 4**  
"First thoughts on the 25 January 2015 election in Greece"

Following the success of our [previous election pamphlets](#), the **Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG)** will be publishing another collection of short comment pieces **immediately after** the election on 25 January. The purpose is to offer an **initial rapid response** from political and social scientists that can interpret and explain the results of the Greek elections to a global audience. We invite **short opinion/analysis articles** (200-500 words, in English) analysing, interpreting or reflecting on the outcome, likely impact or any other aspect of the campaign or election. Contributions from all our members, affiliates and colleagues are welcome.

Please note that due to the volume of submissions we receive and the extremely short turn-around timeframe, we can only publish pieces that have been carefully proof-read and require minimal editorial work. Please email your piece to me at [rgerodimos@gmail.com](mailto:rgerodimos@gmail.com) **between Sunday, 25 January and midnight on Wednesday, 28 January**, which is the **final deadline**, along with your full title and institutional affiliation.

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**2) Terrorist attacks in France: GPSG resources on countering extremism in Europe**

We would like to bring to your attention two important resources that emerged from last June's GPSG workshop on extremism in Europe (<http://www.gpsg.org.uk/activities/london-workshop-2014/>) and which you may find useful in analysing recent and current events in France and elsewhere:

We have **three free copies** of Quilliam's report on "Jihad Trending: A Comprehensive Analysis of Online Extremism and How to Counter it" by Ghaffar Hussain and Dr. Erin Marie Saltman. These will be sent out to the first three GPSG Full Members that express an interest by replying to this email.

We would also like to bring to your attention this documentary on Jonathan Asser's **Shame/Violence Intervention** programme (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-3xqz2lt5c>), which he presented during our workshop. SVI has been very successful in

tackling the root causes of extremism, including Jihadism. Counter-terrorism officials have described Jonathan's sessions as "extremely inspiring".

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### **3) Call for Papers: Challenges to Democracy in Southern Europe**

You are invited to submit *individual papers* or full *panels* (4-5 papers) for the "Challenges to Democracy in Southern Europe" Section (S08) at the ECPR General Conference in Montreal. (26-29 August 2015). The Section offers a forum for innovative empirical research and encourages a range of disciplinary perspectives and methodological approaches. Selected papers from this section will be considered for publication.

<http://ecpr.eu/Events/SectionDetails.aspx?SectionID=427&EventID=94>

The Section is proposed on behalf of the ECPR Standing Group in Southern European Politics and welcomes proposals for panels and papers from members and non-members of the Group. Please also note that you do not need to belong to an ECPR member institution in order to participate in the General Conference. All you need is to sign up for a MyECPR account.

#### **Key dates & Contacts:**

**16 February 2015**, Deadline to submit paper or panel proposals. (max. 150 word abstracts)

Paper proposals are welcome on any topic relevant to the Section theme and do *not* need to be proposed in the context of any particular panel.

Link to submit a paper proposal:

<http://ecpr.eu/MyEcpr/Forms/PaperProposalForm.aspx?EventID=94>

Panel proposals should include a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 5 papers. The panel titles below are indicative - proposals may be submitted on any topic relevant to the Section theme.

Link to submit a panel proposal:

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For questions, please contact the ECPR Standing Group

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**4) GPSG Experts in the Media**

Finally, our Executive and Advisory Committee officers have been busy in recent days giving interviews and authoring op-ed pieces for national and international media, including Dr Stella Ladi being interviewed live by Al Jazeera and Dr Georgios Karyotis taking part in a panel discussion on Channel NewsAsia.

<http://www.gpsg.org.uk/press-media/>

We will shortly be updating our Press & Media archive, so if you or your work has recently featured in the media please send me the details and we will include this to our update.

With best wishes,  
Roman

-- on behalf of the GPSG Executive Committee

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