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Dear All,

A couple of items that may be of interest to colleagues:

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1. New GPSG Working Paper
"The determinants of households' savings during the recession: Evidence from Greece"

Ioannis Kostakis, Harokopio University of Athens

A lot has been written about the impact of the crisis on people's everyday lives, but a body of empirical data is only emerging. In the latest addition to the GPSG Working Paper Series, Ioannis Kostakis looks at trends of household savings from 2008 to 2012 and examines the role of various demographic and sociocultural factors. The paper identifies interesting patterns regarding consumer psychology and attitudes towards saving in times of recession.

The paper can be accessed through our Working Papers page at:

<http://www.gpsg.org.uk/publications/working-papers/>

and the direct link to the PDF is:

http://www.gpsg.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Working_Paper_19.pdf

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2. Reminder - Urgent Call for Election Commentary
GPSG Pamphlet No. 4: "First Thoughts on the 25 January 2015 Election in Greece"

Deadline for short (200-500 word) pieces: midnight on Wednesday, 28 January 2015

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 **between Sunday, 25 January and midnight**

on Wednesday, 28 January, which is the final deadline, along with your full title and institutional affiliation.

More details are available here:

<http://www.gpsg.org.uk/publications/pamphlets>

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Finally, our Membership and Outreach Officer, Dr Vasiliki Tsagkroni, has emailed all our members and affiliates in order to confirm your postal address as we are continuing to send out our anniversary brochure. If you haven't recently updated your **contact details** could I please ask you to get in touch with Vasiliki at v.tsagkroni@qmul.ac.uk

Many thanks and best wishes,

Roman

- on behalf of the GPSG Executive Committee

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