

GPSG Newsflash

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG) Newsflash. Here are a few notices, reminders and approaching deadlines that may be of interest:

1. Deadline approaching: GPSG Competition 2015 - "Innovative Approaches to the Study of Greek Society and Politics"

We are approaching the deadline (18 September) for our major biennial competition, which this year focuses on innovation, excellence, engagement and impact.

We welcome all types of projects - papers can be of a scholarly, conceptual, experimental, comparative, investigative, applied or even practical nature, including research proposals, interim reports, work in progress and preliminary findings, as long as they feature a robust rationale, clear objectives and appropriate outputs that advance our understanding or engagement with Greek society and politics.

There will be three monetary prizes (first prize: €300).

More details here: <http://www.gpsg.org.uk/activities/current-projects/>

Please share this call to anyone who might be interested - this is one of our flagship activities for 2015 and we will consider submissions from any rank of academic and community life, from undergraduate students to senior professors to community organisations.

2. Call for Papers: Resistance under Austerity in Southern Europe 24th IPSA World Congress of Political Science, July 23-28, 2016, Istanbul, Turkey CS05 - Political institutions and civil engagement - open panel

Discussions of austerity measures in Southern Europe have usually been framed in terms of their economic impact: inequality, unemployment (particularly among the young), lower wages. Beyond the perceived failure of the neoliberal recipe to take these countries (and Europe at large) out of the crisis, however, there is growing dissent among civil society groups to the measures taken by governments. This resistance needs to be addressed as a direct effect of austerity policies and properly analyzed for what it really represents: a process

of grassroots repoliticization and re-democratization. In fact, in these countries a new social, political and economic paradigm is emerging, one that rejects both the main basis of capitalism (individualism and consumption) and the Keynesian foundations of post-war Europe.

Where state has failed, citizens have reclaimed their lives and gained a new sense of empowerment. We have been witnessing a multiplication of solidarity economy experiments, citizen assemblies, occupations and the like. Despite their magnitude, these transformations have hardly been addressed. This panel seeks to shed light on these issues. How are people resisting austerity? What are the strategies developed to cope with declining life standards? Are there parallels among these countries (or with Latin American countries)? What can we learn from these experiments?

We welcome contributions from various fields of knowledge and, in particular, comparative approaches.

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University of Lisbon, Portugal

Co-Chair: Dimitris Tsarouhas, Bilkent University, Turkey

Deadline for Paper proposals: October 7, 2015

Panel:

<http://istanbul2016.ipsa.org/my-ipasa/events/istanbul2016/panel/resistance-under-austerity-southern-europe>

Rules for submission:

<https://istanbul2016.ipsa.org/events/congress/istanbul2016/submit-paper>

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3. Restrictions to PayPal payments and renewing your GPSG membership

We are aware that due to the imposition of capital controls and restrictions to foreign payments, some members based in Greece have recently been unable to complete the payment or renewal of their full GPSG membership via PayPal.

In light of this situation we have decided to extend all Full Member subscriptions expiring from July 2015 onwards, until this situation is fully resolved.

If you have difficulty completing your payment via PayPal you may also want to try using a credit or debit card. You still have to complete the short online form on the Join Us page of our website (<http://www.gpsg.org.uk/join.php>) which will redirect you to PayPal's landing page. PayPal allows users who do not have an account, or who do not wish to register/log in

to PayPal, to complete payment using their debit / credit card.

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4. New Book: Austerity and the Third Sector in Greece

Austerity and the Third Sector in Greece: Civil Society at the European Frontline

Edited by J. Clarke, A. Huliaras and D. A. Sotiropoulos

Ashgate 2015

More details: <http://www.ashgate.com/isbn/9781472452689>

Finally, I would like to inform members that, continuing a tradition that started in May 2012, the GPSG will produce yet another pamphlet shortly after the September 20th election in Greece. A call with full details will be launched soon and I will also be in touch again shortly with reminders and calls regarding the PSA annual conference in Brighton.

With kind regards

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-- on behalf of the GPSG Executive Committee

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