

GPSG Newsflash

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the latest newsflash of the Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG) of the Political Studies Association.

==1. New Working Papers==

We are pleased to launch the latest two additions to our Working Paper Series.

WP24 (February 2016): Local Political Responses to European Integration: The case of North Cyprus

Dr Cemaliye Beysoylu (Girne American University)

In Working Paper #24, Cemaliye Beysoylu examines how local political actors instrumentalise legal and normative frameworks provided by the European integration process by linking their political agenda to the EU to re-formulate policies, approaches and discourses, looking at the case of North Cyprus as a case study.

http://www.gpsg.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Working_Paper_24.pdf

WP25 (March 2016): Economic Crisis and Parliamentary Autonomy: Evidence from the Greek Parliament

Dr Emmanuel Sigalas (KU Leuven)

In Working Paper #25, Emmanuel Sigalas provides us with a rare empirical insight into the power of the legislature. Drawing on parliamentary output indicators and interviews with former presidents of the Hellenic Parliament, he argues that the relationship between party / executive strength and parliamentary independence is either ill-founded or conditional at best.

http://www.gpsg.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Working_Paper_25.pdf

Both papers are attached and can also be accessed via the Working Papers page on our website at

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

==2. Video: Onward Movements: charting the flow of refugees across South-East Europe==

<https://youtu.be/Dhc1Lwm7Tfc>

Using UNHCR's daily infographics, we have just produced this video showing the daily movement of refugees from Turkey, through Greece and the Balkans and onto Austria and Germany.

Each second is one day, every day, from 24 August 2015 to 1 March 2016 (yesterday): that is more than six months in a little more than three minutes of video.

<http://data.unhcr.org/mediterranean/country.php?id=502>

==3. Annual General Meeting (AGM) Notice==

Please take note of our next AGM, which will take place during the 66th annual conference of the PSA in Brighton on **Tuesday, March 22nd** - a formal notice is attached. Your proposed motions or notices of voting-by-proxy are welcome before the deadline of 13.30 GMT on **Tuesday, March 15th**.

==4. Impact Conference at the University of Warwick==

The University of Warwick Politics and International Studies department is hosting a conference on future of the Impact agenda in the UK. With preparations for the next REF already underway, this is an opportune moment to have a profession-wide discussion about Impact, with contributions from political scientists, funding bodies, HEFCE, and a broad range of other non-academic constituencies.

A Call for Papers is attached.

Conference registration and newsletter is available at

<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/pais/research/impact/events/impactconference2016/>

The deadline for proposals is the **15st March 2016**.

==5. SESP on Twitter==

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New Twitter address

@sesp_j

link to see the Twitter account on the internet

https://twitter.com/sesp_j

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We look forward to welcoming you to one of our panels during the PSA conference in Brighton.

<http://www.gpsg.org.uk/psa-conference-panels/brighton-2016/>

With best wishes,

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-- on behalf of the GPSG Executive Committee

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