

**8th Annual Report**  
**of the**  
**Greek Politics Specialist Group**  
**January 2012**

*Aims and Membership*

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## **Background:**

The *Greek Politics Specialist Group* (GPSG) was established by the approval of the Political Studies Association (PSA) Executive Committee at its July 2004 meeting.

The GPSG's aims are:

- To promote the understanding of Greek government and politics via the encouragement of systematic research and teaching.
- To strengthen the ties between the UK and Greek academic communities and facilitate the exchange of research and expertise between the two countries.
- To support comparative and interdisciplinary political analysis, by collaborating with other PSA Specialist Groups and academic research centres, and by highlighting an expanding body of work on public administration, international affairs, psephology, political communication, political marketing, political theory etc.
- To provide UK-based scholars of (and from) Greece with a much-needed forum for the free exchange of ideas and to facilitate networking within the academic community.

**Current Membership: 251** (as of 19 January 2012) of which

- 50 are Full Members (£5 for PSA members, £7 for non-PSA members)
- 103 are Affiliate Members
- 98 are members that have not yet transferred to the new membership scheme

**GPSG Constitution:** [http://www.gpsg.org.uk/docs/GPSG\\_Constitution.pdf](http://www.gpsg.org.uk/docs/GPSG_Constitution.pdf)

**GPSG Governance:** <http://www.gpsg.org.uk/about-us/key-people/>

## **Convenors**

Dr Roman Gerodimos (Bournemouth University)  
Dr Andrew Liaropoulos (University of Piraeus)

## **Executive Committee**

Dr Dimitris Tsarouhas (Bilkent University)  
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## **Advisory Committee**

Prof Theodore Chadjipadelis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)  
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	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>£16.35</b>	Carried forward from 2010	2011 PSA Conference grants (including BU-sponsored and GPSG-funded)	<b>£1,050</b>
<b>£1,200</b>	PSA Funding (core)	Travel grants for organisers of GPSG panel at ECPR General Conference, Reykjavik 2011	<b>£300</b>
<b>£600</b>	Bournemouth University sponsorship for two panels on Politics & Emotions at the PSA annual conference	International Conference "The Politics of Extreme Austerity: Greece Beyond the Crisis" (Strathclyde, 8-9 December 2011)  (including funding from PSA SAF, HSBC, GPSG and registration fees)	<b>£3,840</b>
<b>£1,000</b>	HSBC sponsorship for our international conference "The Politics of Extreme Austerity: Greece Beyond the Crisis" (Strathclyde, December 2011)		
<b>£1,440</b>	PSA Specialist Activities Fund grant for international conference "The Politics of Extreme Austerity: Greece Beyond the Crisis" (Strathclyde, December 2011)	Website maintenance and migration to WordPress	<b>£150</b>
<b>£1,050</b>	Registration fees for international conference "The Politics of Extreme Austerity: Greece Beyond the Crisis" (Strathclyde, December 2011)	Stationery: £20 Postal: £47.02 Tel/voip: £32.27 Printer ink: £31.94 Flyers (A5 & A6): £52.98	<b>£184.21</b>
<b>£262.99</b>	membership fees: £233.99 (PayPal) £29 (NatWest)		
TOTAL	<b>£5,569.34</b>	TOTAL	<b>£5,524.21</b>
		<i>Carried forward to 2012</i>	<b>£45.13</b>

## REVIEW OF 2011 ACTION PLAN

No	Action Description	Outcome
1	Develop Working Paper series	Achieved & Ongoing
2	Convene panels at the 61 <sup>st</sup> annual conference of the PSA (London, 2011) and produce podcast	Completed
3	Develop the edited volume of the proceedings from the 2009 International Conference on "Images of Nations: Strategic Communication, Soft Power and the Media", organised under the auspices of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs (funding secured)	In progress – book contract expected in March 2012
4	Prepare panel proposals for the 62 <sup>nd</sup> annual conference of the PSA	Completed
5	Convene GPSG panel at the 2011 ECPR General Conference, Reykjavik	Completed
6	Launch 3 <sup>rd</sup> annual GPSG competition (paper or research fieldwork)	Carried forward to 2012
7	Produce Directory of Members with research interests, contact details and media availability	Carried forward to 2012
8	Establish ties with affiliate organisations and develop ties with existing collaborators	Achieved & Ongoing
9	Explore options for an Athens-based seminar or event	Completed (options rejected)
10	Seek funding for the production of a special publication (booklet) on the theme of "Greece: Beyond the Crisis"	Removed (replaced by 11)
11	Bid for the PSA SAF and organise two-day international conference on the theme of "Greece: Beyond the Crisis"	Achieved

## DRAFT 2012 ACTION PLAN

### To be finalised / approved at the 2012 GPSG Annual General Meeting

No	Action Description	Timeline	Lead Exec Cttee Officer
1	Develop Working Paper Series	Throughout	TE
2	Develop Podcast Series	Throughout	RG
3	Publish the edited volume of the proceedings from the 2009 International Conference on "Images of Nations: Strategic Communication, Soft Power and the Media", organised under the auspices of the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs (funding secured)	Spring 2012	AL/RG
4	Convene panels at the 2012 PSA Annual Conference in Belfast	April 2012	AL
5	Prepare panel proposals for the 2013 PSA Annual Conference	September 2012	AL/DT
6	Develop the edited volume (book) with selected papers from the 2011 GPSG international conference "The Politics of Extreme Austerity: Greece Beyond the Crisis"	Spring 2012	GK/RG
7	Develop the special issue of a journal with selected papers from the 2011 GPSG international conference "The Politics of Extreme Austerity: Greece Beyond the Crisis"	Spring 2012	SL/DT
8	Convene special event on immigration in Europe in collaboration with German and Comparative European Politics Specialist Groups, in London	May 2012	RG
9	Launch 3 <sup>rd</sup> GPSG Prize Competition (in conjunction with (8) above)	Spring 2012	RG
10	Produce Directory of Members with research interests, contact details and media availability	Summer 2012	VL
11	Establish ties with affiliate organisations and develop ties with existing collaborators (including trip to Brussels)	Spring or Summer 2012	RG/AL
12	Design and implement an Organisational Chart and Workload Planning document	January-February 2012	RG
13	Review the utility and possible role / structure of Thematic Networks	Summer or Autumn 2012	TE/VL