

**11th Annual Report**  
**of the**  
**Greek Politics Specialist Group**  
**January 2015**

*Aims and Membership*

*2014 Accounts*

*Review of 2014 Action Plan*

*Draft 2015 Action Plan*

**TABLE 1: 2014 ACCOUNTS**

2014	INCOME	EXPENSES		RECEIPTS
<b>£64.40</b>	<i>Carried forward from 2013</i>	2 x £100 Travel Grants for 64 <sup>th</sup> PSA Annual Conference, Manchester, 14-16/04/2014 Ms Giouli Giannadaki Ms Eleni Drakaki	<b>£200.00</b>	<b>1-5</b>
<b>£750</b> <b>£50</b>	PSA Funding (advance) <i>PSA Funding (outstanding)</i>	Catering for the GPSG/ULB International Workshop "The Economic Adjustment Programmes and their Alternatives", Brussels, 02/05/2014	<b>£238.12</b>	<b>6-8</b>
<b>£181.52</b>	Membership fees (PayPal)	1 x £100 Travel Grant for GPSG Workshop on Extremism in Europe, London, 20/06/2014 Dr Jean-Phillippe Dedieu	<b>£100.00</b>	<b>9</b>
		Return rail fare (BMH-WAT-BMH) for Intern, GPSG Workshop on Extremism in Europe, London, 20/06/2014 Ms Auguste Janutaite	<b>£38.50</b>	<b>10</b>
		Drinks reception for GPSG Workshop on Extremism in Europe, London, 20/06/2014 (Old Salt Quay)	<b>£24.10</b>	<b>11</b>
		Water for GPSG Workshop on Extremism in Europe, London, 20/06/2014	<b>£8.10</b>	<b>11</b>
		40 Name badges with holders for GPSG Workshop on Extremism in Europe, London, 20/06/2014 (Zoom Direct)	<b>£6.79</b>	<b>12</b>
		Stationery (Postpack Ltd), 04/12/2014	<b>£42.00</b>	<b>13</b>
		Telephone (Voipwise), 04/03/2014, 11/08/2014, 12/12/2014	<b>£29.71</b>	<b>14-16</b>
		GPSG Executive Committee Meeting, Athens, 26/12/2014	<b>£23.50</b>	<b>17</b>
		500x GPSG promotional A5 flyers (Vistaprint), 23/04/2014	<b>£73.97</b>	<b>18</b>
		50x GPSG branded pens (Vistaprint), 16/06/2014	<b>£111.58</b>	<b>19</b>

		280x GPSG return address labels (Vistaprint), 05/12/2014	<b>£28.78</b>	<b>20</b>
		GPSG rubber stamp (Vistaprint), 05/12/2014	<b>£22.88</b>	<b>21</b>
		Postage & packing	<b>£36.93</b>	<b>22-24</b>
		Domain renewal (gpsg.org.uk)	<b>£12.56</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>£455.00</b>	Centre for the Study of Journalism, Culture and Community, Bournemouth University	500x GPSG 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brochure (Dorset Digital Print Ltd), 10/07/2014	<b>£455.00</b>	<b>26 / Paid directly by BU</b>
<b>£240.00</b>	Centre for the Study of Journalism, Culture and Community, Bournemouth University	Design and Administrative Assistance, GPSG 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brochure Ms Auguste Janutaite Ms Ana Alania	<b>£240.00</b>	<b>Paid directly by BU</b>
<b>£211.46</b>	Politics & Media Research Group, Bournemouth University	Venue hire (Learning Rooms 2 & 3, Canada Water Library), GPSG Workshop on Political Extremism in Europe, London, 20/06/2014	<b>£211.46</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>£603.00</b>	Politics & Media Research Group, Bournemouth University	Catering for GPSG Workshop on Political Extremism in Europe, London, 20/06/2014	<b>£603.00</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>£215.00</b>	Politics & Media Research Group, Bournemouth University	Travel Grants for GPSG Workshop on Political Extremism in Europe, London, 20/06/2014 Ms Lamprini Rori: £150 Ms Nefeli Lefkopoulou: £65	<b>£215.00</b>	<b>29-30 / Paid directly by BU</b>
<b><u>£2,770.38</u></b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b> (includes carried fwd from 2013)	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>£2,721.98</u></b>	
		<i>Carried forward to 2015</i>	<b>£48.40</b>	

### Review of 2014 activities and events

**GPSG International Workshop:** “Political Violence, Terrorism and Extremism in Europe and Greece”.  
Canada Water Library, London, 20 June 2014  
Keynote presentations by Demos, Counterpoint and Prof. Ben Gidley  
Supported by the Politics & Media Research Group at Bournemouth University

**GPSG/ULB Workshop:** “The Economic Adjustment Programmes and their Alternatives - Exploring the Role of Ideas, Discourse and Reform Technology in the Era of Austerity”.  
Brussels, 2 May 2014  
Organised in collaboration with the Institute for European Studies, Université Libre de Bruxelles.  
Keynote speech by Prof. A. Sapir.

**International Conference:** Beyond “Absorption”: The Impact of EU Structural Funds on Greece (1981-2013)  
Organised by the University of Peloponnese, the Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG) and the Hellenic University Association for European Studies (EPEES)  
Athens, 19-20 September 2014

Five **panels at the 64<sup>th</sup> PSA annual conference**, including one organised in collaboration with the Italian Politics Specialist Group  
Two travel grants for doctoral researchers

### **Special issue of *Political Studies Review***

Edited by GPSG officers Dr Stella Ladi and Dr Dimitris Tsarouhas  
Featuring selected contributions from the 2011 GPSG international conference “The Politics of Extreme Austerity: Greece Beyond the Crisis”

Publication of first **GPSG book** in Greece: edited volume based on the proceedings of the 2009 International Conference on “Images of Nations: Strategic Communication, Soft Power and the Media”  
Athens: Kastaniotis

**Workshop** on Rhetoric & Persuasion and **GPSG Book Launch** organised in collaboration with the University of Piraeus  
“Images of Nations: International Crises, Soft Power and Strategic Communication”  
Piraeus, Monday, 15 December 2014

**GPSG Pamphlet** on the 18 & 25 May Local and European Parliament Elections in Greece  
Edited by Roman Gerodimos, featuring 26 commentaries from Greek politics experts

**GPSG 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Brochure** – celebrating a decade of service to the political studies community  
Supported by the Centre for the Study of Journalism, Culture and Community at Bournemouth University

**GPSG Working Paper Series:** four new working papers published as part of the Series

**GPSG Guide Series:** launched with two volumes on “How to: Present at Conferences – a guide for graduate students” and “Delivering Strong Conference Presentations – a guide for first-time presenters”

**Joint Reception** of the GPSG, the ECPR Standing Group on Southern European Politics and the European Research Network (ERN) at the ECPR 8th General Conference, Friday, 5 September, Glasgow  
Co-sponsored by Routledge

### Plans for 2015

❖ January/February:

Application to the **PSA Pushing the Boundaries** scheme for a **GPSG Fieldwork Competition** “Innovative Approaches to the Study of Greek Society and Politics”

**GPSG Pamphlet no 4:** “First thoughts on the 25 January 2015 election in Greece”

Edited by Roman Gerodimos

❖ February:

**GPSG visit to NATO HQ in Brussels:** meeting with NATO and EU officials, briefing and brainstorming sessions, working dinner

❖ March/April:

Publication and launch of **edited volume** from 2011 GPSG conference, *The Politics of Extreme Austerity: Greece in the Eurozone Crisis*, edited by G. Karyotis and R. Gerodimos, Palgrave Macmillan

**Media briefing** on European issues in the run-up to the upcoming UK general election, organised in collaboration with other EU-related Specialist Groups and PSA Head Office

❖ April:

Four **panels at the 65th PSA annual conference**, including travel grants for two young researchers

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

❖ May:

**Conference** on the Greek debt programme, to be organised in collaboration with the Centre for Political Research, Panteion University, Athens

❖ Summer:

Sponsored panel at the forthcoming Progressive Forum in Athens, Greece

❖ Autumn:

GPSG Prizes at an external conference

❖ Throughout the year:

Continuation of our Working Paper, Podcast and Guide Series

### **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:** 333 (as of 14 January 2015) of which

- 47 are active Full Members (£5 for PSA members, £7 for non-PSA members)
- 193 are Affiliate Members
- 93 are old affiliate members that have not yet transferred to the new membership scheme
  
- Approximately 60 of those are members of the PSA

**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/>

### **Executive Committee**

Dr Roman Gerodimos (Bournemouth University)  
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