

13th Annual Report

of the

Greek Politics Specialist Group

January 2017

Review of 2016 activities:

- ✚ Two panels at the **66th PSA Annual Conference** in Brighton (<http://www.gpsg.org.uk/psa-conference-panels/brighton-2016/>), April 2016

Panel I: Elections and the Politics of Reform in Greece

- **Antigone Lyberaki** (Panteion University) 'General rules versus particularistic favouritism: Syriza's policy reversal on Guaranteed Minimum Income'.
- **Platon Tinios** (University of Piraeus and LSE) 'From Discussions without change to Change without Discussions: The technology of discussions and the problems of pension reform in Greece 2010-5'.
- **Ioannis Andreadis Evangelia Kartsoundou and Charalampos Chatzimallis** (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) 'Innovation, an answer to lack of funding: The 2015 Hellenic National Election Voter Study'.
- **John Ryan** (LSE) 'What are the lessons learned from the Greek Crisis and the pathways to more sustainable Eurozone'.

Panel II: Ideological Dimensions to the Greek Crisis

- **Christos Vrakopoulos** (University of Reading) 'The role of political corruption on explaining the variations on the electoral support for the extreme right parties in Greece and Cyprus'
- **Michail Theodosiadis** (Goldsmiths, University of London) 'European integration and the emergence of new racism'
- **Theodore Koulouris** (University of Brighton), 'Neoliberalism, Ideology and "Banal" Media – the case of post-1990s Greece
- **Vasiliki Tsagkroni** (Queen Mary University London) and **Stella Ladi** (Queen Mary University London) 'Analysing parliamentary discourse in Greece between three memorandums: A populist appeal'.

- ✚ Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG) / Hellenic Political Science Association (HPSA)
Joint Roundtable:

Brexit: Challenging the Status, Thursday 24 November 2016, Panteion University, Athens
<http://www.gpsg.org.uk/activities/current-projects/>

Moderator: Michalis Mitsos (Journalist / *Ta Nea*)

Panel:

Dr Paul Copeland, Queen Mary University of London
Dr Dimitris Katsikas, University of Athens
Dr Giannis Konstantinidis, University of Macedonia
Dr Stella Ladi, Panteion University / Queen Mary University of London

✚ **GPSG/HPSA Networking Dinner**, Thursday 24 November 2016, Athens

✚ **GPSG Grant Proposal to Greek think-tank diaNEOsis** (<http://www.dianeosis.org/>)

Title: “Comparative analysis of immigrant and refugee integration in Greece: personal experiences, best practices and policy recommendations”

✚ **Statement on the UK government’s decision to ban foreign academics from advising on Brexit**

<http://www.gpsg.org.uk/news/gpsg-statement-07-oct-2016/>

✚ **Continuation of GPSG Working Paper Series**

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

✚ **GPSG Experts in the Media**

<http://www.gpsg.org.uk/press-media/>

✚ **Membership engagement through regular newflashes**

<http://www.gpsg.org.uk/news/>

✚ **Appointment of new members to the GPSG Advisory Committee**

Dr Eirini Karamouzi is a Lecturer of Contemporary History at the University of Sheffield. She has held fellowships at Yale, EUI, LSE and Oxford. Her first monograph was on Greece, the EEC and the Cold War, 1974-1979. The Second Enlargement (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014) and she is currently co-editing a volume on the Balkans in the Cold War. She has published on issues of democratic identity, enlargement and history of european integration. Her current project investigates the relationship between state and civil society in post-authoritarian Greece by looking at the rise of peace movements.

Dr. Zoe Lefkofridi is Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics at the University of Salzburg and elected member of the steering committee of the Austrian Political Science Association (ÖGPW). Previously, she was a Jean Monnet Fellow and Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, a Research Associate at the Institute for European Integration Research (EIF) and the Department of Methods in the Social Sciences (MeSoS) at the University of Vienna as well as a visiting post-doctoral researcher at Stanford University and the GESIS-EUROLAB. Zoe studied at the College of Europe, Bruges, the Diplomatic Academy and the Institute for Advanced Studies (IHS) in Vienna as well as the Universities of Athens and Vienna. Her research and

teaching focus on democracy, representation, European integration, and the relationship between social, economic and political inequalities in Europe (e.g. gender, migration, income). Her work appears in *European Political Science Review*, *European Union Politics*, *West European Politics and Comparative European Politics*, among others.

Dr. Takis S. Pappas (PhD Yale '95) is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece, and recurring Visiting Professor at the Central European University, Budapest, Hungary. In the past, he held teaching and research positions at the University of Athens, Yale University, Princeton University, the European University Institute in Florence, the University of Luxembourg, the University of Strasbourg, the University of Oslo, and the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg in Germany. He recently authored *Populism and Crisis Politics in Greece* (Palgrave 2014), which was also translated in Greek, and co-edited, with H. Kriesi, *European Populism in the Shadow of the Great Recession* (ECPR Press 2015). His work has appeared in *American Behavioral Scientist*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Government and Opposition*, *Journal of Democracy*, *Party Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Rivista Italiana di Scienza Politica*, *West European Politics*, and the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia* among others. He currently works on a new book project under the tentative title *Modern Populism: A Framework for Analysis*. Takis is currently based in Strasbourg, France, where he lives with his wife, two children and their cat.

Please note: In July 2015 the Greek government introduced capital controls, which have affected the ability of many members to renew their GPSG full membership via PayPal. Some of the Greek banks and credit card providers have now relaxed these controls but many members are still unable to renew their subscription. Last year the GPSG Executive Committee has decided to extend these members' full registration period free of charge until the capital controls are lifted.

Planned Activities for 2017:

- Panels at PSA 67th Annual International Conference in Glasgow (including joint panels with the Populism Specialist Group)
- Research Project on Integration of Migrants/Refugees in Greece (pending)
- 6th GPSG Fieldwork/Paper Competition
- Potential collaboration with NGOs on tackling extremism
- Workshop on Emerging Security Challenges in Brussels, possibly in collaboration with NATO
- Workshop on the Future of Democracy in London or Athens
- "GPSG at 13" Promotional Video
- Continuation of GPSG Working Paper Series
- Election Pamphlet (should there be a general election in Greece)

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: 389 (as of 8 December 2016) of which

- 46 are active Full Members (£5 for PSA members, £7 for non-PSA members)
- 260 are Affiliate Members
- 83 are old affiliate members that have not yet transferred to the new membership scheme

- Approximately 40 of those are members of the PSA

GPSG Constitution: 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) [Chair / Founder & Convenor]

Dr Andrew Liaropoulos (University of Piraeus) [Convenor, Greece]

Dr Dimitris Tsarouhas (Bilkent University)

Dr Stella Ladi (Queen Mary, University of London / Panteion University)

Dr Georgios Karyotis (University of Glasgow)

Dr Vasilis Leontitsis (University of Sheffield)

Dr Vassiliki Tsagkroni (Queen Mary, University of London)

TABLE 1: 2016 ACCOUNTS				
2016	INCOME	EXPENSES	AMOUNT	RECEIPTS
£40.23	<i>Carried forward from 2015</i>			
£375.00	PSA Core Funding	Athens Brexit workshop 24/11/2016	£166.11	1
		Athens Brexit workshop & HPSA dinner 24/11/2016	£212.20	2
£334.86	Membership fees (NatWest & PayPal)	Postal & Marketing	£74.89	3-8
		Telephone (Voipwise/UK + Vodafone/GR)	£68.46	9-15
		Dropbox Annual Subscription	£79.00	16
		Vimeo Annual Subscription	£52.41	17
		GPSG site hosting	£50.00	18
		Stationery & Supplies	£5.99	19
		Google Drive Subscription (£1.49 per month)	£7.45	20-24
<u>£709.86</u>	TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>£716.51</u>	
		Carried forward to 2017	£33.58	

