

GPSG NEWSLETTER 09 – DECEMBER 2006

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the ninth newsletter of the Greek Politics Specialist Group!

We start this issue with a preview of our panels and papers that have been confirmed for the 57th Annual Conference of the Political Studies Association (PSA) at the University of Bath. We are delighted that, once again, the GPSG will have a strong presence at the conference with papers covering a variety of fields and methodological approaches.

The GPSG also participated in the 20th World Congress of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), which took part in the Japanese city of Fukuoka last July. We would like to take this opportunity and express our gratitude to the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) for supporting our IPSA panel and covering for the expenses of our panellists.

Finally, as part of our Featured Institutes series, we present the work of the newly established Research Institute for European and American Studies (RIEAS), which while in its first months of existence, has already emerged as a great source of news and scholarly articles on European and US affairs.

Please keep sending us your news, research information and promotional material on events at rgerodimos@gmail.com

Best Wishes,
The GPSG Team

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1. GPSG Panels and Papers at the 2007 PSA Conference, University of Bath



57th Political Studies Association Annual Conference
'Europe and Global Politics'
11 -13 April 2007
University of Bath



The organizers of the 57th annual PSA conference have now released the PROVISIONAL programme, which can be viewed here:

<http://www.psa.ac.uk/2007/programme.htm>

This year has seen some radical changes in the way the conference programme is planned and organized, including changes in the number of sessions and panels. Thus, we are particularly delighted that all four panels submitted by our Group have been approved. These are as follows (please note that the order and times / dates of the panels are provisional and could change):

GPSG Panel 1: The effects of Europeanization on Greek policy sectors

Conference Session A, Wednesday 11 April
Chair: Roman Gerodimos (Bournemouth University)

Dr. Stella Ladi (Ministry of the Aegean and Island Policy, Greece; Honorary Research Fellow (University of Sheffield), "Europeanization and Policy Change: Comparing Environmental and Immigration Policy in Greece"

Antonios Aggelakis (University of Crete), "Divergence on the process of convergence: regulatory dualism and regulatory dissimilarities for telecommunications in Europe"

GPSG Panel 2: Emerging developments in European Union (EU) governance

Conference Session B, Thursday 12 April
Chair: Dr. Dimitris Tsarouhas (Middle East Technical University, Ankara)

Chrisanthos Tassis (University of Athens), "European Union and Political Parties: The case of the Party of European Socialists (PES)"

Dr. Kyriakos Hatzaras and **Eva Dalakiouridou** (Ideologikon Institute, Thessaloniki), "Subnational governance in the European periphery and Japan: external stimuli and domestic re-organisation"

Marina Petrelli and **Anna Vallianatou** (University of Athens), "The implications of the European Constitution on the Greek political system"

GPSG Panel 3: The Globalisation of Political Communication in Greece

Conference Session C, Thursday 12 April
Chair: Roman Gerodimos (Bournemouth University)

Dr. Eleni Apospori (Athens University of Economics and Business), **Maria Zisouli** (University of Athens), and **Prof. G. Avlonitis** (Athens University of Economics and Business), "Municipal elections and political marketing actions: the case of Athens 2006"

Prof. Tessa Doulkeri and **Dr. Iordanis Kotzaivazoglou** (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki), "The evolution in newspaper advertising of parliamentary candidates in Thessaloniki in the period 1989 – 2000"

Lamprini Rori (Paris 1 University, Sorbonne), "E-Democracy in intra-party life: a comparative study of the Greek (PASOK) and the French (PS) socialist parties"

Anastasia Veneti (University of Athens), "Music, Cinema and Global Politics: their interaction"

GPSG Panel 4: European Union and Greek Foreign Policy

Conference Session D, Friday 13 April

Chair: Dr. Stella Ladi (MAIP / University of Sheffield)

Dr. Athanassios Samaras (Institute of Defence Analysis – IAA), "Comparative Analysis of the Framing of European Prospect of Turkey at the Brussels Summits of 2004 and 2006; the Bipolar Contradistinction as a Framing Device"

George Koukoudakis (University of Athens), "The impact of the European Union (EU) on the unresolved difference over the name between the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) and Greece"

Dimitris Chasomeris (Hellenic Foundation for the European and Foreign Policy – ELIAMEP), "Understanding the Hellenic Strategic Culture in the Greek-Turkish Relations"

Cleopatra Matsouka (University of Athens), "The solution of the Cyprus issue through the European candidacy of Turkey: Obstacles and Prospects"

Conference Registration will open by mid-December.

Final Deadline for Withdrawals: 31 December 2006



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2. Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs Sponsors GPSG for its IPSA Panel



Greek Politics Specialist Group

On behalf of the Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG) we would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) for its kind support of our activities.

The MFA recently sponsored our panel at the 20th World Congress of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), which took place last July in Fukuoka, Japan. The MFA grant covered the travel and conference expenses of our panellists who presented papers on civic participation, voting behaviour and political communication (see report below).



The decision of the Greek MFA to support our work marks a new high in the course of the Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG). We are hoping that this will only be the first of many opportunities for collaboration between the Group and the Greek Government with the view to promoting scholarly research on Greek politics at a global level as well as contributing to the discussion about democracy and civic participation in Greece.

*The GPSG Convenors
Roman Gerodimos, Maria Zisouli*



3. GPSG Goes to Fukuoka!

By Maria Zisouli and Marina Petrelli

INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION



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The **20th World Congress of the International Political Science Association (IPSA)** was held in Fukuoka (Japan) from July 9th to 13th, 2006. The city of Fukuoka is located in the Kyushu Island, the southern-most of the islands of Japan, by Genkai Sea. Fukuoka, also called Hakata, has served as a gateway to Asian continental cultures since ancient times. Founded in 1889, it is one of the important cities of Japan with a population of more than 1,366,000. The IPSA World Congress took place at the Fukuoka International Congress Centre, which opened in March 2003.



The theme **“Is Democracy Working?”** was focused on the revisiting of democracy and its impact on the boundaries and institutions of global, national, regional and local politics. Panels and special sessions related to the main theme were grouped under six major sub-themes: (i) The crisis and capacity of democracy – national and international perspectives, (ii) Democracy and the new world order, (iii) Institutional legitimacy, interest representation and democratic practice, (iv) Citizen participation, values and identity – democratic inclusion and exclusion, (v) Public policies, bureaucracies and the quality of democracy and (vi) Theory, knowledge, and crafting better democracies.

Our Greek Politics Specialist Group (GPSG) was represented by three papers: (a) *“Civic Participation, Voting and Communication in Greek Democracy”* by M. Zisouli, E. Apospori, G. Avlonitis (Athens University of Economics and Business), (b) *“Political Competition: The Case of Candidates”* by Th. Chadjipadelis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki) and (c) *“Differences in Voting Behavior”* by I. Andreadis, also from the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.

The first paper explores the relationship between peoples’ perception of political communication, their civic participation and their criteria for selecting a political party to vote. It is an empirical study that explores the above stated relationships using quantitative data collected through questionnaires from a national sample. To study the above stated relationships, the authors build a series of regression models where peoples’ perceptions of political communication, civic participation and alienation are the predictor latent constructs measured by several of observed variables. The dependent construct is criteria for voting a party measured by several variables. The data come from a random telephone survey conducted in Greece after the national elections of March 2004.

The second paper presents the results of sampling research that concerns the citizens' criteria of voting choice, methods of calculation of groupings from the side of the electorate with regard to pre-election "similarity measures" between candidates, and methods that concern *a posteriori* estimates of similarity measures with respect to the election results. The author chooses as his case study the candidates of parliamentary elections of 2004 for PASOK (Panhellenic Socialist Party) and ND (New Democracy) in the 1st electoral district of Thessaloniki.

The third paper deals with voting behavior and how voters act differently when they express their opinion in national, local elections or referenda. As a case study, we deal with the Cyprus referendum on the Anan plan and compare citizens' attitudes between referenda and national elections. We also compare the behavior of the electorate between national and local elections in Greece to determine how Greek citizens differentiate their vote between these two types of elections. Both case studies indicate that there is a significant difference in voting behavior between the various types of elections under study.

What is left from the XX World Congress is an intellectually exciting and rewarding experience!

The city of Fukuoka, Japan.



4. Featured Institute

RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN STUDIES (RIEAS)



Mission

The Research Institute for European and American Studies (RIEAS) is a non-profit research institute based in Athens, Greece. Its mission is to promote the understanding of international affairs. RIEAS seeks to achieve this objective through research, by publishing research papers on international politics, organizing seminars, as well as providing analyses via its web site.

Web site: <<http://www.rieas.gr/>>

Special attention is devoted to transatlantic relations, intelligence studies and terrorism, European integration, international security, Balkan and Mediterranean studies, Russian foreign policy as well as policy making on national and international markets. Analysts, journalists, military personnel as well as academicians are frequently invited to give lectures and to take part in seminars. RIEAS maintains regular contact with other major research institutes throughout Europe and the United States as well as with similar institutes in Western Europe, Middle East, Russia and Southeast Asia.

RIEAS is a non-profit research institute established under Greek law. Its budget is generated by membership subscriptions, donations from individuals and foundations, as well as from various research projects. The Institute is an autonomous organization. Its activities and views are independent of any public or private bodies, and the Institute is not allied to any political party, denominational group or ideological movement.

RIEAS Publications

RIEAS also holds a library and documentation center. The Institute regularly publishes Research and Occasional Papers as well as Special Reports and is interested in publication exchange schemes with similar institutions from abroad. RIEAS subscribes to a variety of academic journals such as Foreign Policy, Foreign Affairs, Current History, Intelligence & National Security, International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence, World Today, European Security, Economist, Business Week etc. The specialized library holds more than 3000 books and has published more than 100 Research Papers.

Visit the library by appointment and view our web site to see our latest publications. <<http://www.rieas.gr/>>

We welcome short commentaries from young researchers/analysts for our web site (about 700 words), but we are also willing to consider publishing short papers (about 5000 words) in the English language as part of our publication policy. The topics that we are interested in are: transatlantic relations, intelligence studies, Mediterranean and Balkan issues, Middle East Affairs, European and NATO security, Greek foreign and defence policy as well as Russian Politics and Turkish domestic politics.

Latest features on the RIEAS web site, at <http://www.rieas.gr>

RIEAS News:

RIEAS will participate at a Panel: "On the Path to European Union Membership: The Cases of Turkey and Western Balkans" at an International Workshop: Israel and the European Union in the Enlarged Neighborhood, on 11-12/12/2006 at Jerusalem, Israel.

- *Editorial:* Interview with Christopher Deliso (an analyst, and owner of the Balkananalysis.com)
- *Balkan Studies Unit:* Military Briefing: Serbia and Bulgaria
- *Asian Studies Unit:* Malaysian Identity
- *Russian Studies Unit:* Russia-China Security Cooperation (first article), The Chechen Predicament (second article)
- *Greek Studies Unit:* New NATO Intelligence Technology on Trial in Greece (first article), and Aegean Pipeline Could Help Break European Union Russia Gas Dependence (second article)
- *Turkish Studies Unit:* Turkish-Armenian Relations: A Russian Perspective
- *Intelligence Reform Studies Unit:* Intelligence Agencies Invest in College Education
- *Terrorism Studies Unit:* Understanding U.S. Counterterrorism Policy: Background and Resources

5. Contact Details and Website



Visit our website at <http://www.psa.ac.uk/spgrp/greek/GreekPol.asp>

As always, we welcome suggestions and comments regarding all aspects of the Group, including how to improve this newsletter.

Please send us your news and views.

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