The Psycho-Politics Newsletter

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(This is a revised edition of the September edition with corrected banking details and some new material. With apologies for any inconvenience, Newsletter Editor).

News and events associated with the International Political Science Association's Psycho-Politics Research Committee (RC29)

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Statement from the President - RC29 Paul Dekker

Dear Members,

It is quite a long time since we sent you the last IPSA RC 29 Newsletter. It was my duty as a vice-chair to do that in cooperation with our former chair, Linda Shepherd. As you know, Linda has been ill for a long time and, although recovering, this spring she decided to step down as chair of our RC. I got a very positive response to my request for candidates for an interim board, which should function till new elections at the membership meeting at the Madrid IPSA World Congress in Madrid in 2012. I thank them for their readiness to serve as board member and thank all for accepting the board of ten members that I later proposed. All members who replied accepted the proposal, but there was one critical comment on the very unbalanced gender relationship: 1 female, 9 male. The board then decided to ask two more members (the maximum is 12 board members) to make this a little bit better. I am grateful to Tereza Capelos and Miao Hongna that they have accepted our request to complete the board. They and the other members of the board are introduced to you further on in this newsletter, as is some news from other members.

Also in this newsletter you will find information about the membership fees and about the new journal *Politics, Culture, and Socialization*. This journal was initiated by RC 21 Political Socialization, in cooperation with our RC. Our board member Dan German is one of the editors and various other members of RC 29 are on the editorial board. We should consider this journal as our own and I strongly recommend subscription as well as the submission of articles. However, after some discussion in the board, we have decided not to make the journal subscription obligatory or a default part of the membership of RC 29. That might have been for various reasons too much for some members and discourage potential members, but of course we hope you will go for the combined membership/journal option.

I am very happy that Bill Bostock, our new secretary, has taken the initiative to revive the newsletter. Please send him (bostock@utas.edu.au) any news that might be of interest to others: new publications, conferences and other meetings, change of jobs, opportunities for students, etc. etc. No newsletter can exist without news and I'm afraid there will be only news if you make / deliver it.

Besides news, we might have some exchange of views & discussion in the newsletters. What would interest me particularly is your opinion about the name of our RC: Psycho-politics. On the one hand it might sound broader and better suited for a political science association than 'political psychology', but on the other hand, 'psycho-politics' can be associated with its use in Stalinist Russia. To quote from a translation of Beria to American students at the Lenin University in 1936:

"I welcome your attendance at these classes on Psychopolitics. Psychopolitics is an important if less known division of Geopolitics. It is less known because it must necessarily deal with highly educated personnel, the very top strata of "mental healing." By psychopolitics our chief goals are effectively carried forward.

To produce a maximum of chaos in the culture of the enemy is our first most important step. Our fruits are grown in chaos, distrust, economic depression, and scientific turmoil. At last a weary populace can seek peace only in our offered Communist State, at last only communism can resolve the problems of the masses.

... By psychopolitics create chaos. Leave a nation leaderless. Kill our enemies. And bring to Earth, through communism, the greatest peace Man has ever known. Thank-vou."

(see: http://www.scribd.com/doc/11944467/Marxist-Papers-Speach-of-Beria-for-US-Students-on-Subversion-and-Psycho-Politics)

Any thoughts about the use of political psychology and psychopolitics? Please send your view to Bill for the next newsletter.

Besides the revival of the newsletter, we aim to revive the website. Miao Hongna has been so good to offer to be the webmaster for time to come. Please send Hongna (politicscumt@yahoo.com.cn) or Bill or me any material for the website: papers, information about publications etc. Some of it can be in the Newsletter and the newsletters will be available on the website, longer texts can be made available on the website directly. From the publication of this Newsletter onwards, our website will be hosted no longer by my office in the Netherlands, but by IPSA. The new address is: www.rc29.ipsa.org.

Thanks for your patience over the last few years, and please contribute to the reactivation of our group, and the suitability of its title, by sending information and ideas, and also start thinking about what we could do at the Madrid Congress.

Paul (p.dekker@scp.nl)

Upcoming and recently Occurred Events

IPSA 22st World Congress – July 8 - 12, 2012:

The theme of the next IPSA World Congress will be "reordering Power, Shifting Boundaries". Detailed information about the conference can be found at:

http://www.ipsa.org/site/content/view/15/28/lang.en/

RC29 will be offering a number of panels at the conference in Madrid. For the convenience of those of you participating in the conference we will at the appropriate time provide the dates and times and titles for each of the panels as well as the date and time for our **RC29 Business Meeting**, but in the meantime, please send suggestions as to panel titles. At the Santiago Conference the panels were:

- ♣ The Political Psychology of Mass Attitudes and Behavior:
- ♣ Human Needs and Political Change:
- **♣** The Political Psychology of Terrorism and Collective Violence:
- ♣ There was also a joint panel held with RC 21 on Leadership: Perspectives from Political Psychology and Political Socialization.

Paper and panel proposals are due May 2011.

Preliminary Notice: RC 21 and 29 Meeting Poland 2011

Contact christl.delandtsheer@ua.ac.be (Christ'l De Landtsheer) about details (advised by Dan German).

Preliminary Notice: RC 21 and 29 Roundtable China 2013

Dan German is working with Song Yingfa to organize a 2013 Round Table Conference (RCs 21 &29) in Xuzhou, China.

Recently Occurred:

Citizenship education: Democracy, Culture, Socialization

University of Aalborg, Denmark,

September 15-17, 2010

International Political Science Association (IPSA) - Research Committee on

Political Socialization and Education (RC21) in cooperation with Research

Committee on Psycho- Politics (RC29) and the University of Aalborg –

Institute of Economics, Politics and Administration. (A report from a participant would be most welcome).

Related Events

GLOBAL STUDIES CONFERENCE Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 18-20 July, 2011 http://www.GlobalStudiesConference.com

The Global Studies Conference and the Global Studies Journal are devoted to mapping and interpreting new trends and patterns in globalization. This year the special theme is Latin America and Globalization: Emerging Societies and Emancipation. This topic will be explored in depth as participants immerse themselves into the setting of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Presenters may choose to submit written papers for publication in the Global Studies Journal. If you are unable to attend the conference in person, virtual registrations are also available which allow you to submit a paper for refereeing and possible publication in this refereed academic journal.

In addition to organizing the Global Studies Conference, Common Ground publishes papers from the conference at http://www.GlobalStudiesJournal.com, and we do encourage all conference participants to submit a paper based on their conference presentation for peer review and possible publication in the journal. The deadline for the next round in the call-for-papers (a title and short abstract) is 21 October 2010. Future deadlines will be announced on the conference website after this date. Proposals are reviewed within two weeks of submission. Full details of the conference, including an online proposal submission form, are to be found at the conference website - http://www.GlobalStudiesConference.com.

Contact: Jan Nederveen Pieterse University of California, Santa Barbara, USA For the Advisory Board, Global Studies Conference and Global Studies Journal mailto:jan.pieterse@globalstudiesconference.com

Website Info and Member Updates

Updating Our RC 29 Website

As always, please send research that you have presented at any of the recent IPSA or other conferences and/or notices of your recent publications for posting on our website. Additionally, if any of you have announcements regarding IPSA or other gatherings or events that you would like to post, please let us know. Finally, please keep us updated with your current contact information, including email addresses! Send all information for the RC 29 website to our Secretary Bill Bostock at mailto:bostock@utas.edu.au

Membership Reminder

In order to support RC projects and administrative efforts we have a small registration fee for RC 29. If you would like to join RC 29, we request that you contribute a fee of 15 Euros. We are also collaborating with RC 21 (Political Socialization and Education) to offer a reduced fee for those of you who would like to become members of both RC 29 and RC 21. Although the regular fee for RC 21 membership is also 15 Euros, we now offer the opportunity to join **BOTH RC29 AND RC21** for a fee of 20 Euros. When you register for membership, be sure to fill out

the form below and let our Treasurer Philippe De Vries know whether this is a membership for RC 29 or for BOTH RC 29 and RC 21.

There is also a Membership + Journal Option:

Membership RC29 including the journal Politics, Culture and Socialization subscription: 70 Euro.

Combined membership RC21-RC29 with journal subscription: 75 Euro.

The form below in this newsletter will give instructions for payment of these fees. If you have questions please email the RC 29 Treasurer – Philippe De Vries at: philippe.devries@ua.ac.be

Journal: Politics, Culture, and Socialization (Sponsored by RC 21 and RC 29)

This new international journal is publishing significant work in all areas of political socialization and civic education, political culture, psychology, and communications in order to achieve a better scientific understanding of the origins of political behaviors and the orientations of individuals and groups. The journal is publishing current articles including scientific research, theoretical analyses, comments, developments, and reports on methodological trends. The journal is published four times a year for an international audience and is abstracted for relevant social indexes. International representatives are included on the Board of Editors and on the Editorial Advisory Committee. Please consider contributing to the Journal of *Politics, Culture, & Socialization*!

The web address for information on the journal- scope, guidelines, how to submit and to whom http://www.politicalsocialization.org/journal.php

For Membership in RC 29 and other options please fill out this form below and email to:

philippe.devries@ua.ac.be

Membership Application – 2010

RC 29 – IPSA PSYCHO-POLITICS RESEARCH COMMITTEE OR OPTIONS

I herewith request a new () extended () (check one) membership in the Psycho-Politics Research Committee of the International Political Science Association. I understand that the basic fee for annual membership in RC 29 is EURO 15 and that the reduced fee for membership in both RC 29 and RC 21 is EURO 20.

Membership + Journal Option:

Membership RC29 including the journal Politics, Culture and Socialization subscription: 70 Euro. Combined membership RC21-RC29 with journal subscription: 75 Euro.

Full Title:	
Mailing Address:	
Telephone (Office):	
(Home):	
Fax:	
E-mail address:	
Signature	
Date	
Please Fill in the Appropriate Amount(s), add these amounts, and transfer the Relevant Fee to the following International Bank Account Number (IBAN):	
Memberships are valid for one year. Postage is included.	
Membership RC21 including the journal <i>Politics, Culture and Socialization</i> subscription: 70 Euro. Combined membership RC2 with journal subscription: 75 Euro.	21-RC29
Special membership regarding students and retired: Membership RC21 "Political Socialization and Education" without the jour 15 Euro (outside EU: 20 Euro). Combined membership RC21- RC29 without the journal: 20 Euro.	urnal:
Journal subscriptions without membership are also available. See for more information about prices the journal section.	
N.B. Money transfer costs should in any case be paid for by the members.	

Philippe De Vries based at the University of Antwerp is also the RC21 treasurer.

A bank account (name of bank: BPN Paribas Fortis) was opened for RC21 (and for "Politics Culture and Socialization"). Payments in EURO's can be performed when using IBAN and BIC codes below. Costs of money transfer, if applicable, need to be paid by the member! IBAN: BE98 0016 0425 3593 BIC: GEBABEBB

Payments should be addressed to PHILIPPE DE VRIES, AMERIKALEI 27, 2000 ANTWERPEN, BELGIUM.

Bank address: BNP Paribas Fortis Bank NV Grote Markt 3 2500 Lier Belgium

When paying your membership and journal subscription fees, please confirm with an e-mail to Philippe De Vries, stating your name, post address, and affiliation. Members who have payed their 2010 duties already to the former RC21 treasurer are kindly asked to confirm this with the new Treasurer. confirm this with to confirm this with the new treasurer.

15 Euro: RC 29 <u>Membership Only</u> – One Year	()
20 Euro: RC 29 <u>AND</u> RC 21 <u>Membership</u> – One Year	()
70 Euro RC 29 Membership + Journal– One Year	()
75 Euro RC 29 AND RC 21 Membership + Journal– One Year	()
COLUMN TOTAL	

Please email this form and any questions such as other payment options to Philippe De Vries (philippe.devries@ua.ac.be).

IPSA's Psycho-Politics Research Committee (RC29)

Officers:

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Paul's present research focuses on the one hand on public opinion and political attitudes, in particular quantitative and qualitative analyses of societal and political discontent, and on the other on individual social and political involvement and participation as well as voluntary associations and informal groups in civil society.

(Co-)edited book publications include *Social capital and participation in everyday life* (London etc.: Routledge, 2001), *The values of volunteering* (New York: Springer, 2003), *Politiek cynisme* (Driebergen: Synthesis, 2006), *Civil society* (Amsterdam: Aksant, 2009), and *Civicness in the governance and delivery of social services* (Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2010).

http://www.scp.nl/Organisatie/Alle_medewerkers/Dekker_Paul

2. Vice-President: Ofer Feldman, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan; mailto:ofeldman@mail.doshisha.ac.jp

Ofer is currently Professor of Political Behavior & Psychology at *Doshisha University*, Kyoto, Japan. Ofer's publications have included six sole authored books, five edited books, and more than 80 publications in such journals as *Political Psychology*, *Political Communication and Persuasion*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly*, *Shimbungaku Hyoron*, and *Ribayasan*; and in edited book chapters including *Political Psychology: Cultural and Cross-Cultural Perspectives* (edited by S.A. Renshon & J. Duckitt, published by Macmillan, London & New York University Press, New York, 2000 [pp. 73-78; 182-200]); *Autoritarismus: Kontroversen und Ansatze der Aktuellen Autoritarismusforschung* [Authoritarianism: Controversies and Approaches in Authoritarianism Research Today] (edited by S. Rippl, C. Seipel, & A. Kindervater, published by Leske & Budrich, Germany: Opladen, 2000 [pp. 147-171]) (with M.W. Watts; in German); *Kokyo Seisakugaku* [Public Policy] (edited by Y. Adachi & T. Moriwaki, published by Minerva Shobo, Kyoto, 2003 [pp. 209-224] (in Japanese); and in *Handobukku Seiji Shinrigaku* [Handbook of Political Psychology] (edited by J. Kawata & Y. Araki, published by Hokuju, Tokyo, 2003 [pp. 63-73] (in Japanese).

http://www1.doshisha.ac.jp/~ofeldman/resume.htm

3. Vice- President: Dan German, Appalachian State University, Boone (NC), USA; mailto:germandb@appstate.edu

Dan is a retired Professor Emeritus at Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, USA 28608. However, he is hardly professionally inactive. One million dollars has been raised to create a Dr. Daniel B. German Eminent Professorship in Political Science which will be announced this Fall, 2010. The Professorship hopefully will produce about \$50,000.00 a year which will be tacked onto a regular salary providing money to attract a really competent scholar. The professor will get a regular salary + the extra pay + a travel fund. The Professorships were set up by C.D. Spangler who was a former President of the NC University system & of the Bank of America (Charlotte, NC) family. These are usually named after a former university president or provost and this seems to be the first time a professorship has been named after a professor. He is also co-managing editor of the new journal Politics, Culture and Socialization (see www.politicalsocialization.org - (Christ'l De Landtsheer is the main Managing Editor). He will be working with Professor Song Yingfa to organize a 2013 Round Table Conference (RCs 21 &29) in Xuzhou, China. They both have a book being translated into Chinese and Dan will give lectures and teach a graduate seminar there in the future.

4. Secretary: William (Bill) Bostock, University of Tasmania, Australia; mailto:bostock@utas.edu.au

Bill is Senior Lecturer in Government, School of Government, University of Tasmania, Australia. Among his publications are: "Language Grief: A 'Raw Material' of Ethnic Conflict." *Nationalism & Ethnic Politics* 3, no. 4 (1997): 94-112, Language policy and use in the Lodz ghetto 1940-1944." *The Web Journal of Modern Language Linguistics* 1, no. 3 (1998): http://www.staff.ncl.ac.uk/jon.west/issue03/bostock.htm and "The psychiatric profession and the Australian government: the debate over collective depression syndrome among asylum-seeking detainees", *Psychology Research and Behavior Management*, 2(2), (2009), 121-127. http://www.dovepress.com/the-psychiatric-profession-and-the-australian-government-the-debate-ov-peer-reviewed-article-PRBM, "Evil, Toxic and Pathological Categories of Leadership: Implications for Political Power", in Johannes Schlegel and Brita Hansen, Eds, *Challenging Evil: Time, Society and Changing Concepts of the Meaning of Evil*, Oxford: Inter-Disciplinary Press, 2010, 11-17.

5. Treasurer (together with RC 21): Philippe De Vries, University of Antwerp, Belgium; mailto:philippe.devries@ua.ac.be

Philippe is a member of the Department of Communication, Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, University of Antwerp, Belgium, and has worked with Professor Christ'l De Landtsheer on a number of projects and publications.

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6. Lyn Boyd-Judson, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA mailto:usclevan@college.usc.edu

Lyn is Director, Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics, University of Southern California, and has a book coming out later this fall--Strategic Moral Diplomacy: Understanding the Enemy's Moral Universe.

Lyn has a short bio at http://www.boydjudson.com.

7. Miao Hongna, Nanjing University, People's Republic of China mailto:politicscumt@yahoo.com.cn

Hongna is a lecturer at Nanjing University, and her publications include "The Three Analysis Perspectives on the Reform of Social-political systems." *Qiu Suo(2010)* 211(3):57-60, "Government Regulation Reform and the Rise of Meta-regulation Government in Western World for the Age of Governance." *Journal of Chongqing University (Social Science Edition)(2010)* 16(2): 83-88, "Political Socialization Research in Euro-America since 1959." *Theory Horizon(2009)* 430(10): 209-212, "Expanding Political Support Resources in China's Reform Process: A Perspective of Analysis on Political Participation" *Hubei Social Sciences(2008)* 259(7): 22-26. Coauthor, "Enhance the Efficacy of Political Socialization in Transition China." *Journal of Changchun Teachers College (Humanities & Social Science)(2005)* 24 (6):11-15.

Hongna has agreed to take over the RC 29 IPSA web site, and items for inclusion could be sent to her, Bill, or other executive member.

8. Tereza Capelos, Surrey University, UK <u>mailto:t.capelos@surrey.ac.uk</u>

Tereza is a senior lecturer at Surrey University and very active in the political psychology group of ECPR (European political scientists). She is a specialist in political psychology, electoral behavior, and public opinion with a particular interest in American Politics. She joined the university in February 2008, after holding positions as an assistant professor at Leiden University in the Netherlands, Post-Doctoral Research Associate at the Center for Survey Research at Stony Brook University (USA), and visiting lecturer at the Cyprus University of Technology. Her current research examines the determinants of candidate evaluations and impression formation, reputation management, political scandals and accountability, the role of affect and emotions in politics, political tolerance, political knowledge, mass media and civic competence. She has extensive experience in survey research methodology as well as applied data analysis, experimental design, and content analysis.

9. Ilai Alon, Tel Aviv University, Israel <u>mailto:ilaialon@post.tau.ac.il</u>

Ilai is a professor at Tel Aviv University and is running, with others at that University, a workshop series on Trust, the objective of which is to explore its Middle Eastern aspects, both on the theoretical and the practical sides. They plan an international conference during 2011, and a book as well.

10. Jacob Bercovitch, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

Jacob is Professor of International Relations at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand. He is Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand, former Vice President of International Studies Association and recipient of numerous awards, grants and fellowships. His main interests are in the area of international conflict resolution. He has written or edited 19 books and numerous articles on the subject. Jacob has survived a recent earthquake which severely damaged the city of Christchurch.

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11. Lars Dencik, Roskilde University, Denmark mailto:lade@ruc.dk

Lasse is Professor of Social Psychology and directs the research program *Social Psychology in a Radicalized Modernity* and the *Centre for Childhood & Family Research* at Roskilde University, Denmark. A great deal of his numerous publications focuses on the implications of societal modernisation on children and family life. Another branch of his publications deals with the formation and developments of ethnic and social identities, xenophobia and ethnic conflicts. Lasse has conducted studies on Jewish life in modern Sweden, Finland and Norway, and is part of an international research network on contemporary European Jewry. He is a member of The Academic Committee of *Paideia – the European Institute for Jewish Studies* in Stockholm, and member of the editorial board of the Swedish cultural magazine *Judisk Krönika* ("Jewish Chronicle").

Among his recent publications is "Transformation of Identities in Rapidly Changing Societies", in Carleheden, M. & Jacobsen, M. (eds.) *The Transformation of Modernity*, London: Ashgate, 2001, and "'Jewishness' in Postmodernity: The Case of Sweden", in Gitelman, Z., Kosmin, B., Kovacs, A. (eds.) *New Jewish Identities: Contemporary Europe and Beyond*, Budapest: Central European University Press 2003, and "'Homo zappiens' – a European-Jewish way of life in the era of globalisation" in Sandra Lustig & Ian Leveson (eds): *Turning the Kaleidoscope – Perspectives on European Jewry*, Oxford and New York: Berghahn Books, 2005.

www.biu.ac.il/JS/rappaport/Research/Lars%20Dencik%20CV.doc

12. Song Yingfa, China University of Mining and Technology, Xuzhou, Jiangsu, People's Republic of China mailto:polipsy@sina.com

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Current projects: The articles and chapters about e-political socialization, the press and politics selected by Daniel B. German are being translated into Chinese. Research is under way on the Internet's impact on youth political socialization in China.Research on e-governance and government innovation.

Most significant publications

An Analysis on the Motivation, Content and Model of the Foreign Government Innovation. *Jiangsu Social Science*, 2006, No. 4. pp. 145-150. Efficiency of Political Socialization in Transformation Period. *Journal of Changchun Training College*, 2005, No. 6. pp. 11-14. *Contemporary Chinese Government and Politics*, (Chapter 3, 4), Nanjing University Press, 2001. Sino-Western Comparative Research the Concept of Political Education. *Probe* 1996, No. 5, pp. 45-48. An Outline to Research on Political Education and Political Socialization in Western. *Social Sciences Aboard*, 1995, No. 7, pp. 28-31.

http://polipsy.vip.sina.com/english.html

News from other Members

Robert E. Gilbert is Edward W. Brooke Professor at the Department of Political Science, Northeastern University, Boston, Massachusetts 02115, USA. Bob has had two recent publications (both during the summer): an article -"Dwight D. Eisenhower: The Call of Duty and the Love Applause," *Journal of Psychohistory*, Summer, 2010, pp. 49-70. Also a book chapter was published - "Calvin Coolidge: First Year in the Oval Office," in *Why Coolidge Matters*, Phillip Brown, ed., Chatsworth, California: National Notary Association, 2010. Bob also gave a paper in September, 2010 at the American Political Science Association in Washington D.C.: "Presidential Disability in the Age of Terrorism."

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Charles Mitchell is a professor at the Department of Political Science and Public Administration., Grambling State University, Grambling, Louisiana 71270, USA. Charles' research interest basically follows cognitive psychology and politics. Recently, he has used qualitative techniques to analyze media content that is relevant to psychology and politics.

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Peter Bull is Reader in Psychology, University of York, UK, and draws readers' attention to the Wuerzburg International Symposium on Political Discourse which took place September 13 to 15 this year.

See: http://www.anglistik.uni-wuerzburg.de/iada2010.

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Lilian M. Pagan

Lilian has been doing electoral research quali and quanti in the Dominican Republic. Her group also have a public opinion Barometer since 2004. They would like to share some of the work on perceptions of the Dominican citizen related to democracy, government, cooperation and other issues.

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