2005 Menaggio, Italy RC28/IACFS Conference

Committees Announced

Committee Volunteers
Sought 2005 Italy Conference co-chairs, RC28 portion
Maureen Covell, Canada
Robert Williams, USA

2006 Fukuoka, Japan co-chairs, RC28 panels
Maureen Covell, Canada
Robert Agranoff

Nominating Committee Officers and Council, 2006-2009
Lloyd Brown-John, Canada, conv.
Geisla Farber, Germany
Dirk Brand, South Africa

Directory of Federalism Experts
Ajay Mehra, India, RC28
Robert Agranoff, RC28
Karl Nerenberg, Forum of Federations
John Kincaid, Federalism Newsletter

Scholar Award
Rudolph Hrbek, Germany
Alan Tarr, USA
Cheryl Saunders, Australia

2006 World Congress Program Launched

Call for Proposals International Political Science Association XX World Congress, Fukuoka, Japan, 9-14 July 2006

Congress Theme: “Is Democracy Working?”

Fundamental changes and developments in political relations at all levels and in all parts of the world have sparked a vigorous reassessment of democracy. In choosing the theme “Is Democracy Working?”, President Max Kaase and the Executive Committee of IPSA have decided to focus on this revisiting of democracy and its impact on the boundaries and institutions of global, national, regional, and local politics. In choosing this theme, we hope we can provide a rubric that is sufficiently broad to encourage all our IPSA members to participate in the World Congress. We also hope that the scope and heterogeneity of interpretations the theme allows, and the ease of the on-line proposal submission, will also attract participants who might not otherwise attend the Congress.

—Yvonne Galligan, Ireland, Program Chair

The Federalism Research Committee of IPSA will organize at least two panels at the World Congress. The panel content is the joint responsibility of the RC Chair (agranoff@indiana.edu)
and Committee Program Chair, Maureen Covell (mcovell@sfu.ca). Proposals for panel topics or papers can be submitted by RC28 members or non-members. Deadline is June 30, 2005 for RC28 panel topics and paper proposals. All papers on the RC28 track will be electronically registered with IPSA.

To register and for more information please visit http://www.fukuoka2006.com. Alternatively, please forward submissions and inquiries to info@fukuoka.com.

More on the Organization of RC Panels from the Program Chair

The Program Chair for the Fukuoka World Congress, Yvonne Galligan, reported that her Program Committee had approved the allocation of at least two panel sessions to each RC. Since there are space limitations at the Fukuoka Convention Center, each RC would be limited to organizing a maximum of four sessions. An attempt would be made to award the additional panel sessions to the RCs that have been most active in IPSA.

To ensure maximum participation, including the active involvement in RC panels of non-members of RCs, Yvonne Galligan asked and the EC approved that the titles of the planned RC sessions be posted on the IPSA Web site by June 1, 2004. Furthermore, RC Chairs or Session Convenors, in the interest of promoting the widest participation in their activities, are asked to make a strong effort to accommodate applications from non-members of RCs. Non-members who apply to take part in the panels organized by the RCs would be asked to also send in a copy of their application by e-mail to info@fukuoka2006.com.

The determination of deadlines for panel and paper applications for the Fukuoka World Congress has proven to be a delicate problem. In view of the difficulties encountered in finalizing the program at Durban, which derived in part from an overly generous deadline for submission of panel proposals, the feeling of the Program Committee, shared fully by the EC, was that the paper submission deadline for Fukuoka should be moved ahead. Initially a deadline of December 31, 2004 was considered. Upon expression of concern by some members and RC Chairs that such an early deadline would deter participation, the matter was taken up again by the EC. After noting that the RCs were expected to submit complete panel descriptions, and in this way assume some of the responsibilities for individual paper proposals that would otherwise be taken on by the Program Committee, it was decided to establish separate deadlines for individual papers and for panels proposed by RCs. Accordingly, the deadlines for submission of proposals will be the following:

Individual papers: March 31, 2005
RC panel proposals: June 30, 2005

We feel that these deadlines are early enough to have the program ready on time, and yet sufficiently late to allow for maximum participation. We look forward to a widely attended World Congress reflecting the diversity of research and scholarly traditions in international political science.

Federalism Directory of Experts – Registration

Federalism Experts Directory Revision—Your Opportunity to Register

RC 28 Receives Grant for Directory Update
In April 2004 we were informed by the IPSA Committee on Research and Training that RC 28 was awarded a $500.00 grant to expand, update, and make Web site-available our 1999 Directory of Experts on Federalism.

The original volume contained names and details of those who chose to register with the Research Committee as "experts." In every case, the individual notion of "expertise" was warranted. At the end of the volume was a compendium of others who were known to be very knowledgeable. They were listed because they too should be known although they chose not to seek formal Registration.

The recipients of this compendium were free to contact those persons listed for consulting/advice on matters affecting constitutional, political, economic, and social matters relating to complex federal political systems. As a global community of scholars, governments, and private companies seeking expertise on such difficult issues as managing diversity within unity found the volume helpful.

The revision of the directory is a joint project with the Forum of Federations in Ottawa, Canada. At our November, 2002 Business Meeting, it was voted and approved to approach the Forum for joint sponsorship. Ronald Watts acted as our "go-between." The Forum agreed, and Karl Nerenberg of the Forum is our cooperating partner.

Discussions are underway about the format and RC 28 members and Forum contacts will be solicited electronically in a separate communication. The subscribers to the Federalism Report, a joint RC 28/IACFS/APSA Federalism Section biannual publication, will be solicited in hard-copy format.

Plans are to "post" the directory on the RC 28 and Forum directory sometime in 2005.

Directory of Federalism Experts: Questionnaire
To return the questionnaire you can:

Photocopy the completed page and mail to: Patricia Withered
SPEA 330
Indiana University
Bloomington, IN 47405-1701
USA

Fax to Patricia Withered: (812) 855-7802
E-mail the information to: pwithere@indiana.edu

How to Join IPSA/RC28 (2005)

How to Join IPSA/RC28 Reserach Committee on Federalism

If you have an interest in comparative federalism and wish to join the Committee it is very easy to become a part of our working group. If you wish to see what this group of around 100 active scholars do, click on our Web site and view the expanded version of this newsletter, Comparative Federalism Newsletter. The current edition not only contains business news of the Committee and announcements but book notes involving four new and important books on comparative federalism and a compendium of Web addresses for federalism scholars, including research associations and centers, journals, government agencies and civic associations in federal countries. Click on http://www.iu.edu/~speaweb/IPSA/.
Membership in the RC is $45.00 U.S. for three years. Membership is required for participation in conferences. Membership fees are payable by check or bank draft in USD to “Comparative Federalism Research Committee,” c/o Prof. Robert Agranoff, SPEA, Indiana University, 1315 E. Tenth Street, Bloomington, IN 47405-1701, U.S.A. Membership in the research committee is separate from that of IPSA.

The IPSA membership (for one or three years U.S. $75.00/$100.00) includes a subscription to the International Political Science Review (four issues per year) and to Participation, the newsletter of the Association (two or three issues per year). Membership requests received from October 1st will be applied to the coming year. You will receive all publications printed during the year of your membership, including past issues of the current year. For further information click on http://www.ipsa.ca or e-mail info@ipsa.ca.

2005 News in Brief

IPSA Grants: Each year RCs are eligible for funding up to a maximum of $1,500.00 US for its activities. Once again, RC28 submitted a grant proposal to support its Web-based activities, its participation in the Federalism Report and to support its Directory of Federalism Experts revision.

Six-Year Evaluation: RC28 is one of nine research committees subject to review in 2005. The Chair will submit a report in mid-February on behalf of the Committee.

@Forumfed.: The Forum of Federations is now publishing an online newsletter. To access this quarterly click on formed@forum.fed.org.


Constructing Tomorrow’s Federalism: A new magazine published by the Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy covers various aspects of regionalism, governance, policymaking and institutional arrangements. The initial issue focuses on Canada. For more information contact sipp@uregina.ca.

The Third International Conference on Federalism: Was held in Brussels, to coincide with the 175th anniversary of Belgian Independence, during the week of Feb. 28 – March 4. The Conference theme was “Federalism: Lever for a Peaceful and Democratic Development of Society.”

John Kincaid: John Kincaid is stepping down as editor of Publius after over two decades of excellent service. With the annual review issue of Publius this fall (Vol. 35, issue 3), Carol Weissert of Florida State University will be taking over as editor of the journal. Several other changes are taking place as well. Publius is currently talking with two publishers about publishing the journal and will soon be using an electronic manuscript system which will greatly speed up and improve the submission and review process. Finally, Publius is working with the executive committee of the Federalism Section of APSA concerning section sponsorship of the journal.

If you have a manuscript on federalism or intergovernmental relations, please consider sending it to Publius. You can submit it to me electronically at publius@fsu.edu in Word or rtf format. Also feel free to contact Carol Weissert with any questions or suggestions. Carol S.
2005 Book Notes

Book Notes


This book takes the view that a more coherent view of knowledge demands greater collaboration and understanding across academic approaches than presently exists. Following this, it seeks to develop understanding of the notion of multi-level governance through a critical exploration of its definitions and applications by scholars with very different concerns within the broad discipline of Political Studies. Increasingly, there is a consensus emerging amongst scholars from different academic perspectives that multi-level governance may provide a unique opportunity to foster and develop a deeper understanding of the complementarity of a range of theoretical and empirical models and tools drawn from a number of interrelated disciplines and subdisciplines. It is in this vein that the book seeks to assess and develop the concept of multi-level governance.


Pradeep Chhibber and Ken Kollman rely on historical data spanning back to the eighteenth century from Canada, Great Britain, India, and the United States to revise our understanding of why a country’s party system consists of national or regional parties. They demonstrate that the party systems in these four countries have been shaped by the authority granted to different levels of government. Departing from the conventional focus on social divisions on electoral rules in determining whether a party system will consist of national or regional parties, they argue instead that national party systems emerge when economic and political power resides with the national government.

European Union Enlargement, Neill Nugent (Ed.). New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004, 328 pp. $24.95 (p) and $75.00 (h).

Since its first enlargement in 1973, expansion has become a way of life for the EU. The current round of enlargement is, however, unprecedented in its scale, in the diversity of applicants, and in the impact on EU structures and policies. This new text brings together specially commissioned chapters to provide a coherent and comprehensive assessment of the historical and theoretical context of enlargement and its implications for the identity, governance, economics, policies, and the international role of the EU.

Federalism Related Websites—Updated and Expanded

[Updated and expanded by Jeongseok Lee, Ph.D. student, Indiana University]

1. International Federalism – useful sites
RC28 IPSA Federalism Research Committee
http://www.iu.edu/~speaweb/IPSA
2. Representative Journals that published federalism articles (excluding law reviews) 2001-2003

American Journal of Political Science
American Politics Research
Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science
Asian Studies Review
Asian Survey
Australian Journal of Public Administration
Canadian Public Administration
Canadian Public Policy
Commonwealth and Comparative Politics
Communist and Post-Communist Studies
Comparative Political Studies
Constitutional Political Economy
East European Politics and Societies
Economics Letters
Election Law Journal
English Historical Review
Ethnic and Racial Studies
Europe Asia Studies
European Economic Review
European Journal
European Law Journal
European Review of Private Law
European Union Politics
European Urban and Regional Studies
Federalist (Italy)
Foresight – The journal of future studies, strategic thinking and policy
GeoJournal
German History
German Politics
Governance
Government Finance Review
Government Information Quarterly
Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy
History of Economics Review
Human Rights
International Economic Review
International Journal of Constitutional Law
International Review of Administrative Sciences
International Studies Perspectives
International Tax and Public Finance
Journal of Common Market Studies
Journal of Contemporary European Studies
Journal of Environmental Law
Journal of European Integration
Journal of International Development
Journal of International Economics
Journal of Legal History
Journal of Legislative Studies
Journal of Modern Italian Studies
Journal of Policy Modeling
Journal of Politics
Journal of Public Budgeting Accounting and Financial Management
Journal of Public Economics
Journal of Refugee Studies
Journal of Regional Science
Justice System Journal
Kyklos
National Tax Journal
Nationalism and Ethnic Politics
Natural Resources and Environment
OECD Economic Surveys
Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics
Perspectives on European Politics and Society
Policy Studies Journal
Political Science Quarterly
Politics & Society
Post Soviet Affairs
Problems of Economic Transition
Prometheus
Public Administration
Public Administration Review
Public Finance Review
Research Policy
3. IACFS member centers’ sites

Australia
Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies (Melbourne)
http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/cccs/
North Australia Research Unit (Casuarina)
http://naru.anu.edu.au/
South Australian Centre for Economic Studies (Adelaide)
http://www.adelaide.edu.au/saces/

Austria
Institute for Research on Federalism (Innsbruck)
http://www.foederalismus.at/

Canada
Institute for Public Economics (Edmonton)
http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/ipe/
Institute of Intergovernmental Relations (Kingston)
http://www.iigr.ca/iigr.php/

France
International Centre for European Studies (Nice)

Germany
German Institute for Federal Studies (Hannover)
http://www.jura.uni-hannover.de/iff/
European Centre for Research on Federalism (Tübingen)
http://www.uni-tuebingen.de/ezff/english/

India
Centre for Federal Studies (New Delhi)
http://www.jamiahamdard.edu/course_islam.asp#cfs

Israel
Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs
http://www.jcpa.org

Italy
Inter-University Centre for Regional and Local Finance (Ferrara)
http://www.economia.unife.it/ricerca/cifrel.phtml/it/131
Associazione Osservatorio Federalismo E I Processi Di Governo
redazione@federalismo.it

Russia
Centre for Combined Federal Studies (Moscow)
http://iskran.iip.net/eng/index-en.html
Institute of Economics and Industrial Engineering (Novosibirsk)
http://www-sbras.nsc.ru/eng/sbras/copan/sicrs_main.html

South Africa
Community Law Centre (Bellville)

Spain
4. Government agencies most likely to issue federalism-related reports

America
Inter-American Development Bank (IABD)

Argentina
Presidency of the Cabinet of Ministers
—National Institute of Public Administration
—Undersecretariat of Institutional Relations

Ministry of Economy
—Secretariat of Finance
—Federal Administration of Public Revenues

Asia
Asian Development Bank

Australia
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet
Council of Australian Governments

Austria
Federal Ministry for Finance
Federal Ministry for Interior

Belgium
Services of the Prime Minister
Federal Service for Scientific, Technical and Cultural Affairs
Agency for Administrative Simplification

Federal Council for Sustainable Development

Ministry of Public Service
Brazil
Ministry of Planning, Budget and Management
Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics
Institute of Applied Economic Research

Canada
Prime Minister's Office
Canadian Centre for Management Development (CCMD)
Privy Council Office (PCO)
Intergovernmental Affairs (IGA)
Europe
European Union (EU)
Council of Europe (CoE)
Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe
Assembly of European Regions
Germany
Federal President
Federal Council
Federal Ministry of the Interior
Federal Statistical Office
German Federal Bank
Italy
Presidency of the Council of Ministers
National Institute of Statistics
Ministry of Economy and Finance
Department of Fiscal Policy
Authority for Informatics in the Public Administration
Malaysia
Prime Minister's Office
Department of Statistics
Economic Planning Unit
Mexico
Secretariat of the Interior
National Centre for Municipal Development
Fiscal Court of the Federation
More than one continent
United Nations (UN)
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)
Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
The Commonwealth
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)
Pakistan
National Reconstruction Bureau (NRB)
Russian Federation
Council of Federation
State Committee on Statistics (Goskomstat)
Central Bank of the Russian Federation
South Africa
Department of National Treasury
South African Revenue Service (SARS)
Department of Provincial and Local Government
Financial and Fiscal Commission (FFC)
Spain
Ministry of Finance
Institute of Fiscal Studies
Ministry for Public Administration
National Institute of Public Administration
Switzerland
Federal Department of Economy
Office for European Integration
Federal Department of Finance
Federal Finance Administration
5. Civil society and municipal/regional associations’ sites
Transnational associations and information sources
Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
http://www.ccre.org/
International Union of Local Authorities (IULA)
http://www.iula.org/
—Congress of Local and Regional Authorities in Europe (CLRAE)
International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)
http://www.iclei.org/
ELGO database of European local government
http://www.elgo.co.uk/
Tagish Directory of World Government sites
http://www.tagish.co.uk/tagish/country.htm
—Committee of the Regions cities and regions on the Web page
Eurocities
http://www.eurocities.org/
European sustainable towns and cities campaign
http://www.sustainable-cities.org/
Organisation of World Heritage Cities
http://www.ovpm.org/index.php
—Latin American International union of Local Authorities (CELCADEL)
Munisource – information resource on world local government
http://www.munisource.org/
LOGON – Local Governments Network of Central and Eastern European Countries
http://www.ceec-logon.net/
Oultzwood Local Government index
http://www.oultwood.com/
Commonwealth Local Government Forum
http://www.clgf.org.uk/
Polis – European cities and regions networking for transport solutions —European national associations and information sources
Austrian Association of Municipalities (Österreichischer Gemeindebund)
http://www.gemeindebund.at/
Austrian Association of Cities and Towns (Österreichischer Städtebund)
http://www.staedte.at/
CEMR Belgian section (Vereniging van Belgische Steden en Gemeenten/Union des Villes et Communes Belges)
http://www.vvsg.be/
Flemish Association of Towns and Municipalities (Vereniging van Vlaamse Steden en Gemeenten)
http://www.vvsg.be/
Walloon Association of Towns and Municipalities (l’Union des Villes et Communes de Wallonie)
http://www.uvcw.be/
Association for Municipalities in the Brussels Region (Vereniging van de Stad en de Gemeenten van het Brussels Hoofdstedelijk Gewest)
http://www.vvsg.be/
2005 Committee on Federalism and Federation

Committee on Federalism and Federation

This Research Committee was organized in 1983. It is devoted to exploring scholarly knowledge about federations and federal arrangements in a comparative perspective. Its members are from six continents and include political scientists, lawyers, economists, political geographers, and political sociologists from many federal and nonfederal countries. Knowledge about federalism is researched and exchanged about specific countries as well as cross-national phenomena.
As an active committee, it meets virtually every year. Every third year it holds a committee conference, such as the 2001 Jávea, Spain conference, to exchange papers and to organize its work agenda. The next year it meets jointly with another organization, the International Association of Centers of Federalism (a group of research centers). The 2002 joint meeting was held in Innsbruck, Austria in November. The third year of the cycle the Committee meets and sponsors panels as a part of the World Congress of Political Science. In 2005, the Committee will meet jointly with IACFS in Como, Italy, in October.

Several publications have been produced as a result of these meetings, including:


Peter Bussjäger and Anna Gamper (Eds.), The Homogeneity of Democracy, Rights and the Rule of Law in Federal or Confederal Systems (Vienna: Wm. Braumüller, 2003).