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### Luxembourg 2010, IPSA Conference March 18-20, 2010

The IPSA RC28 is delighted to participate in this conference in a number of ways. Wilfried Swenden (Publications Chair and Liaison with the Regionalism and Federalism Section of the ECPR) is acting as representative of IPSA RC 28 Comparative Federalism and Federation, and co-chairing a panel. Other co-chairs from our Research Committee are Wolfgang Renzsch (Second Vice Chair and Liaison with the Forum of Federations) and former member of our Executive, Uwe Leonardy. In addition, some of our members will be presenting papers at the Conference. Here are the details:

The International Political Science Association (IPSA) is proud to co-host its latest international conference with the newly formed Luxembourg Political Science Association (Luxpol) and the European Governance program at the University of Luxembourg. This conference will take place from March 18 to 20, 2010, and will attempt to answer the question:

#### Is There a European Model of Governance? A Comparative Perspective

European integration has led to the ongoing building of an original model of governance that needs to be assessed and compared with other regional integrations; the impact of European integration on member states and neighbouring countries (regarding public policies, law-making processes, political institutions and actors in general) calls for comparative research; triggered by or independent from European integration, new forms of governance (including political participation, delegation, decision-making, evaluation) that emerged in European countries also need to be studied; finally, the building of an original European model of governance may call into question theoretical and methodological approaches usually adopted in political science research.

Program co-Chairs: Wyn Grant (University of Warwick) and Daniel Tarschys (University of Stockholm).

Local Organizers: Philippe Poirier (University of Luxembourg) and Patrick Dumont (University of Luxembourg)

A total of fifteen panels will be organized in English and French around the general theme of the conference. Each panel will consist of a maximum of six panellists, in addition to two co-Chairs, from different universities or institutions, who will also act as rapporteurs.

Panels indicated with a \* will have simultaneous translation in English/French. (FR)=French language panel. (EN)=English language panel. (BI)=bilingual panel.

1. European, National and Regional Parliaments and EU Law-making co-Chairs: Patrick Dumont & Philippe Poirier (University of Luxembourg) and Wilfried Swenden (University of Edinburgh, representative of IPSA RC 28 Comparative Federalism and Federation)
2. EU Enlargement and its Social and Political Consequences for the New Member States and candidate countries co-Chairs: René Leboutte (University of Luxembourg) and Sandrine Devaux (Pierre Werner Institute)
3. Is Governance for Everybody? Exploring the Application of Governance Theory/Institutional Systems Theory: Theoretical Perspectives co-Chairs: Lukas Sosoe (University of Luxembourg) and Guy Peters (University of Pittsburgh)
4. A Critical Look at Europe's Human Rights Regime: Lessons from Other World Regions co-Chairs: Harlan Koff (University of Luxembourg) and Deon Geldenhuys (University of Johannesburg)

5. (E)-deliberative model of European governance in a Comparative Perspective co-Chairs: Raphaël Kies (University of Luxembourg) and Patrizia Nanz (University of Bremen)
6. The Renewal of Research on Europeanization Processes: Interdisciplinary Perspective co-Chairs: Robert Harmsen (University of Luxembourg) and Didier Georgakakis (University of Strasbourg)
7. Political Elites in Multilevel Systems (EN) co-Chairs: Heinrich Best (Jena University) and John Higley (University of Texas at Austin)
8. European Elections and the Internet co-Chairs: Norbert Kersting (Stellenbosch University) and Dominic Wring (Loughborough University)
9. Is there a European Model of Governance for Religion? The Role of Religion in the Contemporary European Space\* co-Chairs: François Forêt (Université Libre de Bruxelles) and Piero Ignazi (University of Bologna)
10. Is There a Model of Gender-based Governance? EU and non EU co-Chairs: Melissa Haussman (Carleton University) and Marian Sawyer (Australian National University)
11. The Role of Subnational Authorities in Multilevel Systems Co-Chairs: Wolfgang Renzsch (Otto-von-Guericke University) and Uwe Leonardy
12. Democratic Representation in European Model of Governance (EN) Co-Chairs: Werner Patzelt (Dresden University of Technology) and Christopher Lord (ARENA-Centre for European Studies)
13. Territorial and Functional Interest Representation in EU Governance (EN) Co-Chairs: Michele Knodt (Technical University Darmstadt) and Christine Quittkat (University of Heidelberg)
14. European Governance and Global Security (FR)\* Co-Chairs: Yves Roucaute (Paris X University) and Monsalve Elkin Dario Velasquez (Externado University of Colombia)
15. Policy Feedback: How Do We Know What's Working? (EN) co-Chairs: Daniel Tarschys (University of Stockholm) and Mikhail Ilyin

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**Edinburgh – Political Science Association Annual Conference 29 March – 1 April, 2010 PSA's 60th Anniversary Annual Conference, 'Sixty Years of Political Studies: Achievements and Futures'**

RC28 representatives are also slated to participate in the UK Political Studies Association's 2010 anniversary conference, held from March 29-April 1, 2010. We encourage our members to consider attending.

The Conference will discuss disciplinary aspects of politics, including retrospective assessments of the achievements of UK and international political science, new cutting-edge work across political science, and new directions we need to pursue in the future. The PSA particularly encourage high quality research which explores important questions in the practice or teaching of politics. In 2010 the PSA are also including workshops in addition to the standard panels and papers. The workshops will allow participants to dialogue more extensively with others who share their special interests.

The 2010 PSA Annual Conference will be a unique opportunity for debate about the state of the discipline. Already the largest UK gathering of researchers in politics and international relations, in 2010 it will:

1. Showcase research from across all aspects of political analysis.
2. Build deeper links with politics scholars in other associations, like BISA, UACES and the Britain and Ireland Association for Political Thought.

3. Develop stronger links with political scientists internationally, working with associations like ECPR, APSA and IPSA.
4. Explore the opportunities and problems of engaging politics scholarship with political practice.
5. Debate how we best teach politics in universities and schools.

A full conference programme is expected to be published sometime in January 2010.

For more information: <http://www.psa.ac.uk/2010/index.html>. The Conference Academic Convenor is Professor Charlie Jeffery. Alternatively, you can contact IPSA RC28 Publications Chair and Liaison with the Regionalism and Federalism Section of the ECPR, Wilfried Swenden ([w.swenden@ed.ac.uk](mailto:w.swenden@ed.ac.uk)).

### **Canadian Political Science Association – Montreal, June 1-3, 2010 82nd Annual Meeting**

The upcoming CPSA Conference will include a panel devoted to federalism and gender which surely will be of interest to many of our members. Unfortunately, on this occasion the paper-givers for that panel are all drawn from the IPSA and APSA gender groups.

We hope that in future initiatives of this kind RC 28 member will take an interest and participate actively.

### **Philadelphia, IACFS-RC28 Conference (September 2010)**

The International Association of Centers for Federal Studies and our IPSA Research Committee on Comparative Federalism and Federations have jointly organized the conference “Federalism and the Global Financial Crisis: Impacts and Responses”. The conference took place on 16-18 September 2010 in Philadelphia, USA.

The conference was co-hosted by the Center for State Constitutional Studies, Rutgers University, Camden, New Jersey and the Center for the Study of Federalism at the Robert B. & Helen S. Meyner Center for the Study of State and Local Government, Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania.

Papers focused on the impacts of the 2008-2009 global financial crisis on federal systems and on how federal systems have responded to the crisis. Some papers covered a single federal country, some more than one, some were comparisons of federal and non-federal countries, and some analyzed the European Union as a quasi-federal system. Also, given that the financial crisis affected the world’s various regions and countries differently, the crisis offered paper presenters an opportunity to test various theories of globalization in relation to federal systems.

It is worth noticing the presence of our Research Committee, not only as a joint organiser but also in terms of the active participation of several of our members. Wolfgang Renzsch, Allan Tarr, Gisela Farber and John Kincaid all presented papers; and Sonja Walti, Tom Lancaster, Robert Williams, Cheryl Saunders, Michael Burgess, and Ron Watts acted as moderators of different panels.

For more information about the schedule, papers and other details of the conference, please visit: <http://www.camden.rutgers.edu/federalism/schedule.html>.

The RC28 Business Meeting also took place during the conference ([RC28 Business Meeting](#)).