Dear ECPG friends and colleagues,

Welcome to ECPG Amsterdam 2019!

Our 6th ECPG is bigger than ever and we are thrilled to welcome 800 participants who are presenting in 130 panels and roundtables. The quality and quantity of submissions has increased once again. Our community is growing stronger and stronger for each ECPG and the Section Chairs have done an amazing job in putting together this exciting range of panels and roundtables. Enjoy ECPG Amsterdam 2019!

My years of service to ECPG are coming to an end, and this is my last ECPG as convener. I have had the honour to serve on four ECPG organising committees over the last eight years. I grew up academically within our ECPG community just as much as I have seen ECPG grow and shine internationally to become the world’s leading conference of its kind. I have learned so much in the contact with all of you and I am immensely grateful to all the individuals who have given me the incredible Liz Mügge who have worked with them and of itself but I doubt the numbers are any higher. Academia is exclusionary, and it is exclusionary in multiple (more often than not invisible) ways. Structures, hierarchies, and practices exclude an outrageous number of groups of scholars whose presence and work are made invisible.

Conference programmes already give us a sense of these exclusionary patterns. While conferences can (sometimes) be more inclusive than other academic activities (such as publishing), they remain exclusionary. Conferences are too expensive (ECPG included), the required travel is not always feasible – if not impossible for visa-related or disability-related reasons, for example. Too many conferences (ECPG included) do not provide childcare facilities. As conferences become successful, it becomes harder and harder to make it onto the programme. Invited speakers for plenary events, chairs and discussants are also highly visible positions for which more effort should be made to include a larger range of scholars. Short version: we have work to do!

ECPG, from Lausanne 2017 on, has taken seriously the commitment to work harder on making the plenary events and prize committees more inclusive. ECPG has also launched a scholarship programme to waive the conference fees of early-career scholars in vulnerable positions and cover the cost of visa applications. These are initial steps only; much more needs to be done. What can we do to make our field more inclusive at ECPG in the future? I suggest we all adopt new ways of meeting, networking, learning and exchanging with/from scholars at ECPG. Just to kick off the do-to-list, much more can be added on Twitter #MakeECPGInclusive and elsewhere:

- Read, read and read! Read work on sexuality and intersectionality. Read work from scholars of colour and scholars from minority groups, from scholars from the Global South, from early-career scholars, by scholars from Eastern Europe and the Balkans. And cite this exciting work!
- Invite a wide range of scholars when you organise the submission of panels or papers; invite scholars you do not know; accept invitations.
- Launch a call of interest, browse previous programmes, read recent publications and blogs, ask around; there are many good ways to meet new scholars and think outside the usual research networks.
- Attend ECPG attend panels that will allow you to discover new people, new work and new ways of thinking.
- Meet with scholars you do not know yet at receptions and at the end of panels. Ask questions, engage, and also just chat with people. Go for coffee!
- Reach out to PhD researchers and postdocs. Give space to scholars from Eastern Europe, the Balkans, the Global South. Give visibility to scholars of colour, minority scholars, and scholars in other kinds of vulnerable positions.

Making our field inclusive and breaking down exclusionary patterns is a collective enterprise; it is a vital one. Equality is central to academic values, even more for gender scholars. Let’s make it happen.

Solidarity with the colleagues at risk

We have colleagues whose research on gender, sexuality and intersectionality is being contested, whose jobs are insecure, and even whose safety and freedom in extreme cases are threatened. A significant number of scholars have been attacked on social media, and some others are on anti-gender watchlists. Hungarian colleagues have been shamed in a national newspaper for the sole reason that they are doing research on gender; gender MA programmes have been banned. A gender scholar is currently imprisoned in Turkey for having signed a statement in favour of academic freedom. Bulgarian colleagues were “encouraged” not to consider a grant because the grant had a gender dimension. The list goes on. Even in established academic systems like the UK, working conditions for minority female scholars are dire. The recent report of Nicola Rollock* describes repetitive patterns of ostracization, racial stereotyping and racial microaggressions towards Black female scholars.

If some in this world are so keen on lashing out at gender, intersectionality and sexuality scholars and at scholars of colour and scholars from minority groups, it is because they are doing important work. But to be able to keep doing this important work, the privileged ones in our community need to show solidarity and stand up to these attacks and exclusionary practices. Let’s condemn attacks as much as celebrating success. Let’s fight ostracization and discrimination as much as celebrating inclusion. Let’s call out attacks and exclusionary practices. Let’s reach out to colleagues in vulnerable positions. Urge our universities and colleagues in situations of privilege to take a stand; let’s lobby for our professional associations and conferences to speak up, and let’s support the activities of our colleagues at risk and in vulnerable situations. We have to mobilize, collectively and individually, and we have to mobilize now before it gets too late.

Thank you so much!

Dearest thanks to Liza Mugge, Saskia Bonjour, Robert J. Davidson, Jan Willem Duyvendak, Sanne van Oosten and Conny Roggeband for their outstanding work as local organizers; to Niels Klein and the UvA Conferences and Events Team; to Ana Miškovska Kajevska and Audrey Hayes for their hard work in putting ECPG together with me and their incredible patience and can-do attitude; to the Section Chairs for organising this exciting line-up of panels; to Saskia Bonjour and Conny Roggeband for convening the ECPG Early-Career Scholars’ (ECS) Programme and to Anne Louise Scholten and Natalie Welfens for their lead on the ECS social activities; to David Paternotte and Jan Willem Duyvendak for organizing the ECPG Plenary Roundtable; to Christiina Wortleich for convening the ECPG Professional Roundtable; to Koen Smitzemeckers, Nadia Brown, Aniko Gregor, Idda Swai, Michael Stambolis-Ruhstorfer, and Natalie Welfens for their support on the ECPG scholarship committee; to Johanna Kantola, Karen Beckwith, David Paternotte and Shirin Rai for their service on the ECPG Gender and Diversity Achievement Award; to Sarah Paternotte for the Wolf Rathenau Award, to Josephine Roggeband, to the EJPG Best Paper Award; and to Phillip Ayoub, Emanuela Lombardo and Sabine Saurrage for their service on the ECPJ Joni Lovenduski PhD Prize in Gender and Politics.

And last but not least, cheers to ECPG and all of you, and all my best wishes for your future endeavours!

Isabelle Engeli

Hosting the European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG) at the University of Amsterdam (UvA) is a dream come true for us! The Amsterdam Research Centre for Gender and Sexuality (ARC-GS) exists to promote research in our field, and there's no better way to do that than by bringing together our growing international community.

Amsterdam has a complicated history. In the 17th century it was the centre of a globe-spanning colonial enterprise geared towards exploiting people and riches elsewhere in the world. That colonial legacy reverberates to this day. Many UvA buildings in the old city centre have a troublesome past in this respect, most notably the old headquarters of the Dutch East India Company.

Also in the 17th century, Amsterdam offered a safe haven for people fleeing religious oppression elsewhere in Europe. The philosopher most closely associated with Amsterdam, Baruch Spinoza, was of Portuguese Jewish descent. He was far ahead of his time when he proclaimed that the goal of the state should be to guarantee individual freedom. That, too, is part of what our city stands for.

In the 1970s, Amsterdam became a hotbed of feminist and gay activism. These emancipatory movements resonated inside the University of Amsterdam. In the 1980s, the UvA launched a ‘Lesbian and Homosexuality studies’ programme alongside the already existing women’s studies programme. Since then, these programmes have evolved into gender and sexuality studies.

As your host this year, ARC-GS is a descendant of those academic initiatives. Founded in 2010 and embedded in the Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (AISSR), ARC-GS has become the central hub for the study of gender and sexuality at the UvA. It integrates sociology, anthropology, political science, social geography, international development studies and science and technology studies to support the promotion of gender and sexuality perspectives in research and teaching.

Anno 2019, critical scholarly reflections on gender and sexuality as well as race are under fire in some quarters. At the same time, we also observe a growing awareness in society and politics that gender equality and diversity more generally deserve sustained attention.

We are proud to host the ECPG and contribute to strengthening our community and its research and showcasing its intellectual riches to the world. And while we wish you an inspiring and productive conference, we also hope you will find time to reconnect with old friends, make new ones and enjoy what Amsterdam has to offer.

Warm regards,

Liza Mügge is associate professor in political science and director of the Amsterdam Research Centre for Gender and Sexuality at the UvA. She is the founding co-editor and lead editor of the European Journal of Politics and Gender (EJPG). Her research focuses on political representation, intersectionality and equality of ethnic minorities and women in Europe.

Saskia Bonjour is assistant professor in political science at the UvA. She coordinates the Amsterdam Centre for European Studies (ACES) Migration Network at the UvA, is a member of the prestigious Dutch Young Academy and is a member of the Advisory Committee on Migration Affairs (ACVZ) which advises the Dutch government and parliament on immigration law and policy. Her research focuses on the politics of migration and citizenship in the Netherlands and in Europe.

Robert J. Davidson is a PhD candidate at the Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research at the UvA. He is the programme manager of the Amsterdam Research Centre for Gender and Sexuality (ARC-GS) and was an editor of the Dutch Journal for Gender Studies. His research focuses on the changing relationship between the Dutch government and the gay and lesbian social movement.

Sanne van Oosten is a PhD candidate in political science at the UvA. Previously, she worked in the Dutch Parliament, at an NGO for women’s rights, and as a junior lecturer. Her research focuses on how intersections of gender, race/ethnicity, and religion shape the expectations and experiences of representation among individual citizens. Sanne is the daily manager of the 2019 ECPG in Amsterdam.

Jan Willem Duynveld is Distingushed Research Professor of Sociology at the UvA. He is Executive Committee Chair at the Council for European Studies and director of the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS-KNAW). In the past he has been director of the Vermogenskundig Research Institute for Social Issues (1999-2003) and Professor of Community Development at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. His research focuses on the transformation of the welfare state, belonging, ‘feeling at home’, and nativism.

Conny Roggeband is associate professor in political science at the UvA. She is an editor of the Dutch Journal for Gender Studies and is affiliated with the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) in Quito, Ecuador. Her research interests include gender mainstreaming and equality policies, gender-based violence, social movements, and transnational feminist networking.

Dear participants,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the University of Amsterdam for the 6th edition of the European Conference on Politics and Gender. Since its inception in 2009, the ECPG has become one of the world’s leading platforms for cutting-edge research and debate on gender and politics. We at the UvA are proud to host this important event.

It is fitting that this year’s edition is taking place in Amsterdam. Although the city has a controversial colonial history, it has over the centuries also gained a proud reputation for its culture of liberal freedom and tolerance. The UvA, as a university with strong historical ties to Amsterdam, shares these values and beliefs. These are reflected in our research and teaching, our strong focus on diversity and accessibility, and in our international outlook.

Over the years the UvA has invested heavily in research into new domains and fields. This is also the case in the field of gender and sexuality, in which our research tradition stretches back to the early 80s, a time of rapid social and political change. Our aim, both then and now, is to spur societal debate and generate new knowledge and methodologies that ultimately find their way back to society.

But we do more than just share this knowledge. The perspectives and insights produced by our research are applied within our university to questions around gender, gender inequality and accessibility. Our aim is to use this knowledge as a tool to ensure we become a truly inclusive university, one where everyone can feel at home and realise their full potential. Because, ultimately, knowledge should lead to meaningful change and progress.

In the coming days you will give full measure to this objective by jointly sharing new research and methodologies and debating the critical issues in the field. I know this conference will inspire you and lead you to new insights and ways of thinking. But I also hope you will use the opportunity to make new friendships and professional acquaintances and to discover some of the things that make Amsterdam such a wonderful city.

I wish you a pleasant and productive conference.

Prof. Karen Maex, Rector Magnificus
Wednesday 3 July

12.00 - 18.00  Registration – Main entrance building A/B/C
12.30 - 18.30  Early Career Scholars Workshop - Understanding and Resisting Institutional Racism, Sexism and Homophobia in Academia - REC A2.11 (registration required)
17.30 - 19.00  Early Career Scholars Networking Drinks & Nibbles

Thursday 4 July

08.00 - 18.00  Registration – Main entrance building A/B/C
08.30 - 10.15  Panel Session 1
10.30 - 12.15  Panel Session 2
12.30 - 14.00  Featured Roundtable - Promoting Gender & Sexuality Studies in Times of Hostility - REC A0.01
14.15 - 16.00  Panel Session 3
16.00 - 16.30  Coffee break
16.45 - 19.00  ECPG Plenary: Prize Ceremony and Keynote Address – Notes from a Catastrophe: On Radical Care - REC A0.01
19.00 - 20.30  ECPG Plenary Reception – Main hall building A/B/C

Friday 5 July

08.00 - 17.30  Registration – Main entrance building A/B/C
08.30 - 10.15  Panel Session 4
10.30 - 12.15  Panel Session 5
12.30 - 14.00  ECPG Professional Roundtable - Advancing Women and People of Color in Political Science - REC A0.01
14.15 - 16.00  Panel Session 6
16.00 - 16.30  Coffee break
16.30 - 18.15  Panel Session 7
18.30 - 19.30  Early Career Scholars Speed Mentoring (registration required)
20.00 - 22.30  Conference Dinner (dinner voucher required)

Saturday 6 July

08.00 - 12.00  Registration – Main entrance building A/B/C
08.30 - 10.15  Panel Session 8
10.30 - 12.15  Panel Session 9
12.30 - 14.00  ECPG Plenary Roundtable - The Globalisation of ‘Traditional Values’ - REC A0.01
14.15 - 16.00  Panel Session 10
16.00 - 16.30  Coffee break
16.30 - 18.15  Panel Session 11
Conference venue and registration

The conference will take place in the Roetersseiland Campus of the University of Amsterdam (UvA) in Buildings A, B and C (Nieuwe Achtergracht 166, 1018 WV Amsterdam). The registration desk will be located in the main entrance of Building A. Registration will open at 8 am every morning.

Transportation

When getting around Amsterdam there is really no need to get into a car of any sort. In fact, taking a car or taxi around Amsterdam is quite a hassle. Please join us in making use of the various exquisite modes of transportation Amsterdam has to offer.

Bike

Our personal favourite and by far the fastest and most affordable way to get around the city is by bike. Facilities for biking are excellent, and summer weather makes biking very pleasant. It can be a good idea to check out the local rules of the road. The ECPG and local organizers cannot be held responsible for any injuries. There are many places to rent bikes in Amsterdam around campus and close to Amsterdam Central Station. The University of Amsterdam has ample space to park your bike.

Tram

Trams 1, 4, 7, and 19 stop directly next to the Roetersseiland Campus. Get out at stops: 's-Gravesandeplein or Weesperplein.

Subway/metro

From Amsterdam Central Station, you can take metro 51 (direction: Amstelveen), 53 (direction: Gaasperplas) or 54 (direction: Gein) and get out at stop Weesperplein. From the subway station you will see signs for ‘UvA’ (Universiteit van Amsterdam).

Train

From Amsterdam/Schiphol Airport there are trains to Amsterdam Central Station every 10 to 15 minutes. The approximate journey time is 13 minutes.

Other nearby options

There are multiple options close to the conference:

- Albert Heijn (Supermarket) Sarphatistraat 670
- Bagels and Beans (Bagels, salads and coffee, no reservation required) Roeterseiland 2A
- Coffee Company (Batiste: croissants, muffins and simple sandwiches) Plantage Muidergracht 69-71
- CREA (Café: soup and grilled sandwiches, no reservation required) Nieuwe Achtergracht 170
- Balthus (Freshly made sandwiches on homemade bread, no reservation required) Sarphatistraat 61
- De Pizzabakkers (Homemade fresh pizza, reservation recommended) Plantage Kerklaan 2 020 625 0740
- Café Kooije (Café, for a more extensive sit-down lunch, no reservation required) Plantage Middenlaan 37
- Café de Plantage (Restaurant, reservation recommended) Plantage Kerklaan 36 020 750 6900

Lunch and dinner at the UvA

Roetersseiland Campus

Building A

Kiosk

Monday through Friday

Building B/C/D

De Brug | coffee corner & lunch restaurant

Monday through Friday

Building H

Food Court Agenda

Monday through Friday

Dear Early-Career Scholars,

We are looking forward to welcoming you for the ECPG Early-Career Scholars’ Programme (ECSP) at the University of Amsterdam! After the ECSP, we would be happy to show you around some local restaurants and bars and provide tips for other activities during your stay.

We will be sharing information about these and other social activities via Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/groups/ecsp2019). You can use the group to share your questions or connect with other early-career scholars before and during the conference. Also feel free to contact us via email.

See you soon in Amsterdam,

Anne Louise Schotel (A.L.Schotel@uva.nl) & Natalie (N.Welfens@uva.nl)

Anne Louise Schotel is a PhD candidate in political science at the UvA. Her work focuses on the political representation of sexuality and processes of claim-making. She holds a Research Master in Public Administration from Utrecht University and a Bachelor in Political Science and a Bachelor in Philosophy from the University of Amsterdam.

Natalie Welfens is a PhD candidate in political science at the UvA. Her research project analyses Germany’s humanitarian admission programmes for Syrian refugees from Lebanon and Turkey and was awarded a Young Talent research grant by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). Her research looks at questions of inclusion and exclusion in refugee protection, border practices and mobility from a feminist and intersectional perspective.

Understanding and resisting institutional racism, sexism and homophobia in academia

Date: 3 July 2019

Time: 12.00 - 19.00

Conveners: Conny Roggeband and Saskia Bonjour

The ECPG seeks to support and inspire early-career scholars of politics and gender & sexuality. Its Early-Career Scholars’ Programme aims to strengthen networks among new and experienced members of the profession and to provide early-career scholars with knowledge and strategies to find their way in academia.

Pre-Conference Workshop “Understanding and resisting institutional racism, sexism and homophobia in academia”

Wednesday 3 July, 12.30-19.00, REC A2.11, Prior registration is required

The meritocratic ideals of academia obscure the reproduction of inequalities in the system, even among scholars of politics and gender & sexuality. These structural inequalities present particular challenges for scholars who are relatively new in academia and who often work in precarious conditions. This session seeks to empower early-career scholars to deal with these issues, first by providing them with knowledge about institutional sexism, racism, and homophobia in academia, and second by sharing experiences and strategies.

Speakers:

- Marijke van den Brink, Radboud University Nijmegen
- Nadia Brown, Purdue University
- Akwugo Emejulu, University of Warwick
- Christina Wolfrech, University of Notre Dame
- Ov Cristian Norocel, Université Libre de Bruxelles

ECSP Speed mentoring

Friday 5 July, 18.30-19.30, REC A Central Hall (behind glass of the back wall), follow signposting from registration desk Prior registration is required

Early-career scholars reflect on specific aspects of their career with accomplished and experienced scholars in speed mentoring sessions. Whether you have just finished your PhD, are a newly-hired assistant professor working towards tenure, or are a tenured assistant professor seeking the next step in your career, these speed mentoring sessions offer the opportunity to seek advice from established scholars. Themes may include, but are not restricted to improving your track-record; time-management; working towards tenure or going from one temporary contract to another; administrative responsibilities; meeting publication targets; facing competition; increasing public or international visibility; juggling work and private life.

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See you soon in Amsterdam,
Notes from a Catastrophe

The Keynote address is sponsored by Palgrave’s Gender and Politics Series, edited by Johanna Kantola and Sarah Childs.

On both sides of the Atlantic, women of colour are in the midst of a catastrophe. The 2008 economic crisis and subsequent austerity measures have further eroded an already precarious economic position for many women. In both Europe and the United States, economic insecurity has combined with fears about migration to generate destabilising, illiberal politics. These politics fuel popular support, and in some cases, significant electoral gains, for populist right-wing groups and political parties. With the rise of the far right has come a spike in hate crimes of which women of colour are disproportionately targeted. Despite this hostile context, women of colour are organising and mobilising in radically democratic ways to advance their political claims-making, challenge typical understandings of citizenship and build new forms of political subjectivity.

In this talk, drawing on my empirical research project exploring women of colour’s anti-austerity and migrants’ rights activism in Britain, the Netherlands and the United States, I examine how activists use a concept of radical care to build and sustain their political identities, solidarities and mobilisations. By ‘radical care’ I mean those analyses and practices that recognise the need to take responsibility for the safeguarding and protection of the self and others (hooks 1984; Tronto 1995; Narayan 1995; Hill Collins 2000; Williams 2016; Lorde 2017). For these activists, radical care does not reproduce the sexual division of labour or hierarchical relations but rather subverts hegemonic notions of caring as women’s work by positioning care work as prefigurative politics. Thus, radical caring is a politics of means and ends: caring builds common purpose and agency among women of colour activists whilst also providing the road map for building a new world in which the care and protection of each other are the foundation.

Akwugo Emejulu is Professor of Sociology at the University of Warwick. Her research interests include the political sociology of race, class and gender and women of colour’s grassroots activism in Europe and the United States. Her work has appeared in Ethnic and Racial Studies, Politics & Gender, Race & Class and the European Journal of Women’s Studies. Her co-authored book, Minority Women and Austerity: Survival and Resistance in France and Britain, was published in July 2017 by Policy Press. Her co-edited book, To Exist is to Resist: Black Feminism in Europe, is forthcoming with Pluto Press. Her new book, Fugitive Feminism, is forthcoming with Silver Press.

The Globalization of ‘Traditional Values’

The ECPG plenary roundtable is sponsored by Rowman & Littlefield International.

‘Traditional values’ has become a buzzword in global politics. However, while many governments and organisations claim ‘traditional values’, traditions vary around the globe and so does the content of these ‘values’. Anthropologists and historians have also long demonstrated that traditions are necessarily invented. This roundtable gathers scholars from different approaches and regions of the world to interrogate the content and the use of traditional values in global sexual politics. We will address the following questions:

Who uses this notion and to which purposes? What is meant by ‘traditional values’ in specific as well as transnational settings? Against whom and against what do specific actors use this notion?

Date: 6 July 2019
Time: 12.30 - 14.00
Venue: REC A0.01

Chairs
Jan Willem Duyvendak, University of Amsterdam
David Paternotte, Université libre de Bruxelles

Speakers
Sonia Correa, Sexuality Policy Watch
Ghaliya Djelloul, Université Catholique de Louvain
Sara Garbagnoli, Paris 3
Weronika Grzebalska, Polish Academy of Sciences
Cai Wilkinson, Deakin University
In recent months, attacks on gender and sexuality studies have increased in Europe. These attacks take diverse forms: pressuring scholars to avoid research into sensitive issues; suspending teaching programmes or defunding research institutions; actively persecuting and incarcerating scholars engaging in critical research; or threatening the integrity of critical scholars. Such threats raise crucial concerns for academic freedom and researchers’ personal safety in the region. They also constitute a major challenge to the existence of gender and sexuality studies in Europe today.

This roundtable pursues two main goals. First, how do we keep promoting gender and sexuality studies in times of increasing hostility? Second, how do we react, at personal and institutional levels, to these attacks?

The panellists, who come from different parts of Europe, have all been involved in gender and sexuality studies programmes and organisations nationally and internationally. They have also been recently active in the study of opposition to gender in the region.

Chair
David Paternotte, Université Libre de Bruxelles

Speakers
Isabelle Engeli, University of Exeter
Anikó Gregor, Eötvös Loránd University
Weronika Grzebalska, Polish Academy of Sciences
Ov Cristian Norocel, Université Libre de Bruxelles
Massimo Prearo, University of Verona
Mieke Verloo, Radboud University Nijmegen
Advancing Women and People of Colour in Political Science

The ECPG Professional Roundtable is sponsored by the European Journal of Politics and Gender.

Women and people of color remain underrepresented throughout the profession of political science—in scholarly citations, invitations to conferences and talks, on syllabi, and so on—and as experts in the media. Panelists will discuss various collaborative and individual strategies for countering these biases and supporting the visibility and impact of female scholars and scholars of color, particularly in Europe.

Chair
Christina Wolbrecht, University of Notre Dame

Speakers
Nadia Brown, Purdue University
Kayo Onishi, Uppsala University
Maricruz Osorio, University of California, Riverside
Shirin Rai, University of Warwick

ECPG PROFESSIONAL ROUNDTABLE
Date: 5 July 2019
Time: 12.30 - 14.00
Venue: REC A0.01

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The European Journal of Politics and Gender (EJPG) is celebrating its first anniversary of publishing. In the first year, we have been delighted to publish the inaugural double issue, and a special issue on Contemporary Crises in European Politics: Gender Equality + Under Threat, with research articles covering topics such as intersectionality, the Religious Right, methods and methodologies, and women in political science.

EJPG aims to publish original research that spans the politics and gender field and is firmly embedded in global politics and gender scholarship. We are committed to a fast turnaround and high-quality peer-review process; publishing articles online first via Ingenta FastTrack; and offering the potential for Open Access. Sample articles can be read for free online at the journal homepage under the Editors’ Choice section.

EJPG is published by Bristol University Press, and its imprint Policy Press, are committed to publishing the highest-quality international scholarship in the social sciences and aligned disciplines.

We are delighted that EJPG is off to a great start and we look forward to expanding and developing the journal over many more years of progress. Please contact us with any feedback, submission queries or proposals at: ejpgeditors@gmail.com and come to the ECPG plenary reception to celebrate EJPG with us!

We can’t wait to see you!
EJPG Editors and Bristol University Press

The conference dinner takes place in the evening of Friday 5 July. We are going to enjoy an outdoor BBQ with ample vegan and vegetarian options.

The BBQ location is a scenic historical - though funky, arty and slightly alternative - garden tucked away between trees in a central area of Amsterdam.

This idyllic surrounding is ideal to catch-up with old friends and to make new acquaintances.

There will be a tent to provide shade (and just in case of rain). The tickets for the dinner have been sold in advance; no tickets will be available onsite. Those who have already purchased a ticket have received the location of the dinner and a description of the route from the conference location to the dinner location.
We are pleased to announce that the inaugural EJPG Best Paper Award has been awarded to Peace Medie and Alice Kang for their article, ‘Power, Knowledge and the Politics of Gender in the Global South’ issued in the European Journal of Politics and Gender, Volume 1, Issue 1/2.

As a reward, the article has been made Gold Open Access.

Medie and Kang contend that ‘scholarship on women, gender and politics does not sufficiently consider the effects of the global order in the Global South’. Their analysis of South-based scholars’ publications in leading women, gender and politics journals finds severe under-representation. The authors call for a decolonization of the scholarship and ‘propose steps to address’ the under-representation.

The awarding committee comprised Professor Sarah Childs (Birkbeck, University of London), Dr Toni Haastrup (University of Kent) and Professor Christina Wolbrecht (University of Notre Dame).

According to the committee, Medie and Kang’s article should be applauded for the powerful statement it makes: it constitutes an important contribution to the growing body of knowledge questioning the dominance of certain voices within the discipline. The research was further commended for being rigorously conceived - merging pragmatism and precedent in determining the research design – and its production of original analysis. This provided an especially clear view of the range and the depth of the problem of under-representation by South-based scholars. Its significant message is not limited to gender and politics scholarship but speaks more broadly to the disciplines of Politics and International Relations. In their prescriptions Medie and Kang were clear-eyed about the causes, and as a result, the possibilities for greater equity.

The EJPG editors would like to first congratulate Peace and Alice on receiving the EJPG Best Paper Award for 2019. They would also like to thank our committee members for their efforts in judging the articles and in so doing, showing their support for gender scholarship and of course for the EJPG.

2019 Prize Committee: Sarah Childs (Chair), Toni Haastrup and Christina Wolbrecht
2019 ECPG Gender and Politics Career Achievement Award

PROFESSOR FIONA MACKAY has made an outstanding contribution to gender and politics research over the past two decades. Mackay’s career and achievements in the field of gender and politics, devolution in Scotland, and most recently UN Reform and political settlement in post-conflict countries.

Most notably, her path-breaking conceptual work on feminist institutionalism has inspired both old and new generations of feminist scholars across Europe and beyond. She has developed and driven this research agenda by impactful publications; by co-founding a research network (Feminism and Institutionalism International Network (FIIN)) and a book series on Feminist Institutionalist Perspectives for Rowman & Littlefield International; and by directing a series of workshops, seminars and panels for different generations of feminist scholars in different continents.

Fiona Mackay has played a pivotal mentorship role to a big group of gender and politics scholars. The way her career, achievements, and support inspire her colleagues was well reflected in the nomination letter of the award. In the spirit of feminist scholarship, Fiona Mackay has pushed her work to have an impact beyond academia. She has generously given her time and effort to practical reports and advice which, in turn, have moved institutions and politics to make gender equality a reality.

Congratulations to Professor Fiona Mackay on winning the 2019 Gender and Politics Career Achievement Award!

2019 Prize Committee: Johanna Kantola (Chair), Karen Beckwith, David Paternotte, Shirin Rai.

Professor Fiona Mackay is a British feminist political scientist whose work examines the ways in which gender inequality is reinforced through political, legal and social institutions. She is interested in the extent to which institutions may be designed or reformed to promote gender justice, inclusion and women’s human rights. She founded and co-directs the Feminism and Institutionalism International Network (FIIN), an international collaboration which is developing a distinctive approach to the study of gender and politics. She is Professor of Politics at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland and directs the University’s new genderED interdisciplinary initiative. She was recently Dean and Head of the School of Social and Political Science (2014-2017) (one of the largest Schools in the UK). Previously, she served as Director of its Graduate School (2009-12). Fiona was a member of the UK ESRC Virtual Research College (2003-2008), Case Studentship Panel (2005-07), and inaugural board of the pan-Scottish ESRC Doctoral Training Centre (2011-12). She serves on the editorial boards of Policy & Politics, Politics, Groups, and Identities, and the European Journal of Politics and Gender, and co-edits the FIIN series Feminist Institutionalist Perspectives (Rowman & Littlefield International). She curates the twitter feed @genderedpol.

Fiona is the author/editor of five books, three special issues/symposia, and more than 50 articles and chapters. Her research has been funded by bodies including the UK Economic and Social Research Council, Leverhulme, the British Academy, and the UK and Scottish Governments. She has provided research-led policy advice to public and governmental bodies and NGOs since 1997. This includes research advice on the design of equalities machinery and strategies in the run up to, and first years of, post-devolution political institutions in the UK (particularly Scotland), and more recently advice on organisational change to UN-Women. Fiona is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences (FASS) and the Royal Society of Edinburgh (FRSE). An adult returner to higher education, Fiona spent the first decade of her working life as a print and media journalist in the UK.

2019 ECPR Joni Lovenduski PhD Prize in Gender and Politics

The ECPR Joni Lovenduski PhD Prize in Gender and Politics is awarded biennially for an outstanding PhD dissertation in the field of gender and politics, including gender and/or sexuality studies, perspectives in political science, international relations, political philosophy, public policy and public administration.

The 2019 ECPR Joni Lovenduski PhD Prize in Gender and Politics has for the first time been awarded jointly, to Cherry Miller, University of Tampere and Orlanda (Orly) Siow, University College London.

Much in the spirit of Joni Lovenduski’s pioneering research on the representation of women in politics and public life, our prize committee found these two dissertations exceptional and worthy of the 2019 prize.

The Committee considered Cherry Miller’s PhD thesis Beneath the Spectacle: Gendering the Everyday in the British House of Commons to be an innovative piece of work that combines political science and ethnographic research to study how gendered norms are reproduced every day in the House of Commons. By pushing the boundaries of existing knowledge about daily informal gendered performative norms and practices in parlaments, the committee judged that her thesis advances theories of feminist institutionalism and political representation, and significantly contributes to gender and politics scholarly debates.

The study of informal gendered norms and practices of power and resistance against gender equality in institutional contexts demands that researchers develop new theoretical and methodological tools, such as those developed in this interdisciplinary thesis. Cherry’s work shows not only capacity to innovate but also the potential to effectively engage with feminist debates and theory.

The Committee considered Orly’s argument theoretically rich in its applicability to other marginalised groups that sit at the intersection of visibility and invisibility, and groundbreaking in its methods of analysis around intersectionality. Her thesis argues that the political intersectionality; with great potential for inspiring future research. In doing so, it brings intersectionality work forcefully into dialogue with the wider field of the political science discipline, with an innovative substantive and methodological application that may speak to scholars who have traditionally shied away from pressing, problem-driven questions around intersectional analysis.

2019 Prize Committee: Isabelle Engeli (Chair), Phillip Ayoub, Emanuela Lombardo and Sabine Saurruger.

The prize will be delivered by Kris Deschouwer, Chair of the Executive Committee of the ECPR.
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