

Standing Group on Interest Groups General Meeting

ECPR General Conference 2022

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

ANNE RASMUSSEN, CHAIR (UNIVERSITY OF COPENHAGEN)

JOOST BERKHOUT (UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM)

META NOVAK (UNIVERSITY OF LJUBLJANA)

Agenda

- Overview:
 - Number of members and governance
 - Communication (Twitter, website, Facebook)
- Activities and plans
 - Section: this week, volunteers for next year
 - Best paper prize
 - Torino Summer School 2022
 - Webinars
 - ECPR Research project grants
- Any other business

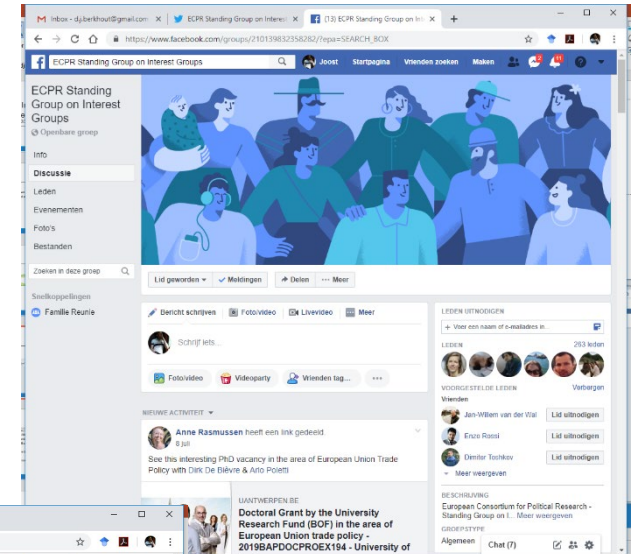
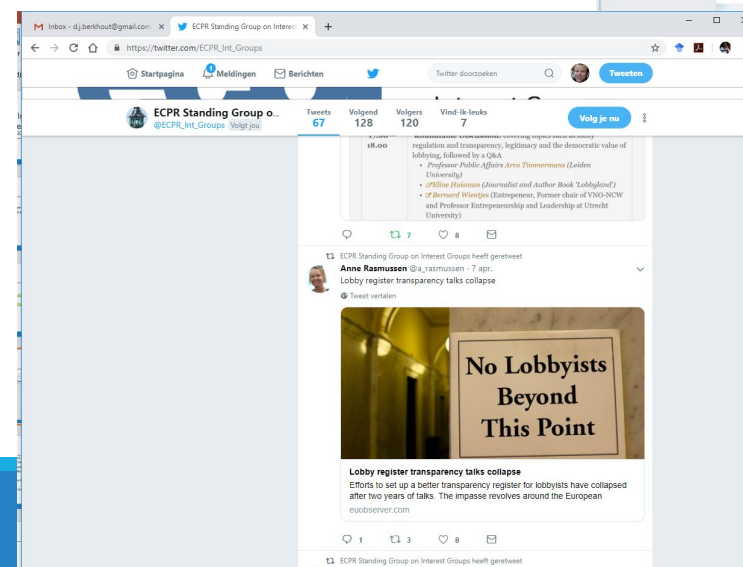
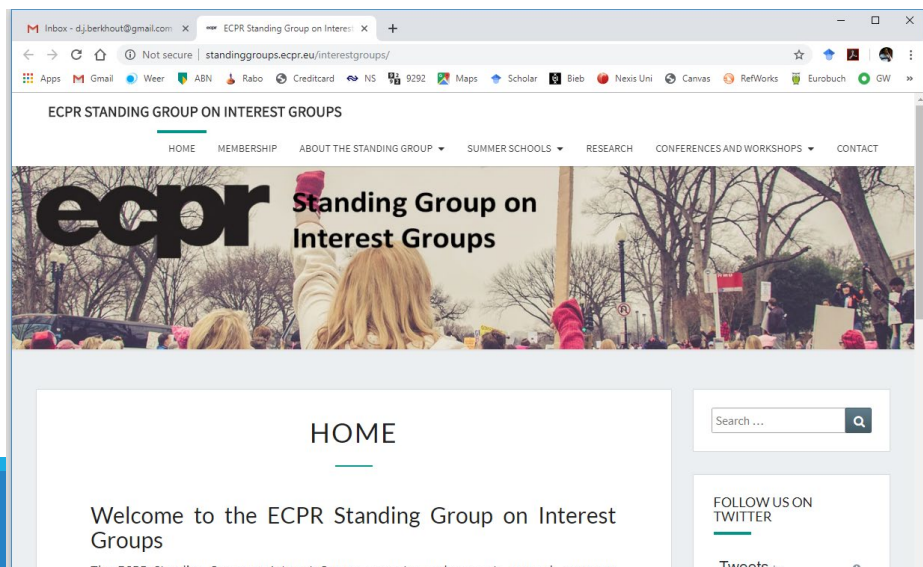
Overview

- Steering Committee members and terms
 - Anne Rasmussen (chair, second term: 2021-2024)
 - Joost Berkhout (treasurer, second term: 2021-2024)
 - Meta Novak (secretary, first term: 2021-2024)
- 257 members (265 in 2021, 215 in 2020, 173 in 2019, 205 in 2018, 146 in 2016)
- Healthy finances
- Journal: no formal links but we offer financial support for workshops aimed at special issue contributions



Communication

- Website (relatively static: NEW feature collection of syllabi): <http://standinggroups.ecpr.eu/interestgroups/>
- Twitter (311 followers): [https://twitter.com/ECPR Int Groups](https://twitter.com/ECPR_Int_Groups)
- Facebook (312 members): <https://www.facebook.com/groups/210139832358282/>
- Mails via ECPR system and email list: Subscribe/unsubscribe at: <https://listserv.uni-stuttgart.de/mailman/listinfo/ecpr-interest-groups>





Section at Annual Conference

- Important event; also for cross-disciplinary outreach
- Virtual Conference 2021
 - 8 panels
 - Thanks to section chairs: Evelien Willems and Daniel Rasch
 - Best paper prize for Rafael Labanino, Michael Dobbins and Brigitte Horvath
- On-going General Conference Innsbruck
 - 8 panels (+1 panel in the 'open section')
 - Thanks to section chairs: Ellis Aizenberg and Adria Albareda
 - Best paper prize(s) will be awarded (more info?)
 - More remarks in next slide
- Volunteers for section chairing next year?



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 Congratulations to [@labaninorp](#), [@MichaelDobbins](#) & [@BrigitteHorvat5](#) for winning the [@ECPR_Int_Groups](#) best paper award  with their article titled 'The Macro-Political Context, Population Density, and Interest Group Access to Policy Makers in Central and Eastern Europe'.



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The jury praises the paper's refreshing theoretical ideas, its focus on Central and Eastern Europe and its "extremely solid and advanced quantitative analysis based on a robust data collection".



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Heartfelt congratulations also to [@fs_colli](#) & [@YfReykers](#)  and to [@PStatsch](#) , whose papers were ranked 2nd and 3rd respectively.



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This result is the outcome of a process that involved nominations by the panel chairs in our [@ECPR_Int_Groups](#) standing group's section of the 2021 ECPR General Conference, followed by an evaluation and discussion among voluntary jury members.



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We are grateful to the jury members Daniel Rasch, [@evelien_willems](#), [@patibeast](#) and our section's panel chairs for putting time and effort in evaluating the shortlisted papers.

ECPR STANDING GROUP OF INTEREST GROUPS' annual best paper award

- Best paper presented at the ECPR General Conference by a senior and/or junior scholar
- Nomination process: Chairs from each panel can nominate one paper
- Exclusion: Jury members and others involved in coordinating the prize
- Jury members: Three academics (previous winners, active members, SC member, section organizers)

Practicalities for the on-going section

Social event on Wednesday 24th from 19.30:

- Location: Treibhaus (Angerzellgasse 8, 6020 Innsbruck).

Recommended structure for panels:

- Presenters: 8 minutes approx.
- Discussants: 4 minutes max.
- Open discussion: 8 minutes approx.

A friendly reminder 😊:

- Be constructive.
- Be inclusive.
- Be open-minded.
- Be respectful.

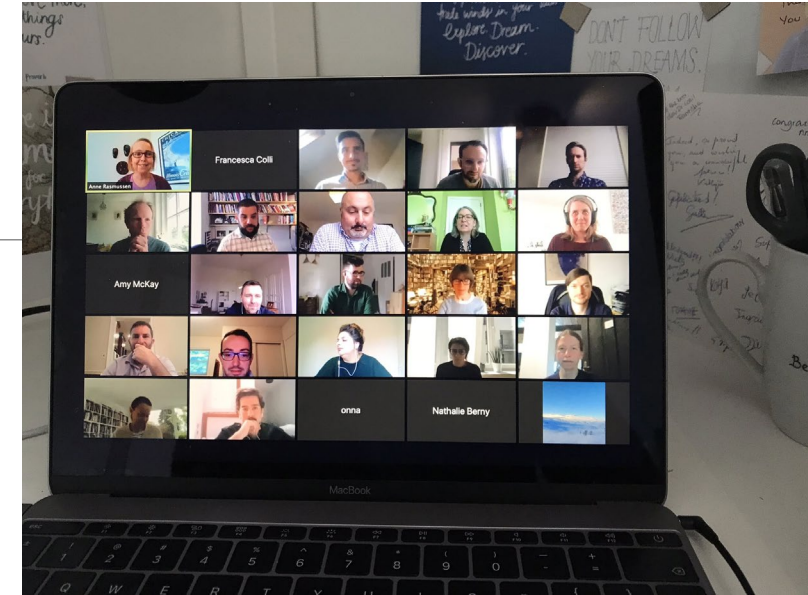
Please note that if you have questions, feedback or any concern related to the event, you can always contact us:
eaizenberg@ps.au.dk & albaredasanz@essb.eur.nl.

2022 Torino: 12th Summer School

- Many thanks to host Andrea Pritoni!
- Mixed virtual and on-site: both in terms of instructors and students
- ECPR-supported 'internal' event (second year, previously 'externally' organised)

Webinars

- Several Zoom sessions throughout the year 2020 and 2021: interest in continuing longer term?



Round table:

Teaching Interest Group Politics

Organizer: ECPR Standing Group on Interest Groups

Time: Wedn January 20, 2021: 16h-17h CET

Location: Zoom

Link: <https://uva-live.zoom.us/j/87694049855>

Twitter contact info: @ECPR_Int_Groups

Chair: *Joost Berkhout*, University of Amsterdam

Iskander de Bruycker, Maastricht University

Just published with Aaron McLoughlin: The public affairs plan: Seven steps to success rooted in science and practice. [Journal of Public Affairs](#).

Thomas Holyoke, California State University, Fresno

Just out: Second edition of: Interest Groups and Lobbying: Pursuing Political Interests in America

Bert Fraussen, Leiden University

Teaches Public Affairs with a strong focus on the theme of responsible lobbying (BA) and cross-fertilization between academics, professionals & students (MA)

Hélène Michel, Université de Strasbourg

Jean Monnet Chairholder "Political Sociology of European Transparency"

Themes:

- Assessing professional skills
- Course design
- Bringing practitioners in
- Integrating studies of interest groups in a curriculum
- Diverse disciplinary grounding



Vounteers needed for

- Section chairs at the next general conference
- Workshop chairs ECPR Joint sessions
- Webinars
- Other activities?

ECPR Research Project Grant

- The grants aim to support Standing Groups and Research Networks embarking on a large-scale research project.
- This year, the amount available is £25k in total and they aim to support between three and five research projects (£5-£8.5k each) using these funds.
- Deadline: **Monday 19 September.**

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Join us!

Now: ECPR-sponsored Standing Group reception right after this meeting

Section-sponsored social event on Wednesday 24th from 19.30:

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