

**International Political Science Association
Research Committee 33 – Minutes of a Business Meeting
Montreal, Canada, 24 July 2014**

Present:

- Erkki Berndtson (Chair)
- Daniel Buquet
- Thierry Dias Coelho
- Terrie R. Groth
- Enrique Gutierréz Márquez
- Mikhail Ilyin
- Petri Koikkalainen
- Vilém Novotný
- Christiane Rafidinarivo
- Paulo Ravecca
- Bob Reinalda
- Michael Stein
- Karla Valverde Viesca

1. Approval of Agenda.

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of Madrid 2012 Minutes.

The minutes were approved.

3. Report on Activities 2012-2014.

Erkki Berndtson informed about the RC activities since the Madrid 2012 IPSA World Congress:

• **In November 7-8, 2013**, RC 33 was a co-sponsor of the International Workshop “Study and Research of Political Science in a Comparative Perspective”, organized by the Mexican Research Council on Political Science (COMICIP) in México City, Mexico . The workshop was organized around the following themes:

1. Nature of political science: scientific status, limits and links with other disciplines, encompassing fields (Chair: Erkki Berndtson, University of Helsinki and RC 33).
2. Research in political science: issues and emerging approaches; challenges and concerns (Chair: Enrique Gutiérrez Márquez, Universidad Iberoamericana and COMICIP).
3. The teaching of political science: number and type of undergraduate and/or graduate level programs; tuition: objectives and professional profile, model and curricular organization,

requirements for obtaining the diploma (Chair: María del Carmen Roqueñí Ibarguengoitia, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México and COMICIP).

The Workshop was attended by some 30 participants from Mexico, Argentina, Canada, Finland and Germany.

• **In December 12-14, 2013**, RC 33 was one of the organizers of the Conference on “Comparative Perspectives on Political Science and Gender” in conjunction of the IPSA Executive Committee Meeting in Helsinki, Finland. The Conference was organized together with the Finnish Political Science Association, the Nordic Political Science Association and IPSA’s RC 19 (Gender Politics and Policy). As part of the program, RC 33 organized its own workshop on “The state of political science, diversity or unity in a globalising world?”

The Conference was attended by some 70 participants. The RC 33 workshop included presentations from participants from Canada, Estonia, Finland, France, the Netherlands and Russia.

• **In June 27-29, 2014**, RC 33 took part at the SCOPE Conference “The science of politics. The interdisciplinary vocation of political science(s)”, organized by the University of Bucharest. Within the Conference, RC 33 organized a panel “The interdisciplinary vocation of political science: national, regional or global?” (together with the Confederation of the European Political Science Association. From the RC 33 Executive Committee, Luciana Ghica was a local organizer and Bob Reinalda chaired the RC panel.

RC 33 will follow the same format in its activities also in the future. It will join other organizations in organizing conferences which fall under its purpose. This strategy, of course, does not exclude arranging own interim meetings.

Erkki Berndtson informed also that in December, 2013, RC was reviewed by the IPSA’s Committee on Research and Training. Under the IPSA rules, all research committees are being reviewed for their activities every six years.

IPSA has approved the RC review report, but expects us to upgrade our webpage “as soon as possible”. In the Madrid 2012 IPSA Business Meeting, it was already decided to renew the website. The running of the website was transferred to the RC’s Secretary Thibaud Boncourt, who was unable to attend the Montreal Congress. Erkki Berndtson promised to find out the present situation in regard to the website. Bob Reinalda and Thierry Dias Coelho were willing to participate in the further development of the website, in particular by adding information about the discipline in different countries.

[After the Congress, it was found out that Thibaud Boncourt had already updated the website during the Congress. The website is now public and its address is <http://rc33.ipsa.org/>].

4. Report on finances.

In the 2012 Madrid Business Meeting, Pere Vilanova was elected Research Committee’s new Treasurer. However, it was decided that the past treasurer John Trent would continue as a temporary treasurer until the Spanish banking system would become more stable. The situation will be re-evaluated before the Istanbul Conference.

It was decided that a membership fee for the RC will be 25 Canadian dollars (CAD) or 20 euro for the two year period 2014-2016.

The Research Committee has 160 CAD in the bank account. During the business meeting 300 CAD were paid by the participants in the business meeting. Effectively the RC will end up with at least 460 USD in its bank account. This gives the RC a small bank account to help members to meetings, help pay for book launches and bring outside experts to our meetings.

Usually the membership fee has been collected in the business meetings. However, as only a fraction of our members has participated in the meetings, we would appreciate, if all members would send in 20€ or 25 CAD by cash or cheque to John Trent, 11 Williamson Rd., Chelsea, QC, Canada, J9B1Z4.

5. Reports on Congress Panels 2014.

The RC organized three panels, one special session and a joint panel with the RCs 31 and 32 in Montreal. The panels were all successful.

• Political Science in the Public Space: Comparing Experiences and Contexts

Chair: Olga Malinova (Russian Academy of Science, Moscow)

Discussant: Teresa Sasinska-Klas (Jagiellonian University, Krakow)

Papers:

- Olga Malinova (Russian Academy of Science): *"Experts" as Settlers of the Public Agenda: Analysis of Practices of Political Communication in Russia.*
- Davida Rajaon (Sciences Po Madagascar) and Christiane Rafidinarivo (Université de la Réunion / Institut d'Etudes Politiques Madagascar): *La science politique dans l'espace public: contexte et expérience de l'Institut d'Études Politiques Madagascar.*
- Luca Verzichelli (University of Siena) and Giliberto Capano (Università di Bologna): *Nemo Profeta in Patria: The Difficult Impact of Italian Political Science on the Public Sphere.*
- J. R. Joel Flores-Mariscal (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México): *Political Science and Politics: Addressing a Missing Agenda in the Discipline.*
- Nicolas Kaciaf (Université Lille II / CERAPS) and Thomas Alam (Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Administratives, Politiques et Sociales, Lille): *The Many Faces of Political Science: Orders, Uses and Effects of Scientific Knowledge within Three Organizational Settings.*
- Pieter Heydenrych (North-West University, South Africa) and Gideon van Riet (North-West University, South Africa): *"Governance", the Neoliberal University and Critical Epistemologies: A Quest For Dialogue.*

• Political Science in Latin America

Chair: Enrique Gutierrez (Universidad Iberoamericana Ciudad de México)

Co-Chair: Karla Valverde (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

Discussant: Claire Wright (Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, México)

Papers:

- Enrique Gutierréz Márquez (Universidad Iberoamericana Ciudad de México) and Karla Valverde Viasca (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México): *A Critical View at the Historical Institutional Development of Academic Political Science in Mexico.*

- María Eugenia Bonilla Ovallos (Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga, Colombia): *Community Participation in Security Policies in Bucaramanga and Its Metropolitan Area (Colombia)*.
- Daniel Buquet (Universidad de la República, Uruguay): *Political Science in Latin America: Publication, Quality and Impact*.

• **Paradigms and Historiography in Political Studies**

Chair: John E. Trent (University of Ottawa)

Co-Chair: Erkki Berndtson (University of Helsinki)

Discussants: Erkki Berndtson (University of Helsinki) and Michael Stein (University of Toronto)

Papers:

- Terrie Groth (Universidade de Brasília): *A New Paradigm for Political Studies: Competency-based Teaching and Learning*.
- Shu Yun Ma (Chinese University of Hong Kong): *The Making of a Bilingual (Chinese/English) Political Science Department in Hong Kong*.
- John E. Trent (University of Ottawa): *The State of Political Studies in the World: Thinking About New Paradigms*.

• **Special Session: Political Science: Current Performance and Future Strengths**

Convenor: Bob Reinalda (Radboud University Nijmegen)

Paper (published on the Special Session's website: <http://www.ipsa.org/sites/default/files/ipsa-events/montreal2014/papers/paper-38490-2014-07-03-1716.pdf>)

Chair: Richard D. French (University of Ottawa)

Participants:

- Pieter Heydenrych (North-West University, South Africa).
- Mikhail Ilyin (National Research University, Higher School of Economics, Russia).
- Thomas Linders (Secretary-General, International Association of Political Science Students).
- Sarah Maddison (University of New South Wales, also chair of RC 19 on Gender Politics and Policy).
- Paulo Ravecca (York University, Toronto, originally from Uruguay).

• **Joint Panel with RC31 (Political Philosophy) and RC32 (Public Policy and Administration)**

Governance, the State and Making Sense of Governing (Part I)

Chair: Preston King (Morehouse College, University of East Anglia)

Co-Chair: Poland Lai (York University, Toronto)

Discussant: Hugo Canihac (Sciences Po Bordeaux)

Papers:

- Nisida Gjoksi (European University Institute, Italy): *Contested State-Building Process in the Balkans: Civil Service Reforms in Albania and Macedonia 2000-2010*.
- Jim Jose (University of Newcastle, Australia): *Emerging Governance-Speak within Australian Parliamentary Discourse 1983-93: Reshaping the Language of Governing?*

- Sofia Carlos (University of Oxford): *Governing Education in Europe: Negotiating a "New" Policy Space of European Schooling.*
- Hal Colebatch (University of New South Wales): *Making Sense of Being Governed: Governance, the State and Interpretation.*
- Jill Tao (Incheon National University, South Korea): *Subnational Governments and Models of Analysis.*

Governance, the state and making sense of governing (Part II): Governing Up, Governing Down

Chair: Jill Tao (Incheon National University, South Korea)

Co-Chair: Jim Jose (The University of Newcastle, Australia)

Papers:

- Poland Lai (York University, Toronto): *How New Governance Shapes Changes in the Long-Term Care Sector in Ontario.*
- Hugo Canihac (Sciences Po Bordeaux): *Sovereignty Beyond the State? From Supranational Authority to Supranational Governance in the EU.*
- Priscila Specie (Universidade de São Paulo): *The Legitimacy of Participatory Institutions for the Environmental Public Policy in Brazil: Between Governance and Governability.*
- Lucas Gomez (Universidad Externado de Colombia): *The Various Faces of Juridification of the Victims' Reparation Policy in Colombia: Transformation of the Sub-system Governance.*

6. Discussion of Future Activities.

• The IPSA Regional Reports on Political Science Projects

Mikhail Ilyin presented a plan to study and prepare reports on political science in different world regions. He has been planning the project with Giliberto Capano within the IPSA Executive Committee, but the project was still in its planning stage. Ilyin proposed that RC 33 could be involved in the project. Participants of the Business Meeting were in favor of this. Erkki Berndtson promised to contact members of the RC in order to find out who would be willing to do research on the subject.

• Panels for 2016 Istanbul Congress

The following topics were proposed for the 2016 Congress:

- Political Science in Small European Countries (Thierry Dias Coelho)
- Teaching Political Science (Terrie R. Groth)
- Regional Developments in Political Science (Bob Reinalda)
- How to Study the Development of Political Science (Paulo Ravecca)
- Power Relations within Political Science (Paulo Ravecca)
- Challenges for Political Science as a Discipline (Karla Valverde)

These proposals were first ideas for the RC program for the Istanbul World Congress and may change later. When the Call-for-Panels is announced by IPSA, all RC members are invited to propose panels for the Congress. The RCs have to organize a minimum of two panels in the Congress, but can arrange up to ten panels.

• **Inter-Congress Workshops**

At the moment, RC has no plans for interim meetings. Terrie Groth and Enrique Gutierréz Márquez announced that there will be some conferences in Latin America on the study of political science in the coming years and it might be possible to include RC 33 in their programs.

• **The World of Political Science Book Series**

Michael Stein gave a report on the Book Series “The World of Political Science”. This has been the major activity of RC 33 during the past ten years with John Trent and Michael Stein as general editors for the series. All the books have been published by Barbara Budrich Publishers. The object of the book series has been to evaluate the development of the various sub-fields of political science. This has been carried out in co-operation with IPSA’s other research committees, as they were asked to produce a state-of-the-art analysis about their own field. Twelve volumes have been published thus far. Initially it was planned that the last volume (John Trent and Michael Stein, eds., *The World of Political Science: A Critical Overview of the Development of Political Studies Around the Globe – 1990-2012*) would have been the final volume of series. However, there have been discussions to continue the series. Barbara Budrich would be interested in publishing the books, but it would require more active marketing of the books by the editors of the volumes, as well as by the members of RC 33. John Trent, Michael Stein and Bob Reinalda will continue to work on this with Barbara Budrich.

In order to draw more attention to the various volumes of the book series, detailed information on the volumes will be posted on the RC33 website. Those who want to write a review of one or more of the volumes in national journals, can contact Barbara Budrich (barbara.budrich@budrich.eu).

• **Survey on Political Science Discipline around the World**

John Trent has proposed a project on surveying political science around the world to gather basic data on the profession. Thierry Dias Coelho (Europe) and Daniel Buquet (Latin America) informed that they have done surveys on the discipline and would be interested in participating. Terrie R. Groth and Enrique Gutierréz Márquez were also interested in the project. Erkki Berndtson is to contact John Trent about the future planning of the survey.

7. The Composition of the RC33 Executive 2014-2016.

As the IPSA has decided to organize world congresses every second year, the IPSA Constitution now mandates that RCs must elect their officers every four years. As the current RC 33 Executive Committee was elected in Madrid, the election of new RC officers will take place in Istanbul in 2016. The current composition of the RC Executive is:

- Erkki Berndtson, University of Helsinki, Finland (chair).
- Cecilia Lesgart, National Council of Scientific and Technical Research, CONICET, Argentina (vice-chair).
- Thibaud Boncourt, Sciences Po Bordeaux, France (secretary).
- Daniel Buquet, University of the Republic, Uruguay (member).
- Luciana Ghica, University of Bucharest, Romania (member).
- Bahgat Korany, The American University in Cairo, Egypt (member).
- Olga Malinova, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia (member).

- Bob Reinalda, Radboud University Nijmegen, the Netherlands (member).
- Pere Vilanova, University of Barcelona, Spain (member).
- John Trent, University of Ottawa, Canada (ex officio).

The RC Executive Committee has always been elected at the Business Meeting. It was discussed, if the elections could be organized on the internet. Erkki Berndtson promised to inquire views of the RC members on the possibility of internet elections and report on this before the Istanbul Congress.

8. Other Business.

There was no other business.

9. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned.