

**International Political Science Association
Research Committee 33 – Minutes of a Business Meeting
Madrid, Spain, 12 July 2012**

Present :

- John Trent (chair)
- Erkki Berndtson
- Thibaud Boncourt
- Matthieu Chillaud
- Luciana Ghica
- Cecilia Lesgart
- Bob Reinalda
- Pere Vilanova

1. Approval of agenda.

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of Santiago 2009 minutes.

The minutes were approved.

3. Report on finances.

The Research Committee has 200 USD in the bank account, another 160 USD transmitted by past treasurer and 120 Euros paid by participants in the business meeting as their membership fees. Effectively the RC will end up with about 500 USD in its bank account.

It was decided that a membership fee for the RC will be 25 US dollars or 20 euro for the two-year period 2012-2014.

4. Reports on Congress panels 2012.

The panels were all successful.

Political science in Latin America (Cecilia Lesgart chair; Daniel Buquet discussant)

- “Policy Orientation in Public Policy Research in Brazil”
Leonardo Secchi, Tuanni Borba, Larice Steffen Peters, Camila Herzmann Corrêa, Douglas Ruschel
- “Political Science and International Studies in Argentina: Some Elements for its Analysis”
Pablo Bulcourf, Nelson Dionel Cardozo, Sergio Caplan
- “Political Science in Uruguay and Latin-America: The Challenge of Excellence”
Daniel Buquet

- “Specialization and Fragmentation of Political Science in the Southern Cone of Latin America”
Cecilia Lesgart

Roundtable on Gender and Politics: State of the Discipline (Joint panel RC19 and RC33)
(Jane Bayes chair)

- Mary Hawkesworth
- Breny Mendoza
- Marian Simms
- Jane Bayes
- Amanda Gouws

The fragmentation of political science as a discipline (Erkki Berndtson chair; Thibaud Boncourt discussant)

- “Can Political Science Stand the Test Of the Eclecticism Of International Relations? The Case Of France”
Matthieu Chillaud
- “Interrogations About Symbolic Boundaries in Political Science”
Mailys Gantois
- “On the Fate of Parliamentary Studies in European Political Science”
Kari Palonen
- “The Fragmentation of PS and "Methodological Pluralism": Problems and Opportunities”
Pedro Vilanova

The globalization of political science: whatever happened to national traditions? (Thibaud Boncourt chair; Bob Reinalda and John Trent discussants)

- “European Study of Politics: Political Science, Political Sciences or Political Studies – Do National Traditions Still Matter?”
Erkki Berndtson
- “International Relations National Traditions in Brazil and India, or How to Academically Juggle with Globalization”
Audrey Alejandro
- “Mapping Political Analysis in Portugal: Trends in Scientific Articles (2000-2010)”
Joao Pedro Ruivo, Joao Cancela, Thierry Dias Coelho
- “The Impact of International Mobility on the Development of National Political Science Communities”
Luciana Alexandra Ghica

5. Discussion of Trent proposals for change in RC33 organization.

First proposal: restricting the terms of officers: a person can stay in a position for two consecutive terms. The RC will hold elections every two years, at each congress.
The proposal was APPROVED.

Second proposal: keep past chairs as *ex officio* members. Proposed by Trent, seconded by Pere Vilanova.

The proposal was APPROVED.

Third proposal: candidates for a position of officer would have to get themselves nominated by someone else.

The proposal was NOT APPROVED.

6. Nominations for RC33 executive 2012-2014.

Following an open nomination process for the six months prior to the Congress, the following Executive Committee was elected for 2012-2014:

- Erkki Berndtson, University of Helsinki (chair).
- Cecilia Lesgart, National Council of Scientific and Technical Research, CONICET-Argentina (vice-chair).
- Thibaud Boncourt, Sciences Po Bordeaux (secretary).
- Daniel Bouquet, University of the Republic, Uruguay (member).
- Luciana Ghica, University of Bucharest (member).
- Bahgat Korany, The American University in Cairo (member).
- Olga Malinova, Russian Academy of Sciences (member).
- Bob Reinalda, Radboud University, Nijmegen (member).
- Pere Vilanova, University of Barcelona (member).
- John Trent, University of Ottawa (ex officio).

Pere Vilanova will take over the treasurer position by the end of the year. Until then, John Trent will handle the running of the account.

7. Discussion of future activities.

Inter-congress activities

- Luciana Ghiga informed about the possibility of organizing a conference in Romania in 2013/2014 on the state of political science, how we can develop the profession a bit more, etc. NB: at the moment, Romania has two dead political science associations. There will be a meeting this September to try and create a third one (“Romanian political studies association”). At the moment, 95 people would be interested.
- Cecilia Lesgart informed about the panel on the history of political science in Latin America at the Argentinian political science congress next year. This panel could be organized also as a RC meeting.
- John Trent told about previous attempts to organize a conference on political science in the Arab world. During the Madrid Conference, Clement M. Henry (The American University in Cairo) was interested in doing something about this. Erkki Berndtson is to contact Henry and the new RC Executive Committee member Bahgat Korany, to find out about different options.
- Bob Reinalda suggested that the RC would try to organize a meeting on Russian political science. John Trent informed that the new RC Executive Committee member Olga Malinova was interested in setting up a meeting on the subject. Erkki Berndtson is to contact Malinova.

Discussion of panels for 2014 congress

The following topics were proposed for the 2014 Congress:

- Towards a new political studies (John Trent).
- Academia and politics: how politicians can use academia to get positions, how administration shifts the interests of science (Luciana Ghica).
- Assessment of relations between subdisciplines: bring together representatives from different IPSA Research Committees (Erkki Berndtson).
- How politicians see politics (Pere Vilanova).
- Fragmentation of political science (Pere Vilanova).

Other members of the executive will be contacted to see if they have ideas for panels.

Transfer and renewal of the website

The running of the website will be transferred to Thibaud Boncourt.