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GREETINGS TO ALL

This newsletter continues to be jointly produced by the French Politics Group of the American Political Science Association and the French Politics and Policy Group of the Political Science Association in the UK. We extend our thanks to APSA and PSA for continued support. For more on our fruitful collaboration see the essay below, originally published in PS- Political Science and Politics, the professional journal of APSA.

Welcome to the new members of the APSA French Politics Group. We currently have 132 members (non dues-paying) and our e-mail list has been brought up to date; so for some of our regular members this may be your first newsletter.

We have a full and exciting agenda thanks to the support, financial contributions, and time of so many of you. We invite you to all of our activities at APSA, including a reception with open bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres on Friday September 2nd from 7:00- 8:30. Both of the FPG-APSA Awards -- Frank L. Wilson APSA Best Paper Award and the Georges Lavau Best Dissertation Award will be announced at the reception. We have three panels and will also be hosting a short course on teaching French Politics. Read on for more specifics on all of these activities. Room locations for panels will be in the final program distributed at the meetings. It is VERY important to have attendance at our panels. APSA uses attendance figures to calculate annual panel allocations. We hope to see you there!!

We continue to develop our European connections, outside of the UK through the Association Française de Sciences Politiques and the European Consortium of Political Research. Seven paper proposals for APSA were from French political scientists and one of our panels is an all-French panel.

For more information about FPG-APSA, including our first three newsletters, go to our new and improved website -- <http://www.wsu.edu/~frg/>. Thanks to Michelle Williams and Andrew Appleton for the website. If you have any comments, suggestions or questions about the newsletter or about either group, please don't hesitate to contact either of us. As always, much appreciation for your time and support.

Amicalement,

Robert and Amy

News of the French Politics Groups-APSA

APSA Meetings, Washington D.C., September 1-4th, 2005

APSA Website for Meeting Information and Registration --<http://www.apsanet.org>

Panels— In addition to the regular two panels allocated to the group, we received a bonus panel, a testimony to the strong support and activities of our two group's collaboration. With three panel slots, we were able to place 14 papers; unfortunately 6 proposals had to be turned down due to space limitations. As you can see below, we have an exciting line-up of panels that

represent the vitality of the study of French Politics on an international basis. We received paper proposals from political scientists in France, the UK, Japan, Denmark, Ireland, and Canada. Our first panel includes a selection of contributors to the forthcoming volume *Developments in French Politics 3*, eds. A. Cole, P. LeGalès, and J.Lévy (Palgrave, 2005). The second panel reflects our efforts to place the study of French Politics into theory-building in Comparative Politics. It is co sponsored by the APSA European Politics Section. The third panel brings French Politics experts to reflect upon France's role in world affairs.

Thursday September 1, 10:15

FPG 2. "Using the Case of France to Build Theories on Democracy, Policy Formation and the EU"

Co Sponsored by the European Politics Section.

Chairs:

Andrew Appleton, Washington State University

Robert Elgie, Dublin City University

Papers:

"Associations, Party Models and Democracies: Changing Organizational Patterns of French Parties in a Historical Perspective"

Yohei Nakayama, University of Tokyo, Cornell University

"One European Directive, Two Dramatically Different Responses: Explaining the Divergence in French and German Racial Anti-discrimination Policy After the Race Directive"

Jacqueline S. Gehring, University of California, Berkeley

"Demarking Political Space: Territoriality and the Ethnoregional Party Family"

Dan Miodownik, University of Pennsylvania and

Britt Cartrite, University of Pennsylvania

"An Interactive Economic Approach to Regional Integration in the Midi-Pyrenees: Forming Advocacy Coalitions and Emergent Policy Frames"

Edward Lai, University of Western Ontario

Discussants: Andrew Appleton, Washington State University

Robert Elgie, Dublin City University

Thursday September 1st 2:00 pm

FPG 1. "Developments in French Politics"

Chair: Alistair Cole, Cardiff University

Papers:

"Developments in 21st Century French Politics"

Alistair Cole, Cardiff University, Jonah Levy, University of California, Berkeley and Patrick le Galès, CEVIPOF-FNSP

"Economic Policy: From the *Dirigiste* State to the Social Anesthesia State and Beyond

Jonah Levy, University of California, Berkeley

“Gendering the Fifth Republic: New Beginnings or the Legacy of the Past?”

Amy G. Mazur, Washington State University

Discussant:

Jocelyn Evans, University of Salford

Sunday September 4th, 8:00 am

FPG 3

Title “French Perspectives on Identity, Immigration, and Participation”

Chair : Kay Lawson, San Francisco State University

Papers:

“Immigration and Political Participation in Urban settings: A Boston/Paris Comparison

Linda Chaib, Université Paris-Sorbonne – Paris IV

“Multiple Social Identifications and Political Reticence: Are the French and American Cases Comparable?”

Vanessa Scherrer-Vignale, Sciences Po, Paris

“Race, Class, and Religion: The Political Alignments of French Muslims”

Sylvain Brouard, CEVIPOF-FNSP and Vincent Tiberj, CEVIPOF-FNSP

“Decisiveness of Elections and Voter Turnout under the French Fifth Republic, 1958-2002”

Nicolas Sauger, CEVIPOF-FNSP

Discussant: Florence Faucher-King, CEVIPOF-FNSP

Pre- Conference Short Course --Each year, the Wednesday prior to the APSA meetings is devoted to a “short course format” that may last a whole or half day. We have proposed a half day short course on teaching French Politics. If anyone is interested in being a panelist or a participant, let Amy know. The more French Politics experts the merrier!!

Internationalizing the Classroom: Bringing French Politics into the Political Science Curriculum

Wednesday, August 31st, 9:00 – 1:00 pm

The goal of this half-day short course is to present new and creative ways of teaching French politics in a wide variety of classroom settings. Given the increasing need to internationalize political science curricula and the rising interest in France’s role in the world, teachers may find it useful to get some helpful hints from the experts about how to bring France into their classrooms. This short course brings together top specialists to present hands-on materials, information, and strategies about how to introduce students to contemporary French politics in a broad range of classes, including courses on American Politics and Foreign Policy, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Gender and Politics, and European Politics. Individual presentations will be followed by a roundtable discussion on teaching French politics and an open session

during which panelists will respond to individual needs. Teaching modules on a wide variety of issues will be presented. Editors of the new book, *Developments in French Politics 3* (Palgrave, 2005), will discuss how the book can be used as a teaching tool as well. Participants will receive a packet of teaching materials with bibliographies, useful readings, and specific classroom exercises, at no charge.

Panelists

Andrew Appleton, Washington State University
Jocelyn Evans, University of Salford, UK
Michael Bosia, St. Michael's College
Alistair Cole, Cardiff University, Wales, UK
Amy Mazur, Washington State University

Reception-- The French Politics groups of APSA and PSA will be co sponsoring a reception with the Department of Political Science, the Graduate School, and the Thomas S. Foley Institute, all at WSU and the journal, *French Politics*. There will be an open bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres. Our two group awards will be announced during the reception.

Friday, September 2nd, 7-8:30 pm

Marriott Wardman Park Hotel Balcony B

Business Meeting—Each year we meet to plan our future events. We welcome you to attend and participate in future planning. We need your ideas and energy to make this group work!!! We hope you can fit the meeting into your busy schedules.

Friday, September 2nd, 12-1

Marriott Wardman Park Hotel Maryland A, Friday 12-1.

Frank L. Wilson Best APSA Paper Award

Committee for 2004 Award: Chair: Andrew Appleton (Washington State University), Members: William Saffran (University of Colorado – Boulder), John Keeler (University of Washington). The award recipient for the 2004 meetings will be announced at the APSA meetings in Washington D.C., September 1-4, 2005

Georges Lavau Dissertation Award

The FPG will be selecting the best Ph.D. dissertation on French Politics to honor renowned French political scientist Georges Lavau. The award was first made in 1991 and is given every three years. Since 1998, it covers dissertations that are uniquely on French Politics or have a significant component on French politics, for example a chapter on France. This year's committee will consider dissertations defended in the years **1999-2004**. Committee: Chair, Jonah Levy (University of Berkeley) -- jlevy@socrates.Berkeley.EDU; Karen Bird (McMaster University) -- kbird@univmail.cis.mcmaster.ca; Vincent Hoffmann-Martinot (Institut d'Etudes Politiques- Bordeaux) -- v.hoffmann-martinot@wanadoo.fr. The award will be announced at the APSA meetings in Washington D.C., September 1-4, 2005

Group Award Fund Raising

The FPG agreed two years ago that we need to have funds for prize money for both awards. Ideally, we would like to have a large enough endowment to generate the prize money

each year. Our overall endowment target for both awards combined is \$10,000, yielding \$200 per year. An account for the two awards has been set-up in the Department of Political Science at Washington State University. Once we reach \$5000 the monies will be invested through the WSU development program. Until then, we will use contributions directly in funding the prize money-- \$100 for each award per year. Last year, thanks to Carol Wilson and Kay Lawson, we raised \$250 enough to cover the prizes for this year. As you can see, we have a long way to go!!! If you would like to make a contribution to either award, please fill out the attached form and send your contribution to Amy Mazur. Obtaining prize money for the awards will make a big difference in making them more legitimate and institutionalized over the long haul.

News of the French Policy and Politics Group-PSA

Annual PSA conference in Leeds, 5-7 April 2005

The French Politics and Policy Group held a panel on Developments in French Politics at the annual PSA conference at the University of Leeds in April 2005. The panel was organized by Prof. Alistair Cole (Cardiff University) and papers were presented by Alistair Cole ‘Developments in 21st Century French Politics’, Jocelyn Evans ‘Electorates, new cleavages, social structures’ and John Keiger ‘Foreign and Defence Policy: Constraints and Continuity’. to the papers are available at: www.psa.ac.uk/2005/Pdetails.asp?panelid=609

We are currently planning panels at the 2006 PSA conference that will be held at the University of Reading, 4-6 April 2006. If anyone would like to propose a panel or present a paper, then please feel free to contact

Research conferences

The Group tries to organize a conference at least once every two years. We would welcome suggestions for our 2006 annual conference. Please send any suggestions, however tentative, to Robert Elgie (robert.elgie@dcu.ie). We do have some funds available to subsidize the conference.

The Group is supporting a conference that will be held on Friday 8 July at the University of the West of England, Bristol, and that is organized by Mairi Maclean and Joseph Szarka. The theme of the conference is ‘France on the World Stage’. Overseas speakers include Guillaume Parmentier, Bernard Barraqué and Herman Lebovics. The registration fee is £35, and the full programme and a registration form is available at: www.psa.ac.uk/con_and_app/france.htm

Change of Officers

After more than five years of hard work, Steve Griggs has passed the baton on Treasurer and membership Secretary to Jocelyn Evans at the University of Salford. Thanks go to Steve for all his work over the years. If anyone would like to join the Group – and membership is free – then please contact Jocelyn at: J.A.Evans@salford.ac.uk

American Political Science Association- Political Science Association (UK) Collaboration on French Politics, 2003-04

By Amy Mazur (Washington State University) and Robert Elgie (Dublin City University)
In PS- Political Science and Politics, January 2005. p. 162.

Since 2003, the French Politics Groups of APSA and PSA have been working together closely, thanks to financial support from PSA and APSA and the leadership of Robert Elgie (Dublin City University), Andrew Appleton (Washington State University) and Amy Mazur (Washington State University). The major goal of this collaboration is to strengthen the study of French Politics by bringing together research communities from both sides of the Atlantic.

The PSA-French Politics group is an important arena for experts from across Europe to present and discuss their research, particularly given the importance of the study of French Politics in the European context. Links between the two groups have been a driving force in the re-invigoration of the US-based French Politics group. Since 2000, the group has re-organized around the premise of placing the study of French Politics in a comparative perspective and, as a result, has attracted a new audience to its panels and activities. It currently has 100 members (non paying) and has co sponsored/sponsored on average 3 panels each year since 2000, including two roundtables commemorating leading figures in the study of French politics, Frank L. Wilson and Roy Pierce, in 2003 and 2004. In addition, the group has been working with the APSA organized section on European Politics to contribute to a federated structure whereby European country specific related groups co sponsor panels with European Politics Section. It now has two Awards – the Frank L. Wilson Best APSA Paper Award and the Georges Lavau Best Dissertation Award and distributes a semi-annual newsletter to its members. A homepage will be up and running for the group this Fall.

The first collaboration with PSA began in 2000. PSA provided funds for two PSA members to present papers on a French Politics panel at the annual APSA. In 2004-05, the PSA-APSA collaboration reached a new institutionalized level. The PSA and the French Politics group of the PSA covered the travel expenses of Andrew Appleton and Amy Mazur to present papers on two French Politics panels at the PSA annual meetings in April in Lincoln, UK and APSA awarded a foreign scholar travel grant to Jocelyn Evans (University of Salford) to present a paper on a French Politics panel at this year's meeting. In addition, the UK group has made available an extensive set of reading lists on French Politics to members of APSA-FPG. A joint newsletter was produced in March. The two groups aim to continue distributing a joint newsletter to the members of each group once a year and will explore publication collaboration at this year's APSA business meeting, including doing an edited volume based on the papers presented at the two meetings this year. Members of each group will work together to increase the number of nominations for the APSA-based best dissertation on French Politics award from Europe and the USA as well.

CONTRIBUTION FORM FOR FRENCH POLITICS GROUP AWARDS

Please fill out the following form and send it to Amy Mazur, Department of Political Science, Washington State University, Box 644880, Pullman WA 99163-4880. Checks should be made payable to the **Department of Political Science-WSU**. A receipt for your records will be sent to you. This is a tax deductible contribution

NAME: _____

DEPARTMENT: _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

E-MAIL: _____

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION: _____

SPECIFIC AWARD (IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPECIFY)

_____ FRANK L. WILSON BEST APSA PAPER AWARD

_____ GEORGES LAVAU DISSERTATION AWARD