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GREETINGS TO FPG MEMBERS

The FPG-APSA had another active year thanks to the contributions of our ever-increasing membership and the activism of the two co-conveners Amy Mazur and Andrew Appleton. As the French politics group experiments a transition, smoothed by Amy having accepted to stay co-convener one more year, I would like to thank them for their dedication and their successes. They succeeded, for example, in working with the leadership of the Association Française de Science Politique and the APSA to create a new related group for the AFSP that will be co-administered by the FPG. It has already increased the number of panels that can be held related to French politics study.

The 2011 APSA meeting in Seattle is another example of the scope of their legacy. Once again we had a theme panel at this year's APSA meeting, "Parity and the shift from 'universal' to group rights in France". Beyond four panels were held with the co-sponsorship of the French politics group. Several of our members presented papers on non-French related panels. A short course was also organized on "Patterns of Electoral Change in Western Democracies: Reconciling Critical and Secular Realignments". Least but not last, APSA agreed to fund part of the trip of French scholars attending to the APSA meeting.

The late night Friday reception allows us to meet and talk to many colleagues. We were also pleased to give the Stanley Hoffmann Best English-language article award to Kathleen Thelen (MIT) and Bruno Palier (Centre d'Etudes Européennes, Sciences Po Paris). Special congratulations also to Adria Lawrence, Yale University, whose paper - "Political Equality and Nationalist Opposition in the French Colonial Empire" - was selected for the Frank L. Wilson APSA paper award. This year we will be once again awarding the Wilson Prize. The Georges Lavau Best Dissertation Award that was not awarded this year, will also be awarded this year. Applications for dissertations defended until December 2011 will be accepted (see below).

Don't forget there are three ways in which you can participate at the APSA meetings: propose a panel; propose a short course, or coordinate a working group (see below for more details).

As always, we have many people and institutions to thank for their hard work and support: the French Embassy in the USA, Nonna Mayer and Yves Déloye at the AFSP, Kimberly Morgan, Emily Olivia Matthews, Antoine Roger, John Gaffney, Jonah Levy and Annie Laurent.

So please read on for more details on our collective accomplishments and future. The first half of the newsletter is on the FPG-APSA and the second half on the news of the French Policy and Politics group of the Political Studies Association in the UK, another indicator of our international scope. Additional information about our groups can also be found on our website listed above. And please do share with us your news, comments, questions, and updated contact information.

Bien Cordialement,

Sylvain Brouard

News of the French Politics Groups-APSA

APSA- Seattle, 2011

We were able to get an additional theme panel slot this year's meeting. Below is the panel line-up, papers are available to download on the APSA website at <http://www.apsanet.org/>.

Short Course:

Patterns of Electoral Change in Western Democracies: Reconciling Critical and Secular Realignments

Co sponsors: AFSP Group and FPG

Chair: Simon Labouret (University of Grenoble, France)

Participants:

Jeffrey M. Stonecash (Syracuse University, USA)

Richard G.C. Johnston (University of British Columbia, Canada)

John H. Aldrich (Duke University, USA)

Byron E. Shafer (University of Wisconsin, USA)

Simon Labouret (University of Grenoble, France)

Florent Gougou (Sciences Po Paris, France)

Mathieu Vieira (Université libre de Bruxelles, Belgium)

Pierre Baudewyns (Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium)

Fabien Escalona (University of Grenoble, France)

Theme Panel: Parity and the shift from 'universal' to group rights in France

Co Sponsors: FPG and European Politics and Society

Chair: Karen Celis (Hogeschool Gent)

Discussants:

Dorothy E. McBride (Florida Atlantic University)

Karen Bird (McMaster University)

Facilitating rights or just pretending? The example of the parity law

Aurélia Troupel (University of Montpellier)

Has 'parity' encouraged the advocacy of women's rights in parliament?

Rainbow Murray (Queen Mary University of London)

From parity to intersectionality?

Éléonore Lépinard (University of Montreal)

Has parity opened or closed the door for ethnic minority representation?

Khursheed Wadia (University of Warwick)

Feminist Movements and the Challenge of Pluralism: Practices of Intersectionality in a Comparative Perspective

Sponsor: AFSP

Chair: Amy G. Mazur (Washington State University)

Discussants:

Wendy Sarvasy (University of California, Berkeley)

Uneven Commitments: Charting Feminist Attention to Intersectionality in Uruguay

Erica Townsend-Bell (University of Iowa)

Invisible or Instrumentalised? Migrant Women at the Intersections?

Leah Bassel (City University London)

Diverging projects of emancipation: feminists' struggles with intersectionality in France and Canada

Éléonore Lépinard (University of Montreal)

Democratic Theory and the Practice of Intersectionality - a European perspective"

Birte Siim (Aalborg University,)

France at the EU, G8 and G20: International governance in question?

Co Sponsors: FPG and Political Studies Association Group

Chair: Andrew Appleton (Washington State University)

Sarkozy l'anti-Américain: French anti-Americanism and International Economic Governance

Sophie Meunier (Princeton University)

The Return of the State? French Economic Policy under Nicolas Sarkozy

Jonah Levy (University of California, Berkeley)

France Back in the Chair: FPEU08, G8 and G20 Presidencies Compared

Helen Drake (Loughborough University)

French Presidential Elections

Co Sponsors: FPG and Elections and Voting Behavior

Chair: Véronique Jerome (University of Paris I-Sud Orsay)

Discussant: Bruno Jérôme (University of Paris II Pantheon Assas)

French Presidential Elections: The Heavy Variables

Richard Nadeau (University of Montreal)

French Presidential Elections: Ideology

Eric Belanger (McGill University)

French Presidential Elections: The Role of Issues

Michael Lewis-Beck (University of Iowa)

French Presidential Elections: Leaders

Richard Nadeau (University of Montreal)

French Legislative Politics in Comparative Perspective

Co-sponsors: AFSP and European Politics and Society

Chair: Olivier Costa (Sciences Po Bordeaux)

Discussant: Frank Baumgartner (UNC-Chapell Hill) & Shaun Bevan (University of Manchester)

Comparative Analysis of The Citizens' Attitudes Towards Representation in France and Germany

Vincent Tiberj (Sciences Po Paris), Sylvain Brouard (Centre Emile Durkheim, Bordeaux), Elisa Deiss-Helbig (Centre Emile Durkheim, Bordeaux), Mirjam Dageförde (University of Stuttgart) and Florian Rabuza (University of Stuttgart)

French MPs between Nation and constituencies

Olivier Costa (Sciences Po Bordeaux), Eric Kerrouche (CNRS, Centre Emile Durkheim, Bordeaux) and Tinette Schnatterer (Centre Emile Durkheim, Bordeaux)

Divided Government, Legislative Productivity and Policy Change in the US and France

Sylvain Brouard (Sciences Po Bordeaux), Frank Baumgartner (UNC-Chapell Hill), Emiliano Grossman (Sciences Po Paris), Sebastien Lazardeux (St. John Fisher College), Jon Moody (Penn State University).

Exploring the Representational Roles of French MEPs

Nathalie Brack (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

APSA-New Orleans, August 30 –September 2nd, 2012: Representation and Renewal

The site for the 2011 meeting is New Orleans, LA. Proposals for papers, panels and roundtables need to be submitted through the APSA web-based system by **December 15th**. You will also need to submit to the FPG coordinators your proposal by this deadline. Given our limited number of panel slots, a pre-requisite for all submissions is co-sponsorship, so please indicate your division cosponsor in your application. We will still accept proposals for individual papers, but we will give priority to complete panels and will place papers on preexisting panels, where possible. We also will give priority consideration to panels addressing this year's conference theme (http://www.apsanet.org/content_77049.cfm). Last year, we were able to obtain an additional panel. Be sure to let us know you are doing this; we will also contact the theme program chairs on your behalf. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact us; we are happy to help you with the APSA web based submission system, which can be difficult to navigate.

Short Courses at APSA – Also remember the short course format at APSA. You can hold half day or day long workshops on a given topic the Wednesday prior to the conference. The deadline is not until mid March for this and short courses are automatically accepted. This is a great format for teaching workshops or coordinating a new or on-going project. We have held four short courses – one on teaching French Politics in 2005, a second one for the Fifth Republic at Fifty book in 2006, and last year one about “Patterns of Electoral Change in Western Democracies: Reconciling Critical and Secular Realignments”.

Working Group - A specific working group on French Politics can be organized just prior to the meetings, through APSA's coordinating system. A working group attends all relevant panels' sessions and meets regularly throughout the meetings outside of those sessions to discuss related issues. The group has organized a French Politics working group in the past; members are welcome to lead one and we can help you with the organization.

AFSP Related Group -- The AFSP welcomes paper and panel proposals on a wide range of topics related to the study and/or practice of French and European Political Science. Proposals that include political scientists from France as well as other countries are encouraged along with proposals that focus on the theme of this year's meetings. Co-sponsorships with other groups/divisions are required for acceptance. The group is co-administered with the French Politics Group (APSA). CONTACTS: Amy G. Mazur, co-convenor of the FPG, Department of Political Science, Washington State University, **E-mail:** mazur@wsu.edu; Sylvain Brouard, co-convenor of the FPG, Centre E. Durkheim, Sciences Po Bordeaux, **E-mail:** s.brouard@sciencespobordeaux.fr; Yves Deloye, Secretary general of AFSP, **E-mail:** yvesdeloye@hotmail.com.

Frank L. Wilson Best APSA Paper Award

Inaugurated in 2004, the award is given each year for papers presented on French politics at the previous year's meeting. Papers may be comparative as long as a significant part focuses on France.

This year's winner was Adria Lawrence, Yale University, for her paper "Political Equality and Nationalist Opposition in the French Colonial Empire".

The paper was selected from a pool of 14 papers that were available for download. The selection was based on the schedule of the French Politics Group at the 2010 APSA meeting and a search in the APSA database for papers that included "France" or "French" in their abstracts. The committee's ranking was based on the following three criteria: (1) originality and scope; (2) quality of the data and methods; and (3) overall clarity and structure of the paper. On this basis, we each selected five top papers.

Among several strong papers that the committee considered, Adria's paper was the only one that each committee member ranked as their number one or two choice for this award. Adria lays out a cogent analysis of nationalist movements in the French colonial empire, using a convincing research design that delves into the historical record to build a more nuanced and sound understanding of causality in calls for nationalism and to rule out the alternative explanations usually proposed in the literature. Her arguments are well-reasoned and well-supported, persuasively showing that nationalism and decolonization were not inevitable, and instead were the result of policy decisions to deny equal political rights to the colonized. With this award, the committee recognizes the importance of this paper in advancing our thinking about the development of nationalism, in addition to forcefully demonstrating how to use historical analysis to effectively further our understanding of causality.

2011 Award Committee: Kimberly Morgan, (George Washington University); Emily Olivia Matthews (University of California, San Diego); Antoine Roger (SPIRIT, IEP Bordeaux)

Georges Lavau Dissertation Award for 2012

The French Politics Group (FPG) awards a prize for the best dissertation on contemporary (twentieth and twentieth-first century) French politics (or with a significant component on French politics). The prize was not given in 2011 given the low number of application. So application for the prize is still possible. The prize, co-sponsored by the FPG and *French Politics, Culture & Society*, brings with it an award of \$100 (and great prestige). Previous winners have reached the highest levels of this profession—in the spirit of Georges Lavau.

The award was first made in 1993 and is given every three years. Previous awardees include:

Marcos Ancelovici 2008 (PhD, MIT)
Cindy Skach 2005 (PhD, Harvard University)
Virginie Guiraudon 1999 (PhD, Harvard University)
John Huber 1996 (PhD, University of Rochester)
Amy Mazur 1993 (PhD, New York University)

The next award will be made in 2012 for English-language dissertations defended between January 2008 and December 2011. Dissertation advisors and/or candidates themselves must submit ONE ELECTRONIC COPY of the nominated dissertation before the deadline of June 15, 2012. Self-nominations are accepted. Please address individual copies of nominated dissertations to the co-conveners of the FPG Amy G. Mazur, **E-mail:** mazur@wsu.edu; Sylvain Brouard, **E-mail:** s.brouard@sciencespobordeaux.fr; Questions about the award may be addressed to them as well. The award committee includes: Virginie Guiraudon (Centre d'Etudes Européennes, Sciences Po Paris); Jonathan Laurence (Boston College); and Alistair Cole (Cardiff University).

See our website for complete versions of some of the dissertations from past award years.

Stanley Hoffmann Best Article Award on French Politics, 2013

Administered by the FPG with the AFSP and financed by Sciences Po Paris, this award is given every other year to the best English-language article on French Politics published in any peer reviewed journal during the previous two years. The award was first given in 2007. Articles may be on any aspect of French Politics and the selection committee consults a full range of journals that publish scholarship on French Politics. Prize money is 1900 euros and the recipient is required to accept the award at the annual APSA meetings the year the award is made. For the list of abstracts and journals consulted, go to the FPG website, <http://www.wsu.edu/~frg/>. Articles published in 2011 and 2012 will be considered for the 2013 award.

The 2011 awards committee - John Gaffney (Aston University), Jonah Levy (University California, Berkeley) and Annie Laurent (CERAPS) – chose **Kathleen Thelen (MIT) and Bruno Palier (Centre d'Etudes Européennes, Sciences Po Paris)** as the **recipients of the Stanley Hoffmann Best Article Award on French Politics 2011**. Among the 301 articles published in 2009 and 2010 in 143 different journals that were considered, Kathleen Thelen and Bruno Palier were distinguished for the following article: "Institutionalizing Dualism: Complementarities and Change in France and Germany," *Politics & Society* 38: 1 (March 2010), 119-148.

2009 Award

181 articles published in 2007 and 2008 were considered in 99 different journals; 139 journals were searched. Award Committee: Frank Baumgartner (Penn State University); Jocelyn Evans (University of Salford); Sophie Duschesne (CEVIPOF).

Recipient: Eliza Ferguson (University of New Mexico) “Domestic Violence by Another Name: Crimes of Passion in Fin-de-Siècle Paris” *Journal of Women's History*. Volume 19, Number 4, Winter 2007.

2007 Award

223 articles published in 2005 through 2006 were considered from 112 refereed journals. The committee was comprised of Stanley Hoffmann--Chair (Harvard University), Gérard Grunberg (Sciences Po Paris), Pierre Hassner (Sciences Po Paris). The committee selected the following three winners, with the top prize going to James Shields.

James Shields (University of Warwick) for his January 2006 article in *Parliamentary Affairs*, “Political Representation in France: A Crisis of Democracy?”

David Yost (US Naval Postgraduate School) for his June 2006 article in *International Affairs*, “France’s New Nuclear Doctrine”

Elaine Thomas (Bard College) for her March 2006 article in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, “Keeping Identity at A Distance: Explaining France’s New Legal Restrictions on the Islamic Headscarf”.

Teaching and Research Resources on the FPG Website

The following resources are available on the FPG website:

- Collection of syllabi on French Politics posted under the rubric “Teaching”;
- A list of journals where articles are published on French Politics and all abstracts of articles on French Politics between 2005-2008 in the Awards section under the Stanley Hoffman Best Article Award;
- Recently defended dissertations in the Awards section under the Dissertation Award.

News of the French Politics, Policy and Society Group- PSA

Since September 2010, the Specialist Group of the Political Studies Association on French politics is under new leadership, and has a (slightly) new name. The co-conveners of the French Politics, Policy and Society Group are Alistair Cole and Helen Drake (contact details at the top of this joint newsletter), who extend their sincere thanks to Ben Clift and Jocelyn Evans for their work in running the group up to now. The Group's most recent activities (2011) are outlined below, as are its plans for 2012 and beyond.

Looking forward: 1. A One-Day conference on the 2012 French Presidential Election at Queen Mary, University of London 24th May 2012

This conference is supported by the French Politics group of the Political Studies Association, Cardiff University, Loughborough University, Queen Mary University of London and the Franco-British Council. The conference organisers are Raymond Kuhn, Rainbow Murray, Alistair Cole and Helen Drake.

The 2012 electoral series (the presidential election in April and May, legislative elections in June) promises to be interesting on several counts. The presidential election is not only the highlight of France's quinquennial calendar, but it is the core decisive election around which French politics is centred. This proposed one day conference, organised by the French Politics group of the Political Studies Association and Queen Mary University of London, will debate the key issues around, campaign for, results and likely consequences of the 2012 presidential election. Four sessions will be proposed, with a mixed roundtable-individual paper format. These sessions will encompass The Sarkozy Legacy; The Campaign; The Results and their Analysis and The Future.

Contributors will include Alistair Cole (Cardiff University); Raymond Kuhn (QMUL); Helen Drake (Loughborough); Rainbow Murray (QMUL); John Gaffney (University of Aston); James Shields (Aston University); Ben Clift (Warwick); Andy Knapp (Reading University); Nonna Mayer (Sciences Po, Paris); Vincent Tiberj (Sciences Po, Paris); Nicolas Sauger (Sciences Po, Paris); Susan Collard (Sussex University); M. Lewis-Beck (University of Iowa); Susan Milner (Bath); Philippe Marlière (UCL); Daniel Gaxie/Nicolas Hube (Paris 1) and Florence Faucher-King (Sciences Po).

For more information and to register your interest, please contact Helen Drake (H.P.Drake@lboro.ac.uk), or Alistair Cole (ColeA@Cardiff.ac.uk).

Looking Forward 2: the PSA at Belfast, 3-5 April 2012

Following the enthusiasm aroused at the London conference of 2011 (see below), the convenors again proposed four panels for the PSA meeting in Belfast, in April 2012, all of which were accepted. A full report will appear in the next newsletter. Details of the panels are available on <http://www.psa.ac.uk/2012/>. All panels take place on Wednesday 4th April 2012: quelle journée!

Panel One. Voters, parties and leaders: the 2012 French Presidential Election

Sarkozy's Strange Presidency
Alistair Cole

The PS and the Socialist Left Presidential Campaign
Ben Clift

Marine Le Pen and the 'new' FN: The impact of the far right in the 2012 electoral series
James Shields

Panel Two. Exporting the Hexagon; policy transfer, institutional design and international influence beyond France

Franco-Turkish relations under President Sarkozy
Estelle Davutoglu

The EU and its Common Foreign and Security in Sudan: Towards Actorness?
Gordon Cumming

Exogenous political institutions? Constitutional choice in post-independence
Francophone sub-Saharan Africa
Robert Elgie

The UK, France and ECOWAS: towards convergence?
Tony Chafer

Panel Three. Issues and Challenges in the 2012 French Presidential Election

Back from the Brink: Electoral Prospects for the Front National in the 2012 French
Presidential Elections
Gabriel Goodliffe

Everywhere and Nowhere: the role of European and International Affairs in the 2012 French presidential election
Helen Drake

Women in the 2012 French Elections: Candidates, Voters, Policies
Rainbow Murray

Panel Four France and its 'Others': Representing the Republic

Is participative democracy a response to mistrust of political parties? The impact of the British Labour leadership election and the French “presidential citizen primary election” on party membership and activism
Florence Faucher

French Headscarves and American School Prayer: Liberalism and Republicanism in the United States and France
John Tate

Representation at the Borders: Who speaks for postcolonial immigrants in France?
Leah Bassel

Looking Back: the Political Studies Association Conference in London, April 2011

The first conference sessions organised under the chairs of Helen Drake and Alistair Cole produced four panels, all organised on the same day. These panels were well attended (12-20 at each session) and provoked some very lively discussion. Papers that were uploaded can be freely consulted on the PSA website at <http://www.psa.ac.uk/Proceedings/2011>

Panel One : Political Parties and the New Radical Agenda in France

For the past 25 years, political radicalism in France has been consigned to the margins. As center-right and center-left grew closer in their policies and in power-sharing, and as the French Communist Party sank into deeper decline, the far-right Front National was alone among the major parties in trumpeting its radicalism. Two major events occurred recently to change this: the election of Nicolas Sarkozy as President in 2007 and the global financial crisis. Political radicalism is back on the agenda in France. Sarkozy was elected on a promise of ‘rupture’ and a markedly right-wing programme of economic and

social reform. The polarising effects of his presidency in a context of economic crisis have been felt across the French left, where the new Socialist leader, Martine Aubry, has called for her party to reinvent itself as a true party of ‘the Left’, while on the far left Olivier Besancenot cultivates support for his anti-capitalist, anti-system, anti-Sarkozy platform.

The panel took the form of a roundtable, with contributions from Alistair Cole, James Shields, and Jocelyn Evans. Some of the papers of this panel have now been published as a special issue of *French Politics, Culture and Society* (Winter 2011).

Panel Two: France and its migrants

Our second panel was organised by Helen Drake. Via a case-study of France, this panel explored a number of the many dimensions of contemporary migration and immigration in Europe. It investigated the terminological and statistical complexities involved, and focussed on the consequences of legal distinctions drawn between EU and non-EU migrants for migrants’ lives, with particular reference to their political and civic rights. We considered the specifically French context to the difficulties and opportunities for integration by migrants into the host society and by way of contrast, compared this with the United Kingdom. Our papers allowed us to question evidence of convergence towards EU policy norms in this field, as well as consider the enduring national specificities that plague policy-making in the domain of migration and immigration in the present day. We also consider the implication of France’s migrants for notions of French national identity and ‘Frenchness’. The papers presented were those of Helen Drake (Loughborough) ‘British Migrants in France: Fact and Fiction in Tales of Migration Today’, Sue Collard (Sussex) ‘French municipal democracy: cradle of European citizenship?’; and ‘Kursheed Wadia (Warwick), ‘Migrant women and the border control: integration contradiction in France’.

Panel three: Sarkozy’s State.

This panel was organised by Alistair Cole (Cardiff University) and Jean-Michel Eymeri-Douzans (Sciences Po Toulouse), as part of the ongoing dialogue between the PSA and the Association Française de Science Politique fruitfully engaged in Edinburgh, 2010. The panel explored various dimensions of the State under Sarkozy, with a focus on managerial, territorial, and societal reform. More than anywhere else, in France the state has believed in its capacity to impose its technocratic solutions and symbolic visions upon a society that is (or at least once was) conceived as a vast field of implementation. The panel will evaluate three dimensions of Sarkozy’s State: Elites and the State in Sarkozy’s France (Jean-Michel Eymeri Douzans, Toulouse); the Twin Faces of State Reform (Alistair Cole, Cardiff); and Sarkozy’s State and the European Union (Helen Drake, Loughborough).

Panel four: Rethinking the French Socialist Party

Our final panel was the best attended of all. The French Socialist Party has been the object of sustained, if somewhat intermittent academic attention by UK academics. The panel reviewed the study of French Socialism, in the context of a potential reversal in electoral fortunes after three successive defeats in ‘decisive’ presidential elections. The panel proposal invited papers on two types: first the state of the contemporary PS in the light of the forthcoming presidential election of 2012; second, comparative and conceptual perspectives on the state of the study of the PS. The panel brought together papers that envisage the object of the Socialist Party at differing levels of analysis; from whole ‘stories’ of the party’s history and ‘genetic code’; to middle level analysis of organizational or policy dynamics, to the individual level of electors and activists. Philippe Marlière, UCL (‘The Parti Socialiste: New Ideas, Old Policies?’), Robert Ladrech, Keele University (‘Europeanization, Party Structure, and Dissent in the Parti Socialiste’) and Rainbow Murray, QMW (The Socialist Party in the Senate).

Future Plans

As ever, the group is keen to facilitate academic exchange of all kinds. It continues to make teaching documents available, and is always looking for additions to its portfolio of module documents. These can be sent to Helen Drake (H.P.Drake@lboro.ac.uk) or Alistair Cole (ColeA@Cardiff.ac.uk)

In addition, we are always looking to support initiatives to organize conferences or seminars – either exclusively on French politics, or on French politics in a broader comparative perspective. If you have an idea for an academic event on French politics, why not contact either Helen Drake (H.P.Drake@lboro.ac.uk) Alistair Cole (ColeA@Cardiff.ac.uk).