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1. IPSA’s RC21 recent Meetings

- IPSA General Conference Madrid 2012

Between July 8th and 12th 2012, the 22nd World Congress of Political Science by the International Political Science Association (IPSA) was held in Madrid, Spain. The presence of RC21 on Political Socialization and Education was certainly not unnoticed, including the organization of six panels, all of them broadly attended by several of our members and other interested academics. We also gratefully thank everyone who was willing to chair or co-chair, or appeared as discussant in one or more of the panels. All this efforts, the good organization, the nice weather and the pleasant meetings with colleagues turned the congress in a big success.

Additionally, RC21 was able to organize a Business Meeting of the Research Unit at the conference venue. At the meeting, both a new board and a new president were elected. Maria Marczewska- Rytko of Marie Curie Sklodowska University, Lublin (Poland) succeeded Christ’l De Landtsheer as a president of IPSA RC21.

Furthermore, a number of new board members were appointed that reflects the international and interdisciplinary character of IPSA RC21: Song Yingfa (China University of Mining and Technology, China); Tatiana Pishheva (Moscow State University, Russia); Arkadiusz Zukowski (University of Mazuria, Poland); Bernard Fournier (Free University of Brussels, Belgium); Shivaputra Patagundi (Karnatak University, India); Yoshinobu Araki (University of Tokyo, Japan); Niels Kristensen (University of Aalborg, Denmark) and Hilde Van Liefferinge (University Ghent, Belgium).

Continuity is provided for in IPSA RC21 as Lieuwe Kalkhoven (University of Antwerp, Belgium), who has been a Webmaster for RC21 since 3 years, now becomes the RC21 general secretary, while Philippe De
Vries (University of Antwerp, Belgium) stays the RC21 (and RC29) treasurer for another 3 years, and Christ’l De Landtsheer as a first past president becomes a vice-president.

Added to the new board are, furthermore, second past president Daniel B. German (Appalachian State University, USA) and third past president Russell Farnen; first past secretary general Trond Solhaug (Norway University of Science and Technology, Norway), second past secretary general Heinz Süncker (University of Wuppertal, Germany), and third past secretary general Henk Dekker (Leiden University, the Netherlands). See here for a full overview of RC21’s new Governing Board.

The Research Committee on Political Socialization and Education (IPSA RC21) decided to continue its fruitful cooperation with the sister-Research Committee on Psycho-politics (IPSA RC29, president Ofer Feldman and vice-president Paul Dekker), and with the international scientific journal Politics, Culture and Socialization (Barbara Budrich Publishing).

At the Business meeting, two destinations for future RC21(RC29) meetings were confirmed: Moscow, Russia (October 2012, hosted by Helen Shestopal ) and Xuzhou, China (September 2013, hosted by Song Yingfa). Proposals for other meetings of RC21-RC29 are Brussels, Belgium and Dharwad, India. All will meet at the general IPSA Congress in Montreal, Canada (July 2014) and the general IPSA Congress in Istanbul (July 2016) where each time RC21 will hold its session and is allowed to organize 10 panels.
About the conference “Citizens and Leaders in a Comparative Perspective. What can political psychology and political socialization research tell us about recent trends and events”

Moscow, October 26-27.

By Helen Shestopal

Discussion on interrelation of citizens and leaders was the focus of an international conference that has taken place at Lomonosov Moscow State University October 26-27, 2012. This conference was sponsored by the Research Committee on Political Psychology of Russian Political Science Association together with two Research Committees (RC) of IPSA: RC21 – on Political Socialization and Education – and RC29 – on Political Psychology. The past, now vice-presidents) of both RC’s Christ’l De Landtsheer (University of Antwerp) and Paul Dekker (The Netherlands Institute for Social research) did a lot in attracting an international political science community to this project.

Participants concentrated mainly on one question of discussion during the conference: whether theories of Political Socialization and Political Psychology are relevant for interpretation of the recent political trends and events in the world. It is not a secret that for the majority of observers the events like the Arab spring, new movements like “Indignados” in Spain, or “Occupy Wall street” in the USA, and protest marches in Russia after the 2011 presidential elections were absolutely unexpected. Both leaders and citizens were not prepared for these events. In this light we invited our colleagues for discussion, as we believed that political psychology conceptions and theories have not lost their explanatory potential, though in some of the aspects they definitely need reappraisal and development for more adequate estimation of new political phenomena.

The suggested theme presupposed the achievement of two very different tasks. The first concerns the study of psychological nature of politics and is fundamental for political science. The other has an
applied character and focuses on the psychological consequences that new political phenomena have for leaders and citizens.

The first task necessitated revision of our theoretical approaches, models and schemes. We were keeping in mind that IPSA previously initiated several times such theoretical discussions that deals with the issue of the nature of Political Science knowledge. As a result, some fundamental books that were summarizing development of Political Science as a discipline were published.

Recently IPSA sponsored a new multi-volume edition of Oxford Handbooks of Political Science. One of ten volumes was dedicated to political behavior. As the publisher notes, this volume is responding to the very latest scholarship in political behavior, with sections covering: mass belief systems and communication, political values, new debates in political behavior, political participation, and public opinion. Contributors of this volume examine the role of the citizens in contemporary politics. It is symptomatic that even in latest editions of the Political Science series, topics of political leadership, political psychology and political socialization were absent. Additionally, political behavior is – as a rule – reduced to electoral behavior. Matters concerning political attitudes, values and images in citizens’ minds are also missing.

This situation is better in the “Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology”, edited by D. Sears, L. Huddy and R. Jarvis. It contains a chapter on personality in politics by D. Winter and interesting chapters on political socialization by O. Ichilov and on values by S. Feldman. This book summarizes our knowledge on development of theoretical approaches to interrelation of citizens and leaders in contemporary politics. It is important that for the first time in such a fundamental book one can find two articles on the problem of political perception that in political science literature is still ignored, while in a highly mediatized political practice this problem appears to be one of the central issues for understanding interrelation of citizens and politicians.

Inviting scholars to this discussion, we assumed that it is important to provide a variety of political experiences that we want to interpret. That is why we did not want to restrict ourselves to merely one national political culture, but represent different types of political experience from Israel to Japan and from Norway to Iran. As Moscow was hosting the conference, the Russian experience was represented more completely.

Participation of scholars from many countries permitted us to collect a number of methods and results of the studies, which not only enabled us to describe some current shifts in mass political mentality, but also to start their theoretical modeling.

It is too early to speak about possibilities of a comparative method. Each of the suggested models has its own peculiarity, determined by national political culture, traditions and theoretical priorities of the scholar. But we believe that approaches, suggested by discussants, permit us to think about a further

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integration of the academic community and rises the hope that in the future we can complete projects on comparative political leadership, political values and attitudes of citizens, political perception and political socialization. Geographical diversity of studies gives a wide range of countries and representation of different political practices.

The discussion was focused on three main issues. The first was devoted to the studies of political socialization. This theme was in the center of political scientists’ interest in the second part of the XXth century. But in recent years it was rather out of the mainstream of political science. The discussion has shown that it is this area of knowledge where one can look for the basis of explanation of the newest forms of political behavior.

As I. Ichilov has shown in her key note paper, one can find substantial shifts in political socialization that determine the changes of political behavior of citizens: it concerns a number of socialization agents and the character of their interrelation. If earlier the leading role in political socialization process belonged to the family, now these are Media (mainly electronic ones) that have a priority. As a result, in countries such as either Egypt and Russia, or Germany and Japan we can find a new generation, whose political views are molded by the Internet.

Another important feature of contemporary models, in comparison to theories of political socialization of the 1970s and 1980s, is an acknowledgment of socialization by students, that it is not only an adjustment to the existing political system that can be regarded as a result of this process. Today we see legalization of the models of political disobedience and civil resistance.

Transfer of the accent from the early stages (childhood) to the lifespan is another important feature of contemporary approaches to political socialization. One more new development in theories of political socialization concerns the fact that in their studies of the context of formation of political concepts, scholars now pay more attention to conflicts, wars and other widely spread circumstances that accompany acquaintance of young people with political reality.

The second block of problems focused on citizens and their attitudes, values, images, mentality and needs. This group of papers contained a number of theoretical models, used for analysis of current trends in political life. Scholars analyzed categories of citizens, different by their age, residence, political and ideological identity, as well as those psychological interrelations between citizens and authorities that emerge when there is no effective communication between them, like distrust, lack of political support, political misperception, political protests, etc.

The third kind of issues were devoted to leadership in the modern political world. In their papers participants of the conference showed that leadership in the XXI century has a number of new traits. First of all, together with the classic types of requirements to the contemporary leaders, we can see a number of new ones that can be explained by changes in political processes (globalization, new forms of political communications, new role of leaders’ followers) and by changes in social demands. In studies of political leadership, issues of methodology play a special role. Papers of Christ’l De Landtsheer, Victor
Petrenko and Olga Mitina, and Natalia Smulkina demonstrated new models of theoretical and methodological interpretation of leadership.

As one can see, discussions of the mentioned three areas of political science theories – political socialization, political attitudes, and political leadership – have a substantial potential that enable political scientists, united in corresponding Research Committees of National and International Political Science Associations to achieve a new quality of interpretation of the current trends and events of political life.
2. IPSA’s RC21 Upcoming Meetings

- Xuzhou (PR China) – September 2013

IPSA’s RC21-29 International Expert Conference
Xuzhou, China, September 18-20, 2013 (Wednesday-Friday)

A Conference on

Comparative Study on the Role of Higher Education and Communication in the Process of Political Socialization from Perspective of Globalization

CALL FOR PAPERS AND REGISTRATION

Deadline for paper proposals: 1 January, 2013

Place of event: China University of Mining and Technology (CUMT), Xuzhou, People’s Republic of China

Organization: A joint conference of the Research Committee on Political Socialization and Education (RC21) and the Research Committee on Psycho-Politics (RC29) of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), and the Institute of Higher Education of China University of Mining and Technology.

Higher education is the most influential cultural inheritance activity in the world which continuously boosts the development of globalization. Higher education can promote the continuous improvement of the political system, accelerate political socialization of individuals and cultivation of qualified citizens, disseminate social political ideas, encourage international exchange and achieve international understanding through various teaching activities. With further development of internationalization and informatization, what role does higher education play in the function of political socialization? And what are the roles played by communication and political knowledge? We are looking forward to discuss on that topic with colleagues around the world.
Preliminary program:

1. Plenary session with two keynotes about recent developments in political psychology and political socialization research.
2. Parallel sessions on:
   - Internationalization, political socialization and communication (convenor Christ’l De Landtsheer)
   - Globalization and student’s political attitudes (convenor Paul Dekker)
   - Social media and youth’s civic engagement (convenor Daniel B. German)
   - Citizen Education: Theory and practice in the contemporary world (convenor Maria Marczewska-Rytko)

The conference language will be English. The number of participants is limited to 50. Well-researched conference papers in English will be invited for submission to Politics, Culture and Socialization, a joint quarterly periodical by RC21 & RC29, which is abstracted by International Political Science Abstracts by IPSA (International Political Science Association).

All paper proposals should be no more than one page, single-spaced, and should include the following information:

1. Author(s) name, title, and institutional affiliation
2. Contact details of first named author
3. Paper title
4. The full paper proposal

A person may submit no more than two proposals (including both single-authored and co-authored papers). Individuals will be limited to two acceptances (at least one of which must be multi-authored) and only one opportunity to present research at the conference.

Important Deadlines:

1 January, 2013: deadline for paper proposals;
1 February, 2013: acceptance of proposals;
1 April, 2013: full paper submission deadline;
1 May, 2013: deadline for registration, necessary to prepare and send letters of invitation to facilitate the getting of a visa.

Event Announcements:

(1) Conference Registration Fees is $250 (or ¥1500) (Member Fee).
(2) The conference organizers will bring delegates to view Tomb of Han Dynasty in Xuzhou and the Hometown of Confucius in Qufu.
The Chinese traditional festival – the Mid-Autumn Festival takes place during the conference on Sept. 19, 2013 (the 15th day of the eighth lunar month in China) when the participants can celebrate the Chinese festival and experience the traditional culture of China.

China University of Mining and Technology (CUMT) is one of the key national universities under the direct administration of the China’s Ministry of Education. It is also one of the universities which host a graduate school with the approval of the Ministry of Education, and one of these in the national “211 project”, a government program designed to support and improve top-level institutions of higher learning in China. CUMT grew out of Jiaozuo School of Railroad and Mines, which was established in 1909 and was later expanded and renamed CUMT. The main campus in Xuzhou hosts more than 3,000 staff with over 1,400 full-time academics, 230 professors and 333 associate professors.

CUMT consists of 22 schools and departments, with sixty-two undergraduate disciplines. The University confers bachelor’s degrees in sixty-two academic disciplines, and master’s degrees in one hundred and seventy-three Level II academic disciplines including political science, public administration, educational economy and management and social security; and doctoral degrees in sixteen Level I and sixty-nine Level II academic disciplines including Ideological and political socialization, public administration, educational economy and management, and nine professional master’s degree including MPA. CUMT perform advanced scientific researches and academic exchanges widely.

The newly-built Nanhu campus covers an area of 190 hectares with a floor space of 600,000 square meters. Now, a modern university campus has emerged, with characteristics of efficient layout, complete infrastructure, stylish architecture, a state-of-the-art information network, picturesque settings and pleasant environment.

Travel to Xuzhou:

Foreign participants can arrive in Beijing or Shanghai by plane, and then by high-speed rail reach Xuzhou East Railway Station, then take a taxi to CUMT’s Wenchang campus about forty minutes.

Conference Accommodation:

This conference will be held in the Zhonghui International Conference Center. The center is located in CUMT’s old campus (Wenchang campus). The conference organizers will provide free meals during the conference sessions for those participants, but the accommodation costs will be paid by participants oneself.

Contact Information:

Any questions regarding the conference may be sent to conference co-chair Christ’l De Landtsheer (christl.delandtsheer@ua.ac.be), conference co-chair, Paul Dekker (p.dekker@scp.nl), and conference co-chair Daniel B. German (germandb@appstate.edu).
Conference Host: Song Yingfa (songyingfa@gmail.com), Ph.D., Director, Institute of Higher Education, CUMT. Request for further Information may be sent to coordinator: Miao Hongna (hnmiao@gmail.com), Ph.D., School of Government, Nanjing University.
IPSA's RC21-29 International Expert Conference
Lublin, Poland, September 11-13, 2014 (Thursday-Saturday)

Social and Political Movements, Leaders, Education and Communication.

Challenges and Expectations in the Age of Globalization

CALL FOR PANELS, PAPERS AND REGISTRATION

Place of event: The Faculty of Political Science, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (UMCS), Lublin, Poland

Organization: A joint conference of the Research Committee on Political Socialization and Education (RC21) and the Research Committee on Psycho-Politics (RC29) of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), and the Faculty of Political Science of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University.

Social and political movements are still the main determinants for the analyses of the political scenes in the modern world. In addition to traditional political movements (such as conservative, liberal, social democratic or populist ones) new social movements – like feminist, pacifist or environmental social movement – emerge and gain political and cultural importance. Members of civil societies exercise their political rights and constantly associate in many organizations of various political purposes. Therefore, there are questions about the role of various social and political movements and their activities,
ideological transformation, organizational problems, issues of leadership, education and how they communicate with their audiences. In other words: what are the opportunities and expectations of social and political movements in the increasingly complex world? We are looking forward to discuss these important issues with colleagues around the world.

Preliminary program:

1. Plenary session.
2. Parallel sessions.

The conference language will be English. Well-researched conference papers in English will have the opportunity to be published in Politics, Culture and Socialization, a joint quarterly-periodical by RC21 & RC29, which could be abstracted by International Political Science Abstracts by IPSA (International Political Science Association) and in “Annales UMCS: Political Science” www.versita.com/ausp

All panel/paper proposals should be no more than one page, single-spaced, and should include the following information:

1. Author(s) name, title, and institutional affiliation
2. Contact details of first named author
3. Panel/paper title
4. The full paper proposal

A person may submit no more than two proposals (including both single-authored and co-authored papers). Individuals will be limited to two acceptances (at least one of which must be multi-authored) and only one opportunity to present research at the conference.

Important Deadlines:

1 September, 2013: deadline for panel proposals;
1 January, 2014: deadline for paper proposals;
1 February, 2014: acceptance of proposals;
1 April, 2014: full paper submission deadline;
1 May, 2014: deadline for registration, necessary to prepare and send letters of invitation to facilitate the getting of a visa.

Event Announcements:

1. Conference Registration Fees is $250 (750 PLN) (Member Fee)
2. Trip to Kozlowka Palace (the large rococo and neoclassical palace complex from 18th century located in Lublin Voivodeship).
3. Trip to Lviv, Ukraine (the capital of the historical region of Galicia and one of the main cultural centres of today’s Ukraine).

Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (UMCS) is the largest public higher education institution in eastern Poland, situated in Lublin, an academic city combining different cultures and traditions. The uniqueness of the University’s scientific and educational offer lies in its diverse and broad range. We offer study programmes at 11 Faculties, including Faculty of Political Science. The UMCS has an established position in teaching sciences: natural sciences, mathematics and computer science have been popular for years. The humanities, studies of modern languages and political science are also the domain of our University on the academic map of not only Lublin but also of Poland. The University also offers new courses, e.g. internal security or East European Studies, and introduces new specializations to meet the changing labour market. The University cooperates with business circles and other universities at home and abroad. The UMCS implements solutions intended to internationalize the University, intensify exchange of the research/teaching staff and students with foreign centres, and introduces programs owing to which renowned professors all over the world visit the university.

Travel to Lublin:

Travel details will be published in further notes.

Conference Accommodation:

The list of hotels in Lublin city center (and information on discounts for conference participants) will be published in further notes. The conference organizers will provide free meals during the conference sessions for those participants, but the accommodation costs will be paid by participants oneself.

Contact Information:

Any questions regarding the conference may be sent to conference co-chair Christ’l De Landtsheer (christl.delandsheer@ua.ac.be).

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3. Details on the journal “Politics, Culture and Socialization”

Politics, Culture and Socialization

*Politics, Culture and Socialization* is an international ranked and peer reviewed journal, sponsored by the Research Committee on *Political Socialization and Education* (RC21) and the Research Committee on *Psycho-politics* (RC29) of the International Political Science Association (IPSA).

The aim of the journal *Politics, Culture and Socialization* (PCS) is to publish new and significant work in all areas of political socialization and civic education, political culture, psychology, and communications in order to achieve a better scientific understanding of the origins of political behaviors and orientations of individuals and groups.

The focus of attention is on the broad field of political socialization processes – including political education, information, persuasion, marketing, or propaganda and their underlying and accompanying motivations - and political socialization structures – including the family, school, mass media, peer groups, social networks, and politics.

PCS publishes new and significant work that report on current scientific research, discuss theory and methodology, or review relevant literature. It welcomes the following types of contributions on topics which fall within our aim and scope:

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We would like to inform you about the fact that, as a joint member of the Research Committee on Political Socialization and Education (RC21) and the Research Committee on Psycho-politics (RC29) of the International Political Science Association, you are entitled to receive the journal (postage included) at a reduced fee!

More information on journal subscription combined with RC 21/29 membership can be found below or go to our website: www.politicalsocialization.org (see 'Membership').

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**Membership and journal subscription fees 2012-2013**

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- Combined membership RC21-RC29 with journal subscription: 75 Euro.

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- Combined membership RC21- RC29 without the journal: 20 Euro.

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- Institutional subscription to PCS: 100 Euro.
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4. Membership/Address Update

POLITICAL SOCIALIZATION AND POLITICAL EDUCATION (IPSA/RC21) and/or Politics, Culture and Socialization (PCS) Membership

I herewith request the commencement (   ) or extension (   ) (check one) of my membership in IPSA’s Research Committee (RC21) on Political Socialization and Political Education.

Hereby I wish to subscribe for the annual membership of the following:

- Membership of RC21, including subscription for the journal *Politics, Culture and Socialization*, for which I will fulfill the payment of the amount of € 70 (euro) (outside EU: € 75)
- Combined RC21-RC29 membership with journal PCS subscription: € 75 (euro)
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Thank you so much for your help and for updating the RC21 membership information!

Payment Details:

Philippe De Vries based at the University of Antwerp is the RC21 treasurer, and controls the bank account (at BNP Paribas Fortis Bank) for RC21 (and for “Politics Culture and Socialization”).

Payments in EURO’s can be performed when using IBAN and BIC codes below. Costs of money transfer, if applicable, need to be paid by the member.

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5. Governing Board of IPSA RC 21

Particular changes have been made in the governing board of IPSA’s RC21. After many years of great dedication to the Research Committee Board we thank Christ’l De Landtsheer for her work as President of RC21 and Trond Solhaug as General Secretary of RC21. Fortunately both will remain closely involved to the RC. Christ’l De Landtsheer will be succeeded by professor Maria Marczewska-Rytko (Maria Curie-Sklodowska University, Lublin, Poland). The position of General Secretary will be held by Lieuwe Kalkhoven (University of Antwerp, Belgium).

The composition of the new Governing Board of RC21 is as follows:

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- Daniel B. German (Appalachian State University, USA)
- Robert Gilbert (Northeastern University, Boston, USA)
- Orit Ichilov (Tel-Aviv University, Israel)
- Lieuwe Kalkhoven (University of Antwerp, Belgium)
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