
International Political Science Association News

Although IPSA's major activity is its triennial world congress, to be held next in August 1982 in Rio de Janeiro, its sponsorship of research committees is also important for encouraging international scientific communication. A research committee is officially defined as "an organized framework for conducting various activities of a permanent character with the purpose of promoting cooperation among political scientists of different countries, in the study of problems of common interest."

There are now 20 such research committees (with more, currently enjoying the status of "study groups," in the offing). Each is organized through an executive council comprising scholars from several countries, and all are subject to IPSA's own Executive Committee. At a minimum, each holds an international conference between triennial world congresses; some, however, have been more active, either holding additional conferences, circulating newsletters, or publishing symposia. Each provides an excellent opportunity for scholars with specialized interests to meet and communicate with people with similar interests from around the world.

Members of the American Political Science Association are welcome to participate in the activities of these research committees. Below are listed the names of persons to contact and, in some instances, information about the research committees' plans.

1. *Biology and Politics*. Chaired by Albert Somit, President, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois 62901, U.S.A.

2. *Comparative Judicial Studies*. Chaired by John Schmidhauser, Department of Political Science, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California 90007, U.S.A.; secretary and publisher of its newsletter, "The Docket," is Martin Edelman, Graduate School of Public Affairs, SUNY-Albany, 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York 12222, U.S.A.

3. *Comparative Studies on Local Government and Politics*. Chaired by Jerzy Wiatr, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, 00-330 Warszawa, Poland; secretary is Francesco Kjellberg, Institute of Political Science, University of Oslo, Blindern, P.O. Box 1097, Oslo 3, Norway.

4. *Conceptual and Terminological Analysis (COCTA)*. Chaired by Giovanni Sartori, Department of Political Science, International Affairs Building, Columbia University, 420 West 118th Street, New York, New York 10027, U.S.A.; secretary is Fred W. Riggs, Department of Political Science, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Porteus 640, 2424 Maile Way, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822, U.S.A.

5. *Development and Political Systems*. Chaired by the IPSA President, Candido Mendes, Sociedade Brasileira de Instrucao, Praca XV de Novembro 101, ZC 00 Rio de Janeiro, GB, Brazil.

6. *Emerging International Economic Order*. Co-chaired by Dusan Sidjanski, Departement de science politique, Universite de Geneve, CH-1211 Geneve 4, Switzerland; and Harold K. Jacobson, Director, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48106, U.S.A.

7. *European Unification*. Chaired by Ghita Ionescu, Department of Government, University of Manchester, Manchester M13 9PL, United Kingdom; secretary is Michele Scohy, 43, rue des Champs Elysees, B-1050 Bruxelles, Belgium.

8. *Latin American Politics*. Chaired by Candido Mendes, Sociedade Brasileira de Instrucao, Praca XV de Novembro 101, ZC 00 Rio de Janeiro, GB, Brazil; secretary is Carlos A. Astiz, Department of Political Science, SUNY-Albany, 902 Mohawk Tower, Albany, New York 12222, U.S.A.

9. *Legislative Specialists*. Chaired by Allan Kornberg, Department of Political Science, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina 27706, U.S.A.

10. *Peace and Conflict Studies*. Chaired by J. David Singer, Mental Health Research Institute, University of Michigan, 205 Washtenaw Place, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109, U.S.A.

11. *Political Education*. Chaired by Artur Bodnar, Centralny Osrrodek Metodyczny Studiow Nauk Politycznych, ul. Nowy Swiat 69, 00-046 Warszawa, Poland. Organized by Charles R. Foster, U.S.A., and Wlodzimierz Knobelsdorf, Poland, it will focus on perspectives in comparative political education in the 1980s, in the context of the dynamics of political socialization and communication.

12. *Political Elites*. Chaired by Mattei Dogan, 72, bd. Arago, F-75013 Paris, France; secretary is Dwaine Marvick, Department of Political

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Science, University of California at Los Angeles, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90024, U.S.A.

13. *Political Finance and Political Corruption*. Chaired by Austin Ranney, American Enterprise Institute, 1150 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, U.S.A.; executive secretaries are Herbert E. Alexander, Citizens' Research Foundation, University of Southern California, 3716 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California 90007, U.S.A., and Michael Pinto-Duschinsky, Department of Political Science, Brunel University, Uxbridge, England. The winter 1980 issue of the "PF/PC Newsletter" indicates that the Research Committee will organize a roundtable in London in 1980/81.

14. *Political Geography*. Co-chaired by Jean Gottmann, School of Geography, University of Oxford, Mansfield Road, Oxford OX1 3TB, England; and Jean LaPonce, Department of Political Science, No. 472—1866 Main Mall, University Campus, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia V6T 1W5, Canada. The Research Committee has recently published *Center and Periphery*, edited by Jean Gottman, Sage, 1980, and will edit the October 1980 issue of *International Political Science Review*. At the 1982 IPSA World Congress in Rio de Janeiro it will organize panels on "Language and Territory" and "Capital Cities."

15. *Political Sociology*. Chaired by Erik Allardt, Research Group on Comparative Sociology, University of Helsinki, Mariankatu 10 A 13, SF-00170 Helsinki 17, Finland; secretary is Richard Rose, Politics Department, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow G1 1XQ, Scotland. The Research Committee is planning a conference in spring 1981 at Bad Homburg, West Germany, on understanding political society; organizer is Erik Allardt. The Committee's Work Group on Political Administration will publish the papers presented at its July-August 1979 conference at Loch Lo-

mond: *Presidents and Prime Ministers: Giving Direction to Government*, edited by Ezra Suleiman, American Enterprise Institute, 1980. Other Committee publications include the June 1979 issue of the *Journal of Common Market Studies*, edited by Richard Rose and Helen Wallace, and devoted to "The Policy Implications of Direct Elections," and *Trends Toward Corporatist Intermediation*, edited by Philippe C. Schmitter and Gerhard Lehbruch, Sage, 1979.

16. *Politics and Ethnicity*. Chaired by John E. Trént, Department of Political Science, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 6N5, Canada.

17. *Quantitative and Mathematical Approaches to Politics*. Chaired by Hayward R. Alker, Jr., Department of Political Science, E53-407, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.

18. *Science and Politics*. Chaired by Andre Philippart, 43, rue des Champs Elysees, B-1050 Bruxelles, Belgium.

19. *Sex Roles and Politics*. Co-chaired by Margherita Rendel, University of London Institute of Education, 55 Gordon Square, London WC1H ONU, England; and Judith H. Stiehm, Department of Political Science, University of Southern California, Von Kleinsmid Center 327, Los Angeles, California 90007, U.S.A.

20. *Socio-Political Problems of Pluralism*. Chaired by Stanislaw Ehrlich, ul. j. Dabrowskiego 75 m. 208, 02-586 Warszawa, Poland; secretary is Paul Claeys, Institut de Sociologie, Université libre de Bruxelles, av. Jeanne 44, B-1050 Bruxelles, Belgium. The Committee will hold a roundtable on "Pluralism and International Relations" on Corfu, September 15-21, 1980. Its 1978 roundtable in Paris will appear in part in *Three Faces of Pluralism: Political, Ethnic and Religious*, edited by Stanislaw Ehrlich and Graham Wootten, Gower, 1980.