

General Information for Participants and How to Apply

The Joint Sessions of Workshops have been referred to as the 'jewel in the crown' of the ECPR and are recognised as one of the main highlights of the world's political science calendar. The Joint Sessions have taken place annually in the spring since 1973.

The main aim of the workshops is the participation and equality of endeavour between advanced students, younger and newer members of the profession and well-established professors. In order to achieve this, the size of each workshop is strictly limited. Each participant is expected to be carrying out research in the field of the workshop, so that he or she can present a paper or research document for discussion, as well as take part in the discussion of the other papers presented. Participants should stay for the duration of the Joint Sessions.

Applications: Prospective participants should contact the director/s of the workshop in which they are interested in the first instance. An application to participate should include a short summary of the proposed paper, with an explanation as to how this will fit into the general theme of the workshop. Participants may attend only one workshop and are expected to contribute fully to one workshop for the whole period of the Joint Sessions. They should not, therefore, apply to more than one workshop.

Deadline for applications: 1 December 2009

Workshop directors normally inform applicants as to whether they have been accepted shortly after the deadline for applications has passed. Confirmation of participation by those accepted should be made to them as soon as possible, so that if there are any spaces, people on reserve lists can be offered places.

Venue: The Joint Sessions of Workshops in 2010 will be hosted by Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster. All conference facilities will be held in the main building at Furstenberghaus (registration, book exhibition, information desk, Stein Rokkan lecture and 12 workshops.) The remaining workshops will be accommodated in buildings within a few minutes walk at Johannisstrs. 12-20, 8-10 and Domplatz 23 & 23a.

Timetable: Participants should arrive and register on Monday 22 March, after 14:00 hrs. Workshops will begin on Tuesday 23 March at 0900 hrs. and will end on Saturday 27 March at 1300 hrs.

Social Programme: The (provisional) social programme includes a dinner for workshop directors and others involved in the organisation of the Joint Sessions on Monday 22 March, the civic opening on Tuesday 23 March, followed by a reception to be hosted by the Mayor at West Phalian Hall of Peace (to be confirmed). The Stein Rokkan Lecture will be presented on Wednesday 24 March by Dirk Berg-Schlosser, followed by a reception (venue to be confirmed). Thursday 25 March will be a free afternoon for participants to enjoy an excursion or some relaxation! On the evening of the 25 March ECPR will be hosting a reception to celebrate its 40th Anniversary (details to be confirmed).

Accommodation & Excursions: A specialist agency will handle all hotel reservations and bookings for excursions. Details will be available on ECPR's website mid January.

Transportation: Participants who fly should plan to arrive at either Osnabrück-Münster which is about a 20 minute taxi journey to the centre of Münster, or Düsseldorf and then a train from Düsseldorf to Münster, this is about an hour away. Further logistic information will be updated on the ECPR site once available.

Finance:

Reimbursement - The Executive Committee are currently looking into revising the current reimbursement arrangements in order to target the money available to individuals from full member institutions in need of financial support. Please note updated reimbursement

information will be available mid January 2010 at which time this information will be posted on our website and an email message sent to all participants.

Conference Fees: Unfortunately, it is not possible to extend financial support to non-ECPR participants. In addition, non-ECPR members are required to pay a conference fee of £300 and will be invoiced accordingly by ECPR Central Services in advance of the Joint Sessions.

Please note that participants from ECPR member institutions are not required to pay a conference fee.

Mobility Fund: The ECPR has a mobility fund, which gives grants to graduate students and young scholars from ECPR member institutions. Further information may be obtained from the ECPR Central Services or from the ECPR web site.

Further information: A more detailed outline of each workshop will be available on the ECPR web site together with updated day-by day programme of events at http://www.ecprnet.eu/joint_sessions/munster/default.asp.