

RC10 ELECTRONIC DEMOCRACY

International Political Science Association (IPSA) Conference 2009 in Santiago de Chile

Dear colleagues, friends and member of RC 10, Santiago was a quite successful conference for RC 10. Unfortunately some colleagues could not attend. Some because of financial reasons and time constraints other because of important family reasons. We would like to wish them and their families all best and there will be more opportunities to meet again.

Together with Harald Baldersheim the following program was developed.

Panel 1: Electronic Democracy - Dilemmas of Change? Monday, July 13, 2009 - 11:00 to 12:55

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Panel 2: E-democracy and Elections Part 1 Monday, July 13, 2009 - 15:00 to 16:55

Chair Kersting, Norbert - Stellenbosch University, South Africa, kersting@sun.ac.za

Panel 3: E-democracy and Elections Part 2 Tuesday, July 14, 2009 - 11:00 to 12:55

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Panel 4: Electronic Deliberation and Communication

Tuesday, July 14, 2009 - 15:00 to 16:55 - FEN, H 202

Chair Richard Niemi

Discussant Mendez, Fernando - University of Zurich, Switzerland, fernando.mendez@zda.uzh.ch

Business meeting Tuesday, July 14, 2009 - 17:00-18.00

At Research Committee 10's first business meeting of July 14 in Santiago de Chile. I was elected as a RC chair for three year. Let me thank you for being accepted to take on responsibilities on the IPSA Research Committee for the 2009-2012 period.

I also would like to thank the elected vice chair.

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- Workshops

We should keep in mind that the Research Committees are evaluated. They have to have at least one workshop in between the IPSA conferences. This should not be problematic for RC 10. In fact there were some fascinating invitations for the next years.

The next workshop is part of the IPSA symposium "Is There a European Model of Governance? A Comparative Perspective" in Luxemburg (18-20.3). Here some colleagues may attend. There is one panel on e-democracy (European Electronic Governance and its Results on Decision-making in a Comparative Perspective). We may even have another panel. Interested paper giver should contact IPSA's website (<http://www.luxembourg2010.org/papers>) and our member Raphael Kies.

As planned there will be the bi-annual 4th international conference on "e-vote" in Bregenz (Austria) (<http://www.e-voting.cc/static/evoting/files/First-call-for-papers-EVOTE2010.pdf>) organized by Robert Krimmer.

The next possible workshops could be in:

Dubrovnik (middle of May 2010) Kristiansand (end of May 2010) organized by Harald Baldersheim harald.baldersheim@stv.uio.no

Furthermore we have invitations from Bangalore (!), Ljubljana, Salt Lake City, Barcelona etc.

There may be problems to organize all of them. But I am sure in the long run we have a lot of opportunities to meet.

- Co-operation

We agreed that there should be a co-operation with the new ECPR E-democracy group, with DEL (<http://www.certop.fr/DEL>) and other networks.

IPSA recommends to co-operate with other Research Committees? We should contact RC 22 e-communication, perhaps we could do that in Dubrovnik) or (RC5 on local e-democracy or RC8 e-parliament in Kristiansand)

The next step will be the development of a proper website. We will keep you informed by e-mail.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to all of you, attended and helped Santiago conference and to all of the members of the RC.

With my best wishes and warm regards

Norbert Kersting