

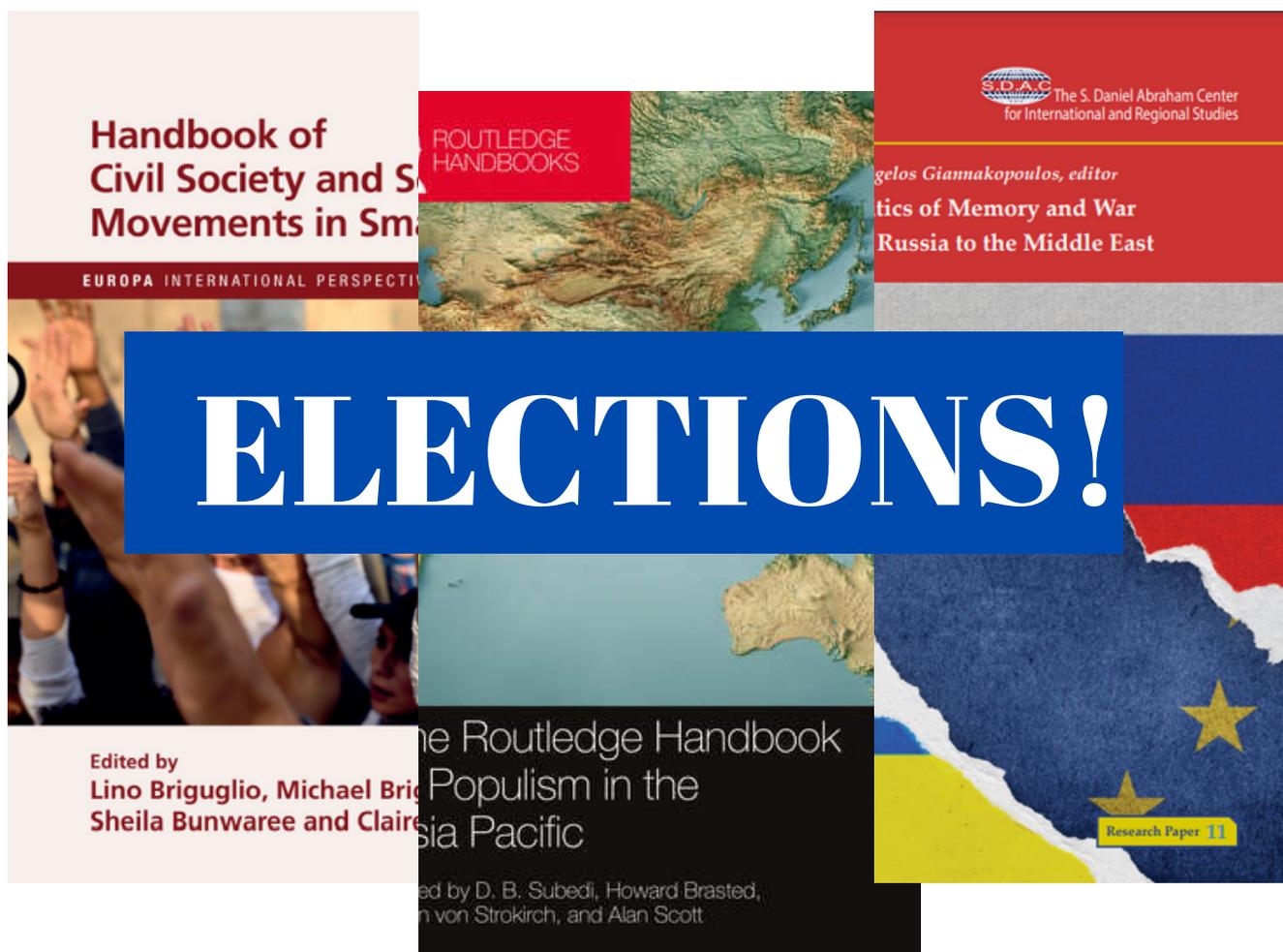
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RESEARCH COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

# NEWSLETTER

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December 2023



## A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE NEWSLETTER

In this Newsletter, you will find:

- Welcome to the new Board!
- Results of the election and composition of the new board
- Brief overview of the CPS activities 2018-2023
- Our members' latest publications

# WELCOME TO THE NEW CPS BOARD

## Robin Archer (London School of Economics)



Robin Archer is the Director of the Postgraduate Program in Political Sociology, London School of Economics and Emeritus Fellow in Politics Corpus Christi College, University of Oxford. Political Sociology has been his central teaching and research interest for over thirty years, first at the University of Oxford where he was the Fellow in Politics and Corpus Christi College and responsible for the university-wide core undergraduate lectures in our field, and then at the London School of Economics, where he moved to direct its postgraduate program in political sociology – a long-established taught Master's degree and a Doc-

toral research seminar. He is also the director the Ralph Miliband Program at the LSE – a prestigious public lecture program that hosts eminent scholars and prominent public figures and attracts a large audience both across the UK and around the world. During this time, he has built up strong personal and institutional ties to political sociologists in the United States, Eastern and Western Europe, Latin America, South Asia and South Africa, as well as in Australia (where he grew up and originally studied). His own research interests have been wide-ranging, including the social bases of party politics, social movements, democratisation, liberalism and conservatism. The comparative study of labour and social democratic politics is a red thread that runs through much but not all of this work. This is reflected in his books *Why Is There No Labor Party in the United States?* (Princeton), *The Conscripted Conflict and the Great War* (Monash), and *Economic Democracy: The Politics of Feasible Socialism* (Oxford).

## Lucía Miranda (Universidad Católica Silva Henríquez, Chile)



Lucía Miranda Leibe holds a Ph.D. in International Latin American Studies from the University of Salamanca and Science Po Paris. She specialized in methods and techniques of analysis at the Center for Sociological Research (CIS) in Madrid, Spain. Lucía is a professor at the Center for Research in Social Sciences and Youth (CISJU), which is part of the Faculty of Social and Legal Sciences at the Catholic University, Silva Henríquez (UCSH). Her research interests focus on the Social Feminist Student Movement, political parties, and substantive/descriptive gender representation.

She has published on the "Feminist Spring" in Chile. Her latest book is entitled *Feminist Movement: Continuities and Changes in Chile and Mexico* (2023).

### Maricel Rodríguez (Institut Catholique de Paris)



Maricel Rodríguez Blanco is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Sociology of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Economy and Law (FASSED) at Catholic University of Paris. Rodríguez Blanco holds a PhD in Sociology from the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris, France) and a master's degree in Political Studies (DEA) from the EHESS. She is also associated researcher from Centre de recherche et de documentation sur les Amériques (CREDA) and the director of the social sciences degree program (Catholic University of Paris, Rouen

campus). Since 2017, she has served as Head of the Research Committee on Political Sociology of the French Sociological Association (AFS). She is also a member of the board of the Research Committee on Socialization (AFS). Her main areas of interest are: labor sociology, social inequality, social policy, gender, social economy, social movements, activism, sociology of elites, and quantitative and qualitative methods. She has done research on grassroots organizations and popular economy in Latin America (Argentina) and France. Findings from her research on Argentina have been published in *Iconos. Revista de Ciencias Sociales, Politique et sociétés. Revue de l'association québécoise de science politique, Revue française de science politique.*

### Pedro Magalhaes (University of Lisbon)



Pedro C. Magalhães is Senior Researcher at the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon, Portugal. He obtained his undergraduate degree in Sociology in 1993 from ISCTE, Portugal, and his PhD in Political Science from The Ohio State University in 2003. He does research on public opinion, electoral behavior, and judicial politics, with particular emphasis on the study of public attitudes towards democracy and political institutions. His research has been published in journals such as the *American Journal of Political Science, Journal of European Public Policy, Journal of Politics, Comparative Political Studies, West European*

*Politics, European Journal of Political Research, Political Research Quarterly,* and many others. He has co-edited volumes published by Oxford University Press and Routledge, among others, including *The Oxford Handbook of Portuguese Politics*. He is one of the founding members of the Portuguese Election Study and served as member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the European Social Survey and of the Planning Committee of the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems project. He is currently the director of PASSDA-Production and Archive of Social Science Data, a member of the Portuguese Roadmap of Research Infrastructures

### Kasi Eswarappa (Indira Gandhi National Tribal University)



Eswarappa KASI is Senior Lecturer at the Department of Tribal Studies, Faculty of Tribal Studies, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU, Amarkantak, Anuppur, Madhya Pradesh, India). His interests include the anthropology of livelihoods and natural resource, tribal and marginal communities and their development. His research has been published in internationally reputed Journals such as *Sustainability Science*, *Critical Sociology*, *South Asia Research*, *Journal of Developing Societies*, *SAGE Open*, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, *South Asian Survey*, and *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*.

He has authored a book entitled *Anthropology and Development in a Globalised India: An Ethnography of Sericulture from the South*, Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, U.K. Kasi has been the editor of 6 books and jointly edited three special issues in reputed journals such as *Journal of Developing Societies* (Sage), *Romanian Yearbook of Anthropology*, and *Man in India*. He has also contributed to several entries in different Encyclopedia: *Encyclopedia of Psychology and Religion*; *Encyclopedia of Gerontology and Population Ageing*; and *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Global Security Studies*. Kasi is an Associate Editor, SN Social Sciences (Springer). He is also serving as Editorial Board Member for Sage journals; South Asia Research, SAGE Open (Humanities), and S.N. Social Sciences (Springer).

### Michael Bernhard (University of Florida)



Michael Bernhard holds the Raymond and Miriam Ehrlich Chair in Political Science at the University of Florida. His work centers on questions of democratization and development, both globally and in the context of Europe. Among the issues that have figured prominently in his research agenda are the role of civil society in democratization, institutional choice in new democracies, the political economy of democratic survival, and the legacy of extreme forms of dictatorship. He has long been associated with the Varieties of Democracy project in a number of different capacities.

He recently completed two terms as the editor of *Perspectives on Politics* (2017-23), a flagship journal of the *American Political Science Association* (APSA). In the past he has served as the chair of the European Politics Section of APSA, the chair of the Research Network on the Historical Development of States and Regimes for Europe of the Council for European Studies, and the editor of the newsletter of the Democracy and Autocracy Section of APSA.

### Chun-Chih Chang (Xiamen University)



Chun-Chih Chang is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Xiamen University, China. He earned his Ph.D. from the Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies at Chengchi University, Taiwan. His research addresses political sociology issues such as the dynamics of state-society relations and the role of Information and Communication Technology in shaping civil society under authoritarianism. He also investigates legislative behavior and comparative public opinion. He coedited *Evolutionary Governance in China: State-Society Relations under Authoritarianism* (Harvard University, 2021) and has contributed to journals such as *Social Science & Medicine*, *Democratization*, and *Journal of Contemporary China*.

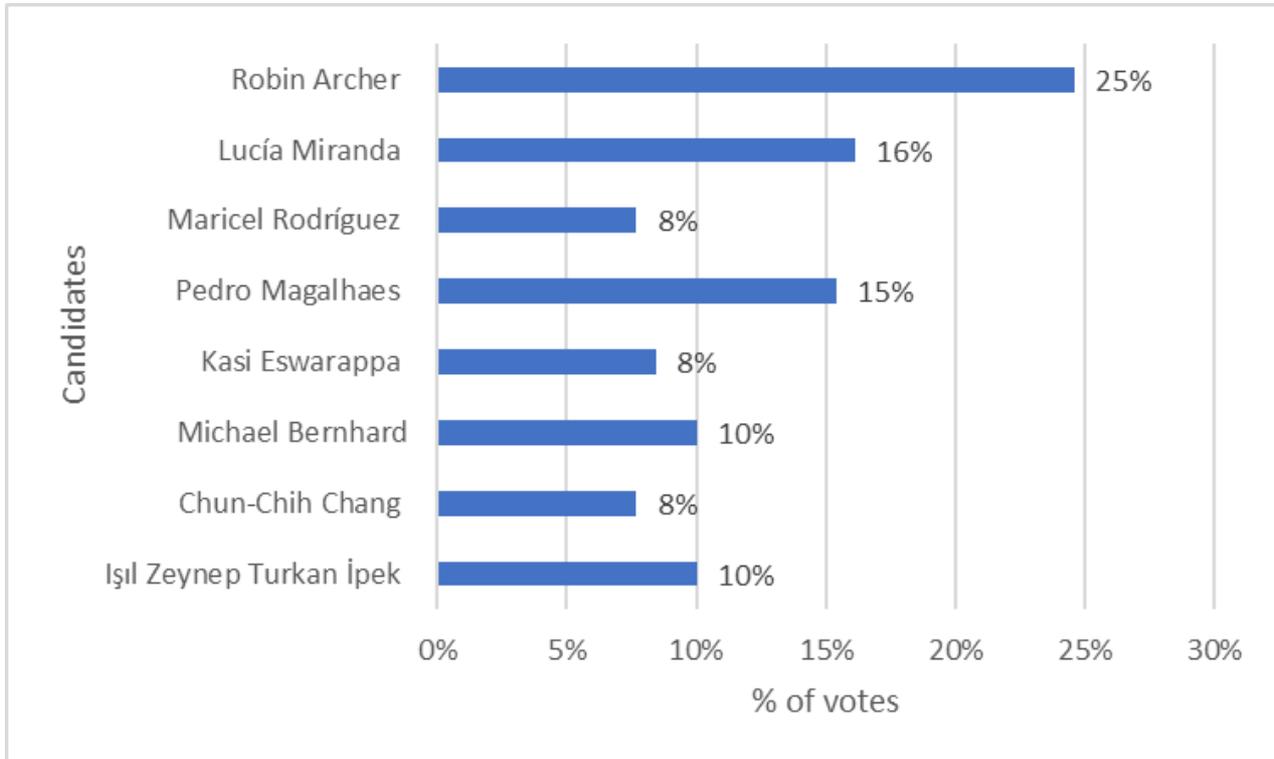
### Işıl Zeynep Turkan İpek (Yeditepe University, Turkey)



Işıl Zeynep Turkan İpek is Associate Professor and vice-chair of the Department of Political Science and International Relations (French) at Yeditepe University, Turkey. She is also vicedirector of the Research Center of Global Education and Culture (KEKAM). She received her PhD in Political Science from Sciences Po Aix-en-Provence, France, in 2015 and she will teach political communication at Sciences Po Aix-en-Provence as visiting professor in 2023. She is the author of *Chroniqueurs Politiques en Turquie (1980-2104)*, published in 2016, and a recent book in editing process

*Socialisation Politique en Turquie* that will be published in late 2023 by L'Harmattan Paris. Her publications include three collective books, *International Migration in the 21st Century: Problems and Solutions* published in 2017 by Cambridge Scholars Publishing and *International Migration and Challenges in the Beginning of the Twenty-First Century* published in 2018, and a latest collective book *Migration, Identity and Politics in Turkey from Ottoman Empire to Today* in publishing process for late 2023 by Lexington Books Rowman & Littlefield Publishing. She is also the author of several articles on qualified migrants, social inclusion, political participation, political socialization, and political communication. She works as a researcher in "Turkish migration to France: mapping of mobility and political participation" Bosphorus Joint Project, founded by TÜBİTAK-French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Her areas of interest include political sociology, political participation, electoral integrity, and political communication.

## RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS



## COMPOSITION OF THE NEW BOARD

**President:** Lucía Miranda (interim)

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**Treasurer:** Lucía Miranda

**Secretary:** Işil Zeynep Turkan İpek

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- Robin Archer
- Pedro Magalhaes
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- Chun-Chih Chang
- Michael Bernard (resigned)

## CPS Former Board



Stéphanie Alenda,  
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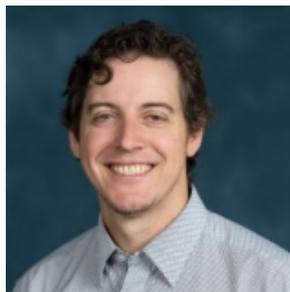
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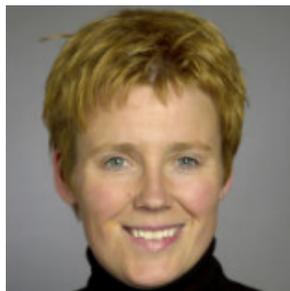
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# BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE CPS ACTIVITIES

## 2018-2023

Between 2018 and 2023, the Research Committee on Political Sociology (ISA18; IPSA-AISP06) has engaged in various activities, including the organization of panels at the World Congresses of the ISA and the IPSA, conferences, seminars, and roundtables, among others.

### Conference panels

During 2021, CPS members Dr. Nicolás Angelcos and Dr. Sofía Donoso coordinated ten panels for the **IV ISA Forum of Sociology**. Also, Dr. Angelcos organized one of them (“Prácticas Políticas de los Sectores Populares en América Latina”), Dr. Donoso organized two (“Movement-Parties in Action: Challenges” and “Outcomes and Rethinking Politics in Latin America”). Dr. Maricel Rodríguez organized one of them (“Activists Causes and Repertoires of Collective Action in Latin America and Europe in the 21st Century: Circulation, Spaces, Uses, Trajectories”).

During the same year, CPS co-chairs, Dr. Laurence Morel and Dr. Robert Fishman organized twenty-seven panels at the **26th World Congress of Political Science (IPSA-AISP)** held in Lisbon, Portugal, distributed into six main categories (Ideologies, nationalism, populism; Direct, deliberative, sortive democracy; Parties and party systems; Cultural dynamics, electoral behavior, the role of emotions; Civil society and interest representation; Alternative forms of political engagement). Some of the panels were in charge of CPS board members Dr. Stéphanie Alenda (“Explaining Cases of (Relative) Party System Stability in an Age of Turbulence”), Dr. Robert Fishman (“Explaining Cases of (Relative) Party System Stability in an Age of Turbulence; New Strategies for Incorporating Culture into Political and Social Analysis”), and Dr. Laurence Morel (“Cultural Dynamics and Social Structure in the New European Politics; Explaining Cases of (Relative) Party System Stability in an Age of Turbulence”; “How to Combine Direct, Indirect and Sortive Democracy in Democratic design. Part Two: New Frameworks and Perspectives”; “Rethinking Democratic Process; and New Strategies for Incorporating Culture into Political and Social Analysis”).

Also in 2021, Dr. Karina Kosiara-Pedersen organized one panel at the **2021 APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition** (“The Evolution of Party Membership and Partisanship”).

In 2023, Dr. Maricel Rodríguez organized twenty-four sessions for the **XX ISA World Congress** program in Melbourne, with ninety-nine papers accepted. Also, Dr. Rodríguez co-organized and moderated three sessions: “Authoritarianisms and Democracies through the Intermediaries of Public Action”, with Isabelle Thireau Elise Massicard and Vicente Espinoza; “Analyzing the Links between Authoritarian Political Practices and Reactionary Ideas”, with Boris Attencourt and Felix Schilk, Luciano Santander, Natalia Grantano, João Mauro Carvalho, Pedro Luis Panigassi, João Túbero Gomes Silva, Laura Gabrieli Pereira Silva, and Talic Jaber Sleman; “Conservative Mobilizations of Local Organizations: Power Relations and Tensions Around Democracy” with panelists Juan Jesús Morales, Belen Díaz, Susan Goodwin, Jessica Gerrard, Helen Proctor.

In 2023, the CPS also coordinated four panels for the **27th World Congress of Political Science (IPSA-AISP)**, with sixteen papers accepted. Those panels were organized by Dr. Crinia Rodrigo (“Direct and Deliberative Democracy and its Integrity”) Dr. Lucía Miranda Leibe (“Citizens’ Assemblies and Direct Democracy” and “Far Right Politics, Political Executives’ Radical Leadership Styles, and Antu-far Right Social Movements”) and Mr. Magdalena Provis Ramírez (“Social Movements and Illiberalism: Challenges and Backlash in the Battle Pro-Democracy”).

## CPS ACTIVITIES 2018-2023

### Talks and Roundtables

Between 2021 and 2022, CPS Chair, Dr. Stéphanie Alenda, organized eight talks in the series called “CPS Permanent Seminar: CPS Talks With Authors.” In those seminars, CPS members had the opportunity to share their latest book publications in vibrant discussions with sociologists and political scientists. The books presented in this series of talks are listed below:

- Preferential Voting Systems. Influence of Intra-Party Competition and Voting Behaviour (2019).
- Gender Quotas Post-Communist World: Voice of the Parliamentarians (2020).
- The Right to be Elected: 100 Years Since Suffrage (2020).
- A Political Sociology of Regionalism. Perspectives for a Comparison (2019).
- The Question of Referendum (2019).
- Globalizing Issues. How Claims, Frames, and Problems Cross Borders (2020).
- Evolutionary Governance in China. State-Society Relations under Authoritarianism (2021).

In the same vein, CPS organized one roundtable called “The American Crisis of Democracy,” with the participation of Dr. Steven Levitsky, Dr. Gisela Gin, Dr. Robert Fishman, and Dr. Jeanne Simon.

All the seminars and the Roundtable recordings can be found on Andrés Bello University’s YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@unabt>).

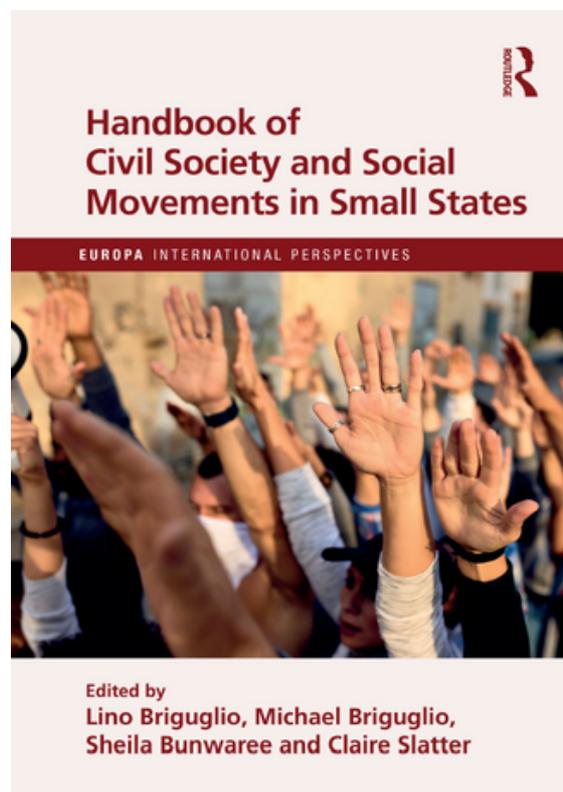
## BOOK ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Handbook of Civil Society and Social Movements in Small States.***  
**Lino Briguglio, Michael Briguglio, Sheila Bunwaree, and Claire Slatter**  
**(eds.), Routledge, 2023**

This volume is unique because of its focus on small states. There are many studies on civil society and social movements, but none that specifically deal with this category of countries. As is well known, small states have particular characteristics, including a limited ability to reap the benefits of economies of scale, a high degree of exposure to forces outside their control, and the proximity of politicians to the voters, often leading to clientelistic relationships and patronage networks. The small island developing states have the additional problem of high environmental vulnerability, with some also dealing with disproportionate ecological footprints. These factors have a bearing on the organization and performance of civil society organizations and social movements, as explained in several chapters of this book.

The volume is organized in three parts, dealing with aspects of civil society and social moments in small states in the political, social and environmental spheres, respectively.

Various definitions of civil society are proposed in the chapters, but most authors associate the term with organized groups, operating in the interest of citizens, independently of government and commercial business, including various forms of non-governmental organizations (NGOs). Civil society also encompasses social movements, which are considered to be loosely organized collective campaigns in pursuit of social goals. These two terms are sometimes used interchangeably; however, some authors argue that social movements tend to engage in 'contentious politics' including protests, while NGOs engage through more organized and institutional routes.



You can buy this book [here](#)



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**Lino Briguglio** was formerly head of the Economics Department and of the Banking and Finance Department of the University of Malta and director of the University Gozo Campus. He currently directs the Islands and Small States Institute, and has acted as consultant to several international organizations. He has also represented the Maltese government in many United Nations meetings, including the UN Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island States and the World Summit for Sustainable Development.



**Michael Briguglio** is Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts, at the University of Malta. He is Associate Editor with the International Social Science Journal, and he coordinates the Masters degree in Social Impact Assessment at the University of Malta. He is a board member of Research Network 25 – Social Movements of the European Sociological Association, and a convenor of the Works in Progress Seminar Series at the University of Malta.

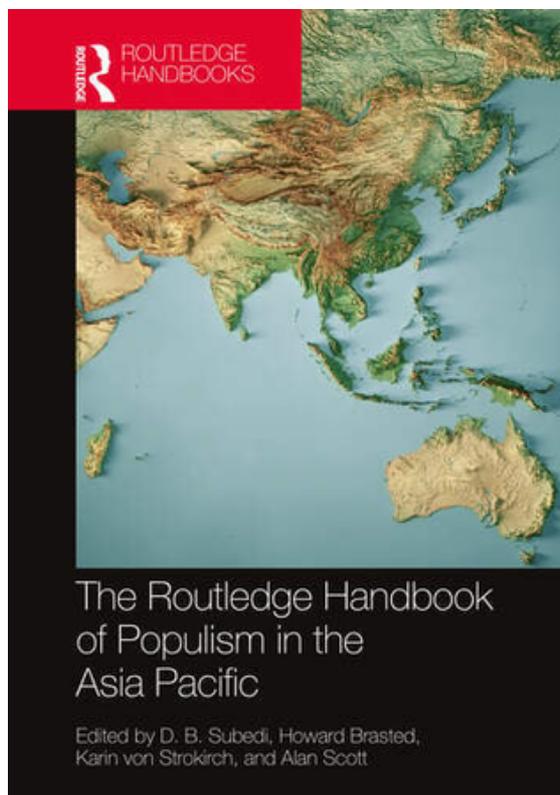
**Sheila Bunwaree** is a Professor of Sociology and Development Studies at the University of Mauritius since 1993. She worked as a gender and social development consultant for a number of regional and international organizations. She has been a fellow scholar at the African university of South Africa and the visiting faculty at the Australian National University in Canberra.



**Claire Slatter** is a professor in the School of Government, Politics and International Affairs at the university of South Pacific, teaching courses in Politics and International Affairs. Claire's research interests include global development policy debates, the politics of economic and trade liberalization in the Pacific region, the implications and impacts of sectoral 'reforms' in Pacific Island states, and the economic rights of Pacific women. Claire has been actively involved in NGO work nationally and internationally.

## BOOK ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Routledge Handbook of Populism in the Asia Pacific.* D. B. Subedi, Howard Brasted, Karin von Stokirch, Alan Scott (eds.), Routledge, 2023



This handbook brings national and thematic case studies together to examine a variety of populist politics from local and comparative perspectives in the Asia Pacific. The chapters consider key and cross cutting themes such as populism and nationalism, religion, ethnicity and gender, as well as authoritarianism. They show how populist politics alters the way governments mediate state-society relations.

The essays in this volume consider:

- diverse approaches in populist politics, for example, post-colonial, strategic vs ideational, growth and redistribution, leadership styles, and in what ways they are similar to, or different from, populist discourses in Europe and the United States
- under what social, political, economic and structural conditions populist politics has emerged in the Asia-Pacific region
- national case studies drawn from South, East

and Southeast Asia as well as the Pacific analyzing themes such as media, religion, gender, medical populism, corruption and cronyism, and inclusive vs exclusive forms of populist politics

- modes and techniques of social and political mobilization that populist politicians employ to influence people and their impact on the way democracy is conceived and practiced in the Asia Pacific

As a systematic account of populist ideologies, strategies, leaders and trends in the Asia Pacific, this handbook is essential reading for scholars of area studies, especially in the Asia Pacific, politics and international relations, and political and social theory.

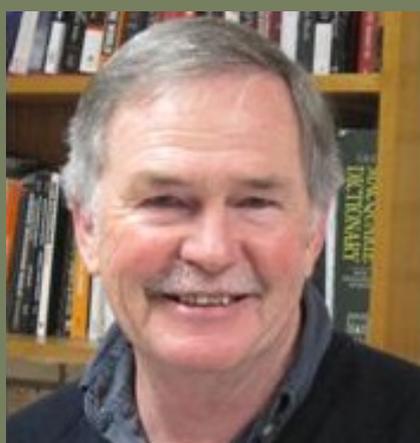
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**DB Subedi** is a Lecturer in Peace and Conflict Studies at the School of Political Science and International Studies. His research interest includes conflict transformation and peacebuilding, religion and politics, community security, preventing and countering violent extremism (PCVE), and populism and nationalism in the Asia Pacific. His current research focuses on dilemmas and complexities of sustaining peace in authoritarian, populist and nationalist states in Asia. He has conducted research fieldwork in South and South East Asia, especially Nepal, Sri Lanka, India, and Myanmar.



**Howard Brasted** is Emeritus Professor of the University of New England with distinction for over 46 years. He has served in a number of frontline administrative capacities, including two periods of membership of the UNE Council, as Head of School of Classics, History and Religion (2004-2006), the Director of the UNE Asia Centre (2000- 2008), and a member of the Academic Board between 2012 and 2016. Externally, Professor Brasted was an ARC Assessor from 1996-2000 and 2005-2006. He now holds the title of Emeritus Professor on account of his outstanding achievements, his unflinching collegiality and his passionate commitment to the traditional values of the university.

**Karin von Strokirch** is an Adjunct Senior Lecturer - Faculty of Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences and Education at the University of New England. Her research interest are natural resources, environment, politics and security in the Pacific Islands; proliferation and strategies to control nuclear weapons; and Australian foreign policy - climate change, arms control, national and regional security.



**Alan Scott** is Professor of Sociology. He has taught and researched in universities in UK and Austria as well as Australia. In 2008 he was Visiting Fellow in the Centre for Research in the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (CRASSH), University of Cambridge. In 2009 he held the Vincent Wright Visiting Chair in Sciences Po, Paris. Between 2013-2016 he was Vice President (for humanities and social sciences) of the Austrian Science Fund (FWF) in Vienna. His main areas of research are in political and organisational sociology, and in social theory.

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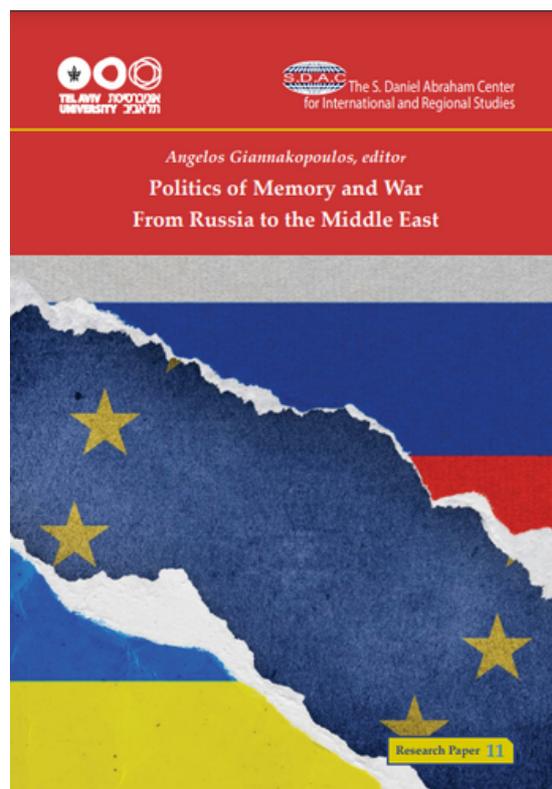
### *Politics of Memory and War From Russia to the Middle East.* Lino Briguglio, Angelos Giannakopoulos (ed.), The S. Daniel Abraham Center for International and Regional Studies 2022

In this volume memory politics are considered and discussed exclusively in the form of historical revisionism; that is, as a specific state policy stemming from a particular view and interpretation of national history and, ultimately, as a more or less crystallized state ideology. The negative consequences of memory politics on interstate relations are analyzed on the basis of three conflicts: Russia-Ukraine in Eastern Europe, Greece-Turkey in Southern Europe, and Israel-Palestine in the Middle East. While the ideological construct of "ruskyi mir" represents the center of war analysis in Eastern Europe, the book shows the similarities between the conflict in Eastern Europe, i.e. Russia vs. Ukraine, with that in the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean between Greece and Turkey, by highlighting common aggressive revisionist policies of Russia and Turkey. As for the Middle East, the book is inspired by the joint environmental cooperation endeavor in the region represented by EcoPeace.

This joint venture among Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians, which at first glance has nothing in common with the focus of the book, underlines the urgent existential problems we face today as a planet and looks beyond false dilemmas of national memory and identity and the aggressive policies they usually cause by finally replacing the centuries-old concept of "resistance" with the urgent one of "resilience". The experts that have contributed to this book include: Marco Siddi, Montalcini Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Cagliari (Italy); Liudmyla Pidkuimukha, postdoctoral researcher at the Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen (Germany); Angelos Giannakopoulos, DAAD-Professor of German and European Studies at the National University of Kyiv–Mohyla Academy; Cengiz Aktar, Visiting Professor of Political Science at the University of Athens EKPA–Turkmas; Leonidas Karakatsanis, Assistant Professor of Comparative Politics in the Department of Balkan, Slavic and Oriental Studies, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki (Greece); Gidon Bromberg, Israeli director of EcoPeace Middle East (formerly Friends of the Earth Middle East); Nada Majdalani, Director at EcoPeace, Palestine/Friends of the Earth Middle East; Yana Abu Taleb, Jordanian Director, EcoPeace Middle East; Markus J. Prutsch, senior researcher and administrator at the European Parliament, responsible for culture and education policies.

The book is open-access and can be downloaded [here](#).

**Angelos Giannakopoulos** is DAAD-Professor of German and European Studies at the National University of Kyiv–Mohyla Academy. From 2013 to 2019 he was a Heinrich-Heine Visiting Professor of European Studies at Tel Aviv University. He has published many books and articles in various fields of European integration, such as EU–Turkey relations, anti-corruption, citizens' empowerment, social exclusion, energy policy, freedom of media as well as on modernization and secularization.



## PAPERS AND BOOK CHAPTERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bastian Vajen, Steven Kenner & Frank Reitner

*Digital citizenship education – Teachers' perspectives and practices in Germany and Hong Kong (2023)*, *Teaching and Teacher Education*, Volume 122.

- <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tate.2022.103972>

Simon Susen

*Lessons from Reckwitz and Rosa: Towards a Constructive Dialogue between Critical Analytics and Critical Theory (2023)*. *A Journal of Knowledge, Culture and Policy*, Volume 37, Issue 5.

- <https://doi.org/10.1080/2158379X.2022.2055279>

*Towards an Ontology of Contemporary Reality? (2023)*. *Theory, Culture & Society*.

- <https://doi.org/10.1177/02632764221143943>



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