

## **ISPP 2013-14 Governing Council Nominees**

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT: Paul Nesbitt-Larking**

Paul Nesbitt-Larking is Professor and former Chair of Political Science at Huron University College in Canada. He is also Visiting Professor, School of Health and Human Sciences, University of Huddersfield, UK. Paul served on the Governing Council of ISPP from 2004-2007, as Conference Chair for the 2005 Toronto meeting, and as a member of the Program Committee in 2004 and 2008. He also served on the Erikson Early Career Award Committee in 2006 and 2008 and chaired the Committee in 2013. Paul was a member of the Alexander George Award Committee as well as the Executive Director Search Committee in 2009. Paul also served as Vice-President of ISPP from 2009-2012. A scholar in political identities, citizenship, multiculturalism, and political communications, his recent publications include *Politics, Society, and the Media* (University of Toronto Press, 2007), the *Political Psychology of Globalization: Muslims in the West* (Oxford University Press, 2011, co-authored with Catarina Kinnvall), the *Palgrave Handbook of Global Political Psychology* (Palgrave, forthcoming, co-edited with Tereza Capelos, Henk Dekker, and Catarina Kinnvall), and numerous academic articles and chapters. He is currently working on two Canadian SSHRC-funded projects on *The Meanings of Multiculturalism* and *Islam and Democracy*. Paul is committed to the continued internationalization of ISPP as an intellectually pluralistic and welcoming forum, and looks forward to being an instructor in the ISPP Summer Academy in Herzliya, Israel.

### **VICE PRESIDENT: Jacquélien van Stekelenburg**

The ISPP is close to my hearth: as a collective action scholar I am very enthusiastic about performing and promoting scientific research on the relationship between socio-political and psychological phenomena. I instigate national and international research collaboration and hope to inspire young academics. Since I attended ISPPs 2002 summer school in Warsaw, I am active in the ISPP as member of the organizing committee of the ISPP-meeting in 2005, Program chair in 2012's meeting in Chicago, member of the ISPP-dissertation committee in 2008, and organizer of several panels at ISPP-meetings. Over the past three years I was a member of the Governing council. Outside ISPP I acquired experience in academic administration as Research manager and member of the management team of the sociology department at the VU and member of the faculty's Graduate Council. I will hope to bring in both excellent academic expertise, managerial expertise and social skills as one of ISPP's Vice Presidents for the coming three years.

FIVE Open Positions (these are not listed in any particular order)

#### **1. Sabina Čehajić-Clancy, PhD**

Political Science and International Relations Department  
University Sarajevo School of Science and Technology  
Assistant Professor of Political Psychology

Coming from and living in a post-conflict and transitional context of Bosnia and Herzegovina has naturally defined the focus of my research (intergroup reconciliation). I have been examining social, psychological and political processes of acknowledgment, denial, dehumanization, forgiveness, reparation and intergroup trust using qualitative, experimental and comparative approaches. Throughout my academic career I have always pursued ways of applying my research outside academia through providing consultancies or disseminating my work to local and international NGOs, media,

schools and government officials. Consequently, my goal for the ISPP would be to a) encourage interdisciplinary and applied research and b) to expand our communication and application of research outside academia.

## **2. Rezarta Bilali**

University of Massachusetts Boston

Assistant Professor

I received my PhD in social psychology, with a concentration on peace and violence, from University of Massachusetts Amherst. Currently, I am an assistant professor at University of Massachusetts Boston where I teach courses on conflict resolution and reconciliation, and conduct research on social psychological processes underlying intergroup conflict in a variety of settings including Turkey, Rwanda, Burundi, and the DRC. An interdisciplinary scholar at the core, I consider ISPP to be my natural intellectual home. Since joining in 2007, I have participated in each annual meeting. My goal is to strengthen ISPP's potential to promote scholarship that furthers our understanding of, and capacity to respond to local and global issues facing our fast changing world.

## **3. Eran Halperin, PhD**

IDC-Herzliya, Israel

Senior Lecturer

Eran Halperin got his Ph.D. from the University of Haifa, and received a Fulbright Scholarship for his postdoctoral training in Psychology at Stanford University. He is an associate editor of *Political Psychology* and received the Erikson Award in 2012. His primary research focuses on the role of emotions and emotion regulation in determining public opinion towards peace and equality, and also war and discrimination. He is additionally interested in the psychological roots of political ramifications of intergroup conflicts. Israeli society in general, and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in particular, motivates and inspires his work. His recent work has been published in *Science*, as well as *JPSP*, *JESP*, *Psychological Science*, *JCR*, *BJPS*, *Political Psychology* and *JPR*.

## **4. Jon A. Krosnick**

Stanford University

Professor of Communication, Political Science, and Psychology

Jon A. Krosnick is Professor of Communication, Political Science, and Psychology at Stanford, has been co-principal investigator of the American National Election Study, and has studied how the American public's political attitudes are formed, change, and shape thinking and action. His publications explore the causes of decisions about whether to vote, for whom to vote, and whether to approve of the President's performance, the causes and effects of citizens' becoming passionate about a policy issue, public opinion on global warming, and more. He has received the ISPP Erikson Award and is a Fellow of AAAS and AAAS.

## **5. Beth (Miller) Vonnahme**

University of Missouri-Kansas City

Assistant Professor

I received my Ph.D. from Rice University in 2006. My research focuses on the ways in which psychological processes affect the formation and persistence of political choices. I regularly present my research and serve as chair or discussant at the annual meeting. I would be pleased to expand my role by serving on the Governing Council. One of the strengths of ISPP is the importance we place on

community and I am most enthusiastic about expanding that community by (1) creating opportunities for collaborative research, particularly among scholars from underrepresented backgrounds, and (2) ensuring that new members are fully integrated into the organization.