

2019 ISPP Governing Council Nominee Bios

President-elect

Felicia Pratto (Professor, Dept. of Psychological Sciences, University of Connecticut): ISPP has been my home and source of inspiration since 1991. I have had the pleasure to serve on the GC, as a VP, and as Treasurer. I stand impressed by the thoughtful and devoted work of its members, and the expansion of political psychology itself to include scholars from more regions, theoretical and disciplinary perspectives, using more kinds of methods. The stability and devotion provided to us by committed founders and earlier leadership has allowed us to work towards the universal goals of inclusion and diversity. We have an ever-richer pool of talents and insights from newer members, plus the experience of a society maturing, and an important journal. We are in the midst of taking advantage of these to re-discover what our membership needs and wants, improve our governance procedures, and determine priorities for new initiatives. While no change is simple, “no change” is never an option. I am excited by the possibilities for our society through even broader participation of members on ad hoc committees, the ability of new means of governance to capitalize on the talents and insights of GC members, and the broader public and academic respect for our (inter-)discipline. I would be more than honored to serve, I hope in making ISPP your home and inspiration, too, and would do so by asking your active participation.

Vice President (Membership & Internationalization)

Aleksandra Cichocka (Senior Lecturer in Political Psychology, University of Kent): I am a Senior Lecturer in Political Psychology at the University of Kent, UK. I have been extensively involved in various ISPP activities. I served in the Early Career Committee and the Governing Council. I also served as program co-chair of the Warsaw conference. I am currently the interim vice-president for internalization. My focus has been on increasing internalization and diversity of our membership, conference program and locations. I also coordinate the implementation of new initiatives of the society. I would be honored and excited to continue working in this role.

GOVERNING COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Yasemin Gülsüm Acar (ISPP Member, Turkey): My name is Yasemin Gülsüm Acar, I am a social psychologist interested in political protest, solidarity, social identity, and intergroup conflict. I received my PhD from Claremont Graduate University in 2015 and worked at Özyeğin University in İstanbul until 2018. I've met many of my collaborators and friends through ISPP, and have been working in conjunction with ISPP on a number of initiatives to support scholars at risk. In the future, I hope to work on expanding connections to scholars at risk in different contexts and increasing internationalization.

Rosario Aguilar, PhD (Newcastle University): I've been doing research on political psychology since my graduate studies at the University of Michigan and during my faculty tenure at CIDE. I'll be starting a faculty position at Newcastle University's Politics Department. I am committed to increasing the interest of students/scholars in political psychology and ISPP both in Latin America and Europe. For example, I organized a conference on political psychology in Mexico aimed to increase the study of the field and ISPP membership. I could work across organizations as I am also member of EGAP's Board of Directors and Mexico's representative at WAPOR.

Elif Erisen (Associate Professor, Hacettepe University, Department of Political Science and Public Administration): Since joining the ISPP as a junior scholar, I have grown committed to research in political psychology on political thinking and information processing, and social identity. The ISPP has become my primary professional organization due in large part to its diversity and promotion of comparative perspectives. I truly appreciate the Society's efforts to internationalize and address the problems of scholars in various political contexts. I am motivated to serve on the GC because I feel strongly about the ISPP's contribution to the advancement of political psychology and I want to contribute to the Society's efforts to reach out globally.

Monica Gerber (Associate Professor and Director of the MSc in Social Psychology at Universidad Diego Portales, Chile): I received my PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science. My research interests focus on perceptions of social (in)justice and their relationship with the legitimization of legal authorities and inequalities. I have been an active member of ISPP since 2007 and during this time ISPP has been central to my academic development. If

elected, my goals will be to promote (1) diversity and inclusion of underrepresented groups in ISPP (e.g. Latin American scholars), (2) an agenda to discuss and take a stance for gender equality in academia, and (3) the adherence to research transparency and reproducibility practices.

Shelley McKeown Jones (University of Bristol): As a researcher passionate about improving intergroup relations, particularly for youth living in diverse and conflict settings, ISPP is my intellectual home. I have been attending the annual meetings since 2010 and am an active member of the ISPP community; serving as Section Chair (2012), Chair of the Early Career Committee (2016/17) and currently as Program Co-Chair. I am keen to work with members of the Governing Council and Society to: (1) diversify society membership and representation at the annual meeting, (2) widen ISPP's international reach and (3), develop further mentoring opportunities for junior faculty.

Levente (Levi) Littvay (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary): Researches psychometrics, behavior genetics and the psychology of populism. Academic co-convener of ECPR's Methods Schools, Team Populism's head of Team Survey and *Twin Research and Human Genetics* Associate Editor. Received CEU's Distinguished Teaching Award and Morton Deutsch Award for best paper in *Social Justice Research*. Forthcoming books are on Multilevel Structural Equation Modeling (Sage) and Populism in the US (Cambridge). With ISPP, organized workshops and regional networking conference for political psychologists in Central and Eastern Europe. If elected, would focus on outreach to regions where our field is underrepresented. Part of a team applying to become *Political Psychology's* next editors.

Andik Matulesy (Universitas 17 Agustus 1945 Surabaya): I am an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Psychology at the University of 17 August 1945 in Surabaya, Indonesia, also active as a Regional Representative of the Southeast Asia IACCP (2018-2022) and Vice President of the Indonesian Psychology Association. I consider that research about behavior and politics in Asia is very important, because the process towards democracy has an impact on the emergence of interesting behavior patterns to be studied. Asia is actually a "rich country" to conduct political psychology research. However, there is a few research on behavior in the political context carried out by psychologists in Asia. Therefore, I am optimistic that being part of the ISPP Governing Council members

will support the emergence of various studies on political psychology to all psychology experts in Asia.

Elif Sandal Önal (PhD Candidate in Political Science at Istanbul Bilgi University and Visiting Researcher at Institute for Interdisciplinary Research on Violence and Conflict (IKG) at Bielefeld University): Intergroup conflict, coexistence, othering and practices of exclusion are main focuses in my studies. I'm currently dealing with othering and political processes of constructing and maintaining the boundaries. As a former member of ECC and a now a part of Scholars at Risk Committee, I'm trying to act actively in ISPP while working on providing support for scholars at risk by connecting international institutions of psychology and threatened academics . My goals for ISPP are to create more space for internationalizing solidarity for academic freedom and to build bridges between political psychology researchers to overcome political constraints and to collaborate.

Laura K. Taylor (University College Dublin / Queen's University Belfast): Since 2009, I have been an active member of ISPP. From 2012-2016, I served on the Early Career Scholars (ECC) as the Professional Development Coordinator, Mentor Program Coordinator and Chair. In 2017-18, I chaired the committee for the ISPP Best Dissertation Award, and I've been a mentor for the ECC lunches. If elected, I would aim to increase the global reach of ISPP, in particular to LMICs, and promote discussions about Open Science. I would also continue to support ISPP's efforts to defend Scholars-At-Risk, as I have in other leadership roles, including with the British Psychological Society.

Özden Melis Uluğ (University of Massachusetts Amherst): Postdoctoral researcher in the Psychology of Peace and Violence Program at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Since joining ISPP in 2010, she has regularly attended ISPP conferences and events, where she has participated in panels/roundtables supporting diversity, inclusivity, and internationalization. If elected, first, her goal would be to increase the diversity of the organization, especially through encouraging ISPP to organize conferences outside of North America and Europe. Second, she also wants to ensure that ISPP promotes equal representation within the society, with just one example that we are careful not to organize all-male panels. Finally, she wants to make sure that ISPP continues its work supporting academics at risk all over the world.