

Vacancies for editorships of the EJPR and Political Data Yearbook

The ECPR is now advertising for two editors for the *European Journal of Political Research*

Both positions will start on the 1st August 2009 and run initially for three years, renewable for a further three years subject to mutual agreement. All editors are responsible to the ECPR's Publications Board, which in turn reports to the ECPR's Executive Committee, and as such will be expected to prepare a formal report for the Board and Committee each spring. Editors are required to meet with the Board at least once a year and with publishers and co-editors (where applicable) as and when required. Both positions advertised require significant commitment and applicants should be prepared to be proactive in running the publication day-to-day and also developing it (alongside the publisher and the Publications Board) in the longer term. It is expected that applicants will come from an ECPR member, or associate member, institution.

The successful applicant will receive an annual editorial fee and a fund to cover travel expenses incurred in attending meetings related to the journal.

Applications should be made in the form of a covering letter explaining how the candidate would develop the publication under their editorship, and a full CV. The closing date is the 31st December 2008, and all applications should be sent via e-mail to the ECPR's Publications Manager, Rebecca Knappett rknapp@essex.ac.uk.

In the first instance all enquiries should be directed to Rebecca Knappett.

Co-editor of the *European Journal of Political Research (EJPR)*

Current editors: Kris Deschouwer (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) and Richard S. Katz (Johns Hopkins University)

Continuing editor: Richard S. Katz

Ranked third in the ISI rankings in 2005 and 2006 and seventh in 2007, the *EJPR* is one of the leading journals of political science and the flagship publication of the ECPR.

The task of the commissioning editor of the *EJPR* is the organization of the reviewing process and the selection of the manuscripts for publication in the journal. That includes:

- A first administrative screening of all incoming manuscripts: making sure that the files have been properly uploaded to the electronic submission system
- A first screening of the content of the manuscript, and if needed, rejection of those that are inappropriate
- Inviting referees to write an anonymous report on the quality of the manuscript
- Deciding on the basis of the referee reports and in close co-operation with the production editor whether a manuscript should be accepted for publication

For the position of commissioning editor of the *EJPR*, the ECPR is looking for an experienced member of the profession,

- With a wide range of interests
- With a wide range of professional contacts in Europe

- Preferably with some experience in editing scientific journals

Co-editor of the *European Journal of Political Research's Political Data Yearbook (PDY)*, published at the end of each volume as a double-length issue

Current editors: Ingrid van Biezen (University of Birmingham) and Tim Bale (University of Sussex)

Continuing editor: Tim Bale

Of the seven issues of the *EJPR* published each year, one is the double issue *Political Data Yearbook*, which reports data concerning cabinet composition and election and referendum results, and provides a narrative and interpretation of the principal political issues and events within each of the EU member states, including the countries scheduled to join the EU in 2004, Norway, Switzerland, the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan. It will be expanding to include the 2007 candidate members of the EU. The *PDY* aims to be both a reliable archive of hard data and a tool for scholars who want to keep abreast of political events in the countries covered.

The work of the two editors involves the following:

- Assuring that the manuscript is within the page budget and delivered to the publisher by the production deadline;
- Assuring that each entry is accurate, in clear and grammatical English, and includes all of the required elements;
- Working with the authors to resolve any ambiguities or inconsistencies in the reports;
- Writing the editors' introduction to each volume, highlighting common trends and important issues.