



DEPARTMENT OF  
**POLITICS**  
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 RELATIONS

## European Research Group: « European Democracies » Annual Report 2006-2007

### Introduction:

This European Research Group aims at providing an institutional framework that would be capable of fostering and stimulating scientific exchanges relevant to the analysis of the development of democratic systems between the University of Oxford, the CNRS research centres of the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques (FNSP), and the Maison Française d'Oxford.. As such, it is less a research centre than an exchange framework which offers various opportunities for researchers from Oxford and Sciences Po to meet and set up research projects or academic events together.

The partner institutes of this association – the departments of Politics and International Relations and of Sociology at the University of Oxford on one side, and CNRS research centers in political science and sociology of the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques on the other – are of course no arbitrary choices. Aside from the fact that together they represent a partnership equal in terms of resources, of subjects, of research quality and perhaps mostly of researchers, the choice is motivated by a long tradition of cooperation between the well known scholars from the University of Oxford and their colleagues at Sciences Po

ERG was set up officially in January 2005 for four years and only manages a £8000 yearly budget. If it should develop, be more ambitious for the programmes it supports and look for more funding, will be discussed in the coming year.

### Staff:

Coordinator: Sophie Duchesne

Administrator: Esther Byrom

Chair of the committees: David Goldey

Members:

- Oxford: Elizabeth Frazer, Anthony Heath, Christopher Hood, Andrew Hurrell, Kalypso Nicolaidis, Desmond King
- Sciences-Po: Renaud Dehousse, Florence Haegel, Charlotte Halpern, Marie-Claire Lavabre, Patrick Le Galès, Karoline Postel-Vinay

Visitors:

- from CEVIPOF : Sylvain Brouard (Michaelmas 2006), Stephanie Wojcik (Hilary 2007) and Manlio Cinalli (Trinity 2007)
- Sciences Po Graduate students : Isaline Bergamaschi (DPIR) and Mariana Losada (Sociology)

### Organisation:

ERG is an agreement which joins four institutions: the University of Oxford, Sciences Po, CNRS and Maison Française through their research centres. Members of ERG are for the moment DPIR, department of Sociology for the University of Oxford, CEVIPOF and CERI as CNRS and Sciences Po, plus Maison Française research centre ("Dynamique des modernités: des Empires à l'Europe"). It thus has two committees.

- The Steering committee is constituted by representatives of the four funding institutions. It meets every other year in Paris. It expresses an opinion as to the scientific programme of the ERG, established by the Co-ordinator and as to the current status of work in progress. It shall suggest new orientations, should it be needed; it decides whether to introduce new

laboratories to the ERG (after consulting the Scientific management committee); it suggests any modification to the Agreement.

- The Scientific Management Committee represents the different research centres and meets every year in Oxford (on Tuesday, Tirnity week 10). It discusses the focus of the ERG's research efforts, it determines the ERG's human and budget requests and the subsequent allocation of funds; gives its approval on the yearly ERG financial report.

### Financial Report:

ERG financial management is somehow complicated because of the funding coming from four different institutions, using different currencies, different calendars and different account regulation.

- Each institution (Sciences Po, CNRS, Maison Française (i.e. MFO) and the University of Oxford support ERG with £2000 (or 3000€) a year. The University of Oxford funding is split between DPIR and the department of Sociology.
- CNRS money, which is allocated to the research centre of the coordinator, CEVIPOF, is for administrative reasons extremely difficult to spent. So this share is now transferred to DPIR which administrates it for ERG.
- Although ERG agreement was signed on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 05, the project begun a year ago and CNRS and Maison Française funded ERG before it actually existed. This money was hardly used then, and remained to ERG. Hence the first two years, the budget was in surplus: £6685.37 in June 2006. This year, the excess is reducing and it should have disappeared by June 2008.
- Most of the budget is used for events organisation.

<b>SEED MONEY</b>					
	Sciences Po	CNRS	MFO	DIPR	Sociology
Balance June 06 (corrected) <b>Total £6685.37</b>	2811.11€	1865.65€	£2836.47	£643.23	£50
September 2006				£1000	£1000
January 2007	3000€	3000€	£2000		
Transfer CNRS share to DPIR					
- January 07		-1768.25		£1190.34	
- June 07		-3000		£2000	
Total available:	5811.11€	97.40€	£4836.47	£4833.57	£1050
<b>EXPENSES:</b>					
<b>Programme Policy Instruments, Instrumentation and Policy Changes.</b>					
Missions				£768	
Book launch 12.06.2007				£240	
<b>Programme Sociological and Political Foundations of National Identity.</b>					
Workshop 22.05.2007				£1000	
<b>Programme Rethinking Europe in a Non European World.</b>					
Workshop 8/9.02.2007	479.5				
<b>Programme French Politics.</b>					
Workshop 25.11.2006	869.67		£82.25		
Conference 30.11.2006	95		£615.85		
Workshop 18.05.07			£428.99		

<b>Programme Collective Memory.</b>					
Joint doctoral seminar 26.11.2006	630.79		£434.02	£422.11	
Conference 16/16.02.2007	157.16		£1086.64	£383.03	
Seminar series	758.4				
<b>Visiting researchers and young researchers support.</b>					
Doctoral students and post doc visit to Oxford	1081.48				
Fieldwork	358.53				£494
Editing					£300
Accommodation Sciences Po visiting	989.67				
<b>GDRE administration</b>					
SMC 07	154				
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>5574.2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£2647.75</b>	<b>£2813.14</b>	<b>£794</b>
<b>Balance (total £4690.7)</b>	<b>236.91€</b>	<b>97.4€</b>	<b>£2188.72</b>	<b>£2020.43</b>	<b>£256</b>

## Funding

Apart from the yearly subvention of £2000, each institution provides complementary support to ERG.

- DPIR:
  - o Offers two workplaces for French scholars:
    - the CNRS ERG researcher who is fulltime at Oxford (Marie-Claire Lavabre in 2006/07) who, in return, teaches the "Government and Politics of a Major State: France" MPhil paper with David Goldey.
    - the Sciences Po visitor – one per term: an academic belonging to one of Sciences PO/CNRS research centre in France (8 research centres in Paris, Grenoble and Bordeaux, more than hundred full time researchers in political science and sociology).
  - o Offers two places in the open space for Lavoisier fellows (post doc or doctoral student) or Sciences Po students
  - o Offers Esther Byrom administration
  - o Offers ERG website location and administration.
- Sociology: offers a workspace in the open space for ERG visiting doctoral student
- Sciences Po:
  - o Pays for the accommodation of its visitors, currently at Maison Française.
  - o Welcomes researchers and doctoral students from Oxford, either in its researcher centres (Elizabeth Frazer at CEVIPOG, Michaelmas 06) or at the Ecole doctorale (Ayelet Banai, academic year 2006/07)
- Maison Française:
  - o hosts quite a lot of events supported by ERG
  - o supports applications of doctoral students and post-doc to Lavoisier fellowships.

Moreover, each ERG research programme looks for its own funding, as ERG can only help for some events and team meetings.

## Research

ERG supports research projects whose activity is evaluated on a yearly basis by the SMC. Some of them are proper research programmes in the sense that they produce original data and/or analyses; others are more events organisation on specific topics, where French and British colleagues can meet and discuss. In 2006-07, supported research programmes were the following:

*Programme How Discussions Become Political*

- Transcriptions of the 24 focus groups that will be analysed are almost completed.
- The team met twice in Paris (September and April) to work out transcription rules and design and schedule the analysis.
- Funding: "The politicization of discussion", is funded by various sources:
  - o French and Belgian support were first (Grant of the French Ministry of Foreign research, Two years full time research assistant position from the Belgian FNRS and diverse other complementary supports)
  - o British funding comes from:
    - Leverhume Trust small grant : £17882
    - Nuffield college, Politics research fund (Oxford) : £3498,
    - DPIR support for Elizabeth Frazer

*Programme Policy Instruments, Instrumentation and Policy Changes*

- Research project: "Choice and combination of policy instruments – a comparative analysis of urban and environmental policy instruments in France, Germany, the UK and the EU". Charlotte Halpern, ERG Lavoisier post doc visitor, developed a database on environmental policy instruments. First reports on the French and European cases are completed; UK and Germany should be completed by October.
- Funding: This programme is part of the EUI NEWGOV integrated project (sixth Framework, 60.000€)

*Programme Sociological and Political Foundations of National Identity*

- Sophie Duchesne and Anthony Heath did not organise the event that was planned nor completed their article, but S. Duchesne is working on her book on British national identity.
- This is the first event of a". Sonia Tebbakh (former ERG Lavoisier visitor at Sociology) spend one week in Oxford to participate to the new programme on "Europe's Muslim neighbourhood" (European Studies Centre) and finish a paper on her comparative research on North African Muslims' political identity in Britain and France.

*Programme Memory and Democracy in Europe*

A seminar series convened by Marie-Claire Lavabre together with Robert Gildea and co-organised with the History department, were organised this year, as well as a workshop and a conference (see below):

*Programme Rethinking Europe in a non European World (RENEW)*

Oxford University's new research project "Rethinking Europe in a Non- European world" (RENEW) seeks to overcome the Euro-centric focus of the study of European built issues in world politics. It brings together the expertise around the university and in its wider network of collaborators to address these questions from a critical historical, legal, and strategic view point. It focuses in particular on how non-European actors, including in its borderlands, perceive Europe's global status and make sense of its attempts to diffuse its norms.

*Programme French Politics*

The Programme has focussed on the 2007 presidential and general elections and their effects on the French party system (see events below).

*Other Activities:*

Joint Doctoral Seminar, Paris, 10 May 07, co organised by K.Nicolaidis and R.Dehousse: "EU governance, regional governance and EU in the world".

Young researchers – being they doctoral students or post doc visiting this year or before: Sonia Tebbakh, last year Lavoisier fellow in Sociology (Comparative research on Muslim's political identities in France and the UK), Mariana Losada (Comparative research on Britain and France welcoming oversea students), current doctoral student in the same department and Charlotte Halpern, Lavoisier post doc in Politics ("Elaborating and implementing public decisions in a 'protest

movement society: Conflicts around the extension of the London – Heathrow Airport”) - where supported in their research, either by covering fieldwork expenses or by funding editing.

### Papers and Publications

S. Duchesne, « Waiting for European Identity », to be published in *European Identity*, Edited by Claire Wallace and Kristin Stromsnes, Edward Elgar Publishers, Cheltenham, Glos.

S. Duchesne & F. Haegel, « Accepting or Avoiding Conflict in Public Talk », *British Journal of Political Science*, vol. 37/1, January 07, 1-22.

F. Haegel ed., *Partis politiques et système partisan en France* (preface : Alan Ware), Paris, Presses de Sciences Po, 2007.

C. Halpern, “Choice and combination of policy instruments in the French environmental policy: the example of hazardous plants”, 4<sup>th</sup> NewGov Cluster Workshop in Florence (30-31 March 2007)

C. Halpern, “Choice and combination of policy instruments in the French environmental policy” presented in the panel “Policy instruments: history and effects” (Québec – Congrès des associations francophones de science politique, 25-26 May 2007)

P. Le Galès & P. Lascoumes eds., « Understanding Public Policy through Its Instruments », *Governance* (special issue), January 2007, vol.20/1.

### Events

4.10.06 :Political sociology Seminar, CEVIPOF, Paris : “Comment les Français, les belges et les Anglais parlent de l’Europe?”

30.10.06: A Doctoral Study Day entitled: “Memory Studies: New Fields, New Perspectives” which gathered French and British young researchers

25.11.06: “The Stakes in the 2007 French Presidential Election & the Evolution of the French Party System” convened by David Goldey, Oxford, Maison Française

1.12.06: conference on “The Socialist Left in France and Britain”, convened by S. Hazareesingh and G. Grunberg, Oxford, Maison Française and Department Of Politics

8/9.2.07: workshop "Europe in a Non - European World: The Parameters of the Debate" convened by Franziska Brantner, Kalypso Nicolaidis and Andrew Hurrell (with Karoline Postel-Vinay and Zaki Laidi), Oxford, Nuffield College.

16.02.07. “Micro history: approaches and case studies”. This workshop explored the microhistorical approach from the perspective of allied disciplines – history, political science, sociology and anthropological – and examined a number of case studies

18.05.07: conference on “the 2007 French Presidential Election & the French Party System” convened by D. Goldey

22/23.05.07: Conference “Mutual Misunderstandings: Muslims and Islam in the European media, Europe in the media of Muslim majority countries”, organised by Kalypso Nicolaidis, Kerem Oktem & Sarmila Bose, Oxford, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism

12.06.07: Round Table and books launch: 'Territorial Politics and Subnational Government: the Restructuring of the French State during the Fifth Republic', Oxford, Maison Française.

21/22.06.07: Governing the EU: Policy instruments in a multi-level policy, International Conference, Paris – Sciences Po.

7.09.07: Public policies group French Political Science association meeting, “New perspectives for the sociology of the State”, convenors D. King and P. Le Galès, Toulouse (France).

### Plans for the next academic year

Four of the current programmes will go on: “How discussions become political”, “Memory and Democracy in Europe”, RENEW and “French Politics”. ERG will host three new programmes: Sociology of the State, convened by Desmond King and Patrick Le Galès ; Europe’s Muslim

Neighbourhoods, convened by Kalypso Nicolaidis, Kerem Oktem and Sonia Tebbakh; and The Moral Economies of Political Belonging in the Non-Western World : The Making of Ethnicities and Citizenship in Imperial and National Situations, convened by Jean-François Bayart (CERI-FNSP) and Romain Bertrand (CERI-FNSP) in association with David Anderson (St. Anthony's, Oxford), John Lonsdale (Trinity, Cambridge) and Bruce Berman (University of Toronto).

ERG should welcome at least one new member: OSC – Observatoire social du changement – a Sciences Po research centre in sociology.

Nuffield College has created a Nuffield/Sciences-Po visiting fellowship and will thus host Sciences Po senior visitors. This year, Olivier Rozenberg (Cevipof) will stay during Michaelmas term, Guillaume Roux (Pacte) during Hilary and Romain Bertrand (CERI) during Trinity.

Thibault Bossy will be visiting doctoral student at DPIR and Stephanie Wojcik post doctoral visitor (Lavoisier Fellowship).

Lastly, the third joint doctoral seminar in IR and European studies will be organised for the third time.

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