
Call for papers for PSA Young People’s Politics specialist group (YPP SG)

The PSA Young People’s Politics specialist group is organising and co-organising a series of panels, joint panel sessions and roundtables.

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Guidelines for proposals

Please send proposals of 250 words maximum (including a title) and short biography (including your current position and affiliation) by the end of Friday 11 October 2019 to the convenor(s) responsible for the panel, the YPP email address (youngpeoplespolitics@outlook.com) and to the other specialist group for joint panels.

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Panel 1 (PSA panel submission #38)

Young people, values and political participation

Values play a crucial role in young people’s electoral and non-electoral forms of political participation. Values influence political attitudes, identification, orientation, engagement, repertoires of actions and goals. Since the 1990s, there has been a growing body of work based on Inglehart’s argument that in post-modern societies, there has been a value change, a shift from materialist to post-materialist values, e.g. freedom of expression. This is said to be primarily due to more economic stability, physical security and cultural change in post-industrial societies. However, neoliberalism, the global financial crises, the Great Recession and subsequent austerity measures enacted by governments have especially affected young people; they have been a disruptive force leading to precarity rather than stability. In parallel, levels of educational attainment, connectivity, globalisation and environmental awareness have increased, as well as populist political discourse.

Proposals for this PSA Young People’s Politics SG panel could address a variety of issues specifically about values and young people’s political participation:

- How we can define, conceptualise and measure values?
- What is the usefulness of surveys that enquire into values (European Social Survey, and the World Values Survey)?
- How does political socialisation affect young people’s values and political actions?
- What is the role of the mainstream media and social media in forming values?
- What is the impact of values on young people’s membership of collective political structures, such as political parties, trade unions and student unions?
- What shifts in values can be observed in current cohorts of young people?
- What makes certain values dominant and others minority among young people?
- Why do some young people adopt far-right, extremist or radical values and actions?
- Why have environmentalism and ecological values become more prominent in recent years?
- What impact do values have on electoral and nonelectoral political participation?
- How do values affect youth-led Do-It-Ourselves (DIO) political participation?
- How can political sociology bring new conceptualisations beyond materialist/postmaterialist values, especially in relation to young people?

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Panel 2 (PSA panel submission #)

Young people’s politics and methods

In uncertain and challenging times, it is important that we stay open to methodological innovations, new developments and new ways for working with young people.

We welcome proposals for papers and presentations on methods for working with young people and politics, including methods from interdisciplinary approaches.

This panel welcomes any papers on methods including, but not limited to:

- Qualitative methods,
- Quantitative methods,
- Mixed methods,
- Electoral and opinion polling concerning young people,
- Participatory methods,
- Action research,
- Ethnography,
- Creative methods,
- Methodologies that include young people as co-researchers, etc.

We also welcome proposals that concern approaches to research methods, such as:

- Research ethics,
- The rights of the child in research,
- Crossovers between research methods and youth work, education, etc.
- Young people as researchers, etc.

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Panel (PSA panel submission #)

Young people’s politics open panel

We welcome proposals for a panel on the topic of your choice, relating to young people’s politics. This can be individual paper proposals, or alternatively a complete panel with 4 or 5 abstracts on the same topic.

In particular, we welcome proposals by early career researchers and from presenters of underrepresented groups. Please be reminded that the PSA will not accept any panels that are made up exclusively of male presenters.

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Call for papers for PSA joint panel:
Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) specialist group and Young People’s Politics (YPP) specialist group.

Panel (PSA panel submission #)

Young people, elections, public opinion and parties

Young people’s engagement in formal politics has started receiving more and more attention with recent trends showing an increased engagement with elections and parties, seen in for example increased electoral registration among under 34s and membership and other engagement with political parties. We are also seeing increasing differences in public opinion between young and old, with Brexit being the latest generational divide and a similar one observed in the Scottish Independence referendum. In this joint panel between the EPOP and Young People’s Politics we are interested in papers that address any of these themes from a range of perspectives and methodologies including comparative perspectives.

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For more information about the PSA Elections, Public Opinion and Parties (EPOP) specialist group go to: https://www.psa.ac.uk/specialist-groups/epop
Follow the EPOP SG on Twitter: @psaepop
Young people and environmental politics: reformists, radicals and revolutionaries

Young people are currently at the forefront of environmental politics. Young citizens are expressing their concerns for the environment in both electoral and non-electoral forms of political participation that cross national boundaries. These range from increased support for the Green Party in elections, Do-It-Ourselves (DIO) politics expressed through identity and lifestyle politics, and a variety of protest actions. Young people are acting as reformists and radicals, but also as revolutionaries through the re-imagining of politics and the imagining of creative new means of environmental political participation.

Youth-led and youth-enacted contestation involves young people of different ages and statuses employing different forms of protest actions within the political repertoire. Prominent international environmental direct action movements include school pupils as part of the Schools4Climate, Fridays for Future campaign initiated by Greta Thunberg when aged 15 and young activists and as part of the Extinction Rebellion, notably XrYouth.

This first ever joint-panel session between the Young People's Politics and the Environmental Politics PSA specialist groups seeks to move forward our current knowledge of young people's environmental politics. Papers could address the following issues:

- Who are the young environmentalists (and who are not)?
- What are their motivations, concerns and expectations?
- Is their environmental activism linear or multidimensional?
- How are they acting out their environmental concerns?
- What tools within the political participation repertoire are they using?
- Do they feel part of a transnational or global movement?
- Do young activists form part of a specific cohort and why/why not?
- What are the ethical issues involved researching young people and environmental activism?
- How can researchers get a better understanding of young environmentalists?
- Is it possible for researchers to affect decision-making among power gatekeepers?

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For more information about the PSA Environmental Politics specialist group (EPSG) go to: https://www.psa.ac.uk/specialist-groups/environmental-politics
Follow the PSA EP SG on Twitter: @PSAEEnvironment https://twitter.com/PSAEEnvironment
Young people, politics, race, migration and intersectionality

The PSA’s 70th international conference on the theme of ‘re-imagining politics’ provides a timely opportunity for the YPP and RMI specialist groups to bring together the collective expertise of our members. Whilst in isolation the YPP group focuses on the meaning and practice of politics for young people, and the RMI group focuses upon ethnic minority identity, immigration and belonging, we believe that these research foci share powerful commonalities. As climate collapse raises issues of energy and food security, and war continues to ravage communities in countries around the world, young people are displaced in a search for safety, stability and work. At the same time, we are interested in the particular ways in which young people from different ethnic minority communities conceive and perceive political participation, and in turn their attitudes towards/experiences of racism in contemporary political discourse.

As such, we welcome papers for this panel that address any of the following questions in the broadest possible sense:

- What does ‘politics’ and political participation mean to young people of different ethnicities?
- How and why do young people from different ethnic communities choose to participate (or not) in politics and democracy?
- How is the landscape of young people’s citizenship and political participation evolving in the context of global migration patterns?
- What impact does the resurgence of racism and the far right have on young people and what are their role and attitudes in such developments?

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For more information about the **Race, Migration and Intersectionality (RMI)** go to [https://www.psa.ac.uk/specialist-groups/race-migration-and-intersectionality](https://www.psa.ac.uk/specialist-groups/race-migration-and-intersectionality)
Young women* as political actors are gaining more attention both in the public sphere and as a subject of academic research. While facing multiple inequalities in political participation, young women have nevertheless gained increasing visibility as activists as reflected in media coverage of young female activists internationally including among many, Greta Thunberg, Malala Yousafzai and Camila Vallejo, as well as elected officials such as Mhairi Black, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Typhanie Degois. This is a joint session between two PSA Specialist groups: Young People’s Politics and Women and Politics. It addresses questions of young women’s representation, young women as activists, feminist youth movements and gender and age inequalities in political participation.

*NB we adopt the definition of women as self-defined.

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