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Summer 2016 Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Happy Summer! In this newsletter, we welcome new *JCPA* members, congratulate award winners for Best Article, and announce upcoming events and activities in which we hope that you can take part.

Iris Geva-May



THE *JCPA* AND *ICPA-FORUM* WELCOMES A NEW GOLD INSTITUTIONAL MEMBER AND NEW VALUED EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER

We welcome our new Gold International Institutional Sponsor for 2016:

[The Center for Globalization, Peace and Democratic Governance](#)
[Department of International Relations, Koç University, Turkey](#)

As well as, Koç University's Professor Caner Bakir as a member of the Editorial Board.



JCPA'S 2015 IMPACT FACTOR INCREASES YET AGAIN!

Hot off the press: *JCPA*'s Impact Factor* has increased yet again this year to 0.642 from 0.612 in 2014!

Join me in congratulating the most cited authors and their articles for their excellent scholarship. Thank you to those who disseminated these articles' contribution through *JCPA* citations.

TOP CITED ARTICLES FOR CURRENT IMPACT FACTOR FREE TO ACCESS

Eugénia da Conceição-Heldt

["Do Agents "Run Amok"? A Comparison of Agency Slack in the EU and US Trade Policy in the Doha Round"](#)

4 citations

Michael W. Bauer; Christoph Knill

["A Conceptual Framework for the Comparative Analysis of Policy Change: Measurement, Explanation and Strategies of Policy Dismantling"](#)

3 citations

Jeroen van der Waal; Willem de Koster; Wim van Oorschot

["Three Worlds of Welfare Chauvinism? How Welfare Regimes Affect Support for Distributing Welfare to Immigrants in Europe"](#)

3 citations

Holly Jarman; Katherine Truby

["Traveling for Treatment: A Comparative Analysis of Patient Mobility Debates in the European Union and United States"](#)

3 citations

Jan Seifert; Ruth Carlitz; Elena Mondo

["The Open Budget Index \(OBI\) as a Comparative Statistical Tool"](#)

3 citations

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JCPA BEST ARTICLE AWARD WINNERS FOR 2016!

The *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis* Best Article Adjudication Committee (David Birdsell, Chair, Ted Marmor, Betsi Beem, Emanuele Verdaini and Karen Baehler), and the Editor-in-Chief congratulate:

Dr. Scott Greer, Dr. Heather Elliott, and Dr. Rebecca Oliver

On the Best Article Award for 2016, "[Differences that Matter: Overcoming Methodological Nationalism in Comparative Social Policy Research](#)" published in Special Issue, Vol 17; Iss. 4: "[Bringing Governments Back in: Governance and Governing in Comparative Policy Analysis.](#)"

The Award will be extended at the 14th JCPA and ICPA-Forum Workshop, August 2016.

The authors say: *"For scholars, the conclusion is that methodological nationalism obscures a great deal of important variation, and that disaggregating decentralised states reveals a much more complex and powerful set of explanations than the mere concept of fragmentation. For policy, the conclusion is that the design of intergovernmental relations, law, and finance is very important for the welfare state."*

REMINDER FOR THE UPCOMING ICPA-FORUM WORKSHOP AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

The 14th Annual ICPA-Forum Workshop is quickly approaching!

When: August 7-9, 2016

Venue: Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Where: Wellington, New Zealand

Topic: "[Transferable Learning: Advances in Comparative Methodologies and Practices](#)"

[Click here to see the Workshop Program.](#)

THANK YOU TO ALL PRESENTERS AND PARTICIPANTS OF THE 5TH ANNUAL JCPA-ICPA FORUM RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM HOSTED BY TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY, ISRAEL

The Research Symposium entitled "Policy Analysis in Israel: Piecing Together the Policy Analysis Puzzle in a Volatile Environment" celebrated the publication of *Policy Analysis in Israel: Volume 8 of the International Library of Policy Analysis (ILPA) Series*, Policy Press, sponsored by the JCPA and ICPA-Forum.

Book authors include renowned scholars such as Yehezkel Dror, Ira Sherkansky and practitioners such as Dr. Karnit Flug, the Governor of the Bank of Israel, and Dr. Shirley Avrahami, Head of the Research Committee of the Israeli Parliament. A special thank you to the Volume Editors: Professors Gila Menahem and Amos Zehavi and to the chairman of the hosting School of Public Policy, Professor Itai Sened.

Visit the JCPA [website](#) and [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for more photos and interviews from the Research Symposium!

Click [here](#) to visit the website of the *International Library for Policy Analysis*, Policy Press, London, Sponsored by the JCPA and ICPA-Forum.

Relating to the *ILPA* seven year series, Professor Beryl Radin, Georgetown University, said: "It is important for us all to thank Iris Geva-May and Michael Howlett for their leadership in conceptualizing the series and giving us the opportunity to have a picture of the breadth and depth of the field of policy analysis. Without works like this one, we would all be limited to our separate and unique views of the field."

JCPA NEW SECTION - FORUM: DIALOGUE, DEBATES AND CONTROVERSIES

The JCPA now regularly features a section entitled *Forum: Dialogue, Debates and Controversies* which appears twice a year. The aim is to contribute to academic debates and controversies in the field of comparative public policy by publishing papers that present original ideas and arguments on new theoretical approaches, methodological issues, and other new and relevant considerations for comparative policy inquiry. Recent debates feature Giandomenico Majone's article [Policy Harmonization: Limits and Alternatives](#), published in Volume 16, Issue 1, and Beryl Radin's article, [Policy Analysis and Advising Decisionmakers: Don't Forget the Decisionmaker/Client](#), published in Volume 18, Issue 3.

The essays are double blind reviewed and should not exceed 6,000 words. To submit, contact the Editors of this Section Frank Fischer, Rutgers University, New Jersey at ffischer24@gmx.net, Philippe Zittoun, University of Lyon at pzittoun@gmail.com or Diana Walker, Editorial Manager, at jcpa@sfu.ca

JCPA RELEASES NEW SPECIAL ISSUE

Volume 18, Issue 2: [Special Issue: Comparative Analysis of Unpopular Social Policy Reform and Strategic Communication](#)

Featuring the following articles:

[Taking Stock of the Comparative Literature on the Role of Blame Avoidance Strategies in Social Policy Reform](#), pages 122-137

By Barbara Vis

[Credit-Claiming or Blame Avoidance? Comparing the Relationship between Welfare State Beliefs and the Framing of Social Policy Retrenchment in France and Germany](#), p138-156

By Moira Nelson

[Framing Effects and Comparative Social Policy Reform: Comparing Blame Avoidance Evidence from Two Experiments](#), pages 157-175

By Georg Wenzelburger & Felix Hörisch

[Unpopular Policies and the Imperative of Justification: Putting the Monti Government's Reform Communication in a Comparative Perspective](#), pages 176-194

By Pascal König

[A Comparative Analysis of Hospital Readmissions in France and the US](#), pages 195-209

By Michael Gusmano, Victor G Rodwin, Daniel Weisz, Jonathan Cottenet & Catherine Quantin

[Theory-Driven Comparative Policy Analysis](#), pages 210-219

By Frans K.M. van Nispen & Peter W.A. Scholten

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Thank you for taking the time to read the *JCPA* Summer Newsletter.

Kind regards,

Iris Geva-May

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