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Message from the Chair

Dear Members of IPSA RC26,

I hope this mail finds you and your family in high spirit and good health. I am happy to share three news items with you.

The IPSA RC26 panel proposal was selected for the 2017 European Consortium of Political Research (ECPR) conference held at University of

Oslo during 6-9 September. RC26 was one of the two RCs which were selected to represent IPSA at the ECPR. The panel topic was "Academic Freedom, Democracy and Human Rights: Comparative Perspectives." Our panel attracted a decent number of audience who actively participated in the Q & A session. Most notable presence was the student delegation from the International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS). The student delegates live-streamed the panel presentation to IAPSS student members.

RC26 is co-organizing an international conference on "Human Rights, Gender and Comfort Women: Commemoration and Cultural Artifacts" at Chung-Ang University in Seoul, Korea, on November 3. The co-organizers are the Japanese Military Comfort Women Study Group, Northeast Asia History Foundation, Justice & Memory Foundation and Chung-Ang University. The conference consists of three sessions which address different cultural manifestations of comfort women as living history.

RC26 is going to review and select paper and panel proposal abstracts for the 2018 IPSA World Congress to be held at Brisbane, Australia during 21-25, July 2018

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(<https://wc2018.ipsa.org/events/congress/wc2018/home>). With increasing interest in Human Rights issues at global level, the number of submissions has been on constant rise. Professor Kathrine Gelber of University of Queensland, RC26 member, is the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee.

The leaves are changing colors in the Northern Hemisphere. I hope that the global academic community is going to celebrate the seasonal festivals in the spirit of tolerance and peaceful coexistence.

Cordially Yours,

Mikyong Kim

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HIROSHIMA JAILHOUSE BLUES: ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN JAPAN¹

Important events often take place out of the blue. They defy flow chart-like logic and meticulous planning. March 6, 2017, was one of those days in my life. As I was getting ready to go to my (former) workplace, Hiroshima City University of Japan, my house was raided by a group of Japanese police officers. They told me not to touch anything and render my notebook computers and bank book.

I had no idea what was happening. The whole thing seemed like the cut from a noir film. The police ransacked my two-story town house and told me to pack basic necessities to last for a few days. I finally managed to collect myself and asked them why they were in my house. Hiroshima City University where I was working for 12 years filed a criminal complaint against me, and they were arresting me as a fraud suspect.

I was surprised, but not shocked. I knew the university was capable of doing such thing from my previous dealings with them. They were never shy about showing their contempt towards me for the reasons beyond my control. And yet contempt often does not get translated into a criminal charge. Their action entailed something much more sinister and deeply political.

I was detained for 12 days in Hiroshima jailhouse. They fed the detainees 3 lunch boxes a day and allowed 15-minute shower twice a week. The light was lit 24 hours a day, and we had to expose our head while sleeping. We had to go on barefoot for socks were considered as dangerous items. After non-stop police interrogation, the local prosecutor's office dropped the charge against me. I was released on March 17. The university dispatched two staff members to my way and delivered a dismissal notice after 2 hours of my release. The brutality punched the core of my spine. It was excessive.

I was not going to last long at Hiroshima City University. It had to end in one way or another. I had been the target of their bullying for many years. Since I was not leaving the university

¹ An earlier version of this essay was printed by the *Korea Times* (http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/opinion/2017/07/162_232673.html).

voluntarily as a tenured faculty, they had to devise unnecessarily violent and brutal way to put an end to my employment.

A colleague of mine teaching in Tokyo asked me "so, how was it in the Hiroshima jailhouse?" I laughed at the way he greeted me. "The price was right, but cannot recommend it for an accommodation under any circumstances," I said. My 12 days at the Hiroshima detention center was more like Johnny Cash's gloomy "In the Jailhouse Now" than Elvis's corny "Jailhouse Rock." Physical confinement and violation of human dignity can never be upbeat. I tried to be funny out of courtesy, but the whole thing about it was quite traumatic.

Panic and fear probably was the psychological experience that Hiroshima City University wanted me to taste. They wanted to break my mind and destroy my soul. The university, by the way, is the exemplary educational institution in the city of "world peace culture." I kept on asking the question of "why?" numerous times during those sleepless nights. The answer that I could think of was "simple because they could." It was about sheer body politics.

To their eyes, I was nothing but a single Korean woman who they could take the liberty of demoralizing and undermining. And they wanted to show it to me. Body politics, a symptomatic of totalitarian control, cannot coexist with Hiroshima's message of "No more Hiroshima, No more war." Hypocrisy is a sign of moral weakness. The cover of intellectual pretension and self-righteousness is bound to get busted.

I have filed a lawsuit against Hiroshima City University in order to regain my previous tenured faculty position on July 28, 2017. The first court hearing was held on October 4, 2017, and the second hearing is scheduled on December 4, 2017. The trial support group is formed with more than 120 academics from all over the world signed to join. We are living truly precarious and difficult times in the history.

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Sixth International Scientific Conference "October Readings-2018".

Topic: "Political governance in a global world: new practices, levels, scales",

Saint Petersburg, 18-20 October 2018.

(The Higher School of Economics)

Chairman of the program Committee – Professor Irina Bussygina

One of the key characteristics of the global world is its "connectivity" that reached unprecedented proportions. Globalization becomes the most important factor in the transformation of practices, forms and tools of (political) control in the contemporary world, although the degree of variations of these practices and forms across regions and states is extremely high. Thus, changes affected the distribution of power in modern states and supranational entities, and how and who makes decisions. One of the most significant issues is the question of the functioning and maintenance mechanisms of accountability and control.

On this basis, the discussion during the "October readings - 2018" will be focused around the following issues: (1) what are the main trends in the development of practices and mechanisms of political governance at the global, macro-regional, national levels? (2) what are the new opportunities arising with the spread of these practices? (3) what are the limitations, costs and risks associated with various forms of political control?

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Serviam Juris Review

Main aim: Serviam Juris Law magazine of Santa Ursula University has as main aim to publish contributions from national and international authors about subjects related directly or indirectly to law, mainly about interpretation and concretization of fundamental rights.

Process of evaluation: contributions presented to Serviam Juris will be submitted to evaluation system “double blind peer review”.

Serviam Juris receives contributions continuously. Contributions received are submitted to an previous analysis to verify adaptation to editorial line and to publishing formal criteria. Articles reported to Revues editorial line and not from invited authors, are sent with no identification to two evaluators. If one evaluator makes an advice for acceptance and another evaluator advices for rejection, contribution is sent to a third evaluator, for an conclusive opinion about acceptance or rejection.

Rejected contributions are given back to authors, with respective advices, with no evaluators identification.

After double bind review finish, Editorial Council decides which articles will be published, between those with two advices for publishing.

Articles can be sent in Portuguese, English, French, Spanish and German.

Open Access: Serviam Juris offers free and immediate access to its content. It's based on belief that free access to knowledge brings more worldwide democratization for knowledge.

The main contact is Prof. Dr. Alexandre Travessoni (a.travessoni@gmail.com) and the link with all informations and for submission is: http://icesp.br/revistas-eletronicas/index.php/Serviam_Juris

REASU – Revista Eletrônica de Administração da Universidade Santa Úrsula

Permanent call for papers

REASU – Electronic Magazine of Management of Santa Ursula University, based on an interdisciplinary perspective, has as focus divulgation of technic-scientific production in Studies of Management and similar areas. Its aim is to contribute with discussion and development of knowledge. The target public are researchers, professors, students and professionals who develop studies and researches about connected themes to this Magazine.

REASU is interested in publication of theoretical and empirical articles. It adopts the philosophy of “open access” allowing free and unlimited access to its content.

Thematic approaches: Management, Accounting Sciences, Law, Economy, Science of Information and Communication.

REASU is a semester magazine and its online submissions is uninterrupted. REASU had its first edition in 2015. We receive articles in Portuguese, English, French, Spanish and German. Articles in other languages can be sent with an abstract in English and a preliminary contact to magazine editors.

Process of Submission: All content submitted pass by specialist's revision process (peer review). Each

article submitted is forwarded to editors, who make a first revision to essential normative criteria. Then, the article is submitted to two specialist reviewers to respective area. The process of analysis is “double blind review”. After receiving both feedbacks, Editorial Conseil decides i) to accept the article with no changes, ii) to refuse the article; iii) to give back the article with suggestions to change.

Archiving system: LOCKSS is the system used to create an archive system distributed between participants Libraries and allows them to create permanent archives of the magazine to preservation and restoration.

Mission: to build an open place to researchers, professors, students and professionals who wants to reflect about results of researchers to Management Sciences and correlates areas.

The main contact is Prof. Dra. Márcia Cavalcanti (marcia.cavalcanti@usu.edu.br) and the link with all informations and for submissions is: <http://icesp.br/revistas-eletronicas/index.php/REASU/index>

The Age of Human Rights Journal

<http://revistaselectronicas.ujaen.es/index.php/TAHRJ>

The Human Rights Age Journal is a scientific journal of international relevance, published in English, peer-reviewed and open-access, containing papers concerning Human Rights from different approaches. This Journal is edited in the framework of the Research Group “The Age of Rights”, composed by about one hundred researchers belonging to some of the most important human rights research groups in Spain.

Among the members of the Scientific Board are such relevant scholars as Robert Alexy, Joana Abrisketa, Kai Ambos, Reiner Arnold, Fareda Banda, Martha N. Bello Albarracín, Emmanuel Décaux, Elías Díaz, Sakiko Fukuda-Parr, Todd Landman, Massimo La Torre, Mario Losano, Javier de Lucas, Susan Millns, Ramon Paniagua, Antonio E. Pérez Luño, Philip Pettit, or Richard Wilson.

The Journal has been included in the catalogues of *Emerging Source Citation Index* of the *Web of Science*, LATINDEX, ISOC (CSIC), DIALNET and REDIB.

Call for Papers

Submission instructions:

<http://revistaselectronicas.ujaen.es/index.php/TAHRJ/about/submissions#authorGuidelines>

Manuscripts should be sent to

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MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

Preda, Caterina, *Art and Politics under Modern Dictatorships A Comparison of Chile and Romania* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2017). This is the webpage of the book: <https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9783319572697>

Kim, Mikyoung (Visiting scholar, Emory University)

March 2017. *Chimmolhan sewonho, Nanpahaneun daehanminguk. [Sinking Sewol, Lost Republic of Korea]* (with Jae-jung Suh, co-editors, Seoul, Korea: Hanul Publication)

August 2017. *Challenges of Modernization and Governance in South Korea: The Sinking of the Sewol and Its Causes* (with Jae-Jung Suh, co-editors, London and New York: Palgrave Macmillan)

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2017. "Hiroshima Jailhouse Blues," *The Korea Times*, July 9.

http://koreatimes.co.kr/www/news/opinon/2017/07/137_232673.html.

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[http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www//common/emailAfriend.asp?title=Pressuring China over Pyongyang's mischiefs?&url=http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/opinion/2017/05/162_229182.html](http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www//common/emailAfriend.asp?title=Pressuring%20China%20over%20Pyongyang's%20mischiefs?&url=http://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/opinion/2017/05/162_229182.html)).

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PROMOTION

MEMBER AWARDS/

GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

JOB OPENINGS

LINKS

*Next IPSA World Congress will be held in Brisbane, Australia during 21 and 26 of July 2018

For more information visit <https://wc2018.ipsa.org/events/congress/wc2018/home>

New Membership Features for 2017: Global South Membership Category



IPSA is glad to announce that it has created new membership category that will help our colleagues from the Global South joining our international community of political scientists by drastically reducing their membership fees, therefore supporting IPSA's mandate to be inclusive, globally present and to develop political science in the whole world.

From now on, every citizen of a low and lower middle income country to complete an IPSA membership will be given access to a new membership category called the Global South Membership.

The rates of the Global South Membership will be as follow:

Global South Membership 2017-2018

Regular 2-years	US\$ 80
Senior 2-years	US\$ 30
Student 1-year	US\$ 5
Student 2-years	US\$ 10

These rates represent significant discounts, reaching up from 53% to 89% discount off the regular membership price.

BECOME A MEMBER OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!



Here is the list of countries that will benefit from the Global South Membership for 2017:

Afghanistan	Honduras	Papua New Guinea
Armenia	India	Philippines
Bangladesh	Indonesia	Rwanda
Benin	Ivory Coast	Samoa
Bhutan	Kenya	Sao Tome and Principe
Bolivia	Kiribati	Senegal
Burkina Faso	Kosovo	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Kyrgyzstan	Solomon Islands
Cape Verde	Laos	Somalia
Cambodia	Lesotho	Sudan
Cameroon	Liberia	Sri Lanka
Central African Republic	Madagascar	Sudan
Chad	Malawi	Swaziland
Comoros	Mali	Syria
Congo (Brazzaville)	Mauritania	Tajikistan
Congo (Kinshasa)	Micronesia	Tanzania
Djibouti	Moldova	Togo
Egypt	Mongolia	Tonga
El Salvador	Morocco	Tunisia
Eritrea	Mozambique	Uganda
Ethiopia	Myanmar	Ukraine
Gambia	Nepal	Uzbekistan
Ghana	Nicaragua	Vanuatu
Guatemala	Niger	Vietnam
Guinea	Nigeria	Yemen
Guinea-Bissau	North Korea	Zambia
Haiti	Pakistan	Zimbabwe

This list will be adjusted at the beginning of every year to follow the updates of the [World Bank's lists](#).

We sincerely hope that academics from these countries will take advantage from the incentives in place to join our international community of political scientists.

Please help share the good news with your networks!

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