

Jacqui Briggs EPS Prize 2021: Laudation

Winner

The committee unanimously recommends that the 2021 Jacqui Briggs EPS prize be awarded to **Osman Sabri Kiratli** for the article: "Public sensitivity to cultural identity and regime type of trading partners: a survey experiment from Turkey and Greece" to recognise the substantial contribution that it makes to the advancement of new and innovative trends in political science.

Osman Sabri Kiratli uses an experimental design to examine whether cultural similarity or the fact that a country is democratic leads to a population supporting the liberalization of mutual trade relations. According to Kiratli, two dynamics can drive individual preference for democratic and culturally similar trading partners: Functionally, the institutional composition of democratic regimes provides greater economic and political stability. Secondly, the common political culture and social institutions embedded in certain cultural regions promote bilateral communication, contributing to mutual trust between nations. The hypotheses are tested by means of vignette experiments in national surveys fielded in Turkey and Greece.

The results indicate the preference of Turkish citizens for liberalization of trade relations based on functional reasons, while both normative and functional mechanisms shape the preferences of Greek citizens, where democratic values are important when it comes to being open to common trade. The results are significant and show that the sharing of democratic values has an influence on people's orientations towards other groups, an insight that merits greater attention in future research in this area.

Honourable mentions

The committee would also like to commend two other EPS articles that stood out in their substantial contribution to understanding of the European political science profession and innovation in teaching and learning respectively:

In the field of didactics, **Milla Kruskopf, Elina E. Ketonen and Mikael Mattlin** made a commendable contribution with their article "Playing out diplomacy: gamified realization of future skills and discipline specific theory", in which they showcase how to test the impact of a gamified learning environment on the conceptual understanding and future skills of students.

In terms of understanding shifts taking place in the political science profession across Europe, the committee also commends the article "Identity formation of the profession in a latecomer political science community" by **Gábor Tamás Molnár and Gabriella Ilonszki** for offering an empirically rich and reflective insight into how the Hungarian political science community has adjusted to competing dynamics between 1990 and 2018.

The committee congratulates the authors for their commendable contributions to the journal and in particular the 2021 Jacqui Briggs EPS winner Osman Sabri Kiratli..

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