

## WORKING GROUP 2: Internationalization of Political Science

### AGENDA

#### Meeting venue: Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon, March 2018

1. Outline of the WG2 sessions in Lisbon
2. Day 1, 10.30-13.00 – WG2 Session 1: Internationalization Questionnaire Updates - Core group, Proseps general questionnaire, STSMs, Grant Period III, Internationalization Questionnaire
3. Day 1, 14.00-16.00 WG2 Session 2 Sub-Working Group Brainstorming (Parallel)
4. Day 2, 9.30-11.00 WG2 Session 3 WG2 – Assessing Gender and North/South-West/East Dynamics in WG2 research
5. Day 3, 14.00-15.30: WG2 Session 4 – Grant Period III & Conference/Publication Strategy

#### 1. Outline of the meeting:

The meeting had five objectives:

- To finalize the internationalization pilot survey, finalize design & translation (Individual Level Sub Group)
- To finalize the research design strategy for the systemic level (Systemic level Sub Group)
- To define activities for Grant Period III, Timeline, WG meetings and targets for Sarajevo 2018 (September)
- To agree on conference & publication strategy with targets and timeline
- To decide on the STSM needs of the group for Grant Period III

#### 2. Day 1, 10.30-13.00 – WG2 Session 1: Internationalization Questionnaire - Update:

- PROSEPS Core Leadership & WG1/3/4 Update
- PROSEPS General Survey Update
- STSM Update
- Grant Period III

**Guest participant:** Leslie Pal (<https://carleton.ca/sppa/people/pal-leslie/>), author of “Political Science in Central-East Europe: Diversity and Convergence” (2010).

#### Internationalization survey:

- Objectives, practicalities, and other considerations
- Languages: see excel document “language count”
- Dimension 1: Background
- Dimension 2: Behaviours
- Dimensions 3: Attitudes
- Dimension 4: Environment
- Translation timeline and requirements
- Milestones

### **a) Objectives, practicalities and other considerations -**

- Objectives of the survey: capturing information about internationalization – behavior, attitude, environment, socioeconomic & academic background
- Practicalities and other considerations:
  1. Length and complexity of the questionnaire
  2. Timing
  3. Translation
  4. Degree of similitude between the questions asked in the Proseps general survey and the internationalization survey
  5. SurveyMonkey

### **b) Languages: Option 2 was selected**

- Option 1: Survey in English only
- Option 2: Survey in English and in a selected number of other languages with a robust process of translation

Robust process of translation: double blind translation followed by reconciliation process. If the interreliability score is not high enough: a third translation will be required, followed as well by reconciliation process.

A minimum of 250 potential respondents.

No alternative languages that could mitigate the deterrence effect

### **c) Questionnaire items**

The questionnaire is structured around 4 dimensions:

- Dimension 1: Background (sociodemographics, etc, educational, professional)
- Dimension 2: Behaviours (what do they do or don't? What are the outcomes)
- Dimension 3: Attitudes (How do they think about it, why do they do it or don't)
- Dimension 4: Environment (how do they perceive environmental barriers/opportunities)

\* Gender dimension is important, generational effect, subfield effect, North/South-West-East divide

### **d) Translation timeline and requirements:**

- 3 volunteers for each language were identified: 2 blind translators, 1 conciliator.

### **e) Milestones: Alternative track was selected**

#### **Military track**

- Final version of the pilot, Pilot sent out: April 1

- Revisions and adjustments: May 1-May 15
- Translation: May 15-June 1
- Survey sent out: June 15

**Alternative track:**

- Final version of the pilot, Pilot sent out: April 15
- Revisions and adjustments: May 15-May 30
- Translation: May 30-June 30
- Survey sent out: September 10
- Implication: not working paper to be presented in Sarajevo will rely on the internationalization survey data – Strategically reasonable? Will also depend on the discussion about the conference / publication strategy

**Day 1, 14.00-16.00 WG2 Session 2 Sub-Working Group Brainstorming**

- Collection of data on support programs for internationalization Update
- Individual level Sub-Group: selection of questions
- Systemic level Sub-Group

**Day 2, 9.30-11.00 WG2 Session 3 – Assessing Gender and North/South-West/East Dynamics in WG2 research**

Guest participant: Kathrin Zippel (<https://www.northeastern.edu/cssh/faculty/kathrin-zippel>), author of “Women in Global Science: Advancing Careers Through International Collaboration”, Stanford University Press (2017).

Since the Malta meeting, we have known there are quite a few elephants in the internationalization room. Among which are: Gender dynamics and North/South-West/East dynamics. These dynamics are based on a number of structural inequalities that we need to take into account, investigate and assess. How to measure them? How to assess them? What to do with it?

**Day 2, 14.00-15.30: WG2 Session 4 – Grant Period III & Conference/Publication Strategy**

- Next COST milestone(s) for WG2
- STSM for Grant Period III
- Grant Period III: activities, targets for data collection/analysis
- Conference & Publication Strategy