

Dear ECSR contact persons,

This year, a new ECSR Board will be elected. The ECSR Board election is described in the constitution as following:

For the election of the Board the acting Board of ECSR appoints a 'selection committee' which consults widely among ECSR members and proposes several names for election to the Board. These may include the names of existing Board members who wish to serve another term and proposed new members (up to 10 persons in total). These names are sent, by email, to the contact person in all member institutions of good standing (that is, institutions which have paid their membership subscriptions for the year in which the election is held or for the previous year if the election is held between January and June). Within one month, each institution will be able to add not more than two names to the list of people willing to serve. The final list of names, together with the name of who has proposed them, will then be sent to each institution's contact person by mail. Each institution will be asked to vote for not more than 10 candidates. Only institutions in good standing will be entitled to vote. The contact person of each institution is responsible for ensuring the participation of his or her institution in this process.

We have already appointed a selection committee, which consists of three members: Erzsébet Bukodi (Nuffield College, Oxford, Chair of the committee), Tiziana Nazio (WZB, Berlin, Secretary of the committee), Herman van de Werfhorst (University of Amsterdam, an outgoing ECSR Board member). This committee's task will be to suggest a list of candidates to stand in the election for the ECSR Board membership. **In the first step of the procedure, the selection committee invites nominations, including self-nominations, from individuals from the ECSR institutions.** Self-nomination is a new procedure the current Board decided to implement in order to allow for a broader search of potential candidates. After having received these nominations, the selection committee will compile a list of 10 names taking into consideration gender and geographic diversity of the candidates.

Your task as a ECSR contact person is to inform all individuals in your institution about the possibility of (self-)nomination for the upcoming Board. All (self-)nominations should be send to the following E-Mail: ecsr.election2018@gmail.com before May 1, 2018.

Nominations and self-nominations should include (1) a link to a personal website or CV of the candidate, (2) a short statement on the envisaged involvement in the activities of the ECSR board and (3) a short statement on his/her motivation for the nomination.

Many thanks for your cooperation and best regards,

Fabrizio Bernardi (Chairman) and Irena Kogan (Secretary/Treasurer)