

Dear SRN Members

This is a **Call for Nominations to the SRN Executive Council**. Three (3) members will be elected at the next AGM to fill the expected vacancies and serve for two academic years (2021-22 and 2022-23).

This year the AGM will be held virtually on Monday 13 September 2021 (date TBC) via Zoom during the SRN2021 Research Seminar Series Online, which replaces the Annual Conference.

More specifically, in order to stand for election:

- Find two SRN members (a **Proposer** and a **Secunder**) who are willing to support your nomination.
- Draft a **Statement** (max 250 words) to support your nomination. This typically includes a short bio and/or info about you, your main interests, your participation in the SRN and why you wish to stand for election.
- You or your Proposer must **submit the statement** in support of your nomination to the Secretary of the Executive Council, Rosanne Welch, at least 4 (four) weeks before the date of the election. This means the **deadline** will be **Monday 16 August 2021**. Email: [rosanne@welchwrite.com](mailto:rosanne@welchwrite.com)

**Eligibility:** if you wish to stand for election to the SRN Executive Council, you as well as your proposer and seconder should be “members in good standing”, which means you must have formally signed up to the SRN at least one year ago – i.e. before 20 June 2020.

Once all nominations have been received and “good standing” status confirmed:

- The Secretary will make all nominations and statements available to the Membership by no later than 14 days before the date of the election – i.e. by Monday 30 August 2021.
- Should the nominations exceed the vacancies (i.e. more than three), there shall be an election by secret ballot.
- From then on, all proceedings (including ballots, management of the election if held, and appointment of new members of the EC) will be impartially overseen by two Scrutineers, independent from the Executive Council. Claus Tieber and Alexandra Ksenofontova have kindly accepted to act as Scrutineers.
- Further details regarding voting procedures will be circulated separately following publications of the nominations. However, generally speaking, members will be able to vote up to two candidates from the date nominations are made publicly available (i.e. 30 August 2021) up until and including during the AGM on Monday 13 September, in one of two ways:
  - o via secure online link, or
  - o by emailing their choices to the Scrutineers.
- The results of the Elections will be announced at the close of the AGM and, subsequently, via our usual communications outlets (i.e. Jiscmail mailing list, SRN website and Facebook page).

Please consider standing for election! We can assure you it is a very pleasurable task, involving monthly chats online with lovely colleagues and (pandemics aside) light duties! If elected, you can get a sense of what role you might end up having on the Executive Council by checking out the current members' bios [here](#).

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at [paolo.russo@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:paolo.russo@brookes.ac.uk) or our Secretary at [rosanne@welchwrite.com](mailto:rosanne@welchwrite.com)

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