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Communication

The project webpage is under development. The domain www.interestgroups.dk has been bought and a webpage inspired by the Danish agenda setting project is being developed. This will be up and running February first. For internal communication dropbox will be used. Please place codebooks, relevant papers etc. in dropbox folders.

Danish code books

Code books for: 1) boards and committees, 2) participation in hearings, 3) letters to parliament and 4) media appearance are being developed. Pilot coding will begin within the next couple of weeks. Ritzau has been contacted in order to see if we can get access to press statements from groups. The decision is still pending.

Student coders

A general call for student coders has been issued. At present we have received 17 applications; among these many from very qualified students. Peter, Helene and Anne will hire students next week. For the British subproject, Darren has been in contact with two research assistants involved in the Scottish group project. These are interested in working for our project.

Conferences

It is still not clear whether the whole project group will be able to participate in either NOPSA or the ECPR General Conference this summer. Anne B. and Caelesta Poppelaars have drafted an application for a workshop at ECPR Joint Sessions 2011.

