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The value of each Prize is £250. All full-length articles in the relevant volume are eligible. Any of the major areas of comparative European politics, government and public policy, including the analysis of single countries from a comparative perspective, are considered. Both Gordon Smith and Vincent Wright especially encouraged the work of younger scholars who had not previously published. Accordingly, in making the award of one of the Prizes, preference may be given to articles written by younger academics.

The two articles below have been judged by members of the Editorial Board and the Editors as making a significant contribution to the study of comparative European politics:

Frank M. Häge, 'Politicising Council Decision-making: The Effect of European Parliament Empowerment', *West European Politics*, Vol. 34, No. 1, pp. 18–47.

Georg Wenzelburger, 'Political Strategies and Fiscal Retrenchment: Evidence from Four Countries', *West European Politics*, Vol. 34, No. 6, pp. 1151–1184.