

Annual Conference

Europe's Changing Political System and Issue Space. What Lessons from the 2019 European Elections?

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Introduction

The 2019 European Parliament elections have been described as 'a fateful election for Europe'. Despite the outcome not matching the feared landslide success of Eurosceptic and populist forces, the general picture is that of a European Union where polarisation and politicisation is higher than the past. The EGPP Annual Conference 2020-2021 presents high-level scholarly research on, broadly, the drivers and consequences of the electoral results of May 2019, as well as the European political space and its (reshaped?) dimensionality. A keynote speech by Simon Hix, who will join the EUI in September 2021 as Stein Rokkan Chair in Comparative Politics, opens the conference. Then, the first two panels are devoted to Europe's issue space. The second day comprises three panels dedicated to institutions and citizens, with a focus on electoral systems, Spitzenkandidaten, selectorate, party choice and turnout. A final panel on populism and radical right closes the conference. The selected papers presented in the conference will be evaluated by the conference organisers and later published as either chapters to an Edited Volume or articles of a Special Issue in a scientific journal.

Programme

25 February

14.15 - 14.30 **Welcome by the organisers and the EGPP Director**

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14.30 - 15.00 **Opening keynote speech**

Introduction by **Brigid Laffan** | European University Institute

Simon Hix | London School of Economics

15.00 - 16.30 **Panel I - Europe's issue space (1/2)**

Chair and discussant: **Liesbet Hooghe** | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and European University Institute

Betrothed or strangers together? Territorial divides and electoral change in Western Europe

Davide Angelucci and **Lorenzo De Sio** | Luiss University Rome

New challenges for representative democracy: the changing issue space in Western Europe

Nicola Maggini | University of Milan

Beyond the U-Curve: Citizen and Party Preferences on European Integration in Multidimensional Policy Space

Dimiter Toshkov | Leiden University

Comparing Party Positions in a European Multidimensional Political Space: a Cross-Validation of the EU Profiler/euandi Longitudinal Dataset, 2009-2019

Frederico Ferreira da Silva | University of Lausanne

Andres Reiljan | European University Institute

Lorenzo Cicchi | European University Institute

Diego Garzia | University of Lausanne and European University Institute

Alexander H. Trechsel | University of Luzern

16.30 - 17.00 *Break*

17.00 – 18.30 **Panel II Europe's issue space (2/2)**

Chair and discussant: **Alexander H. Trechsel** | University of Luzern

GAL/TAN Cleavage in the European Parliament: Scrutinizing Euroscepticism across Party Groups from 2009 to 2019 and Beyond

Catarina Silva and **Laura Ferreira-Pereira** | CICP/University of Minho – Braga, Portugal

The European Foreign Policy Space: Continuity and Change in the European Parliament

Tapio Raunio | University of Tampere

Wolfgang Wagner | Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

European solidarity as a contested terrain after the crises: a multidimensional approach

Alessandro Pellegata and **Francesco Visconti** | University of Milan

26 February

9.00 – 10.30 **Panel III - Institutions (1/2, electoral systems)**

Chair and Discussant: **Lorenzo Cicchi** | European University Institute

How can I vote? European Parliament elections 2019

Alina Dobрева | European Parliamentary Research Service

One Game Played by Two Dozen Rules: An Analysis of National Electoral Models and Electoral Strategies at the 2019 European Parliament Election

Višeslav Raos | University of Zagreb

How to measure electoral victories in the European Parliament

Luciano Bardi | European University Institute

Enrico Calossi | Università di Pisa

Transnational Lists or Double Proportionality at future European Elections?

Friedrich Pukelsheim | University of Augsburg

10.30 – 11.00 *Break*

11.00 – 12.30 **Panel IV - Institutions (2/2, Spitzenkandidaten and selectorate)**

Chair and discussant: **Brigid Laffan** | European University Institute

Can the Spitzenkandidat process create a European public sphere? The case of German, Luxembourgish, French, Belgian, Spanish, Italian, Greek, and British press

Stergios Fotopoulos and **Luciano Morganti** | VUB Brussels

European elections? A reality check on MEP recruitment

Friedrich Pukelsheim | University of Augsburg

Kai-Friederike Oelbermann | Anhalt University of Applied Sciences

Wilhelm Lehmann | European University Institute

The transformation of political elites in the European Union after 2008. What is next after the constraining dissensus?

Marcel Hadeed | Robert Bosch Foundation

Monika Sus | Hertie School and Polish Academy of Science

12.30 - 13.30 *Break*

13.30 - 15.00 **Panel V - Institutions & Citizens (Party choice, turnout)**

Chair and discussant: **Diego Garzia** | University of Lausanne and European University Institute

Running Fast, Broad but Less Deep? The relationship between Internet campaigning and political attitudes during the 2019 EP elections

Tiago Silva | University of Lisbon

Issues That Mobilize Europeans. Understanding the role of key policy issues for voter turnout in the 2019 EP elections

Daniela Braun | LMU Munich

Constantin Schäfer | University of Münster

A European Parliament Election as a Referendum

Richard Rose | University of Strathclyde and European University Institute

Ian McAllister | Australian National University

15.00 - 15.30 *Break*

15.30 - 17.00 **Panel VI - Case study: populism and radical right**

Chair and Discussant: **Hanspeter Kriesi** | European University Institute

Putting the Blame Back on Brussels: Self-Defense Strategies of the Radical Right in the 2019 European Elections

Boris Popivanov | Sofia University

Populist Mediatisation: How Hungary's Fidesz Became the Strongest Populist Party in the EU (1989-2019)

Mátiás Máté | Corvinus University of Budapest

The growing electoral success of the (Northern) League

Alessio Scopelliti | University of Bristol

Far-Right in the European Parliament: The Greek case between radical-right populism and extremism

George Kordas | Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences

17.00 - 17.15 Conclusions and next steps

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