



Final Conference of the European Election Study 2014

November 6-8, 2015

Venue:
Fuchs-Petrolub-Festsaal (O 138)
University of Mannheim, Germany

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This conference will also celebrate 35 years of European Election Studies, which were initiated at the University of Mannheim at the occasion of the 1st direct election of MEPs in 1979

Conference Programme (semi-final)

Friday 6 November

Welcome (13:00 – 13:30 hrs)

Professor Hermann Schmitt, Local Host, PI of the EES 2014, and Current Chair of the EES Association

Professor Rosemarie Tracy, Pro-Rector for Research of the University of Mannheim

Professor Frank Kalter, Director of the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research of the University of Mannheim

Panel 1: Candidates and Campaigns (13:30 – 15:00 hrs)

The *Spitzenkandidaten* campaigns in 2014: assessing the importance of information and news exposure for preference formation of voters

Katjana Gatterman, University of Amsterdam

Claes H. De Vreese, University of Amsterdam

Wouter van der Brug, University of Amsterdam

Do Candidates Matter? The Influence of Commission President Candidates on attitudes towards EU Democracy

Robert Rohrschneider, The University of Kansas

Hermann Schmitt, Universities of Manchester and Mannheim

Sebastian Adrian Popa, University of Mannheim

Gender Differences in the Use of New Technologies: Candidates' campaigning in comparative perspective

Maarja Lühiste, University of Leicester

Laura Sudulich, Université Libre de Bruxelles

When to talk about Europe? Selective Europeanization of the 2014 EP elections

Zoltan Fazekas, University of Southern Denmark

Sebastian Popa, University of Mannheim

Hermann Schmitt, University of Mannheim
Pablo Barbera, New York University
Yannis Theocharis, University of Mannheim

The politicization of the institutional set-up of the EU in European Election Campaigns 2014 in Germany, the United Kingdom and Denmark

Lisa H. Anders, University of Potsdam
Thomas Tuntschew, University of Potsdam

Panel Chair: Cees van der Eijk, University of Nottingham

Coffee Break 15:00 – 15:30 hrs

Panel 2: Does Europe matter more? (15:30 - 17:00 hrs)

Three dimensions of vote choice: To what extent does the European level replicate the national vote dimensions?

Steven van Hauwaert, Catholic University of Leuven
Pierre Baudewyns, Catholic University of Leuven

“Ever-changing” impact of Europe on EP voting behavior: An analysis in Southern Europe

Ilke Toygür, Universidad Autonoma de Madrid

The “nationalization of EU politics” vs the “Europeanization of national politics” in EU elections: A comparative analysis of Germany, Italy and Spain

Mariano Torcal, University Pompeu Fabra
Toni Rodón, University Pompeu Fabra

Euroscepticism and Turnout in the 2014 EP elections

Constantin Schäfer, University of Mannheim
Marc Debus, University of Mannheim

Electoral Euroscepticism, turnout and the economic crisis: evidence from a 108-elections panel study across Europe.

Francesco Nicoli, Università di Trento

Panel Chair: Hermann Schmitt, Universities of Manchester and Mannheim

Panel 3: Institutional challenges (17:00-18:30 hrs)

The Council's Congruence with the European Citizens

Nathalie Giger, University of Geneva

Zoe Lefkofridi, University of Salzburg

Addressing Europe's democratic deficit: An experimental evaluation of the pan-European district proposal

Damien Bol (University of Montreal), André Blais (University of Montreal), Sona N. Golder (Penn State University), Philipp Harfst (University of Greifswald), Jean-François Laslier (Paris School of Economics), Laura Stephenson (University of Western Ontario), and Karine van der Straeten (Toulouse School of Economics).

Decentralization, responsibility attribution and vote: Disentangling the avenues for accountability in multilevel contexts

Sandra León, University of York

Amuítz Garmendia Madariaga, Binghamton University

Economic voting in European Parliament elections in the 'bail-out' countries

Martin Okolikj, University College Dublin,

Stephen Quinlan, GESIS, Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, Mannheim

Panel Chair: Pilar del Castillo, MEP (tbc)

20:00 hrs Dinner at *Goldene Gans* (individual budgets)

Saturday 7 November

Panel 4: Parties and party competition (9:30-11:00 hrs)

Patterns of party competition - analytical approach, EU-wide comparison and database

Cees van der Eijk, University of Nottingham

Contextual factors and electoral support for radical left parties in Western Europe

Luis Ramiro, University of Leicester

Raúl Gómez, University of Liverpool

Laura Morales, University of Leicester

Normalizing EU party competition? A longitudinal study of national parties'

Euromanifestos

Daniela Braun, University of Munich

Swen Hutter, European University Institute

Fleeing the Centre: The Rise of Challenger Parties in the Aftermath of the Euro Crisis

Sara B Hobolt, London School of Economics

James Tilley, University of Oxford

Panel Chair: Oľga Gyárfášová, Comenius University, Bratislava

Coffee Break 11:00 – 11:30 hrs

Panel 5: Political Behavior and EP Elections (11:30-13:00 hrs)

Voter Uncertainty and Party Strategy in EP Elections

Guido Tiemann, Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna

The backbone of democracy: electoral availability and European elections

Federico Vegetti, Central European University

Cristiano Vezzoni, Università degli Studi di Trento

Paolo Segatti, Università degli Studi di Milano

Towards convergence in times of crisis? Assessing opinion congruence between voters and parties in eight EU elections

Sofia Vasilopoulou, University of York

Katjana Gattermann, University of Amsterdam

Policy Positions in the Eyes of the Beholder:

Voters' Understanding of Parties' Positions on the left/right and on European Integration

Christopher Williams, MZES, University of Mannheim

Christine Arnold, Maastricht University

Contextual Political Information and Timing of Vote Decision

Lilach Nir, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Panel Chair: Mark N. Franklin, Michigan Institute of Technology & European University Institute

Buffett Lunch 13:00 – 14:00 hrs

Panel 6: Voting Behavior in EP elections (14:00-15:30 hrs)

Habituating to the New Normal in a Post-earthquake Party System: the 2014 European Election in Greece

Eftichia Teperoglou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
Emmanouil Tsatsanis, University Institute of Lisbon (CIES-IUL)

Slovakia and the turnout conundrum

Oľga Gyárfášová, Comenius University, Bratislava
Karen Henderson, Comenius University, Bratislava

Authoritarianism and Support for the Radical Right

Erik R. Tillman, DePaul University

The role of partisanship in governing turnout at EP elections

Mark N. Franklin, MIT & EUI

Panel Chair: Michael Marsh, TCD

Coffee Break 15:30 – 16:00 hrs

Panel 7 (Jubilee Panel): 35 Years of European Election Studies – their contribution to the study of European integration and comparative political behaviour (16:00-18:00 hrs)

Roundtable:

Pascal Chelala (TNS), Pilar del Castillo (MEP tbc), Cora Ziegenbalg (Volkswagen Foundation); Jacques Nancy (European Parliament), Renaud Soufflot de Magny (European Commission, tbc). Representatives of national science foundations: DFG (Eckard Kämper), ESRC (Edward Fieldhouse), and NWO. One or more of the former EES study directors, available ‘candidates’ are Cees van der Eijk, Mark Franklin, Michael Marsh, Hermann Schmitt, and Claes de Vreese.

Chair: Sara B. Hobolt

20:00 hrs Conference Dinner at *Ristorante Della Bona* (upon invitation)