

AEGCPP
Second Annual European Graduate Conference on Political Parties
Thursday 4th March 2010
Centre d'Études Européennes, Sciences-Po, Paris, France

CALL FOR PAPERS – Deadline Monday 18th Jan 2010

The second annual postgraduate conference on the topic of political parties at a national, subnational and European level will be held on **Thursday 4th March 2010** at **Sciences-Po, Paris, France**.

Keynote Speakers for the Second AEGCPP Conference

Prof. Bernard Manin

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Prof. Paul Whiteley,

University of Essex. Co-Director of the ESRC funded British Election Study

For many years, political parties have been frequently declared dead by a wide range of observers. Despite this recurrent death warrant, political parties still dominate the landscape of modern democracies and provide researchers with often difficult questions as to their persistence, their organisation and their behaviour. Nevertheless, these organizations seem to survive the challenges. On the whole, political parties have been a permanent feature in almost all modern democracies across the world, whether it be at national, sub-national and now supra-national level. These powerful organisations have differed across states, across governance levels, and throughout time and researchers have tried to pick their locks to explain their existence, organisation and behaviour.

The AEGCPP conference seeks to provide a platform for postgraduate research in the area of political parties. The conference wants to provide postgraduate students with an arena in which to discuss, challenge and interpret the changes occurring in the field. The conference is designed to bring together postgraduate researchers from across Europe working with political parties and share current research about the life of the party, from the structure of the organisation itself to the behaviour in parliaments and legislatures; from its inter- or intra-party communication to its method of campaigning. Along with encouraging multiple theoretical approaches to the study of political parties worldwide, this conference aims to work across methodological approaches to discover the state of research currently undertaken by graduates. Organised by and for postgraduate students, the AEGCPP conference tries to provide a supportive atmosphere in which to present research and a significant opportunity to discuss work with peers and senior researchers across Europe and beyond.

For more information about submission of an abstract or a panel proposal

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