



ELECTING EUROPE, 20 MAY 2014

Open Conference in 1453/223 & 227 - All Welcome ☺

In May 2014, citizens of the 28 European Union member states will elect their representatives to the European Parliament (EP). Elections are rituals in democratic political systems that can be studied from multiple perspectives. This includes the way democracy is interpreted by voters and candidates, and the different political topics of the campaign. Elections can be studied as history, identity politics, or power games. The orchestration of elections depends on several groups, from civil servants to political parties and volunteers involved with organising campaign events. These elections are in focus at this conference where the research undertaken by the group of European Studies MA-students will be presented. Abstracts of all papers will be available prior to the conference.

9.15-10.20: Welcome and Keynote Lecture in 1453/223:
Lisanne Wilken, 'Europe nul points'? Reflections on Europe in light of the Eurovision Election

10.30-12.40: Morning parallel sessions

A - Election Essentials and Infrastructure

Mariam Tirkia, *Finding Europe in the EP Election Campaign Videos, 2009 and 2014*

Senad Ferati, *The EP & Election Laws. A Comparative Analysis of the United Kingdom and Ireland*

Avtandil Koridze, *European Political Party Cleavages? A Study of the UKIP Voter Base*

Aliaksandr Herasimenka, *The 2014 Lithuanian Online Campaigning for the EP. Practitioners and Practices*

B - Smart Voters?

Martin Matejec & Sofia Simoncelli, *University Students' Perceptions of the EP and its Elections. Case Studies of Students in Bratislava and Padua*

Nenad Sombic, *University Students' Perceptions of the EU and EP Elections. A Case Study across AU*

Alexandr Hripton, *The Political Landscape and Participation of Danish PhD-students at AU*

12.50-13.30: Keynote Lecture in 1453/223:

Claudia Leskien, *Hosting Europe. Vocation européenne and Banal Europeanism in Strasbourg*

14.30-18.00: Afternoon parallel sessions

C - Media Performances

Part I: Gender and (Self-)Representations

Emilia Cristina Costea, *Behind the Curtain.*

Celebrities in the Romanian 2009 EP Campaign

Maria Georgiana Paraschiv, *Sex and the Campaign.*

A Study of Young Female EP Candidates in the 2014 Romanian Campaign

Iaryna Odynak & Liliia Budii, *Polish Female MEP*

Candidates' Self- and National Media Representations in the 2014 EP Campaign

Part II: Narrating Elections

Cecilie Lindstrøm, *The Construction of "Crisis" in the 2014 Danish EP Election Campaign*

Tamás Novák, *Coverage of the 2004 and 2009 EP Campaigns in Hungarian Online Media*

D - Outside Voters?

Andreas Ulrich, *Locating Europe and Elections among Young and Unemployed Voters*

Aylin Huri Kuyucu, *The Political Landscape of Turkish Minorities in Aarhus – from Local to European Elections*

Iria Ameixiras Cundins, Laura Ciuksyte & Daniela

Biton, *A European Electorate? Perceptions and Political Participation of European Migrants in Denmark.*

18.15-19.15: Reception paper givers, keynote speakers, chairs, and audience who've participated in at least one full session.

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