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PADEMIA Community News

Call for Papers for PADEMIA Annual Conference open

The PADEMIA annual conference will take place on 19 and 20 May in Brussel. The call for papers is now open: Please find the call at <http://www.pademia.eu/send-in-your-paper-proposals-for-the-annual-conference/>. Deadline for proposal is 15 March.

Call for PADEMIA Awards 2016 now open

The call for applications to the PADEMIA Research and Teaching Awards and the PADEMIA Student Paper Prize is now open. Please find the call at <http://www.pademia.eu/pademia-awards-2016-call-for-application/>. Deadline for submissions is 25 March.

Call for Papers for PADEMIA PhD School in Dublin open

The PADEMIA PhD School on “Parliamentary Accountability: Assessing the link between citizens and elites in national and supranational politics” will take place in Dublin, 1-3 June. Find more information and the call for applications at:

<http://www.pademia.eu/phd-summer-school-call-for-appications/>

Call for Papers for LUISS and PADEMIA PhD School in ROME open

The LUISS and PADEMIA PhD School on “Legislative initiative and agenda-setting in the European Union” will take place in Rome, 11-15 July. Find more information on the school and the application at:

<http://sog.luiss.it/graduate-and-summer-programs/summer>

PADEMIA goes Twitter

PADEMIA now has an official twitter feed to provide updates on research news and on upcoming events and workshops. Make sure to follow the page and tweet using the #PADEMIA.



PADEMIA Workshop and SUMMIT Conference

Under the slogan 'Grasping the European Council – Raising Awareness for a Key Institution' the SUMMIT kick-off Conference and PADEMIA workshop gathered about 70 academic experts and practitioners in Brussels on 28 and 29 January.



Exclusive insights could be gained by contributions of

Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council Emeritus, Martin Selmayr, Head of Cabinet of the European Commission, Didier Seeuws, Head of Cabinet of the previous President of the European Council, now Director for Transport, Telecom and Energy of the Council of the European Union, Zoltán Martinusz, Director for Enlargement, Security, Civil Protection, Foreign Affairs Council Support of the Council and Shahin Vallee, former economic advisor to European Council President Van Rompuy.

In two PADEMIA panels, interesting insights were discussed on the European Parliament's and national parliaments' relation to the European Council. We would like to thank all participants for a truly enlightening two-day conference.

PADEMIA Member Wolfgang Wagner spoke at the Dutch Advisory Council on International Affairs

Wolfgang Wagner (VU Amsterdam) was invited to speak at the presentation of the report on the parliamentary control of rapid reaction forces



by the Dutch Advisory Council of International Affairs. In his speech, he explained why scrutiny by national parliaments conflicts with military integration in the framework of the EU's security and defense policy, most visible in the case of the Battlegroups. He commented on the recent report by the governmental advisory council on international affairs and highlighted that the council refrained from any advice that would weaken parliamentary scrutiny. His talk was followed by a discussion with members of the Dutch parliament, chaired by the former NATO Secretary General de Hoop Scheffer. The event was very well attended.

Brexit Divisions

In March 2016, PADEMIA Institution UCL (University College London) European Institute hosts a high-profile debate and editorial series on the British EU referendum. On 8 March, the half-day event [Brexit Divisions I: What you ought to know about EU referendums and the UK debate](#) brings the leaders of the Stronger in and Vote Leave campaigns together with campaign analysts



and activists from the UK and other EU referendums elsewhere. What arguments, stories, images or what campaign strategies may shape the way people make sense of EU membership? What might be the decisive turning points in the debate, and what lessons can be learned from previous referendums? On 22 March, [Brexit Divisions II: The Mother of Migration Debates](#) looks at migration as a key point of controversy and opinion shaper in the Brexit debate. Its aim is to inject factual clarity and critical analysis into the debate. How are certain claims and facts regarding free movement and the refugee crisis being used? The events are embedded in two guest editor weeks on [openDemocracy](#). The series is co-funded by a grant from the [European Commission Office in UK](#). It does not take sides in the debate, but aims to offer information and critical analysis, challenging arguments on both sides of the debate.

[Britain & Europe Project at UCL](#)

The electorate in Britain has become highly critical of the way the European Union, and indeed the European Court of Human Rights, operate. With a referendum on British EU membership looming, public opinion - and campaigning - hinges centrally on how the Union is judged to perform institutionally and in certain policy areas, and whether the government's negotiations are deemed both sufficient and achievable. Yet what are the concrete facts underlying our often highly politicized perception of key policy areas and institutional relations? And what could a reform of these entail in real terms? Since January 2015, the UCL European Institute has

been running a "Britain & Europe" project to research and debate these questions critically. Funded by the European Commission, it features a series of public debates with experts, opinion and policy-makers representing a range of different standpoints, as well as accompanying online resources. In particular, the UCL EI has created the first bespoke, university-hosted blog on Britain's relationship to the EU - www.britain-europe.com - which features contributions from UCL academics, other UK and international scholars, and experts from the field.

[PADEMIA Members introduce themselves](#)

In each Newsletter, one of our partner institutions and the colleagues occupied with PADEMIA will be introduced. This time, learn more about the Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies (JSIPS) at the University of Tartu (Estonia):

The University of Tartu (UT), founded in 1632, is a leading institution of higher education and research in the Baltic states, as well as the only classical university in Estonia pursuing advanced learning in a wide variety of disciplines. The Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies at the UT is a leading centre for both academic and applied political and social research in the Baltic region. The Institute offers degree programs at the BA, MA and doctoral level. The Institute is home to several research centers, including the Centre for EU-Russia Studies, Centre for Baltic Studies, Centre for IT Impact Studies, and the Centre for Applied Social Sciences. The Institute coordinates the Estonian National Elections Study and contributes to cutting-edge work on indicators of democracy through



hosting the V-Dem Regional Center for Eastern Europe and Russia.

Dr Piret Ehin is Senior Researcher at the Johan Skytte Institute of Political Studies and founding Director of the Centre for EU-Russia Studies at the same institution. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Arizona (2002). Her main



research interests include democracy, legitimacy and political support, European integration and Europeanization, and international relations in the Baltic Sea region. Her work has appeared in the European Journal of Political Research, Journal of Common Market Studies, Cooperation and Conflict, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties and the Journal of Baltic Studies. She is the Estonian country collaborator for cross-national survey projects such as the European Election Studies (EES) and the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES). Since 2007, she has prepared studies and briefing papers for the European Parliament on issues ranging from electoral politics in the EU to the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and EU-Russia relations. Recently, she contributed a chapter to the Palgrave Handbook of National Parliaments and the European Union issued within the OPAL project.

Dr Stefano Braghiroli is lecturer in European studies at the same institute. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Siena (Italy) in 2010. He is currently director of



two Master programmes in “European Studies” and “European Union – Russia studies”. Many of his research interests, which include party politics in the European Parliament, EU politics, and EU-Russia relations, directly relate to the dimension of parliamentary democracy, especially in its supranational connotation. A number of his works deal with the voting behaviour of the MEPs and with the determinants of voting dynamics in the assembly. Worth mentioning in this sense are his recent articles on the EP's voting dynamics on EU-Russia relations (in Journal of Contemporary European Studies) and on the EP's democratic scrutiny of the management of the Euro-crisis (in Journal of Legislative Studies). The component of parliamentary democracy plays also a key role in his teaching activities. In fall 2015 he organized a cycle of seminars involving the entire delegation of Estonian MEPs to help students better connect academia and the “real world” of European decision-making.



Recent Publications

Fromage, D. (2015).

Les Parlements dans l'Union Européenne après le Traité de Lisbonne - La Participation des Parlements allemands, britanniques, espagnols, français et italiens.

Paris: Harmattan

<http://www.editions-harmattan.fr/index.asp?navig=catalogue&obj=livre&no=48340>

This book offers an analysis on the British, French, German, Italian and Spanish parliaments in the EU after the Lisbon Treaty. Its first part is devoted to their participation in EU affairs until 2009 in order to highlight to what extent the prerogatives the new Treaty granted them has led to a change in their role. Its Second part focuses exclusively on the Early Warning Mechanism. It shows to what extent the introduction of this new Mechanism has had positive effects on the parliamentary participation in EU affairs in general and how National parliaments have adapted to this challenge. The analysis concludes however on a more critical note as regards the sustainability of these positive changes, due, among others, to the way National parliaments have adapted or to how the EU institutions react.

Högenauer, A.L., Neuhold, C., Christiansen, T. (2016).

Parliamentary Administrations in the European Union (London: Palgrave), ISBN 978-0-230-36036-5.

<http://www.palgrave.com/it/book/9780230360365>

Parliamentary Administrations in the European Union offers a comprehensive overview over the role of parliamentary administrations in the control of European Union policy-making. It questions whether the decision to give

parliaments greater powers in the aftermath of the Lisbon Treaty had only the intended effect of increasing political debate on European policies, or whether it has also resulted in the bureaucratisation of parliaments. In this pursuit, it argues that the challenges of information-management faced by parliaments lead them to delegate an extensive set of tasks to their administrations. Parliamentary administrations not only advise politicians on European procedures, but often offer substantive advice on how to assess the proposed policy. In many cases, they even play a role in identifying potentially problematic European policies. The book offers a broad empirical picture: It analyses the challenges faced by parliaments and the role and response of their administrations in the case of the European Parliament, national parliaments and regional parliaments. In addition, it studies the contribution of administrations to interparliamentary cooperation. In the process, it presents a new and different perspective on the challenges and dynamics of multi-level parliamentarism.

Kröger, S. and Bellamy, R. (eds.) (2016).

National Parliaments and the Politicization of European Integration. Special issue with Comparative European Politics 14(2).

The special issue has contributions by Sandra Kröger and Richard Bellamy, Katrin Auel, Olga Eisele and Lucy Kinski, Carina Sprungk, Ian Cooper, Arndt Wonka and Sascha Göbel, and Tapio Raunio. It can be found here:

<http://www.palgrave-journals.com/cep/index.html>

Kröger, S. (2016).

Europeanised or European? Representation by Civil Society Organisations in EU policy making. ECPR Press

http://press.ecpr.eu/book_details.asp?bookTitleID=481



This book looks at how agricultural, environmental and anti-poverty organisations engage with EU affairs; the ways they conceive of interest representation and the strategies they choose to represent their constituencies across the regional, national and European levels of governance; and how being engaged with the EU affects them. Taking a subjective approach in which the perceptions of civil society actors are centre-stage, it breaks new ground in covering the different levels of governance and combining representation theory with EU studies. Kröger finds that while these groups are quite Europeanised, for the most part they do not defend a European interest, as opposed to a national or sectoral interest. This is particularly true for the redistributive policy fields of agricultural and social policy, where actors often mention the lowest common denominator policies of the EU and, as a result, often engage in bilateral interest representation strategies.

van der Brug, W., Gattermann, K., De Vreese, C.H. (2016).

"How Different Were the European Elections of 2014?". *Politics and Governance* 2016, Volume 4, Issue 1.

<http://www.cogitatiopress.com/ojs/index.php/politicsandgovernance/issue/view/38>.

Wouter van der Brug, Katjana Gattermann and Claes de Vreese (University of Amsterdam) published an open access Special Issue titled "How Different Were the European Elections of 2014?" in *Politics and Governance*. It brings together papers that focus on the question of whether and in which ways the 2014 European Parliament elections were different from previous ones. This is important from the point of view of emerging scholarship on changes in the EU and from the point of view of the self-proclaimed 'This time it's different!' slogan

from the Parliament. The papers centre around three themes: 1) the role of the Spitzenkandidaten, 2) media and voters, and 3) electoral behaviour. The full issue can be accessed for free.

Upcoming Events

PADEMIA Workshops:

EU Communication Transformed? Politics and Media in Crisis Mode

Organizer: Leonard Novy (IFM Berlin)

When and Where: 8 March, Cologne

Variation in National Parliamentary Control and Inter-Parliamentary Cooperation in EU Affairs

Organizer: Viera Knutelska (Charles University, Prague)

When and Where: 8 April, Prague

Legislatures and foreign affairs: Political parties, committees, and individual MPs

Organizer: Tapio Raunio (University of Tampere)

When and Where: 14-15 April, Tampere

PADEMIA Annual Conference 2016

Organizer: Mirte van den Berge, TEPSA; Alexander Hoppe, University of Cologne.

When and Where: 19-20 May, Brussels

Call for papers open until 15 March

PADEMIA PhD School: "Parliamentary Accountability in the EU: An Emergent Multilevel System or a Mixed Bag?"

Organizer: James Cross, Gavin Barret (University College Dublin)

When and Where: 1-3 June, Dublin

Call for Papers open until 1 April



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**LUISS and PADEMIA PhD School on
“Legislative initiative and agenda-setting in
the European Union”**

Organizer: Mattia Guidi, Cristina Fasone
(LUISS)

When and Where: Rome, 11-15 July

Call for Papers open until 29 April

Find more information on PADEMIA
Workshops at www.pademia.eu

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