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What's the News?

May 2014 – Launch of PhD-Tutorials
The organization of our one-to-one PhD-Tutorials has started. More information will be provided below.

June 2014 – First Annual Conference
On June 12 and 13, the first PADEMIA annual conference will take place at the Fondation Universitaire in Brussels. We are looking forward to an inspiring first meeting with all members of the network. Find the conference programme at http://www.pademia.eu/annual-conference-program-now-available/

June 2014 – PhD School in Bratislava
The first PhD School within the framework of PADEMIA will take place in Bratislava from June 16-19. Under the title 'Democracy in Europe: Institutions and Practices', our colleagues at the Comenius University Bratislava have done an excellent job in the organization of the school. For the programme, please visit
http://www.pademia.eu/events/phd-school/.
In the next newsletter, we will present a detailed summary of the school.

PADEMIA Guest Lecture Series

Within the framework of PADEMIA, we offer the possibility of academic exchange via our guest lecture series. Gabriella Ilonszki is in charge of the organization of the series within work package 13 of our project. The plan is to trigger exchange within the PADEMIA community by providing scholars with the opportunity to give a lecture and/or seminar at another PADEMIA member institution. The lectures are funded by PADEMIA with up to 500€ for travel and subsistence. In case you are interested to either invite a scholar to your institution or yourself give a lecture somewhere else, please follow the instructions under the link http://www.pademia.eu/call-for-pademia-guest-lectures/

PADEMIA One-to-One PhD Tutorials

We are happy to announce the launch of PADEMIA's PhD tutorials. Below you find more information for you and your PhD-students.

For senior scholars:
To make the tutorials a success, we would like to ask you to do a few things:

Please forward the message below to the PhD students at your institution so that they can benefit from the opportunity to interact with senior scholars in our network.

Please help us set up a database of all PhD students in the PADEMIA network by filling in your PhDs' contact details in this form.

If you haven't done so yet, you can volunteer as a tutor by filling in this form. More information about the tutorials can be found on the protected environment of the PADEMIA site (www.pademia.eu/login). All PADEMIA members have received the password via e-mail. In case you did not, please contact alexander.hoppe@uni-koeln.de.

Encourage your direct colleagues to volunteer as tutors.

If you have already volunteered as a tutor, you will be contacted as soon as we receive a tutorial request for you.

For PhD Students:

Specifically for PhD students, PADEMIA offers a virtual tutor scheme that allows you to receive personalized input on your research from senior scholars in the network. As a rule tutorials will involve two contact moments, of which at least one will be by phone/Skype and the second one can be through e-mail.

The tutor scheme works as follows. You apply for a tutorial with a senior scholar of your choice by filling in an online form. Once approved, you make an appointment with the tutor directly for a first contact for familiarization and instruction on the basis of a previously communicated short project description. The first appointment is concluded with an agreement on a (small) assignment or writing sample. During the second contact

moment, this assignment is discussed and further feedback shall be given.

Please have a look at the list of scholars that are available for such tutorials and their stated expertise, here.

You can apply for a tutorial with a tutor by filling in this form. Please note that as the tutor's time is limited, their availability to you is on a first-come-first-served basis. In principle, each PhD student can have at most two PADEMIA tutorials, each with a different tutor. Also note that participation is restricted to students from PADEMIA member institutions. We hope that everybody who asks for supervision will be able to get in contact with a tutor and encourage everybody to take advantage of this splendid possibility of academic exchange across all PADEMIA members!

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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 Corvinus University in Budapest:

Gabriella Ilonszki and Éva Ványi, the two representatives of Corvinus University of Budapest engaged in PADEMIA, work for the Institute of Political Science of their University. Within the scope of our Network, especially their excellent Political Science Doctoral School is of interest, as within its framework many research projects have been conducted on parliamentary government, including its representative as well as European dimensions.

Among others, members of the Doctoral School were involved in European Framework Projects, and other EU funded projects on State Capacity building as well as research supported by the Hungarian National Science Foundation (OTKA). The Doctoral School offers a couple of three year scholarships every year and the student body is actively participating in the ECPR summer schools and other doctoral activities. The Doctoral School's major profiles are comparative politics and policy studies.

Beside its membership in PADEMIA, the Institute is active in different projects and networks on both, the European and National level. Within PADEMIA, our colleagues in Budapest are involved in the organization of

the Guest Lecture Series, which will allow and support exchange of researchers within the PADEMIA network.
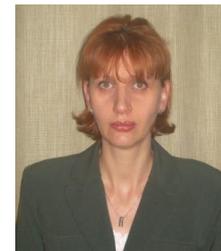
Prof. Dr. Gabriella Ilonszki has been involved in a variety of teaching (at PhD level) and research activities in the field of parliamentary democracy. She has published and edited 10 books, and wrote more than a hundred research articles or chapters in this field. With a comparative and East Central European focus she is privileged to partaking and working in regional networks and creating political science as a new academic profession after systemic change. She has been board-member in several journals, like Party Politics, Parliamentary Affairs, and the European Journal of Political Research and served in the ECPR executive committee for 6 years.

Éva Ványi is a doctor of Political Science (PhD) and junior researcher in the Institute of Political Science at the Corvinus University of Budapest. Her main professional fields are elite studies, especially the formation and recruitment of the Hungarian government elite after the regime change. As a researcher she took part in several research projects on Parliamentary Democracy. As a lecturer she has courses about Political and Social History in 20th century at BA and MA level and about Hungarian Parliamentarianism at the PhD level.

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Upcoming Events

Save the date! In each newsletter, we will of course regularly inform you about the next upcoming events:

Annual Conference, 12/13 June, Brussels

PhD School 1: Democracy in Europe: Institutions and Practices, 16 – 19 June, Bratislava

Workshop: The Rise of Political Extremism in and out of Parliaments, 2/3 October, Thessaloniki

Workshop: Cross-cutting Framing Workshop on Multi-level Democracy, 30/31 October, Amsterdam