

The PADEMIA Erasmus Academic Network calls for nominations for its Student Paper Prize. The award distinguishes an excellent piece of work of a student in the field of European integration and especially Parliamentary Democracy in Europe. The following list gives the eligibility information and other parameters for the competition:

- Students at the graduate level and PhD Students at the time of submission are eligible to compete
- Students must be the single or first author on the papers
- Papers that have already been published are not eligible

PADEMIA accepts both direct applications and nominations through third parties. The award winner will receive 800€ and an opportunity to publish in the journal *Politique européenne*. The prize will be awarded at the PADEMIA annual conference, 02 and 03 July, 2015, in Brussels.

PADEMIA is a network of – currently 56 – European institutions dealing with teaching and research on EU integration studies in general and parliamentary Democracy in Europe in particular. Through a number of activities, the network aims at strengthening cooperation between institutions of higher education and research in Europe. It enhances research-based teaching, spreads innovative approaches and establishes best practices in teaching.

Application Deadline: 15th of May, 2015

Please send the application including **a one-page summary of the work**, **a copy of the respective paper**, **an academic CV** (including publications) and **a cover letter** (stating why this paper should be awarded) by 15 May, 2015 via e-mail to Sabine Saurugger (<u>sabine.saurugger@sciencespo-grenoble.fr</u>) and Alexander Hoppe (<u>alexander.hoppe@uni-koeln.de</u>). Papers will then be evaluated by a committee. Only papers written in English will be accepted and papers should not be longer than 8000 words. There are no restrictions in terms of national or geographical origin of the nominee.

The evaluation criteria are provided in detail below. Good Luck!

Manuscript Evaluation:

Evaluation criteria and weighting factor of each criterion are:

- 1. Originality, Weight 25%
- 2. Clear methodology, Weight 25%
- 3. Relevance of Contribution, Weight 25%
- 4. Organization and Clarity, Weight 25%

Possible Research Themes:

- Changing Parliamentary Institutions in Europe
- The Role of Parliamentary Actors in Europe
- Parliaments and Citizens in Europe
- Parliaments and the European Public Sphere
- Parliamentary Democracy and Constitutional Development
- Multi-level Democracy
- The Financial Crisis and Challenges to Representation

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