

**“Recent developments in the study of the European Parliament:  
new topics, approaches, and findings.”**

**Workshop - PADEMIA Erasmus network**

**Call for papers**

College of Europe (Bruges), Department of European Political and Administrative Studies

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The objective of this PADEMIA workshop is to highlight the last developments in the study of the European Parliament (EP).

Since the beginning of the 2000s, the EP has attracted much attention from political scientists, be they EU scholars, legislative studies specialists or specialist of electoral studies. However, we have witnessed a process of routinization of the research, with a systematic focus of roll call vote analysis and numerous papers dealing with the behavior of MEPs, their perception of their mandate or the role of groups and committees.

At the same time, very interesting questions such as the rise of Euroscepticism within the EU, the link of MEPs with the(ir) territories, the impact of the treaty of Lisbon, the interinstitutional relations and MEPs activities other than voting and appointment (questions, reports, work in constituency...) have not been addressed enough. Also, many methods and approaches that are commonly used in the study of national legislatures or politicians are not often applied to the EP.

The aim of the workshop is to assess for the news trends in the study of the EP. The organizers welcome proposals of presentations dealing with new topics, approaches, and findings that may enrich our understanding of the EP, its members and its activities. Proposals presenting researches in the making will also be considered.

**(Partial) funding is available through the PADEMIA network to support *travel* and *accommodation* expenses for speakers.**

Proposals (title, abstract of 200-250 words, short bio and contact details) should be submitted via email no later than January 31, 2015, to:

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