

Voting in Regional Elections: The Rise of Regional Authority and Electoral Accountability

PROGRAMME

Eupen (Belgium), 31 October 2017

The Conference is organized by the Centre for Citizenship and Democracy of the University of Leuven, in co-operation with the Parliament of the German-speaking Community of Belgium. The conference will take place in the Parliament building, where we will be welcomed by the Speaker of the Parliament. More information on the Community: www.dg.be/en



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Platz des Parlaments 1, B - 4700 Eupen, Belgium

08.40 Welcome, registration and coffee

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| 09.00 | Opening of the Conference by Marc Hooghe (University of Leuven) |
| 09.05 | Welcome by Rt. Hon. Alexander Miesen (President of the Parliament) |
| 09.20 | The Role of Regional Parliaments in the European Multi-Level Government System , Rt. Hon. Karl-Heinz Lambertz (President of the European Committee of the Regions and Senator of the German-speaking Community of Belgium). |

Session I: General Reflections (Chair: Ann-Kristin Kölln)

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| 10.00 | Arjan Schakel (Maastricht University): A disaster in the making? The rise of regional authority and the functioning of regional electoral democracy. Discussant: Roger Scully. |
| 10.40 | Rob Johns (University of Essex): Reverse order? Identity, priorities and heterogeneity in vote choice models for regional elections. Discussant: Arjan Schakel. |
| 11.20 | Michael S. Lewis-Beck (University of Iowa) & Dieter Stiers (University of Leuven): Economic Voting in Regional Elections. Discussant: Arjan Schakel. |

12.00 *Lunch*

Session II: Regional Studies – UK & Germany (Chair: Anna Kern)

- 13.15 Roger Scully (Cardiff University): ***Regional Elections in Wales***. Discussant: Rob Johns.
- 13.45 Ann-Kristin Kölln (University of Aarhus): ***Party Strategies in Regional Elections for the German Länder***. Discussant: Michael Lewis-Beck.
- 14.15 Leonce Röth (Universität Köln), Sandra León (University of York) and André Kaiser (Universität Köln): ***Decentralized authority and the dynamic fragmentation of regional party systems***. Discussant: Michael Lewis-Beck.
- 14.45 Thomas Zittel (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt): ***Regional Elections in Germany***. Discussant: Anna Kern.

15.15 *Coffee-Break*

Session III: Regional Studies – Canada, Spain & Belgium (Chair: Rob Johns)

- 15.40 Éric Bélanger (McGill University) & Richard Nadeau (Université de Montréal): ***Voting in Regional Elections: The Rise of Regional Authority and Electoral Accountability***. Discussant: Dieter Stiers.
- 16.10 Robert Liñeira (University of Edinburgh): ***Voice Choice Consideration in the Regional Elections of Catalonia***. Discussant: Thomas Zittel.
- 16.40 Laura Cabeza (Universität Köln): ***Vote Regionally, Think Nationally? Electoral accountability of regional governments in Spain***. Discussant: Thomas Zittel.
- 17.10 Marc Hooghe (University of Leuven): ***Electoral Accountability in Complex Federal Systems: the Belgian case***. Discussant: André Kaiser.

17.45 *Closing Reception*