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PANEL: The Role of Expertise in EU Regulatory Governance

Given the high levels of complexity of the policy issues at the EU level, expertise is a critical element in regulatory policy areas, such as environment, food, pharmaceuticals, finance, etc. Experts play an important role in providing credible information to reduce uncertainty and risk; and policy-makers heavily rely on their advice to manage an ever-expanding range of regulatory policy problems. The involvement of experts is an undeniable phenomenon in the EU, but it also intensifies discussions on legitimacy and democratic accountability. While a growing number of literature discusses the role of experts and internal and external sources of expertise, empirical studies in the context of EU regulatory governance remain fragmented and under-researched.

The aim of this panel is to bring together scholars involved in the analysis of experts and expertise in EU regulatory governance. The panel will critically discuss the value of existing concepts and to identify recent theoretical advancements in this field.

This panel welcomes theoretical, conceptual, methodological and empirical contributions that address one of the following topics, and is open to related issues as well as diverse research approaches:

- Different functions/concepts of expertise in EU regulatory governance
- Institutional and contextual conditions affecting the use of experts and expertise
- Production and dissemination of expertise in the EU
- Comparison of the use of expertise in different policy domains and policy-making stages
- Theoretical advances explaining the use of experts and expertise
- Dynamic interaction between experts and politicians
- Role/influence of EU agencies, European Central Bank, scientific committees, etc.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS:

The deadline for abstracts is **16 January, 2014**. This panel will be submitted to a competitive call for panels on 20 January, 2014.

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- Paper title
- Abstract of no more than 150 words in English, which summarizes the key aims and objectives of the paper
- 3 - 8 keywords
- Presenter name and email address (as per your MyECPR account)
- Name of up to four co-authors (if applicable) and their email addresses

For any questions on the panel, please contact Jinhee Kim (jinhee.kim@maastrichtuniversity.nl) and Dovilė Rimkutė (dovile.rimkute@uni-mannheim.de).

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