Conference format

The academic programme will be organised in Sections and Panels, with each Section Chair organising a variety of Panels in a given field. The programme will be broad, with Sections covering all main areas of political science, political theory, international relations and European studies.

The Conference is open to graduate students only: those who have a Master's degree, who are studying for a PhD, or who hold junior postdoctoral positions. There is a two-stage selection process for proposals:

Stage 1 Call for Sections
1 July 2013 – 27 September 2013

Stage 2 Call for full Panels and individual Papers **28 October 2013 – 20 January 2014**

Stage 1 Call for Sections

1 July 2013 – 27 September 2013

Only graduate students from ECPR Full-Member institutions may organise a Section. Co-Chairs may come from Associate or Non-Member institutions; check your institution's <u>membership status</u>. Only the proposed Section Chair can submit a Section proposal; however, Section Chairs and Section Co-Chairs have equal responsibility for organising Sections.

All Section proposals must be submitted online through MyECPR. The Section Chair and Co-Chair must, therefore, have a <u>MyECPR account</u>.

Your Section proposal requires

- Proposed Section Chair and Co-Chair to have a MyECPR account
- Email address for the Co-Chair, as registered in their MyECPR account
- Suggested Section (subject area), selected from the drop-down list (see Appendix 1
- Abstract of no more than 500 words, in English, which summarises the key aims and objectives of the Section and includes ideas for Panels and Papers.

- Section Chairs may perform each conference function (eg Section Chair, Panel Chair, Discussant, Paper Giver) **only once** within the academic programme. You may submit more than one Paper but may present only one.

All proposals to organise Sections should be submitted online by **27 September 2013**. **Aspiring Section Chairs should be aware that submitting a proposal does not guarantee inclusion in the programme.** The Academic Convenors will select Sections by **28 October 2013**. The exact size of each Section (the number of Panels awarded) is at the discretion of the Academic Convenors, whose decision is final.

When judging Section proposals for acceptance, the Academic Convenors use the following criteria:

a. Quality of proposal
b. Participation potential

After evaluation by the Convenors, Sections may be declined or approved with a reduced number of Panels; therefore, even if a Panel is solicited and / or accepted for inclusion in a Section proposal, it is not guaranteed inclusion in the final programme, even if the Section itself is accepted. You will also need to make a fomal proposal via the website, as detailed in Stage 2. Proposers will be emailed the decision on their Section submission as soon as possible after **28 October 2013**.

Any queries regarding the academic content of the proposed Section should be addressed to the Academic Convenors via **afoley@ecpr.eu** before the **27 September 2013** deadline.

Section proposers please note In addition to Panels included in your Stage 1 Section proposal, you will receive Panels with Papers and individual Paper proposals to your Section as part of Stage 2. These should be evaluated equally alongside any already proposed by the Section Chairs and, if accepted, will be allocated to a Panel the Section Chair feels most appropriate.

Aspiring Section Chairs should be aware that submitting a proposal does not guarantee inclusion in the programme.

Stage 2 Call for Panels and individual Papers

28 October 2013 – 20 January 2014

The second stage is open to Graduate students from ECPR Full Member, Associate Member and Non-Member institutions, but all participants must have a MyECPR account because proposals are submitted online. Only the proposed Panel Chair can submit a Panel. At Stage 2 you can:

- Propose a Panel including 3 – 5 Papers
- Propose individual Papers to a particular Section

You will be asked to choose the Section for which your Panel or Paper is being considered, and select 3 – 8 keywords, which will help with the organisation of the academic programme.

You can submit proposals to more than one Section but even if you are successful, you will only be selected to Chair one Panel and to present one Paper.

Individuals may perform each conference function (eg Section Chair, Panel Chair, Discussant, Paper Giver) **only once** within the academic programme. You may submit more than one Paper but may present only one. If more than one Paper is accepted, you must find presenters for your additional Papers.

Panel and Paper Selection

From **1 December 2013**, Section Chairs and Academic Convenors will be able to view proposed Panels via MyECPR. Section Chairs will then accept and decline Panels and Papers proposed to their Section. They have until **21 February 2014** to finalise Sections via MyECPR.

When assessing what to accept onto a Panel, Section Chairs should use the following criteria:

a. Quality of proposal
b. Fit with Section theme
c. Whether a Panel or Paper proposed by the same person has already been accepted

From **22 February 2014** the Academic Convenors will review the recommendations of Section Chairs and, depending on the number and topics of Panels and Papers submitted, may decide to change Section compositions. This will be complete by **23 March 2014**. Central Services will notify Section and Panel Chairs of the Academic Convenors' decision by email, shortly after the deadline.

Panel Co-Chairs and Paper Co-Authors who do not intend to attend the conference should inform Central Services by **2 June 2014** to ensure their names appear in the conference programme.

Please email **afoley@ecpr.eu** with any scheduling requests as soon as possible. Deadline for receipt is **14 April 2014**. We will make every effort to accommodate your requests, but cannot guarantee their inclusion.

To propose a Panel comprising 3 – 5 Papers, you will need

- Name of the Section to which you want to propose a Panel (select from the subject area drop-down list)
- Panel title
- Panel abstract of no more than 300 words, in English, which summarises the key aims and objectives of the Panel
- 3 – 8 keywords (from drop-down list)
- Name of the Co-Chair (if you have one), and their email address as registered in their MyECPR account
- Name of the Discussant (if you have one), and their email address, as registered in their MyECPR account
- Details of all 3 – 5 Papers:
  - Paper title
  - Abstract for each Paper of no more than 150 words, in English, which summarise the key aims and objectives of the Paper
  - 3 – 8 keywords (from drop-down list)
  - Presenter name and email address, as registered in their MyECPR account
  - Name of up to four Co-Authors (if applicable), and their email addresses, as registered in their MyECPR account

To propose an individual Paper, you will need

- Name of the Section to which you wish to propose your Paper (select from the subject area drop-down list)
- Paper title
- Paper Co-Author (if you have one), along with their email address, as registered in their MyECPR account
- Paper abstract of no more than 150 words, in English, which summarises the Paper's key aims and objectives
- 3 – 8 keywords (from drop-down list)

Please note Only a Paper Author can submit a Paper proposal. An individual may propose more than one Paper but only one can be presented. If more than one Paper is accepted, you must find presenters for your additional Papers.

Conference format

Academic programme

The academic programme will be finalised by the Section Chairs and Academic Convenors after the deadline for Panel and Paper proposals.

The academic programme will be available on this website by **24 March 2014**, and the full timetable by **1 May 2014**.

Amendments to Section/Panel/Paper information (titles/abstracts; names of Panel Chairs/Discussants) can be sent to **afoley@ecpr.eu** between **31 March and 12 May 2014** for inclusion in the printed conference programme.

Amendments received after **12 May 2014** will not appear in the printed programme and will be amended in the online version only.

Individuals may perform each of the conference functions (Section Chair, Panel Chair, Discussant, Paper presenter) **only once** within the academic programme.

Paper upload

Accepted Papers may be uploaded onto this website via MyECPR from **1 May 2014**. All Paper presenters will be sent instructions on how to do so.

There is no requirement for Papers to be uploaded; however, they should be circulated to all Panel members at least two weeks before the start of the conference. Please let us know if you **do not** wish your Paper to be available on the website after the conference.

Registration

You can register online from **24 March 2014**. Further details, including registration fees and cancellation policy, will be available in due course.

Participants taking part in any academic capacity must register and pay before **25 May 2014** to be included in the printed programme.

Conference timetable

Panels are scheduled in seven time slots commencing at 13:00 on Thursday 3 July and closing at 15:30 on **Saturday 5 July**. Participants should ensure they are available for **all seven** time slots. The Schedule of Activities will be added in due course.

Further information

Contact Anna Foley, **afoley@ecpr.eu**, with questions about any aspect of the organisation of your Section or Panel. Our website will be updated regularly and we will make regular announcements in ECPR e-bulletins, so please ensure you are subscribed to the **Conferences and Events** mailing list via MyECPR.

Key dates and deadlines

2013

1 July	Call for Sections
27 September	Deadline for Section proposals
28 September	Academic Convenors review Section Proposals
28 October	Section accept / decline emails sent to proposers
	Call for Panel proposals to include Papers and individual Paper proposals to Sections
1 December	Access given to Section Chairs and Academic Convenors to view Panel and Paper proposals

2014

20 January	Deadline for Panel and Paper proposals
21 January	Access given to Section Chairs and Academic Convenors to accept / decline Panel and Paper proposals
21 February	Deadline for Section Chairs to accept / decline Panel and Paper proposals
22 February	Academic Convenors review Sections
23 March	Panel and Paper accept / decline emails sent to proposers
	Academic Programme available at **www.ecpr.eu**
24 March	Online registration begins
	Academic Convenors confirm final Section compositions
1 May	Papers can be uploaded from this date
	Panel Session schedule and full timetable on **www.ecpr.eu**
12 May	Deadline for scheduling requests
	Deadline for sending amendments to titles, abstracts, Chairs and Discussants to **afoley@ecpr.eu**
25 May	Deadline for registration and payment
2 June	Deadline for receipt of programme amendments (online version only)
	Deadline for Co-Authors who are not attending to inform **afoley@ecpr.eu**

Appendix 1
Suggested subject areas

1. **Governance and Leadership**
   Panels focusing on political leadership and cabinet government

2. **Area Studies**
   Panels focusing on specific regions (African, Asian, Latin American studies, the Middle East, etc)

3. **Comparative Politics**
   (including African, Asian, American, European & Latin American Politics) – comparative papers within or across area studies, on any aspect of the political system

4. **Critical Approaches**
   Panels focusing on critical theory, Marxism, feminism, post-structuralism, post-modernism, and other similar approaches

5. **Democracy and Democratisation**
   Theoretical and empirical papers on democracy (and the quality of democracy) and the process of democratisation

6. **Development Studies**
   Papers on the formation of political systems and the political aspects of economic development

7. **Electoral Politics**
   Papers on electoral systems and reforms at whichever level of government

8. **Environmental Politics**
   Panels focusing on green politics, green public policy and green parties

9. **EU Politics**
   Papers on EU integration, institutionalisation, governance, widening, deepening, etc

10. **Foreign Policy Analysis**
    Panels on foreign policy and foreign policy behaviour of nations and institutions in the EU

11. **Gender Politics**
    Papers on the gendered aspect of politics and on gender policy

12. **Globalisation, Citizenship and Migration**
    Papers on the impact of globalisation on migration flows and citizenship policies, at a theoretical and an empirical level

13. **International Relations**
    Theoretical and applied papers in the field of IR

14. **Law and Politics**
    Papers on the relationship between law and politics, and on more substantive issues, such as human rights protection and promotion

15. **Media and Politics**
    Papers on the impact of public opinion and the media on the political process

16. **Party Politics**
    Papers on political parties

17. **Peace and Conflict Studies**
    Papers on processes of conflict resolution and peace-building

18. **Political Economy**
    Theoretical and empirical papers on the governing of the economy

19. **Political Methodology**
    Theoretical and applied papers with a clear methodological drive

20. **Political Psychology**
    Panels addressing the interrelationships between psychological and political processes

21. **Political Sociology**
    Papers on social movements, advocacy coalitions, contentious politics, the social roots of political parties, etc

22. **Political Theory**
    Papers on empirically grounded political theorising and on political philosophy

23. **Politics and Human Rights**
    Panels on the politics of personal integrity rights, cultural, economic and social rights

24. **Public Administration**
    Papers on public administration and various forms of governance

25. **Public Policy**
    All fields of public policy except economic and gender policies

26. **Regionalism & Federalism**
    Papers on micro- (or sub-state) regionalism, decentralisation, devolution and local politics, as well as papers on federalism and intergovernmental relations at a theoretical and empirical level

27. **Religion & Politics**
    The impact of religion on politics, and of politics on religion

28. **Security Studies**
    Papers on security, broadly conceived (military, civilian, energy, environmental, etc)