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CONTRIBUTION

I would like to promote regional, national and above all international exchanges between junior researchers, but also between young PhD students and more experienced scholars. Indeed, if PhD students are expected to be able to communicate on their research topic, opportunities for them to be heard and to network fellows must exist and be encouraged. More globally, I would like to make it easier and more comfortable for junior researchers at the beginning of a career in our current competitive academic world, especially regarding the networking and joint activity aspect. In that perspective, the ECPR and the GSN, through the different activities and services they propose, constitute two valuable frameworks in the political science sphere that I would like to support by being personally involved. I would do my best to create and share events and activities, as well as to ensure their visibility through online or traditional means. My unwavering faith in creativity, new initiatives and dynamism could also help to diversify the committee's communication approach regarding both the activities and the services. For all these reasons, I will offer skills, time and availability to the GSN committee.

EXPERIENCE

Through different experiences in student jobs, youth movements, sports or school exchanges, I have had the opportunity to further my capacity of organisation, alone or through coordination and collaboration with other fellows. I widened my relationships' scope since I have reached my current PhD position, especially through networking in conferences or seminars. I am also working on different projects based on collaboration between research centres. I have been involved in a working group on democracy and elections at my university, implemented by the board of directors and involving different organisational units of the university. I also plan to join the scientific council of my department next year. I have been a foreign student delegate when I was in Erasmus at the University of Helsinki, representing the interest of foreign students regarding the university apartment block.

OTHER INFORMATION

French is my mother tongue. I can speak and write fluently in English. I have also a basic knowledge in Dutch and Spanish. I'm currently working on party membership through Social Network Analyses (SNA), pointing out the power of social networks in political participation.