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“Advances in Comparative Politics”

Cologne Center for Comparative Politics September 24-25,
2019

The Cologne Center for Comparative Politics is hosting an international workshop on “Advances in Comparative Politics”. The workshop will feature work of PhD researchers working in the field of comparative politics. The workshop will offer four panels on different themes. Individual papers might formulate and address research questions on the micro-, meso- or macro-level and use whatever quantitative, qualitative or mixed-method design is appropriate to answer the question. For each of the four panels, we will host a keynote lecture by an invited scholar who is an expert in this field.

1. Women in Politics (keynote speaker and discussant: Diana O’Brien, Texas A&M University)

We invite contributions that explore political, socio-economic, psychological, and cultural barriers to women’s representation and how women overcome them, in which ways parties promote gender parity, whether women legislate differently once elected, and how the public evaluates and interacts with female politicians. We are particularly interested in papers that combine the exploration of these important questions with new data sources such as social media data and experiments (survey, field etc.), a novel theoretical perspective and innovative quantitative and qualitative approaches.

2. Partisan Behavior in Parliaments (keynote speaker and discussant: Christian Rauh, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin)

We invite contributions that explore how political parties, members of parliament and parliamentary groups behave and operate in parliaments at the supranational, national or subnational level. We are particularly interested in papers that combine questions related to the responsiveness of members of parliament, government-opposition dynamics, and the responses of established to challenger and populist parties.

3. Digitalization and Innovations in Computational Social Science (keynote speaker and discussant: Yannis Theocharis, University of Bremen)

We invite papers that cover new ground in the collection, processing and analysis of data collected from social media, web scraping or online experiments. We further welcome papers that develop or apply innovative techniques for the analysis of large datasets (big data) for which conventional techniques fail or are inapplicable. The panel is also open to papers addressing issues related to data sharing, archiving and the preservation of privacy, for example through anonymization techniques.

4. Political Economy and Public Policy (keynote speaker and discussant: Miriam Golden, then EUI)

Research in political economy and public policy has increasingly identified and dealt with a set of fundamental changes in financial and labor markets that can be conceived as megatrends in the development of contemporary capitalism, such as financialization, migration, digitalization, and the reconfiguration of growth models. Contributions should help us deepening our understanding of how these trends affect economic and political actors or how, vice versa, actors shape them via policy or institutional change.

The workshop will accommodate about 12 papers and will take place on **September 24-25, 2019** in Cologne.

Submission Details:

Authors must be PhD researchers. Submissions co-authored by a PhD researcher and postdocs and professors are also welcomed. The presentation of the paper at the workshop has to be given exclusively by the PhD researcher. Interested researchers are invited to submit their paper proposals, indicating the desired panel and including an abstract of about 500 words, to

cccp-workshop@uni-koeln.de

until

May 13, 2019

Authors of accepted papers will be notified by **May 20, 2019**. Funds are available to cover accommodation and travel expenses of workshop participants. For co-authored work and regardless of whether the co-authors are also PhD researchers or not, we can only give funding to one PhD researcher.

For further questions, please contact the workshop organizers via cccp-sekretariat@wiso.uni-koeln.de.