



## EUROPEAN GOVERNANCE & POLITICS PROGRAMME (EGPP)

# *LAUNCH CONFERENCE "2017: EUROPE'S BUMPER YEAR OF ELECTIONS"*

**Brigid Laffan** | European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre

Theatre

Badia Fiesolana, Via dei Roccettini, 9 - San Domenico di Fiesole



**8-9 MARCH 2018**

### ■ INTRODUCTION

Europe's wave of key 2017 elections kicked off with the Netherlands' general election on March, when citizens casted their votes for the members of the Dutch parliament. France followed, with its first round of the presidential election on April and the second round on May. In September, Germany voted for its chancellor. Austrian, Romanian and UK citizens also went to the poll during this turbulent year. This conference alternates a series of election country-specific panels with thematic ones, devoted to specific elements that characterized the political and electoral scenario of 2017. A roundtable, focusing on the outlook towards the 2019 European elections, concludes this two-day launch conference of the newly established [European Governance and Politics Programme](#) (EGPP).

## ■ PROGRAMME

### 8 MARCH

- 08.45 - 09.00 Welcome coffee
- 09.00 - 09.15 **Introduction**  
**Renaud Dehousse** | European University Institute  
**Brigid Laffan** | European University Institute
- 09.15 - 11.00 **Panel I - Electoral competition, Euroscepticism and Populism**  
Chair and discussant: **Liesbet Hooghe** | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
**Waning Public Support for International Cooperation? Some Lessons from Europe**  
**Catherine de Vries** | University of Essex  
**Restructuring the party systems in north-western Europe. Six countries compared**  
**Swen Hutter** and **Hanspeter Kriesi** | European University Institute  
**The political consequences of Europe's multiple crises in a comparative perspective**  
**Argyrios Altiparmakis** | European University Institute
- 11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30 - 13.00 **Panel II - French Elections**  
Chair and discussant: **Yves Mény** | Sant'Anna School for Advanced Studies  
**The rise (and fall?) of populism: the case of the 2017 French election**  
**Martial Foucault** | Science Po Paris  
**Associative issue ownership and voting choice in the 2017 French presidential election**  
**Romain Lachat** | Science Po Paris  
**The Front National in the 2017 election: a electoral impasse?**  
**Elie Michel** | University of Neuchâtel
- 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 - 16.00 **Panel III - German Elections and Government Formation**  
Chair and discussant: **Thomas Poguntke** | Heinrich-Heine University of Düsseldorf  
**Finally... the dog is barking! The refugee crisis and the rise of a new challenger party in Germany**  
**Edgar Grande** | Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich  
**Pariah parties, policy profiles and party politics in a multi-level system: coalition formation in Germany 2017/2018**  
**Marc Debus** | University of Mannheim

***A transformation from within? Dynamics of party activists and the rise of the German AfD***

**Julia Schulte-Cloos** | European University Institute

***Government Formation after the 2017 National German Election: Portfolio Allocation and the Selection of Cabinet Ministers***

**Ferdinand Müller-Rommel** | Leuphana University of Lüneburg

16.00 - 16.30

Coffee break

16.30 - 18.00

***Panel IV - Political Developments and Emerging Party Trends in Europe***

Chair and discussant: **Hanspeter Kriesi** | European University Institute

***Emerging party trends in Europe***

**Liesbet Hooghe** and **Gary Marks** | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

***The Crisis, Party System Change and Support for Democracy in Europe***

**Thomas Poguntke** | Heinrich-Heine University of Düsseldorf

18.00 - 19.15

Cocktail

19.15 - 19.30

**Stefano Bartolini** | European University Institute

The outcome of the Italian Elections

19.15 - 21.00

Dinner

**9 MARCH**

09.00 -10.30

***Panel V - Austrian and Romanian Elections***

Chair and discussant: **Rainer Bauböck** | European University Institute

***The 2017 parliamentary election in Austria***

**Wolfgang C. Müller** | University of Vienna

***The Radical Right in Sub-National Government. Evidence from Austria***

**Manès Weisskircher** | TU Dresden and European University Institute

***When the Post-Communist Left Succeeds: The 2016 Romanian Parliamentary Election***

**Endre Borbath** | European University Institute

10.30 - 11.00

Coffee break

11.00 - 12.00

***Panel VI - UK Elections***

Chair and discussant: **Tim Oliver** | European University Institute

***Issue Salience and Party Choice at the 2017 UK General Election: A Panel Data Approach***

**James Dennison** | European University Institute

***The Brexit Referendum: A Decisive Vote with an Indecisive Outcome***

**Richard Rose** | University of Strathclyde and European University Institute

- 12.00 - 13.00 **Panel VII - Dutch Elections**  
Chair and discussant: **Catherine de Vries** | University of Essex  
***Small winners and big losers. Strategic party behaviour in the 2017 Dutch general election***  
**Mathilde van Ditmars** | Leiden University  
***Isolating and Imitating? Party strategies against anti-immigration parties in 2017 general elections in Europe***  
**Joost van Spanje** | University of Amsterdam
- 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 - 15.30 **Roundtable - Towards the 2019 European Elections**  
Moderator: **Brigid Laffan** | European University Institute  
***The development of the Spitzenkandidaten process and the influence on the election***  
**Brian Synnott** | European Commission  
***Mobilising the vote: the European Parliament's communication strategy ahead of the 2019 European Elections***  
**Stephen Clark** | European Parliament  
***Forming a European election debates commission***  
**Ryan Heath** | Politico  
***SPACEU2019 - Helping mobile EU citizens to exercise their political rights in EU Parliamentary Elections 2019***  
**Lorenzo Cicchi** | European University Institute
- 15.30 - 16.15 **Conclusions and next steps**

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