

## European Governance and Politics Programme – Annual Conference 2020

# Europe's changing political system and issue space. What lessons from the 2019 European elections?

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

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**Abstract.** The 2019 European Parliament (EP) elections have been described as 'a fateful election for Europe'. Despite the outcome not matching the feared landslide success of Eurosceptic and populist forces, the general picture is that of a European Union where polarization and politicization is higher than the past. The EGPP Annual Conference 2020 aims at presenting high-level scholarly research on, broadly, the drivers and consequences of the electoral results of May 2019. The panels will cover themes such as (but not limited to): voting behavior, party identification and issue preferences; classical cleavage theory and new dimensions (left/right, pro/anti-EU, GAL/TAN); populism, Euroscepticism and extreme right parties; electoral communication, personalization and social media influence; European Parliament's internal dynamics and party group cohesion. Empirical papers that study the European political space and its (reshaped?) dimensionality by means of data on party and voter positions are particularly welcome. A policy roundtable on the new institutional dynamics of the 2019-2024 European legislature closes the conference.

**Application procedure & funding.** We encourage participants to submit an abstract of **maximum 300 words** to [egpp@eui.eu](mailto:egpp@eui.eu) by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020. The definitive list of accepted papers will be circulated by June 15<sup>th</sup>. All selected papers will receive funding covering **travel and accommodation** for the paper giver.

**Output.** The selected papers presented in the conference will be evaluated by the conference organizers and later published as either chapters to an Edited Volume or articles of a Special Issue in a scientific journal.