



CALL FOR PAPERS: 6th Graduate Network Conference in Political Science

27th February – 1st March 2014, Sciences Po, Paris, France

The sixth conference of the European Graduate Network in political science will be hosted by Sciences Po in Paris (France) from **27th February to 1st March 2014**. The conference gives PhD students of the network universities the opportunity to present and discuss their research projects and to refine their theoretical and methodological approaches. It allows for in-depth discussions and thorough feedback since each contribution is devoted extensive attention. PhD students in all stages of their doctoral research are invited to submit an abstract. Accordingly, papers will reflect the current state of research and can range from early research drafts to fully fledged papers. Similarly, all political science topics are welcome since panels will be organized following the received proposals.

Programme

The conference will consist of 8 panels, with 7 to 8 students each. The panels will reflect the topics, methods and wishes presented by participants. They will be chaired by senior researchers from the network universities. Each student will present his/her paper and will also comment on the paper of another student in his/her panel. 45 minutes to 1 hour will be spent on each paper. For the sake of the quality and depth of post-presentation discussions, it is expected that each participant reads all 7 to 8 papers in his/her panel.

Application Instructions

All PhD students of the network are invited to submit an abstract of maximum 500 words **by 15th November 2013 the latest** to gnc.paris2014@gmail.com. Abstracts should include the research question, theoretical framework and methods used. They should also provide three to five keywords and a sub-disciplinary classification: e.g. Political Theory, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Sociology, Political Economy... Please, indicate also your department, year of study as well as contact details. Successful applicants will be informed by 9th December 2013. Conference papers should be submitted by 7th February 2014. The host institution offers accommodation and meals during the time of the conference. As for travel expenses, they have to be covered by participants and their respective universities. In case of co-authored contributions, only one of the authors may take part in the conference.

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The European Graduate Network

The European Graduate Network (EGN) brings together graduate students of social sciences from 8 leading European universities: *Central European University* (CEU), Budapest, Hungary; *European University Institute* (EUI), Florence, Italy; *Humboldt Universität – the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences* (BGSS), Berlin, Germany; *Instituto Italiano di Scienze Umane* (SUM), Florence, Italy; *Sciences Po*, Paris, France; *Institute for*



Advanced Studies (IHV), Vienna, Austria; *London School of Economics and Political Science* (LSE), London, United Kingdom; and *Universitat Pompeu Fabra* (UPF), Barcelona, Spain. The network was initiated by students and aims to provide through graduate conferences opportunities for PhD students to improve their research projects, to discuss methodological tools and to practice presenting and discussing academic work. It encourages and facilitates collaborative research of PhD students from the participating universities and aims at establishing academic linkages and cooperation. Students in their first years of studies are specifically encouraged to participate. To date, EGN has organised conferences in Florence (2007), Budapest (2008), Barcelona (2010), Berlin (2012) and London (2013).