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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

9:00-9:15: Registration and coffee

9:15-11:00 – Panels session I

Voting behaviour I (Séminaire 10, floor 0)

- Lesschaeve. Finding inequality in an unlikely place. Differences in collective representation between social groups in Belgium.

- Abts. The winning electoral coalition of N-VA. The communitarian, cultural, socio-economic and political profiles of the N-VA electorate (2009-2014).

- Flacco & Reimink. Love the person, or just enjoying the party? Orientations of Belgian voters to candidates and parties.


Voting behaviour II (Séminaire 12, floor 0)

- Schrobiltgen. Transethnic votes in Belgium.

- Vanhauwaert & Baudewyns. Political behaviour in Europe – A longitudinal analysis of issue positions’ dimensionality and directionality.

- Verthé, Beyens, Bol & Blais. Making Votes Count in Parliament or Government?

- Willocq. Partisan dealignment, political dissatisfaction and instability in voters’ preferences. A study on electoral volatility, split-ticket voting and timing of the voting decision in the 2014 Belgian federal, regional and European elections.

11:00-11:15 – Coffee Break

11:15-12:45 – Panels session II

Elites I (Séminaire 10, floor 0)

- Cogels, Jacquet, Reuchamps & Schiffino. Democracy through the eyes of the Belgian political elites.

- Dejaeghere, Cogels & Walgrave. “He who knows the voter will win a hundred electoral battles”. MP’s knowledge of voters’ issues positions and the quality of representation.

- Dodeigne & Meulewater. Popular candidates and/or party soldiers? Vote-seeking and policy-seeking parties’ strategies in party candidate selection at the 2014 Belgian regional and federal elections.

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Public Policies (Séminaire 12, floor 0)
- Nossent. Studying 'décret mémoire' of the French Community of Belgium.
- Reykers & Fonck. Who is controlling whom? An analysis of the Belgian federal parliament’s oversight capacities towards the military interventions in Libya (2011) and Iraq (2014).

12:45-14:00 – Lunch (“Faculty Club”, floor 0)

14:00-15:30 – Panels session III

Federalism/Multilevel (Séminaire 10, floor 0)
- Dandoy. Territorial Reforms, Party Competition and Party Preferences on Decentralisation in Belgium.
- Deschouwer, De Winter, Dodeigne, Reuchamps & Sinardet. The adventures of the 'Moreno question' in Belgium: methodological reflection.

Political Parties (Séminaire 12, floor 0)
- Pauwels & van Haute. The party organization of a populist radical right party: The VB.

15:30-15:45 – Coffee break

15:45-17:15 – Panels session III

Elites II (Séminaire 10, floor 0)
- Bouteca, Devos, Maddens, Smulders & Wauters. “A fair day's wage for a fair day's work”? Exploring the connection between the parliamentary work of MP’s and their electoral support.
- Dodeigne, Vandeleene & De Winter. Belgian Candidates' Multilevel Career Preferences at the 2014 'Mother of all Selections'.

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Europeanization (Séminaire 12, floor 0)
- Adam & Jacobs. Attenuating the linguistic cleavage: How European Integration Shapes Belgian Migration Politics.
- Bandilli. Interest Groups’ Competition And Coalition Formation In Cross-Border Cooperation Programmes.
- Culpi. Europeanization of Belgian Immigration Policy in the field of asylum.

17:15 – Cocktail (“Faculty Club”, floor 0)

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REGISTRATION

All participants have to register online http://goo.gl/forms/9Cr8CW1Zf5 by 10 December 2015 at the latest. You can complete the payment via BE78 2100 0804 4786 with “NAMES-SoF 2015” as reference.

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- 10 EUR for PhD candidates of the VPW-ABSP.
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- 30 EUR for non-members of the VPW-ABSP.

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