

Political Leaders and Leadership in Illiberal Democracies, Semi-democratic and Authoritarian Regimes

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Abstract:

This panel will be part of the section “[Aftermath and Outputs; Political Elites, Leaders and their Consequences](#)” organised by the ECPR Standing Group on Elites and Political Leadership.

Regimes that diverge from the standards of liberal/Western democracy still largely present a black box for students of political leadership and comparative government. On the one hand, research has recently rejected the traditional assumption of the executive (cabinet or president) as an omnipotent force and highlighted the complex nature and power dynamics in non-democratic regimes. On the other hand, the backsliding of previously (almost) fully democratic countries – exemplified most clearly by the cases of Hungary and Poland – has created new ‘illiberal democracies’ that require new analytical tools and approaches for analysis.

This Panel invites contributions that shed light on the politics of political leaders and elites in illiberal democracies, semi-democratic and authoritarian regimes – either in the form of case studies or from a comparative perspective.

If you have a Paper you think might fit in this Panel, please contact the Panel Chair (Philipp Köker, philipp.koeker@canterbury.ac.uk) by Monday 5 February with the following information:

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