

Concepts of Politics in Postwar Political Science

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Abstract:

Every scientific discipline has to define its object. For Political Science as a discipline, the concept of "politics", and to a certain extent "the political", are crucial in this respect. Against this backdrop, the panel focuses on the notions of "politics" and "the political" in Political Science since World War II in order to examine, reconstruct and evaluate their conceptual as well as theoretical transformations. We invite proposals for papers on these, and related, topics:

- the concepts of "politics", their genealogy and their relation to political thought, in classical and canonical works of Political Science by authors such as Bernard Crick, David Easton, Raymond Aron, Dolf Sternberger, C.B. Macpherson, Giovanni Sartori, Eric Voegelin, Stein Rokkan, Seymour M. Lipset, Maurice Duverger, Julien Freund etc.;
- the conceptual transit of notions of "politics" and "the political" over time, cross-cultural and cross-regional respectively;
- the ideological effects and discursive impact of conceptions and theories of "politics" and "the political" on Political Science as well as the public and political action;
- the links and also conflicts between concept building in Political Science and (power-)politics, in the context of Postwar reconstruction and the Cold War.

The Panel is part of the Section "Concepts in Transit: Political Ideas between Context and Universality" and needs to be submitted by February 15. The academic programme of the conference will be finalized in early April, approved Papers can be uploaded to the ECPR website from May until August.

Paper proposals should include tentative title, name and institutional affiliation, and a short abstract (up to 150 words).

Please send your paper proposal **by February 11** to:

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