



**Joint Sessions of Workshops  
Mons, Belgium, 8-12 April 2019**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**"Electoral Democracy and European Integration. How the current EU crises affect voters, parties and elections in the European multi-level electoral system"**

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**Deadline for paper proposals:** 3 December 2018 via MyECPR.

**Kindly note: Paper proposals sent directly to Workshop Directors will not be considered**

The main goal of the workshop is to explore theoretically and empirically the ongoing transformations of the European multi-level electoral system by focusing both on the demand and supply side in different electoral arenas. The contributions will test whether the recent growth in importance of the EU dimension of electoral competition constitutes the base of a new ideological cleavage and leads to a socio-political realignment. Moreover, the workshop will provide further insights to the dimensionality of the EU space. It will also place the current politicisation of EU integration into a diachronic and comparative perspective. Overall, by focusing on possible linkages and interactions of the different actors involved the workshop will provide a thorough (re-) evaluation of the quality of electoral democracy in the EU.

We invite contributions which will focus on one or more (but not necessary exclusively) on the following research topics:

- The interplay of voters and parties regarding the EU dimension
- The question of a possible Europeanisation of national electoral politics
- Euroscepticism in the party systems of the EU
- The evolution of the European party system
- The weight of Europe in parties' communication strategies
- Referendums over EU issues and their repercussions for 'ordinary' electoral politics

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