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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), Chair: Ferdinand Teuber (UCL)

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

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

-Wauters & Devroe. *The effect of compulsory voting on women's representation: an analysis on Belgian voters.*

-Vanhouwaert & Baudewyns. *Political behaviour in Europe –A longitudinal analysis of issue positions' dimensionality and directionality.*

Voting behaviour II (Séminaire 12, floor 0), Chair: Sofie Marien (KUL)

-Schrobiltgen. *Transethnic votes in Belgium.*

-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.*

-Perrez, Reuchamps & Dodeigne. *Shaping citizens' perceptions and preferences of federalism: the impact of the Tetris metaphor in Belgium*

11:00-11:15 – Coffee Break

11:15-12:45 – Panels session II

Elites I (Séminaire 10, floor 0), Chair: Kris Deschouwer (VUB)

-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.*

Public Policies (Séminaire 12, floor 0), Chair: Audrey Vandeleene (UCL)

- Ficet. *The State of State Reform in Belgium. The Modernization of Justice Between New Public Management and Territorial Controversies.*
- Nossent. *Studying 'décret mémoire' of the French Community of Belgium.*
- Culpi. *Europeanization of Belgian Immigration Policy in the field of asylum.*

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

14:00-15:30 – Panels session III

Federalism/Multilevel (Séminaire 10, floor 0), Chair: Min Reuchamps (UCL)

- 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.*
- Thijssen & Sinardet. *Federalism and Solidarity in Belgium 2007-2014.*

Political Parties (Séminaire 12, floor 0), Chair: Pierre Delvenne (F.R.S.-FNRS-ULg)

- Campbell & Erzeel. *Party Polarization and the Gender Gap in Left-Right Voting.*
- Macq & Jacquet. *Internet and Cyber Party Membership: the Case of the Belgian Pirate Party.*
- 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), Chair: Catherine Fallon (ULg)

- 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'.*
- Jadot & Willocq. *Mirror Mirror Tell Me, Who is the Most Popular? Assessing Preferences for Political Representatives in a Multi-Level Democracy: The Case of Belgium.*

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.

For those who would like their paper circulated and uploaded on the ABSP/VPW websites, they must be sent to Jérémy (j.dodeigne@ulg.ac.be) by **Friday 4 December 2015**.

Registration fees (including coffee breaks, lunch and cocktail):

- 5 EUR for Master students.
- 10 EUR for PhD candidates of the VPW-ABSP.
- 20 EUR for members of the VPW-ABSP.
- 30 EUR for non-members of the VPW-ABSP.

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