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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.
- Vanhauwaert & 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.

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

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

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

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REGISTRATION

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