**Eighth edition of the conference**

**BELGIUM: THE STATE OF THE FEDERATION**

**Brussels, 19 December 2019**

**Hosted by Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles**

**Welcome Coffee:** 8h30-9h00

**Welcome speech:** 9h-9h15

**Parallel session I: 9h15-10h45**

**PANEL 1: Voting behaviours in the 2019 Belgian elections - I (ROOM 2100)**
- Chair: Jean-Benoit Pilet (ULB)

1.1 C. Le Gall, V. Van Ingelgom: *The effects of Brexit on voting behaviours in EU elections: evidence from Belgium*

1.2 P. van Erkel, S. Walgrave, I. Jennart, P. Baudewyns: *How issue salience pushes voters to the right or to the left*

1.3 P. Baudewyns, M. Gallina, J. Lefevere: *Voting for populist parties*


**PANEL 2: The federalisation of the Belgian state: 50 years of challenges - I (ROOM 2200)**
- Chair: Catherine Xhardez (Concordia University, USL-B)

2.1 F. Randour: *Belgian federalism and Europeanisation: how does European integration and federalism speak to each other?*

2.2 M. Counet: *Federal state and political claims: evolution of Party programs regarding the forms of State and its competencies (1991 - 2019)*
2.3 P. Meier: The asymmetries of the Belgian federal system

2.4 Ch. Niessen: Federalisation in the slipstream: how the German-speaking Community of Belgium became one of the smallest federal entities in the world

PANEL 3: Representation and citizenship in Belgian political institutions (ROOM 2300)
Chair: Franck Lesueur-Bonte (USL-B)

3.1 A. Tibbaut, E. Paulis: Le cumul des mandats : profils et stratégies des élus (Holding a plurality of offices: elected representatives’ profiles and strategies)

3.2 R. Devroe, S. Van Trappen: Keeping them in their place. The prevalence of political gender and ethnic stereotypes among local party chairs in Flanders

3.3 D. Talukder: Resentful? How do disadvantaged groups perceive and support representative democracy and what are their demands for political reforms?

3.4 J. Luypaert: From dominant to niche? Responses of mainstream parties after electoral loss

3.5 S. Rangoni, D. Talukder: Two faces of the same coin? Are French-speaking MPs mirroring citizens’ critique about Belgian politics?

10h45-11h15: Coffee break (2nd floor lobby)

Parallel session II: 11h15-12h45

PANEL 4: Voting behaviours in the 2019 Belgian elections - II (ROOM 2100)
Chair: Jean-Benoit Pilet (ULB)

4.1 C. Close, E. van Haute: Emotions and vote choice: an analysis of the 2019 Belgium elections

4.2 P. van Erkel, E. Turkenburg: Affective polarisation in Belgium

4.3 I. Jennart, L. Uyttendaele, D. Talukder: The impact of the Stem Test (and other VAAs) on voting

4.4 R. Dandoy, B. Wauters, K. Steyvers: Determinants of turnout in a compulsory voting setting: local elections in Belgium
4.5 F. Teuber: *When do private member bills become laws?*

**PANEL 5: The federalisation of the Belgian state: 50 years of challenges - II (ROOM 2200)**
Chair: Yannick Vanderborght (UCLouvain, USL-B)

5.1 P. Bruyas: *The influence of European law on Belgian multilingualism*

5.2 F. Sbaraglia: *Understanding the fabric of policy evaluations in a multilevel context: a literature review using Belgium as a typical case*

5.3 C. Xhardez: *Immigrant integration policies in Belgium: from divergence to convergence?*

5.4 D. Piron: *Federalism and tax policy in Belgium*

12H45-14H00: LUNCH (2nd floor lobby)

**Parallel session III: 14h00-15h30**

**PANEL 6: Understanding political resentment in Belgium (ROOM 2100)**
Chair: Karen Celis (VUB)

6.1 E. van Haute, J. B. Pilet, S. Walgrave, J. Lefevere, S. Marien, K. Celis, K. Deschouver, B. Rihoux, V. Van Ingelgom: *Decomposing political resentment. Three dimensions of representation*

6.2 L. Knops, M. Sanhueza, E. Severs, K. Deschouver: *What do you mean by ‘democracy’? An analysis of the meanings and affective connotations attributed to democracy over time*

6.3 J. Lefevere, P. van Erkel, I. Jennart, S. Walgrave, P. Baudewyns: *Issue incongruence as a driver of democratic resentment*

6.4 K. Amara Hammou, K. Celis, L. Knops, G. Petit, R. van der Does, V. Van Ingelgom, S. Verhaegen: *Studying democratic resentment: a qualitative research approach*

6.5 J. B. Pilet, T. Legein, L. Van Dijk, S. Marien: *Resentment and demands for institutional reforms in Belgium*

**PANEL 7: Non-state actors and local governance (ROOM 2200)**
Chair: Anne Guisset (USL-B)
7.1 E. Mescoli: Multi-level governance and ‘sanctuary cities’: the case of Liège and undocumented migrants

7.2 F. Sbaraglia, A. Tibbaut: Co-governance, are you there? An empirical exploration of co-governance policy-making processes in Brussels

7.3 M. Sacco: The model of the work integration enterprise as a policy instrument in circular economy policies in the Region of Brussels Capital: an instrument constituency approach

7.4 L. Cobut: The emergence of renewable energy communities in Wallonia: une ardeur d’avance of een eeuw te laat?

7.5 R. Lebrun: The impact of the citizenship activity ‘Jeunes & Politiek’ on the level of political interest and trust of Brussels’ diverse youth

15h30-16h: Coffee break (2nd floor lobby)

Parallel session IV: 16h00-17h30

PANEL 8: Access to welfare (ROOM 2100)
Chair: Yannick Vanderborght (UCLouvain, USL-B)

8.1 D. Vintila, J. M. Lafleur: Migration and access to welfare in Belgium and other EU Member States: a comparative perspective regarding the interplay between residence and nationality

8.2 A. Konstantinidou: The external dimension of social protection: the case of Belgians in third countries

8.3 I. Stassart: Microsimulation tools in the shaping of social policies: following family allowances after the Sixth Belgian State Reform

8.4 A. Osinski: Food aid in Belgium – a social policy assessed using a transdisciplinary approach

PANEL 9: Devolution and solidarity (ROOM 2200)
Chair: Damien Simonneau (USL-B)

9.2 M. Uhoda: *Processes of budgetary and fiscal decentralisation and Policy narratives in Belgium and Spain: Essay on a Confederated Model*

18h-19h30: Round Table (Salle des examens)

20h-21h: Cocktail (Salle des examens)

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