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Central European University's Doctoral School of Political Science, Public Policy, and International Relations invites paper proposals for its 16th Annual Doctoral Conference. The conference provides a professional, stimulating, and international environment for PhD students and early career researchers in political science to discuss their works in progress, establish informal networks, and initiate future collaborative research. We aim to assemble submissions that reflect the plurality of research projects and approaches in the field of political science. Enriching this scholarship at CEU are our (sub)field specialisations in, and cross-pollination of ideas from, comparative politics, international relations, political economy, political theory, and public policy.

### CONFERENCE THEME

Thematically, the conference proposes an appreciation of (re)searching the 'political' in the face of 21st-century challenges. Resisting the scholarly urge to particularise these challenges now, we seek to provoke discussions about continuities and discontinuities in *Politics* as a discipline and *politics* as the very phenomena we study in varied contexts.

This twin understanding opens up at least two possible directions of travel. First, methodological traditions in political science offer ever more sophisticated means of investigating complex and inextricably interlinked transformations in the social, economic and political realms. With these transformations also come intellectual transitions in, and alternative ways of, understanding power relations in a world that is at once in flux and impervious to political change. Second, our reading accommodates a wide array of contributions that attempt to illuminate puzzling empirical phenomena in the social sciences and to problematise the persistence of entrenched political ideas and practices, not least in the throes of our present crises in capital, climate, and COVID-19.

Some broad research areas our panels may address include, but are by no means restricted to:

- Civil society in policymaking
- Climate politics
- Critical IR theory
- Development studies
- Experiments, QCA & survey methods in political science
- Heterodox approaches in IR and policy studies
- Higher education policy
- Memory politics
- Political economy in the global South
- Political theory
- Politics in/of Europe, including but not limited to the EU
- Process-tracing case studies

### SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS / Deadline: 29 January 2021, 23:59 CET

Proposed papers will be assessed on the basis of merit. Proposals are expected to be stand-alone research papers. These can, and in most cases usually, form part of PhD thesis projects. Proposals should discuss the general aim of the research; how the research fits into the scholarly literature; the conceptual/theoretical framework and/or methodological/empirical approaches used; and the (preliminary) results, if applicable.

Abstracts should include:

- a working title
- the author's full name, position & institutional affiliation
- a 400-word description of the proposed paper
- five keywords

Acceptance decisions will be made on a rolling basis by the organising committee. Applicants will be notified via e-mail about the decisions until 8 February 2021, 18:00 CET.

### SUBMISSION OF PAPERS / Deadline: 17 March 2021, 23:59 CET

Applicants whose abstracts are accepted for presentation need to submit full conference papers. Paper submissions should be in the region of 6000–8000 words, including a working title; the author's full name, position, & institutional affiliation; a 400-word summary followed by five keywords; and the main text (the word limit excludes references, bibliography, and appendix).



All abstracts and conference papers must follow a standard file name format (SURNAME\_Given Name\_Institution\_ADC2021) and be rendered in .docx or .pdf. Please send your submissions to [ADC2021@ceu.edu](mailto:ADC2021@ceu.edu).

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