



## CALL FOR PAPERS 11th Graduate Network Conference

10-12 April, 2019  
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

The eleventh conference of the European Graduate Network in political science will be hosted by the LSE **from 10 to 12 April, 2019**. The conference gives PhD students of the network universities the opportunity to present and discuss their research projects and to refine their theoretical and methodological approaches. It allows for in-depth discussions and thorough feedback since each contribution has its own dedicated one-hour seminar.

Students who have passed the first year of their doctoral research are invited to submit an abstract. Contributions from all areas of political science are welcome (comparative politics, international relations, political theory and philosophy, political economy, political sociology, methodology, party politics, gender studies, public policy). Papers will reflect the current state of research and can be drafts of chapters or articles but should go beyond outlines of a research project.

### Application

Applicants are invited to submit an abstract of maximum 400 words **by 15 January 2019** to [gnc2019@lse.ac.uk](mailto:gnc2019@lse.ac.uk). Abstracts should include the research question, theoretical framework and methods used. They should also provide three to five keywords and a sub-disciplinary classification. Please also indicate your department, year of study as well as full contact details. Successful applicants will be informed by **1 February 2019**. The full papers must be submitted by **29 March 2019**. Failure to do so can lead to a withdrawal of the invitation.

The host institution offers accommodation and meals during the time of the conference. Travel expenses have to be covered by participants and their respective universities. In case of co-authored contributions, only one of the authors may take part in the conference.

### Programme

The conference consists of 6-8 panels, with 7-8 students each. The panels will reflect the topics, methods and approaches of the participants. Each panel will be chaired by senior members of faculty from the network universities. The conference starts with a key note speech by Professor Simon Hix on Wednesday evening followed by dinner at LSE. On Thursday, there will be 6 parallel sessions while the evening is free. Three more sessions will take place on Friday morning, and the conference ends after lunch. Each student will present his/her paper and will also comment on the paper of another student in their panel. One hour will be spent on each paper. It is expected that participants read all other papers in their panel.

### **The European Graduate Network**

The European Graduate Network (EGN) brings together graduate students of social sciences from seven leading European universities: *Central European University* (CEU), Budapest, Hungary; *European University Institute* (EUI), Florence, Italy; *Humboldt Universität* (HU) and *Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin* (WZB), Berlin, Germany; *Scuola Normale Superiore – Istituto di Scienze Umane e Sociali* (SNS), Florence, Italy; *Institut d'Études Politiques* (SciencesPo), Paris, France; *London School of Economics and Political Science* (LSE), London, United Kingdom; and *Universitat Pompeu Fabra* (UPF), Barcelona, Spain.

The network was initiated by students and has to date organised conferences in Florence (2007, 2015), Budapest (2008, 2016), Barcelona (2010, 2017), Berlin (2012, 2018), London (2013), and Paris (2014). A GNC aims at providing opportunities for doctoral researchers: to present their research projects, to discuss methodologies, to practice presenting and discussing academic work. It encourages collaborative research of PhD students from the participating universities and aims at establishing academic linkages and cooperation across Europe.

### **Further information / Contacts**

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