

# 25<sup>th</sup> PhD Summer School of the ECPR Standing Group on Political Parties

**Location:** Leuphana University Lüneburg (Germany)

**Duration:** September 13-19, 2015

**Academic Programme:** Political Parties and Democracy

## Local Organizers:

**Professor Ferdinand Müller-Rommel**  
**Professor Marion Reiser**

## *Sunday (13. Sept.)*

Afternoon Arrival of participants

20.00 *Reception in town*

## *Monday (14. Sept.)*

9.00 – 13.00 Presentation and Discussion  
**The Formation of a European Electorate and Party System in  
Historical Perspective**  
*Professor Daniele Caramani (University of Zurich)*

With European integration models of nation-state formation and democratization are increasingly applied to the supra-national European political system. The lecture will extend this approach to electorates and party systems. It applied the concepts and indicators of the "nationalization" of electoral politics to the "Europeanization" of electoral politics. Evidence is presented on 30 West and Central-East European countries since the mid-nineteenth century along five indicators: the cross-country homogeneity of party families, the uniform and simultaneous swing of votes between two elections European-wide, the correspondence between the dimensionality in national electorates and the European Parliament, the ideological cohesiveness among European parties of a same family, and the programmatic similarity of cabinet coalitions.

14.00 – 18.00 Presentation and discussion of research proposals by participants

**Tuesday (15. Sept.)**

9.00 – 13.00

Presentation and Discussion

**Parties and Political Campaigns***Professor David Farrell (University College Dublin)*

This lecture examines the institutional links between parties and citizens during campaign periods. It reviews the impact of political parties on the emergence of candidates, on campaign communication, on campaign finances, and on the electoral system that finally regulates party choice or candidate choice. Building on these findings, the lecture concludes with an assessment of the "partyness" of elections in contemporary democracies.

14.00 – 16.30

Presentation and discussion of research proposals by participants

17.00

*Lüneburg City Tour***Wednesday (16. Sept.)**

9.00 – 13.00

Presentation and Discussion

**Intra-Party Democracy in Europe***Professor Emilie van Haute (Université libre de Bruxelles)*

A recent trend for political parties in Europe has been the adoption of organizational reforms towards a greater inclusiveness of party members (and beyond) in their internal decision-making process. This session examines these reforms from the perspective of intra-party democracy. We will first consider the factors leading parties to adopt these reforms. We will then consider the consequences of these reforms on intra-party dynamics and the political system at large.

14.00 – 16.30

Presentation and discussion of research proposals by participants

17.00 - 18.00

Keynote speech

**What are Party Members Good for?***Professor Susan Scarrow (University of Houston)***Thursday (17. Sept.)**

9.00 – 13.00

Presentation and Discussion

**Party Politics in New Democracies***Professor Zsolt Enyedi (Central European University, Budapest)*

Research on new democracies requires different emphases, and, often, different conceptual and measurement tools than the

analysis of established party systems. This session will discuss, using the general framework of institutionalization, volatility, closure and fragmentation of party systems, the success of new parties, the relations among party elites, the interplay between demand and supply of party politics, and the contribution of parties to the quality of representation and accountability in the new democracies.

14.00 – 18.00 Presentation and discussion of research proposals by participants

***Friday (18. Sept.)***

9.00 – 13.00 Presentation and discussion of research proposals by participants

14.00 – 18.00 Panel and discussion with former ECPR PhD Summer School Organizers (1990-2015)

**Political Parties in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:  
Challenges and Perspectives for Survival**

*Professor Ferdinand Müller-Rommel*

*(Leuphana University, Lüneburg) (panel chair)*

*Professor Kris Deschouwer (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)*

*Professor Hans Keman (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)*

*Professor Richard Luther (Keele University)*

*Professor Thomas Poguntke (University of Düsseldorf)*

20.00 Goodbye reception for Summer School participants sponsored by the *Centre for the Study of Democracy (CSD)*

***Saturday (19. Sept) Departure of participants***