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***Eighth edition of the conference***

**BELGIUM: THE STATE OF THE FEDERATION**

**FINAL PROGRAMME** (16 December 2019)

**Brussels, 19 December 2019**

**Hosted by the Research Centre in Political Science (CReSPo)**

**at Université Saint-Louis – Bruxelles**

**Welcome Coffee: 8h30-9h00 (2nd floor lobby)**

**Parallel session I: 9h00- 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*

1.4 E. van Haute, I. Goovaerts, S. Marien, A. Kern: *Voting to protest? On the determinants of electoral behaviour in the 2019 elections*

**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: Valentina Brogna and Alizée Dauchy (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?*

3.6 S. Van Trappen, A. Vandeleene, B. Wauters: *Which parties nominate candidates with a migration background? An investigation for the local elections in Flanders*

**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: Jonas Lefevere (VUB)

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?*

4.6 P. Thijssen, L. De Winter, M. Reuchamps, J. Dodeigne, D. Sinardet: *National identity and solidarity in Belgium: the mediating effect of interregional contact*

**PANEL 5: The federalisation of the Belgian state: 50 years of challenges - II (ROOM 2200)**

Chair: Yannick Vanderborght (USL-B & UCLouvain)

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

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

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

5.4 M. Uhoda, M. Erkoreka: *Processes of budgetary and fiscal decentralisation and Policy narratives in Belgium and Spain: Essay on a Confederal Model*

**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. Deschouwer, B. Rihoux, V. Van Ingelgom: *Decomposing political resentment. Three dimensions of representation*

6.2 L. Knops, M. Sanhueza, E. Severs, K. Deschouwer: *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 (USL-B & UCLouvain)

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*

**18h-20h30: Cocktail (Salle des examens)**

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