



Cologne Center for
Comparative Politics



International Workshop

“Theoretical and Methodological Innovations in Comparative Politics”

Cologne Center for Comparative Politics
November 22-23, 2018

The Cologne Center for Comparative Politics is hosting an international workshop on “Theoretical and Methodological Innovations in Comparative Politics”. The workshop will feature work of early career scholars and is open to post-doctoral researchers and assistant professors in comparative politics.

The workshop will offer four panels on the following themes:

1. Electoral Politics and Representation in Europe

We invite contributions that explore how political parties and elected politicians represent citizens’ interests in national political systems in Europe and/or the European Union. We are particularly interested in papers that combine questions related to the responsiveness of members of parliament, government-opposition dynamics, and the changing nature of party competition given the presence of populist parties with novel methodological approaches and/or data analyses.

2. Political Institutions

We invite contributions that investigate how institutions are adopted, how they change, and what effects they have on representation and decision-making. Papers may relate to institutions in multilevel and federal systems, especially with regard to processes of decentralization and centralization.

3. Political Economy

In the last couple of years, research in political economy has increasingly identified and dealt with a set of fundamental changes in financial and labor markets that can be conceived as megatrends in the development of contemporary capitalism, such as financialization, migration, digitalization, and the reconfiguration of growth models. Contributions should help us deepening our understanding of how these trends affect economic and political actors or how, vice versa, actors shape them via policy or institutional change. Individual papers might focus on the micro-, meso- or macro-level, embrace comparative case studies or econometric analyses and thus scoop the whole breadth of theories and methods from political science and neighboring disciplines.

4. New Methods for Comparative Research

We invite papers that introduce new methods for comparative politics research. We are interested in new developments in computational methods (e.g. political text analysis, big data) to facilitate cross-national/multilingual analyses as well as in methods in qualitative and multimethod research and their use for causal inference.

The workshop will accommodate about 12 papers and will take place on **November 22-23, 2018** in Cologne.

Submission Details:

Authors must be post-doctoral researchers or assistant professors (or equivalent). Interested researchers are invited to submit their paper proposals, indicating the desired panel and including an abstract of 500 words, to **cccp-workshop@uni-koeln.de** until **June 15, 2018**. Authors of accepted papers will be notified by **July 15, 2018**. Funds are available to cover accommodation and travel expenses of workshop participants.

For further questions, please contact the workshop organizers at cccp-sekretariat@wiso.uni-koeln.de.