

Autumn 2024 Parliamentary Studies School

European elections 2024: A new political turn and new faces for European democracy

Master in Legislative of Studies- University of Luxembourg (<http://mep.uni.lu>)

Date and place:

5th and 6th of December 2024, University of Luxembourg, Belval Campus

Maison du Savoir, Salle du Conseil de Gouvernance, 17th Floor

2, place de l'Université L-4365 Esch-sur-Alzette

Organisation:

Research Chair in Legislative Studies - University of Luxembourg

Institute of Parliamentary Law - Complutense University of Madrid

General presentation:

From 6 to 9 June 2024, 370 million voters in 27 Member States were called upon to elect the 720 members of the European Parliament. The European elections also marked the start of a new term of office for several European institutions (Commission, European Council).

Although the European elections are one of the biggest democratic exercises in the world, they are still widely regarded as intermediate (or second tier) elections, providing a full-scale assessment of the balance of political forces at national level.

However, the 2024 elections are different from previous elections in that the number of representatives from the right is likely to increase for example. This development could have political and institutional effects on the dynamics of coalition building within national political areas, as well as on the political balance and orientations of the European Parliament and the European Commission.

The Autumn 2024 Parliamentary Studies School to analyse and critically discuss the outcome of the June 2024 elections and its consequences for intra- and inter-institutional relations and EU politics.

Partnership:

Assemblée parlementaire de la Francophonie, Chamber of Deputies of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, Congress of Deputies of the Kingdom of Spain, and European Parliament

Working Languages:

English and French

5th of December 2024

Welcome/Introductory speeches (9.00-9.30 am)

- Prof. Philippe Poirier, Research Chair in Legislative Studies, University of Luxembourg
- Prof. Angel J. Sanchez Navarro, Full professor of Constitutional law, Complutense University of Madrid

Part 1. Electoral analysis. 2024: A New political turn?

Roundtable 1 - (9.30-11.00 am)

Presentation and discussion of the results of the Polindex opinion survey in a selection of Member States (Luxembourg, France, Italy).

Chair: Prof. Philippe Poirier, Chair in Legislative studies, University of Luxembourg

- Presentation and discussion of PolIndex results for Luxembourg, by Dr Agnès Darabos, Postdoctoral researcher, Chair in Legislative studies, University of Luxembourg
- Presentation and discussion of Baromètre de la Confiance politique, results for France, by Dr Bruno Cautrès, CEVIPOF, SciencesPo Paris
- Presentation and discussion of results for Italy, Generational gap and post-ideological politics in Italy by Prof., Lorenzo De Sio, Department of Political Science, LUISS University - [Online](#)

Roundtable 2 - (11.15-12.45 pm)

Presentation and discussion of the outcome of the June 6-9 elections in a selection of Member states (Spain, Poland, Sweden or Finland, Portugal).

Chair: Prof. Philippe Poirier, Chair in Legislative studies, University of Luxembourg

- European Elections in Portugal in 2024, an opportunity to re-check and re-balance, by Prof. Ricardo Ferreira Reis, Católica Lisbon School of Business and Economics, Universidade Católica Portuguesa - [Online](#)
- The European election results in Spain, by Prof. Jordi Barrat Esteve, Associate Professor on Constitutional Law, University Rovira i Virgili
- Still Second Order: The 2024 European Election Results in Germany, by Dr. Giuseppe Carteny, postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Social Science European Studies, Saarland University
- The European Parliament election results in Sweden, by Dr Linda Berg, senior lecturer at the department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, and director of studies for the Centre for European Studies

Keynote speech (2.00-2.30pm)

- Ordre juridique et désordre politique en Europe. Ponts et fossés entre La CJUE et le Parlement européen, by Prof. Panayotis Grigoriou, Full Professor of EU and International Law, and holder of the European Chair Jean Monnet on European Political Integration, University of the Aegean

Part 2. Political analysis of the composition of the new European Parliament: “New faces, same patterns?”

Roundtable 3 (2.00-3.30 pm)

New political balances within the European Parliament

Chair: Prof. Angel Sanchez Navarro, Institute of Parliamentary Law, Complutense University of Madrid

- The new balance between the political groups and the distribution of top jobs within the EP, by Dr Thierry Chopin, visiting professor, College of Europe (Bruges) – to be confirmed
- The appointment of European Commissioners and their hearings before the European Parliament, by Dr Basile Ridard, Associate Professor in Public Law, University of Lille
- Defining the Union's political priorities in the context of the European elections, by Dr Frédéric Allemand, Researcher, Co-coordinator of the Robert Schuman initiative – Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, University of Luxembourg
- European elections 2024: between nations and the Union, by Prof. Thierry Leterre, Dolibois European Centre, Miami University

Roundtable 4 (3.45-5.15 pm)

Sociological analysis of MEPs in the 10th legislature (age/ gender structure of elected representatives, professional background, etc.).

Chair: Dr Alexis Santi, Chair in Legislative studies, University of Luxembourg

- Profil sociologique des équipes parlementaires d'extrême droite, by Dr Estelle Delaine, Associate Professor in Political Science, at the University of Rennes II
- The gender balance in the newly elected European Parliament, by Claire Poumarat, PhD student, Chair in Legislative Studies, University of Luxembourg
- Youth Representation in European Parliament, by Kamila Kolodziejczik, PhD Student, Konrad Adenauer Research Chair in Empirical Democracy Studies, University of Ottawa

Keynote speech (5.30-6.00pm)

- Parliament buildings: what physical structures tell about the institution?, by Associate Prof. Zsolt Szabo, Károli Gáspár Reformed Church University, editor-in-chief of International Journal of Parliamentary Studies, former legislative service member at the Hungarian National Assembly

6th of December 2024

Part 3. The 2024 elections background: national concerns, common challenges

Roundtable 5 (9.30-10.30 am)- The 2024 electoral campaign: state of democratic resilience in times of foreign influence and fake news.

Chair: Dr. Frédéric Allemand, Researcher, Co-coordinator of the Robert Schuman initiative – Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, University of Luxembourg

- Social media and the European elections, by Dr Wouter Wolfs, Lecturer and Senior Researcher at the KU Leuven, and Head of Programme of the Master of European Studies - **Online**
- Effectiveness of the EU's new safeguard tools against foreign influence in European elections (TikTok, Meta and Youtube's policy to fight disinformation and fake news ahead of the 2024 European elections), by Paolo Cesarini, Chair of the Executive Board, EDMO platform - **Online**
- Disinformation and electoral campaigns, by Rafael Rubio Nuñez, Full Professor of Constitutional Law at the Complutense University of Madrid - **Online**

Roundtable 6 (10.45-12.00 pm)- The 2024 European elections campaign: more European, more professionalized, more visible?

Chair: Dr Frédéric Allemand, Robert Schuman initiative – Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, University of Luxembourg

- Social media campaigns before the 2024 EP elections in Germany and Portugal, by Prof Michaela Maier, Professor for applied communication psychology at the University of Kaiserslautern-Landau, & Prof Carlos Jalali, Associate Professor with Habilitation, Research Unit on Governance, Competitiveness and Public Policy / Department of Social, Political and Territorial, at the University of Aveiro
- The Spitzenkandidaten and the transnational constituencies: The missed opportunity to politicize the European election campaign? by Luis Quaritsch, Policy Fellow for EU Democracy, Jacques Delors Centre

Open discussion (12.00-01.00 pm)

Chair: Dr Agnes Darabos, Research Chair in Legislative Studies, University of Luxembourg

Tilly Metz and Marc Angel, Members of the European Parliament for the Luxembourg

Scientific Committee:

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