

# 18th ECPR Standing Group Summer School - Political Parties and European Politics

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**Target Groups**

Advanced students pursuing research degrees (MPhil/PhD) in comparative politics, political parties, or democracy. The maximum number of participants will be 20 for didactic reasons.

**Objectives & Requirements**

The theme of the 2008 Summer School is 'Political Parties and European Politics'. It will again be taught by an international team of leading academics that specialise in comparative studies of European politics, political parties, and democratic performance. The School will comprise 2 weeks teaching, with around 70 hours class contact made up of roughly equal proportions of staff lectures, student presentations and seminar discussion. There will also be a series of group activities, as well as a special session in which leading journal editors offer practical advice on getting published.

Our aim is to provide research students with access to a wide range of core analytical perspectives in comparative politics; to develop a multinational forum for research students and senior specialists to critically discuss their own research projects; and to encourage research students to produce high level research with strong potential for future publication. Students are required to submit a 7000-8000 word paper before the start of the School, which must be presented orally during one of the Sessions. Papers



will be assessed by leading academics teaching at the School, with constructive feedback provided during the Sessions. Students are required to attend all Sessions, and to critically discuss the paper presentations of fellow students and senior specialists. Successful participation in the School will be fully accredited (10 ECTS or equivalent), while Party Politics journal has kindly agreed to award a prize for the best paper presented at the School.

## **Academic Programme**

### **Monday 8 September**

pm Arrival in Florence, Group Drinks at EUI.

### **Tuesday 9 September: Session 1 |**

am Introduction (Peter Mair, Thomas Poguntke)

am Parties and Democracy (Richard S. Katz)

pm Presentation of student papers

### **Wednesday 10 September: Session 2 |**

am Parties as Public Utilities (Ingrid van Biezen)

pm Presentation of student papers

### **Thursday 11 September: Session 3 |**

am Europeanisation of National Parties (Thomas Poguntke)

pm Presentation of student papers

### **Friday 12 September: Session 4 |**

am Parties in the European Parliament (Simon Hix)

pm Presentation of student papers

### **Monday 15 September: Session 5 |**

am Parties and Multi-level Politics (Kris Deschouwer)

pm Presentation of student papers

### **Tuesday 16 September: Session 6 |**

am The Emergence of Euro-Parties (Luciano Bardi)

pm Presentation of student papers

### **Wednesday 17 September: Session 7 |**

am Parties and Coalitions (Daniela Giannetti)

pm Presentation of student papers

### **Thursday 18 September: Session 8 |**

am The Domestic Party Politics of European Integration (Paul Taggart)

pm Presentation of student papers

### **Friday 19 September: Session 9 |**



am Party Systems and Democracy (Peter Mair)  
pm Presentation of student papers

**Saturday 20 September**  
Departure