

QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS OF DECISION-MAKING IN THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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FOCUS:

With this workshop, we intend to provide an opportunity for young scholars to benefit from the advice of established researchers and discuss their research approaches. Indeed, research on European policy-making is a dynamic and evolving field and qualitative methods are being increasingly discussed as an alternative to study key EU institutions. The workshop is open to scholars from other fields, not just political science; it will encourage interdisciplinary debates and provide opportunities to exchange on methods and findings of other disciplines. **The event will take place on Friday, 13th of November 2015, from 9h to 18h at the Bamberg Graduate School of Social Sciences, University of Bamberg, Germany.** The workshop is organized by Ariadna Ripoll Servent and Isabel Winnwa. To register for the workshop, please send an email to: isabel.winnwa@uni-bamberg.de.

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2015

09:00 - 09:30	REGISTRATION
09:30 - 09:45 WELCOME	<p>Welcome Address Aims of the Workshop Ariadna Ripoll Servent University of Bamberg</p>
09:45 - 10:15 SESSION 01	<p>State of the Art An Overview of Current Research and Methods Concerning the Council of the European Union Isabel Winnwa University of Bamberg Markus Johansson University of Gothenburg</p>
10:15 - 10:40	COFFEE BREAK
10:40 - 11:40 SESSION 02	<p>How to Fill the Gaps? Qualitative Contributions to the Gap Left By Quantitative Research Bruno Vandecasteele University of Ghent</p>
11:40 - 12:40 SESSION 03	<p>Methodological Issues How to Improve Qualitative Analyses of European Policy-Making? Derek Beach University of Aarhus</p>
12:40 - 14:00	LUNCH BREAK / MENSA
14:00 - 15:00 SESSION 04	<p>Problems of Access Techniques and Methods of Access to the “Black Box” of the Council Sandrino Smeets Radboud University</p>
15:00 - 15:20	COFFEE BREAK
15:20 - 17:15 SESSION 05	<p>Bringing In the Experts A Roundtable of Policy-Makers, Council Officials and People Working with the EU Institutions Chair: Raphael Bossong European University Viadrina Hans Nilsson Council of the European Union Christof Roos Vrije Universiteit Brussels Natascha Zaun University of Mainz</p>
17:15 - 17:30 CONCLUSION	<p>Where to Go From Here? Conclusions and Suggestions for Future Research Ariadna Ripoll Servent University of Bamberg Isabel Winnwa University of Bamberg</p>
17:30 - 18:00	DRINKS & NETWORKING