WORKSHOP

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
Welcome Address
Aims of the Workshop
Ariadna Ripoll Servent  University of Bamberg

09:45 - 10:15   SESSION 01
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

10:15 - 10:40   COFFEE BREAK

10:40 - 11:40   SESSION 02
How to Fill the Gaps?
Qualitative Contributions to the Gap Left By Quantitative Research
Bruno Vandecasteele  University of Ghent

11:40 - 12:40   SESSION 03
Methodological Issues
How to Improve Qualitative Analyses of European Policy-Making?
Derek Beach  University of Aarhus

12:40 - 14:00   LUNCH BREAK / MENSA

14:00 - 15:00   SESSION 04
Problems of Access
Techniques and Methods of Access to the “Black Box” of the Council
Sandrino Smeets  Radboud University

15:00 - 15:20   COFFEE BREAK

15:20 - 17:15   SESSION 05
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

17:15 - 17:30   CONCLUSION
Where to Go From Here?
Conclusions and Suggestions for Future Research
Ariadna Ripoll Servent  University of Bamberg
Isabel Winnwa  University of Bamberg

17:30 - 18:00   DRINKS & NETWORKING