

Call for Papers

ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments

Conference on

‘Parliaments and Parliamentarians – Evolution and Change in Challenging Times’

University of Vienna 26–28 June 2014

Following the Standing Group’s very successful inaugural conference on ‘Parliaments in Changing Times’ in Dublin (2012), we are issuing a call for papers for the second conference, which will take place between June 26 and 28 2014 in Vienna. As in Dublin, we are hoping to bring together 60-80 senior and junior scholars in the field to discuss the institutional evolution of parliaments and the adaptation of Members of Parliament to new challenges. The local organizer is Professor Wolfgang C. Müller of Vienna University. Professor Thomas Saalfeld (University of Bamberg) and Professor Matti Wiberg (University of Turku) will support him as academic convenors. A conference website will soon be open on www.leg2014.info.

Papers and Panels

We are inviting proposals:

- **either** for *individual papers* dealing with the empirical study of contemporary parliaments and legislatures
- **or** for *entire panels* consisting of three to four papers in the areas mentioned above

Abstracts of proposed individual papers should be between ca. 150 and 300 words. Proposals for panels should name a panel chair, the names of all proposed participants and abstracts for their individual papers. All proposals should be sent to:

parliaments@gmx.de

The *deadline for proposals* is **15 April 2014**. The proposals will be accepted or rejected by 30 April 2014.

Registration

The registration fee will be 250 Euros and will include a Welcome Reception in the Austrian Parliament, light refreshments in all coffee breaks and the cost of two lunches. You can register online via the University of Vienna's secure website using the following link:

https://ebms.univie.ac.at/iEBMS/reg/reg_p1_form.aspx?oc=10&ct=002&eventid=14876

The final *deadline for registration* and payment of the registration fee is **15 May 2014**.

Accommodation

The local organizers have also secured very advantageous deals in various categories as far as quality and cost are concerned. They range from a budget option of 53 Euros to slightly more expensive options at around 100 Euros. All hotels are relatively centrally located or give access to the centre of Vienna through Vienna's excellent public-transport network.

Reservations in four alternative hotels can be made using the University of Vienna's secure booking site:

https://ebms.univie.ac.at/iEBMS/reg/reg_p1_form.aspx?oc=10&ct=013&eventid=14876

Please secure your accommodation as soon as possible bearing in mind the deadline for free cancellations, which you will find on the site.

The final *deadline for hotel bookings* via this site is **15 May 2014**.

Getting to Vienna by Air

Wolfgang Müller and his team have also secured a 15% discount with Austrian Airlines. The details will be sent to you as soon as you have registered.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to write to thomas.saalfeld@uni-bamberg.de