



Eighth edition of the conference
BELGIUM: THE STATE OF THE FEDERATION

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Welcome Coffee: 8h30-9h00

Welcome speech: 9h-9h15

Parallel session I: 9h15- 10h45

PANEL 1: Voting behaviours in the 2019 Belgian elections - I (ROOM 2100)

Chair: Jean-Benoit Pilet (ULB)

1.1 C. Le Gall, V. Van Ingelgom: *The effects of Brexit on voting behaviours in EU elections: evidence from Belgium*

1.2 P. van Erkel, S. Walgrave, I. Jennart, P. Baudewyns: *How issue salience pushes voters to the right or to the left*

1.3 P. Baudewyns, M. Gallina, J. Lefevere: *Voting for populist parties*

1.4 E. van Haute, I. Goovaerts, S. Marien, A. Kern: *Voting to protest? On the determinants of electoral behaviour in the 2019 elections*

PANEL 2: The federalisation of the Belgian state: 50 years of challenges - I (ROOM 2200)

Chair: Catherine Xhardez (Concordia University, USL-B)

2.1 F. Randour: *Belgian federalism and Europeanisation: how does European integration and federalism speak to each other?*

2.2 M. Counet: *Federal state and political claims: evolution of Party programs regarding the forms of State and its competencies (1991 - 2019)*

2.3 P. Meier: *The asymmetries of the Belgian federal system*

2.4 Ch. Niessen: *Federalisation in the slipstream: how the German-speaking Community of Belgium became one of the smallest federal entities in the world*

PANEL 3: Representation and citizenship in Belgian political institutions (ROOM 2300)

Chair: Franck Lesueur-Bonte (USL-B)

3.1 A. Tibbaut, E. Paulis: *Le cumul des mandats : profils et stratégies des élus* (Holding a plurality of offices: elected representatives' profiles and strategies)

3.2 R. Devroe, S. Van Trappen: *Keeping them in their place. The prevalence of political gender and ethnic stereotypes among local party chairs in Flanders*

3.3 D. Talukder: *Resentful? How do disadvantaged groups perceive and support representative democracy and what are their demands for political reforms?*

3.4 J. Luybaert: *From dominant to niche? Responses of mainstream parties after electoral loss*

3.5 S. Rangoni, D. Talukder: *Two faces of the same coin? Are French-speaking MPs mirroring citizens' critique about Belgian politics?*

10h45-11h15: Coffee break (2nd floor lobby)

Parallel session II: 11h15-12h45

PANEL 4: Voting behaviours in the 2019 Belgian elections - II (ROOM 2100)

Chair: Jean-Benoit Pilet (ULB)

4.1 C. Close, E. van Haute: *Emotions and vote choice: an analysis of the 2019 Belgium elections*

4.2 P. van Erkel, E. Turkenburg: *Affective polarisation in Belgium*

4.3 I. Jennart, L. Uyttendaele, D. Talukder: *The impact of the Stem Test (and other VAAs) on voting*

4.4 R. Dandoy, B. Wauters, K. Steyvers: *Determinants of turnout in a compulsory voting setting: local elections in Belgium*

4.5 F. Teuber: *When do private member bills become laws?*

PANEL 5: The federalisation of the Belgian state: 50 years of challenges - II (ROOM 2200)

Chair: Yannick Vanderborght (UCLouvain, USL-B)

5.1 P. Bruyas: *The influence of European law on Belgian multilingualism*

5.2 F. Sbaraglia: *Understanding the fabric of policy evaluations in a multilevel context: a literature review using Belgium as a typical case*

5.3 C. Xhardez: *Immigrant integration policies in Belgium: from divergence to convergence?*

5.4 D. Piron: *Federalism and tax policy in Belgium*

12H45-14H00: LUNCH (2nd floor lobby)

Parallel session III: 14h00-15h30

PANEL 6: Understanding political resentment in Belgium (ROOM 2100)

Chair: Karen Celis (VUB)

6.1 E. van Haute, J. B. Pilet, S. Walgrave, J. Lefevere, S. Marien, K. Celis, K. Deschouwer, B. Rihoux, V. Van Ingelgom: *Decomposing political resentment. Three dimensions of representation*

6.2 L. Knops, M. Sanhueza, E. Severs, K. Deschouwer: *What do you mean by 'democracy'? An analysis of the meanings and affective connotations attributed to democracy over time*

6.3 J. Lefevere, P. van Erkel, I. Jennart, S. Walgrave, P. Baudewyns: *Issue incongruence as a driver of democratic resentment*

6.4 K. Amara Hammou, K. Celis, L. Knops, G. Petit, R. van der Does, V. Van Ingelgom, S. Verhaegen: *Studying democratic resentment: a qualitative research approach*

6.5 J. B. Pilet, T. Legein, L. Van Dijk, S. Marien: *Resentment and demands for institutional reforms in Belgium*

PANEL 7: Non-state actors and local governance (ROOM 2200)

Chair: Anne Guisset (USL-B)

7.1 E. Mescoli: *Multi-level governance and 'sanctuary cities': the case of Liège and undocumented migrants*

7.2 F. Sbaraglia, A. Tibbaut: *Co-governance, are you there? An empirical exploration of co-governance policy-making processes in Brussels*

7.3 M. Sacco: *The model of the work integration enterprise as a policy instrument in circular economy policies in the Region of Brussels Capital: an instrument constituency approach*

7.4 L. Cobut: *The emergence of renewable energy communities in Wallonia: une ardeur d'avance of een eeuw te laat?*

7.5 R. Lebrun: *The impact of the citizenship activity 'Jeunes & Politiek' on the level of political interest and trust of Brussels' diverse youth*

15h30-16h: Coffee break (2nd floor lobby)

Parallel session IV: 16h00-17h30

PANEL 8: Access to welfare (ROOM 2100)

Chair: Yannick Vanderborcht (UCLouvain, USL-B)

8.1 D. Vintila, J. M. Lafleur: *Migration and access to welfare in Belgium and other EU Member States: a comparative perspective regarding the interplay between residence and nationality*

8.2 A. Konstantinidou: *The external dimension of social protection: the case of Belgians in third countries*

8.3 I. Stassart: *Microsimulation tools in the shaping of social policies: following family allowances after the Sixth Belgian State Reform*

8.4 A. Osinski: *Food aid in Belgium – a social policy assessed using a transdisciplinary approach*

PANEL 9: Devolution and solidarity (ROOM 2200)

Chair: Damien Simonneau (USL-B)

9.1 P. Thijssen, L. De Winter, M. Reuchamps, J. Dodeigne, D. Sinardet: *National identity and solidarity in Belgium: the mediating effect of interregional contact*

9.2 M. Uhoda: *Processes of budgetary and fiscal decentralisation and Policy narratives in Belgium and Spain: Essay on a Confederal Model*

18h-19h30: Round Table (Salle des examens)

20h-21h: Cocktail (Salle des examens)

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