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invites to the scientific conference

Electoral engineering and competitiveness in Post-communist Europe

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Elections and voting are considered an inevitable part of democratic process and, perhaps, the most important features of political participation. On the other hand, the interpretation and understanding of voters' behaviour is a difficult task for sociologists as well as political scientists. The region of Central Eastern Europe (CEE) confirms these trends since there have been several theoretical and practical dilemmas of pluralist democracy, electoral engineering and party competition that had changed the nature and substance of the political and party systems. The new trends involve one-party governments, newly formed political platforms and leaders acquiring and sharing the political power, media effect and the effect of social media on party strategies and competitiveness, personalization of politics.

The organizers invite scholars to participate with papers that address and raise substantive issues researching electoral competition, the dynamics of political campaigning, media coverage, party systems, strategies and communication, political engagement and voter turnout, general trends of electoral behaviour, political leadership and political parties in the electoral context.

The proposed panels include:

1. Electoral engineering and competition
2. Party strategies and party competition
3. Media and Electoral behaviour
4. Parliamentary elections in Slovakia (special Slovak panel)

Proposed panels are designed to be inclusive rather than exclusive enabling organizers to combine relevant papers in a multi-disciplinary approach to fit all papers in the proposed panels. We guarantee that no proposal gets rejected for the lack of fit in the proposed panels.

For general inquiries related to paper proposals as well as organizational matters and other correspondence, please, contact: conferenceEEC.Trnava@gmail.com

The organizers reserve the right to change the conference schedule due to the number of participants and panel optimization.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

MARCH 15 2016		Accommodation grant
MARCH 31 2016		Registration and payment for the conference
MARCH 31 2016		Abstract Submission
JUNE 30 2016		Full Paper Submission

Application form – ANNEX 1

A detailed program of the conference will be announced at the beginning of April 2016.

Proposals for presentations should consist of brief biographical note and a 150 word abstract. They should be sent to by **March 31 2016**. The conference will be held at the **Faculty of Social Sciences, UCM in Trnava, Slovakia on April 21-22 2016**.

Conference fee: 50 EURO (30 EURO for PhD students)

The fee includes: participation in sessions, conference materials, conference proceedings with published papers (after obtaining a positive reviews), coffee breaks, and dinner (lunch) during the conference days.

Accommodation grant

The purpose of this grant is to facilitate accommodation for the participants who apply for the grant until **March 15 2016**.

We recommend accommodation in following facilities:

<http://www.penzionholiday.sk/kontakt.htm>

<http://www.penzionpatriot.sk/en/>

<http://www.penzionumami.sk/>

<http://www.penzionoaza.sk/sk/ubytovanie>

<http://www.penzionmarriot.sk/index.php>

<http://www.maroli.sk/>

<http://www.grandtt.sk/>

The fee must be paid by March 31 2016 using the bank details below:

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With a note: Conference – CEE KPES

From abroad:

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Following the conference we plan to publish selected papers. All selected papers are peer-reviewed, evaluated and published in conference proceedings /both digital and hard copy version/. Each published paper is also submitted for evaluation and indexation in following scientific databases - Web of Science, SCOPUS, EBSCO.

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- ☐ Hanns Seidel Stiftung
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