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Call for presentations for the panel

Patterns and dynamics of populist radical right party ideology in Europe

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The panel seeks to describe and explain the ideological change and variance within the populist radical right family of parties (PRRPs) in European democracies. From a cross-national perspective, the variance of these parties is remarkable. Apart from the major ideological divisions between Western and Central Eastern Europe, they vary in other core aspects, such as social policy, anti-Semitism, and gender policies. Considering the socio-economic axis, some exponents represent state-oriented positions while others are traditionally characterized by market-oriented approaches. In comparison of time, PRRPs show a remarkable change of their ideologies, namely their degree of extremism, the national identities they construct and the socio-economic positions they take.

While ideological change is inherent in political parties, the specific factors behind the variance and dynamics of PRRPs are yet to be surveyed, all the more since they could be traced back to crucial aspects of liberal democracy. Therefore, scholars are invited to address three major topics:

- (1) *Case studies and cross-national comparison*: Which patterns of populist radical right party ideology can be observed, and to what extent can they be categorized?
- (2) *Time-series*: How are national specifics of PRRPs associated with the cultural, economic, institutional or other environmental conditions they act in? Which contextual aspects lead to ideological change of PRRPs at the national level?
- (3) *Typologies*: In how far do empirical findings on variance and change of the populist radical right affect theoretical and conceptual aspects of research on (right-wing) populism?

Both case-oriented (qualitative) studies and comparative (quantitative) approaches are welcome.

Abstracts (400 to 500 words) should be sent to the organizers by **January 31, 2018**. The board of the GPSA/DVPW would also like to offer young scientists the opportunity to participate in the GPSA/DVPW events; it is also desirable that more women than before actively participate in the congress.

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