

Call for Papers

**Workshop “Referendums on Europe: Motives, Dynamics, Outcomes”**

Hildesheim University, 28/29 March 2019

Brexit stands out as one of the most consequential decisions in the long and diverse history of EU referendums across Europe. With the day of the UK’s exit from the EU approaching, it is time to discuss the motives, dynamics and outcomes of such referendums on Europe. While EU integration is probably the “most voted-on issue in the world” (De Vreese und Semetko 2004: 4) and EU referendums have sparked a good deal of academic work, occasions are rare for in-depth interdisciplinary discussion on the issue. Against this background, we invite proposals for a workshop titled „Referendums on Europe: Motives, Dynamics, Outcomes“ at Hildesheim University on 28/29 March 2019. Proposals should be based on original research, be it empirical or theoretical, that deals with direct democratic votes on matters of European integration (e.g., accession, treaty reform, Euro). We particularly invite early career researchers from different disciplines to present their research. The workshop will offer the opportunity to discuss papers and presentations with leading experts in the field. The first day of the workshop will be concluded by a roundtable discussion.

Confirmed speakers include: Peter-Christian Müller-Graff, Palle Svensson, Paul Taggart and Uwe Wagschal.

Papers/presentations should speak to at least one of four broad topics: a) motives for calling EU referendums, b) the dynamics of multi-level pre-referendum politics, c) EU referendum campaigns and results, and d) the consequences of referendum outcomes.

The deadline for proposals (including name, affiliation, email address and an abstract of max. 250 words) is 30 November 2018. Please send your proposals by email to the conveners Kai Oppermann ([kai.oppermann@phil.tu-chemnitz.de](mailto:kai.oppermann@phil.tu-chemnitz.de)) and Wolf J. Schünemann ([wolf.schuene-mann@uni-hildesheim.de](mailto:wolf.schuene-mann@uni-hildesheim.de)). Full papers must be submitted by 15 March 2019. Papers will be selected for publication in a special issue or edited volume. Travel and accommodation expenses will be reimbursed.