

Call for Paper Proposals

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Workshop: ‘Political Animals and Animal Politics’

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Despite 20 years of environmental politics scholarship, the place of animals and the non-human realm in environmental politics has remained unclear - addressed primarily in the margin of environmental/resource management research questions, or in the ethical rather than political status of animals. This workshop aims at a systematic, *interdisciplinary* understanding of the politics of animals and non-human nature, by addressing a series of research questions consistently from three perspectives: normative political theory; the qualitative analysis of the discourses and ideology of policy makers, political parties and social movements; and more classic political analysis of public policy and party politics. The workshop will deal with the following, intrinsically related questions:

1. What do some of the recent normative approaches to animal/nonhuman politics add to our political approach to nature?
2. How have animal rights groups and parties framed their recent arguments for animal protection? What discourses of animal/nature politics have been most popular and appealing to movements and groups?
3. Which normative approaches and/or movement discourses have been successful, and which not, as frames for public policy initiatives? How can we analyze the policy processes that have led to successes and failures of political initiatives on animals and non-human nature? Contributors can address a variety of animal/nature politics campaigns from single-state, regional, and comparative perspectives.

Deadline For Proposals

Proposals should be submitted online via the MyECPR system by 1 December. Proposals are then considered by the Workshop Directors and you will be notified of the outcome of your proposal by 15 January 2012. Only proposals that are submitted via MyECPR will be able to be included for assessment. Papers that have gone direct to Workshop Directors will not be considered.

Submitting Paper Proposals

In order to propose a paper, you will need to login to MyECPR at:

<http://www.ecprnet.eu/myecpr/> (You can create a free account if you don't have one)

- 1) Under the section for Applications & Registrations, follow the link to Propose a Paper.
- 2) Select the appropriate Workshop.
- 3) Complete the requested fields within the paper proposal form. Fields marked with an asterisk* are mandatory. Please make sure your institutional and personal details are correct.
- 4) Once completed, click the “save & continue” button at the bottom of the page which will take you to your paper proposal. Please check details carefully and use the

Edit paper proposal button should you need to change any field(s). Once changes have been made, click on Save Update.

Who Can Propose a Paper?

Anyone who is conducting research in the field covered by the Workshop. However only 10% of the total number of participants in a Workshop can be from a non-ECPR member institution and this will be implemented by the Workshop Directors.

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