



# 1<sup>st</sup> ECPR /ODIHR Winter School on Political Parties and Democracy

**WHEN:** 14 January 2019 (All day) – 20 January 2019 (All day)

**WHERE:** Warsaw

**ORGANIZED BY:** The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw and the Centre for the Study of Parties and Democracy

Organized by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) under the auspices of the Standing Group on Central East European Politics and with the support of the Standing Group on Political Parties of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), the Winter School will bring together an international team of academics and practitioners to train and instruct a group of 20 MA and PhD researchers, practitioners and civil society leaders in the field of political parties and democracy

## Aims

The main aims of the Winter School include:

- providing instruction and facilitating discussion on a wide range of analytical perspectives in the study of political parties, party systems, elections and democracy;
- developing a multinational forum for junior scholars and practitioners to critically discuss their research projects and the development in the field;
- assisting PhD researchers in developing their dissertation projects at the cutting edge of the field, contributing to innovation in conceptualization, measurement, analysis and theory;
- raising the awareness of PhD researchers about the requirements and criteria of international academic publishing, and encouraging them to submit their work to academic journals;
- helping practitioners understand the main academic findings regarding party politics and democracy promotion;
- building on the most recent developments and challenges of political party development and democracy promotion presented in the "[Global Agenda for the Renewal of Representation](#)"
- stimulating international collaboration in the field of political parties, party systems, elections and democracy, and encouraging PhD researchers and practitioners to take part in such collaboration.

## Participants

The Winter School is open for MA and PhD researchers, practitioners and civil society leaders in the field of political parties, elections, representative democracy and closely related areas (e.g., corruption) from and working on the following OSCE participating States: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. The maximum number of participants is 20. Organizers will attempt to achieve both a gender and a regional balance. Applications should be completed properly (please answer all the questions!) and submitted to both [Fernando.Casal.Bertoa@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Fernando.Casal.Bertoa@nottingham.ac.uk) and [k.grzybowska-walecka@uksw.edu.pl](mailto:k.grzybowska-walecka@uksw.edu.pl) by **Sunday**,



**18 November 2018** (inclusively). The application should contain a 500-word abstract of your proposed paper and up to five keywords. No other documents (e.g., CV, passport) are needed at this

**NOTE:** Applications by citizens of and/or people working in other countries, those incomplete (e.g., missing answers to questions, an abstract or keywords) or submitted after the deadline will NOT be considered.

## Staff

The teaching staff consists of 11 leading scholars and practitioners in the field of political parties and democracy from European and American universities and international organizations.

## Teaching format

The Winter School comprises an intensive programme of lectures, seminars, roundtable meetings by leading scholars and practitioners in the field and presentations with in-depth discussions of participants' projects. The teaching language will be English. The Winter School will take place over seven days, each of them organized around a topical research question related to the overall theme of the Winter School. Each day will comprise two three-and-half-hour sessions. The overall number of class hours will thus be 50.

The first session will consist of a presentation by a staff member on a specific topic related to the theme of the Winter School, to be followed by questions and answers. The second session consists of presentations by participants of their projects (which may, but do not have to be part of their PhD research). Each of these presentations will be followed by a detailed discussion (approximately 30 minutes) with all other participants and staff. Up to three participants will present their work per day.

The best papers will be recommended for publication in the journal [Politologia](#) (see [Guidelines](#) and [Instructions](#)).

**NOTE:** English is also the ONLY working language, for both papers and presentations.

## Assessment and accreditation

Each participant fulfilling the above-mentioned requirements will receive a certificate of participation.

On special request, PhD researchers' papers may be assessed and credited by staff members of the Winter School. The credits awarded for successful participation and assessment will be 6.5 European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) credits. PhD researchers wishing to have their work accredited are advised to consult the directors of the Winter School at an early stage.

## Accommodation

**All participants** of the Winter School will be **accommodated in shared twin rooms** at Ibis Warszawa State Miasto (Old Town), located within a ten-minute walk of the ODIHR premises.



## Fees

There are no fees. Accommodation (7 nights starting on 13 January 2019), tuition, lunches and two reception dinners are sponsored by the organizers.

Travel arrangements will be made and related expenses covered by the participants. However, a very limited number of participants will have the opportunity to have their travel reimbursed based on merit.

## Location

The Winter School will be hosted by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). The [ODIHR premises](#) are located in Warsaw's Old Town.

## Directors

The Winter School is directed by Dr Katarzyna Grzybowska – Walecka, Assistant Professor at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Head of the MA Programme on Politics in Cyberspace and editor of the journal *Politologia*, and Dr Fernando Casal Bértoa, Associate Professor at the University of Nottingham, co-director of the research centre REPRESENT, member of the ODIHR Core Group of Political Party Experts and co-editor of the Routledge Book Series on Political Parties and Party Systems.