

Thursday, 29th January 2026

09:45 Opening

Prof. Dr. Thomas Poguntke, *PRUF director*

10:00 Party Organization & Intra-Party Dynamics

In-Party Cue-Taking in Multi-Level Systems:
Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment in Austria

Stefan Höller, *University of Gothenburg*

Party types in the 21st century: Theory, testing and
further development

Liza Beci, *Justus Liebig University Giessen*

Chair: **Dr. Gregor Zons**, PRUF

11:00 – Coffee Break –

11:30 Campaigning & Electoral Competition

There are some things money can't buy. The
limited effects of campaign spending in

Proportional Systems

Eric Zwarthoed, *Free University of Amsterdam*

Two cheeks of the same backside': Negative
campaigns in British by-elections

Thomas Montgomerie, *Babeş-Bolyai University*

Chair: **Johanna Plenter**, PRUF

12:30 – Lunch Break –

14:30 Political Parties & Representation

Exclusionary Dimensions of Radical Right Populist
Party Representation

Anna-Lotta Dechow, *Salzburg Centre of
European Union Studies*

Youth and Political Representation in Europe:
Portrayals, Policy-Making, and Perceived
Representation

Oscar Mendoza Hernandez, *Salzburg Centre of
European Union Studies*

Chair: **Dr. Peter Obert**, PRUF

15:30 – Coffee Break –

16:00 Constitutional Politics & Governance

Political financing as a constitutional issue

Dr. Katharina Ehl, *Universität Passau*

Goods, common goods and constitution

Alessandra Camaiani, *University of Campania*

Party Bans in Times of Emergency: A Comparative
Overview in Post-WWII Europe

Lorenzo de Carlo, *Sant'Anna School of Advanced
Studies*

Chair: **Rareş-David Chioreanu**, PRUF

17:45 – End of the First Day: Get Together –

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10:00 Parties & Executive Politics

The elite's recruitment process in Argentina, Chile,
and Peru: The effects of Parties systems
differences on Cabinet Formation and survival

Hugo Jofré Rodríguez, *University of Rostock/
Universidad San Sebastián*

Foreign and Defense Policy Views of the Dutch
Far-right Parties ahead of 2025 Dutch General
Elections

Javid Ibad, *Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania*

Chair: **Simon Brause**, PRUF

11:00 – Coffee Break –

11:30 Populism & Party Conflict

Intra-party differences in the radicalisation process
of the Alternative for Germany

Anna Lopatina, *Johannes Gutenberg University
Mainz*

Populism Beyond Borders: Foreign Policy as a Tool
of Political Survival in Turkey and Hungary

Buket Yüksel, *University of London*

Chair: **Ass. Prof. Dr. Lucy Kinski**, *University of
Salzburg*

12:30 Introducing the IASGP and its work

Dr. Ed Turner, *Aston University*

12:45 Farewell

Prof. Dr. Thomas Poguntke, *PRUF director*

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