

2019 General Conference, Wrocław

- Call for panels and papers –

ECPR is now accepting submissions for panels and papers to the 2019 ECPR General Conference in Wrocław, Poland, on September 4-7, 2019. We would like to invite all interested in Latin American politics to submit a panel and/or a paper to the section 56: **“Social Movements, Political Parties and Neoliberalism: Challenges and Alternatives for Latin America”**.

Against the backdrop of the 'Turn to the Left' in Latin America, we are now witnessing the overwhelming rise of conservative movements in the region. While center-left parties consolidated links with civil society and adopted anti-neoliberal stand projects that decisively shaped national policies such as Evo Morales' MAS, in Bolivia, the rise of the Right and return of the international neoliberal agenda shows that neoliberalism is not just an economic policy regime, but also a political project. The victories of the conservatives Sebastián Piñera in Chile, Mauricio Macri in Argentina, and Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil confirmed the continent's turn to the right. Conservative views and measures have emerged from such governments, arguing that previous arrangements that promoted citizen participation and social spending were too costly and lacked transparency. A more careful look at this phenomenon, especially in a phase in which authoritarianism is on the rise, is required. This should specially focus on how recent events could affect the commitment of Latin American governments to the collective defense of democracy.

In this section, we want to advance the debate about what are the challenges and alternatives for Latin America in the context of neoliberalism and economic crisis. Panels will be dedicated to specific issues, such as (but not limited to):

- Design and impact of public policies;
- Land reform,
- Democratic innovations;
- Citizenship;
- Expansion and retraction of social rights;
- Party systems;
- Party-voter linkages;
- Authoritarianism;
- Political violence.

The deadline for submission is **February 18th, 2019**.

More details about the conference and how to submit a paper or panel can be found here:
<https://ecpr.eu/Events/EventDetails.aspx?EventID=123>

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