

Call for papers for the panel:

“The role of presidents in the recent EU crises”

ECPR General Conference in Oslo, 6-9 September 2017

This panel will be part of the section “Presidents’ Role in Policy-making and Government Performance”

organised by the ECPR Standing Group on Presidential Politics

Panel description

Throughout the recent European crises, presidents have emerged as exceedingly vocal actors in a number of countries where they normally do not play a leading executive role. Starting with the Eurozone crisis in 2008 and the subsequent austerity policies, presidential action has been provoked by a number of international factors. Presidents have intervened in discussions ranging from questions of (inter)national security in the wake of Russia’s annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and the influx of refugees from the Middle East into Europe to the impact of ‘Brexit’ on the future of the European project.

The aim of the Panel is to analyse the context and consequences of these interpellations and interventions in which presidents – despite often limited in formal prerogatives – have gone beyond established roles and constitutional practice in a bid to influence the management of European crises at national and international level. This panel welcomes contributions that look at cases individually or comparatively and embed their analyses in the wider literature on political leadership, agenda-setting and European Union studies.

Deadline & contact

Please send your abstract (300 words) for inclusion in the panel to Philipp Köker (philipp.koeker@canterbury.ac.uk) by **Monday, 6th February 2017**.