



International Summer School **Local Democracy, Decentralisation and Multilevel Governance** *4-6 July 2016*

The summer school of the research chair « Territories and mutations of public action » (TMAP) offers to students and professionals alike an advanced level programme on the issues facing local democracy, decentralisation, and public governance. Organised jointly by Sciences-Po Rennes, the Paris Institute of Territorial Governance (IGT) and the International Political Science Association (IPSA), with the support of the French Association of Political Science (AFSP), this programme represents a unique opportunity to meet experts in multilevel public governance – both researchers and practitioners – in a setting which fosters exchange and reflection.

Whatever the continent, state, administrative tradition, or public policy approach, the relationship between democracy and governance is under scrutiny. The crosscutting effects of economic globalisation and the decentralisation of power oblige us to develop our thinking on local democracy and multilevel governance.

- How is local democracy constructed?
- What connects representative, semi-direct, and participatory democracy?
- What is the relationship between identity and democracy?
- How might we consider the sphere of public action alongside that of political representation and/or citizen participation?
- Which are the emerging levels of contemporary territorial governance?
- How do models of the state (federalism, unitary states, asymmetric states) fit into these changes?
- What are the instruments of contemporary territorial governance (in terms of finances, competencies, management, and evaluation)?

These are universal questions. They are equally applicable to states whose democracies are still in their infancy as to states with consolidated democracies. It is therefore essential to take stock of existing developments, and apply analytical frameworks in order to understand them and situate them within a comparative perspective.

The speakers at the summer school have thus been selected on the basis of their ability to present a comparative analysis of the issues facing democracy and multilevel governance on different continents and at different scales (state, regional, urban).

Program:

4th of July 2016: Local democracy

Morning: *Assessing Democracy: Multi-level Institutions and Policies*
Prof. Leonardo Morlino, University Luiss of Rome

Afternoon: *Local Democracy and Citizenship*
Prof. Loïc Blondiaux, University of Paris 1/Sorbonne

Round-table with professionals on “An experience of participatory democracy: the Citizen’s factory in Rennes”

5th of July 2016: Decentralisation

Morning: *Decentralisation and State Reforms*
Romain Pasquier, research director at the CNRS, Sciences-Po Rennes

Afternoon: *Decentralisation, Public Opinions and Political Systems*
Prof. Guy Lachapelle, Concordia University, Montreal

Round-table with professionals on the issue “2017: how to remodel the territorial organisation of France?”

6th of July 2016: Multilevel governance

Morning: *Theories of Governance*
Patrick Le Galès, research director at the CNRS, Sciences-Po Paris

Afternoon: *Political Capacity and Multilevel Governance*
Alistair Cole, professeur de science politique, Cardiff University/Sciences-Po Lyon

Target audience:

Masters and PhD students who wish to benefit from high-level specialist teaching on issues within local democracy, decentralisation, and multilevel governance.

Public-sector managers and/or local elected officials seeking to study emerging issues in contemporary public-sector management.

How to apply:

Send a CV (2 pages) and a cover letter (1 page)

The number of places is limited. If needed, we will select the participants based on the quality of their curriculum, the adequacy of their profile and their language skills in English and French (a good passive knowledge of both languages is desirable).

Program fees:

Students : 190 € until the 31st of March; 250 € from the 1st of April

Public or private sector / individuals: 490 € until the 31st of March; 550 € from the 1st of April

Registration deadline: 31st of May

Registration fees include participation in training as well as lunches and snacks during the three days of the summer school. The cost of accommodation and travel are the responsibility of the participants.

Place:

The summer school will take place at Sciences-Po Rennes.

Organising committee:

Romain Pasquier, research director at the CNRS/Sciences-Po Rennes

Marc Rouzeau, associated senior lecturer, Sciences-Po Rennes

Laurence Lemouzy, co-director of the Institute of territorial governance (Paris)

Scientific committee:

Alistair Cole, University of Cardiff (United Kingdom)

Christian de Visscher, University of Louvain (Belgium)

Jean-Baptiste Harguindeguy, University of Seville (Spain)

Guy Lachapelle, Concordia University, Montreal (Canada), Secretary General of the International Political Science Association (IPSA)

Romain Pasquier, Sciences-Po Rennes, CNRS, holder of the chair TMAP

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This international summer school is organized within the research chair “Territories and mutations of public action”. Its partners are: the region Brittany, the departments of Morbihan and Ille-et-Vilaine, Rennes métropole, Brest métropole, the Conference of Cities of Brittany, CCI Bretagne, Crédit Mutuel Arkéa, Askoria.