

**BELGIUM : THE STATE OF THE
FEDERATION (1 FÉVRIER)**

State of the federation : panels

Panel 1 : “Political Engagement and Youth Perspectives”
Panel 2 : “Social Media and Political Interactions”
Panel 3 : “Public Opinion and Political Decision-Making”
Panel 4 : “Scientific Expertise and Political Decision-Making”
Panel 5 : “Political, economic and cultural system in Europe”
Panel 6 : “Electoral Dynamics and Campaign Strategies”

Place : room A1/3/22

[Panel 1 : “Political Engagement and Youth Perspectives”](#)

Chair : Juliette Renard

9h-10h30

- Paper 1 : *“Reviving Political Engagement Among Vulnerable Brussels Youth”* (Kevin Meyvaert)
- Paper 2 : *“Youth Facing Extremism: Representations, Challenges, and Opportunities”* (François Debras)
- Paper 3 : *“Girls in politics: can you picture it? A study on the impact of frames and imagined experiences on perceived political efficacy among Belgian youth”* (Sophie Smit)

[Panel 2 : “Social Media and Political Interactions”](#)

Chair : Archibald Gustin

11h-12h30

- Paper 4 : *“From out-group to in-group? An international comparative analysis of gender differences in social media adoption and activity by politicians”* (Elise Storme)
- Paper 5 : *“The Spirit of Accommodation under threat? A Longitudinal Analysis of Belgian MPs’ Interactions in Parliamentary Speeches”* (Ward Peeters)
- Paper 6 : *“Rooting for whom? Mainstream parties group appeals strategies on social media in a fragmented party-system”* (Laura Jacobs, Lucas Kins, Caroline Close)
- Paper 7 : *“Is populism a New Cleavage in Parliaments? Insights from three Western European Countries”* (Jessy Bailly)

[Panel 3 : “Public Opinion and Political Decision-Making”](#)

Chair : Vincent Aerts

13h30-15h

- Paper 8 : *“Universal Basic Income and Social Work”* (Floriane Geels)
- Paper 9 : *“Your liberty ends where mine begins, which forms of polarisation lead to political intolerance?”* (Kamil Bernaerts)

- Paper 10 : *“How does the Belgian Federal Parliament symbolically represent women? A case study of parliamentary physical spaces and female MPs’ perceptions thereof”* (Margot Thewis)
- Paper 11 : *“Political Representation Revisited from the People’s Perspective: The Problem-solving Principal Agent Relationship”* (Karen Celis, Virginie Van Ingelgom and Kenza Amara Hammou)

Place : room A1/3/24

[Panel 4 : “Scientific Expertise and Political Decision-Making”](#)

Chair : Nathan Flore

12h-13h30

- Paper 12 : *“Stealth Democracy Unmasked: Belgian Citizens' Perceptions of Expert Involvement During the COVID-19 Crisis”* (Ingelbeen Janne)
- Paper 13 : *“Evolving rules, evolving electorate?: How the end of compulsory voting in the 2024 local elections shaped electoral participation in Belgium (2012-2024)”* (Robin Lebrun, Thomas Legein, David Talukder, Sacha Rangoni)

[Panel 5 : “Political, economic and cultural system in Europe”](#)

Chair : Loïc Perrin

13h30-15h

- Paper 14 : *“Why would women and men (not) run? Determinants of gendered differences in political ambition across policy levels in Finland”* (Audrey Vandeleene, Hilde Coffé, Robin Devroe, Bram Wauters)
- Paper 15 : *“A-peeling away the layers: Economic and cultural group appeals in Belgium”* (Ambroos Verwee)
- Paper 16 : *“The Transformation of the Belgian Political Space (1991-2014)”* (Daan Delespaul, Marc Swyngedouw)

[Panel 6 : “Electoral Dynamics and Campaign Strategies”](#)

Chair : Vincent Aerts

15h30-17h

- Paper 17 : *“Party leaders representation of self(ie): le nouveau visage du leadership politique sur Instagram”* (Hannah Oorts)
- Paper 18 : *“Negative campaigning and the clarity or ambiguity of election campaigns”* (Merel Fieremans)
- Paper 19 : *“The IntraPartyComp project: the study of electoral personalization in 33 democracies since the 2000s”* (Jérémy Dodeigne, Jean-Benoit Pilet)

Place : room A4/S50

From 17h

Political cocktail

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