

Call for papers : UACES Annual Conference Lisbon, 1-4 September 2019
Panel on **Models of Expatriate Representation in Europe**

In a global context where increasing numbers of states are enfranchising their expatriates and enabling them to vote from abroad, a growing body of research has developed seeking to investigate this phenomenon. Two basic models of implementing 'external voting' have emerged: an 'assimilationist' model, which integrates expatriates into the existing electoral system, or a 'discrete' model, which offers them 'special' representation through reserved seats in overseas constituencies. Most academic analysis of these two contrasting models has so far tended to focus on 'top down' explanations of why states chose/choose particular models and what the electoral outcomes of those choices have been/could be.

By contrast, the aim of this panel is to generate a more 'bottom-up' exploration of the quality of representation in overseas constituencies as perceived by expatriates on the one hand and by their elected representatives on the other: does this model produce a more effective and responsive method of democratic representation than assimilated systems? How 'close' do expatriates feel to their elected representatives? How well are the elected representatives of large geographical areas able to respond to the interests of their disparate populations?

The panel invites proposals for papers which will contribute to the comparison of expatriate voting in European states which have either created dedicated overseas constituencies or are considering legislation to do so. Papers can be either single-country or comparative studies; proposals relating to France, Italy and Portugal will be particularly welcome.

Please submit proposals by January 16th 2019 to Dr Susan Collard (University of Sussex) s.p.collard@sussex.ac.uk

A proposal should include a title, an abstract of 250 words and a short biographical note about the author/s and their institutional affiliation.

Proposers will be notified by Friday 18th of the final panel selection for submission to UACES by deadline of 20th January 2019.

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