

Call for Papers
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Panel: *Bridging gender, minority status and political participation*

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The discussions around Kamala Harris becoming the first female, first black and first Asian-American US vice-president highlighted once again the interconnection of gender and ethnicity with political participation. Scholarship shows that overall women participate less in politics than men do, and once gender intersects with ethnicity, the participation gap widens even more. This is even more evident when looking at conventional forms of political participation. Nevertheless, Latina women in the US are amongst the most politically active. Moreover, women belonging to vulnerable ethnic groups have found alternative patterns of political participation, such as International Conferences and Networks, participation in social movements, protests and demonstrations. Yet models to analyze the effect of gender and identity on political participation have failed to meaningfully account for the ways in which the intersections of ethnicity, and gender shape the political behavior of minority women.

This panel aims at exploring this productive research area, looking at various forms of political participation of women with a minority background (ethnic background, migratory background, belonging to a national minority etc.). We ask what forms of political participation women with a minority background rely upon, including both conventional and non-conventional forms of participation, what the barriers are, and which strategies women develop to overcome those. Furthermore, we search for papers engaging with individual as well as structural and contextual factors determining women's political participation.

The panel welcomes contributions from both, senior scholars as well as early-career researchers coming from a wide range of disciplines, in particular from political science, law and sociology that reflect on both a) conventional as well as b) unconventional forms of political participation among migrant and/or minority (in particular Roma) women in general, as well as c) the individual (gender, age, family status) and political/institutional factors (e.g. political institutions, electoral system, access to citizenship, party (anti-) discrimination discourses) favoring or hindering political participation of women with a minority or migrant background. We are interested in theoretical papers as well as empirical work, based on single case studies as well as larger comparative work from around the world, with a special interest in papers based on European cases. Papers can engage empirically, conceptually and normatively with these issues or aspects thereof.

Deadline for paper proposals: 30.11.2021. We appreciate early expressions of interest.

Proposals include: Title and abstract of max. 500 words, contact details of the author(s).

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