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Introduction

The issue of legitimacy and democratic participation is crucial to understand the evolution and orient the governance of the European Union. The growing complexity of the EU framework, involving new stakeholders and competing interests, calls today for a debate on the resources needed to foster its sustainability.

Being aware that the political popular participation is the main source of power for democratic systems, the Conference aims to confront the crucial issue of political parties role in aggregating the political demand and orienting popular participation.

The objectives of AUSE Annual Conference are:

- explore the hypothesis of the development of genuinely transnational European parties system;
- contribute to the renewal of the political culture of parties;
- explore the ways how European political parties can contribute to the development of a truly European demos and electorate, promoting a transnational aggregation of the political demand;
- contribute to citizens' acquirement of knowledge and development of their political culture;
- promote active participation channels, accessible to citizens and civil society actors.

Call for papers

Professors, researchers and PhD Candidates are invited to present contributions according to the four Conference themes/sessions: 1) *towards an European transnational party system*; 2) *towards a more active European citizenship*; 3) *towards 2014 elections to the European Parliament*; 4) *dialogue, political parties and civil society organisations in democracy transition in southern Mediterranean*.

Multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary contributions are mostly welcome from political science, law, history, economics, sociology, philosophy disciplines. A specific session of the Conference will be dedicated to PhD Candidates.

The following information shall be submitted:

Author(s) name: _____

Affiliation: _____

Contact information: _____

Conference theme/session: (please indicate the Conference theme/session where you would like to present your paper)

Authors are kindly requested to submit a brief Biographical Note (max 500 characters).

I wish to present my contribution in the PhD Candidates Sessions

Deadline for abstract submission (max 700 characters including title and references): **28 February 2014**. After the assessment of the Scientific Committee, selected Authors will be invited to submit their full contribution (max 18.000 characters) **before 15 of April 2014**.

Language: contributions can be submitted in Italian or English

Please note: selected Authors may be asked to submit their contribution in text format or Poster.

Full contributions will published in a book, to be edited by AUSE. The participation to the Conference is free of charge.

Paper proposals, as well as any request for addition information should be sent by e-mail to:

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