

Call for Papers

We invite paper proposals to our panel “**Innovations in Research on International Organizations: Representation, Discrimination and Power Dynamics**” at the ECPR General Conference in Thessaloniki, 26-29 August, 2025.

Recently, there has been a growing scholarly interest in how international organizations (IOs) are both affected by and produce global power structures and inequalities. This research is pondering the question of how existing institutional arrangements and procedures favor or disadvantage different key actors, such as more or less powerful states, affected groups or individuals. The degree to which stakeholders can gain access to decision-making, the processes through which experts are appointed to positions, formal voting rules and informal organizational cultures all affect how decisions are made and resources are distributed.

The goal of this panel is to advance our understanding of the role of IOs as producers of global inequalities and global patterns of social stratification. The papers in this panel address questions such as: How are IOs’ internal structures and procedures intertwined with discriminatory and exclusionary ideas and practices? What are the roles of individual IO staff in establishing or opposing such concepts and practices? How do discriminatory practices within IOs affect their output? Can formal rules of equal representation tackle existing biases in IOs? To discuss these and more questions, we invite conceptual and empirical contributions from scholars with diverse disciplinary backgrounds.

To submit your contribution, please send **until 30 December** a paper title, an abstract with no more than 350 words, as well as your name, contact, and affiliation to the following address: andreas.ullmann@uni-potsdam.de.

We are looking forward to your submissions!

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