

Call for thematic panels

The scientific objectives of these panels

Thematic panels (TP) will constitute the bulk of the scientific programme of the AFSP's 15th Congress and of the 8th edition of the Congress of the Network of Francophone Associations of Political Science (CoSPoF).

In order to select them in October 2018, the AFSP's board will be particularly attentive to three principles:

- **originality** (the capacity of the TP proposed to open up new research perspectives),
- **openness and pluralism** (its capacity to encompass collaborative research and networks of colleagues other than those that exist already);
- **internationalisation** (the inscription of the theme proposed in relevant transnational scientific debates). Indeed, as regards the latter point, at least half of the TPs will be chosen on the basis that its proposers emanate from two different national political science associations.

More generally during its selection process, the AFSP's board will strive to strike a balance as regards the different components of today's political science. Indeed, for this reason we also invite proposals which cover subject areas that have often been under-represented during previous Congresses, in particular international relations and organizations, as well as political theory and philosophy.

The Format of a TP

Each TP will be given either one or two slots of two hours. During each slot, and in order to promote discussion by a discussant and with all the participants in the session, a maximum of 4 papers can be tabled, each to be posted on the Congress's website well before the actual session.

Drawing upon evaluations of the AFSP's previous congress, all together, the oral presentations must not last more than an hour of each slot. For this reason, **all proposals must set out in detail how their authors plan the practical organization of each TP** (time allotted for each paper, mode of discussion adopted, etc.).

In addition, it is important to **explain how papers from members of national political science associations could fit within the panel in question**. Overall, the AFSP's board will give priority to TPs which demonstrate how they will encourage deliberation during their respective sessions.

Timetable

- **11th July 2018**: publication of this call for Thematic Panels (TPs)
- **23th September 2018**: deadline for submitting TP proposals
- **12th October 2018**: selection of the TPs by the AFSP's board
- **24th October 2018**: centralized call for papers for all the TPs
- **2nd December 2018**: deadline for paper proposals
- **19th December 2018**: deadline for selecting papers
- **12th June 2019**: deadline for posting papers on the AFSP's website
- **2nd to 4th July 2019**: Congress at Sciences Po Bordeaux

Application procedure

Each application must contain the following elements:

- the surnames, first names, title, university and e-mail address of the co-chairs or chair (2 maximum – NB. recall here that half of the TP's must feature at least a co-chair from a political science association other than the AFSP);
- the draft title of the TP (in French and English);
- 6 key words which denote the sub-disciplines or domains and the theme involved (in French and English);
- the proposal's research question (in not more than 4000 characters, spaces included) (in French or English);
- the number of two-hour slots requested (1 or 2);
- how the panel would be organized (time allotted for each paper, mode of discussion adopted, etc.);
- the strategy that would be deployed to attract panellists from a plurality of backgrounds;
- a draft call for papers in French and English (in not more than 4000 characters, spaces included, for each version). This version must be ready to publish on the AFSP's website as soon as the selection process is over;
- a short biographical note on each chair or co-chair (one page maximum for each).

All the above must be put together within **a single document** and send, **in Word format**, to the following address **by the 23rd of September, 2018**:
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