

**Call for Papers – International Workshop on
“Data Linkage: Linking Survey and Context Data to Analyze Elite and Mass Interactions”
at University of Münster, 21 / 22 September 2023**

Funded in parts by a ECPR Research Project Grant for Standing Groups, members of the Standing Groups on Political Methodology (Bernd Schlipphak) and on Political Communication (Loes Aaldering, Katjana Gattermann) have joined forces to tackle the issue of data linkage that is of ever increasing importance in Political Science and the Social Sciences more generally. The workshop has two goals:

1. To come together and **discuss innovations and challenges in linking data and linkage analysis** with the ultimate goal to contribute to establishing best practices in the field when trying to understand the impact elite positions / communication have on mass attitudes (and vice versa). In particular, we are interested in a) identifying commonalities in elite and public communication that enable us to link different sources of communication (i.e., what do we link?) and b) identifying mechanisms and developing tools for linking different kinds of data sources (i.e., how do we link?).
2. To **build a research network** with researchers from across Europe in order to address persistent challenges in linking data. This workshop is meant to bring together core researchers who have outstanding expertise and motivation to build such a network. Ideally, we would also plan to submit an application for a COST Action Network in the long run.

The workshop is funded in parts by a Research Project Grant awarded by the ECPR which allows for **covering travel expenses and hotel costs** for one person per paper as well as for a splendid workshop venue close to the Lake Aa in the center of Münster. Please note that this is an international but small workshop to ensure a substantial amount of time for extensively discussing each paper and for creating a stimulating networking atmosphere. Hence, the number of places available is – unfortunately – limited.

Paper proposals should include the **title and name of the presenter** as well as an **abstract of no more than 300 words**. The **deadline** for submitting the proposals is **07 April 2023**. We will notify applicants by mid of May. To submit a paper proposal or pose questions, please email two of the workshop organizers, k.gattermann@uva.nl and bernd.schlipphak@uni-muenster.de.