

# 1<sup>st</sup> Summer School of the Standing Group Gender and Politics – SISP



## Implementing gender, sexuality and intersectionality in political research

2 – 6 September 2024  
University of Verona

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**Keynote Conference**

**Éléonore Lépinard (University of Lausanne)**  
***Thinking (also) intersectionality in political research***

The SISP Standing Group on Gender & Politics is pleased to announce the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the Summer School “Implementing gender, sexuality and intersectionality in political research”, which will take place at the University of Verona, 2-6 September 2024. The programme is designed to strengthen your understanding of the epistemological, theoretical and methodological frameworks used to study gender, sexuality and intersectionality in political science.

### **About the summer school**

The study of gender and politics is now a widely established research field. The last decades have seen a flourishing of work adopting gender perspectives to the study of the many different aspects of politics, with the scope of analysing, making visible, and ultimately contribute to changing gendered and heterocisnormative power relations. The field of gender and politics today is a plural research field, which includes scholars interested in different topics and using different theoretical and methodological approaches in their research. Yet, scholars in the field share common goals – related to promoting an understanding of equity and emancipation in society, and thus of the often-exclusive nature of institutions and politics.

The Summer School will focus on the integration of gender, sexuality and intersectional perspectives into political research, with particular attention to how these perspectives are then translated into quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods research designs, as well as critical and intersectional methodologies. During the five-day programme you will be introduced to relevant concepts, theoretical perspectives and methodological approaches for conducting your research, research ethics, as well as practical strategies for data collection. We will aim to create an interactive environment that encourages peer learning by alternating sessions on theoretical and methodological aspects of gender, sexuality and intersectionality and policy analysis. You will also have the opportunity to benefit from a dedicated mentoring session.

### *What you can expect*

- Five days of teaching and learning activities (from Monday afternoon to Friday afternoon)
- One keynote speech
- The possibility to present your ongoing research in daily sessions
- Mentoring sessions

By the end of the Summer school you will have

- Familiarized yourselves with relevant theoretical approaches to gender, sexuality and intersectionality in political research
- Explored a variety of methods used to study gender, sexuality and intersectionality in politics, drawing from the expertise of scholars in the field
- Discussed the personal and ethical implications of adopting these perspectives in your own research
- Received mentoring from experienced scholars in the field
- Networked with junior and senior scholars

## Research topics

The summer school will provide a variety of approaches to the study of gender, sexuality and intersectionality in political science. It will also give special attention to the following topics:

- *From Critical Legal Theory to Institutional Praxis: The Round Trip of Intersectionality*
- *Implementation of intersectionality in public policies: key factors and discursive constructions*
- *De-democratization processes and anti-gender politics in Europe*
- *Researching gendered institutions: key concepts and practical research strategies*
- *Gender and sexuality in contentious politics through social network analysis*
- *Integrating gender and sexuality in social movements and contentious politics*
- *LGBTQ+ voters: where to find them, how they behave, and how to win their ballot*
- *Surveying LGBT+ issues and population*

## Application procedure

The Summer School is open to students (PhD, advanced MA), early career scholars with an interest in getting to know or apply a gender perspective in their own research or research-related work. To apply, send the following documents to [generepolitica@gmail.com](mailto:generepolitica@gmail.com) no later than **03 of June 2024**:

- Your CV
- Cover letter (max 500 words) OR a 3-minutes long video explaining how your research fits the scope of the Summer School
- Abstract of a proposed research paper to be presented during the Summer School (max 300 words) if you are interested in presenting a paper draft. Please specify whether you want to present a paper or not in the application.

You will be informed of the outcome of your application by email by **the 10th of June**.

### *What we expect from you*

You will be asked to engage actively and contribute to the collective discussions for the duration of the summer school.

You will also be required to complete some mandatory readings for the sessions.

In the case you opt to present a draft paper, you will be asked to circulate a draft before the start of the summer school.

The Summer School will be delivered in English; you will therefore be expected to have a good command of written and spoken English.

## Fees and available funding

A registration fee of €100 applies and includes one social happy-hour, one social dinner, and all lunches, as well as academic material and facilities. Travel and accommodation costs are not included. Information on how to pay the fees will be sent to successful applicants directly.

A fee waiver will be granted to at least 3 successful applicants. To apply for a fee waiver, please submit a letter from your institution or a self-declaration that you are not in receipt of any other funding for the event as part of your application to the Summer School.

## Faculty

## Keynote speaker

- **Éléonore Lépinard** (University of Lausanne)

## Instructors

- **Paloma Caravantes** (University Complutense of Madrid, Spain)
- **Francesca Feo** (University of Bergen, Norway)
- **Anna Lavizzari** (University Complutense of Madrid, Spain)
- **Maria Caterina La Barbera** (Spanish National Research Council)
- **Claudia Padovani** (University of Padova)
- **Massimo Prearo** (University of Verona)
- **Aurora Perego** (University of Trento)
- **Lucrecia Rubio Grundell** (University Complutense of Madrid)
- **Federico Trastulli** (University of Verona)
- **Stuart Turnbull-Dugarte** (University of Southampton)

## Locations:



The Summer school will take place in the heart of the beautiful city of Verona, 10-minute walk from the famous Arena and the Roman Theatre! The Summer school will be held by the Department of Human Sciences of the University of Verona, where we will be able to enjoy the coolness of the magical Chiostro S. Maria della Vittoria: [Lungadige Porta Vittoria, 37129 Verona VR](#)

## Schedule of activities at a glance:

Monday 2.09		Tuesday 3.09		Wednesday 4.09		Thursday 5.09		Friday 6.09	
		9.30-10.45	Lecture	9.30-10.45	Lecture	9.30-10.45	Lecture	9.30-10.45	Lecture
		10.45-11.00	CB	10.45-11.00	CB	10.45-11.00	CB	10.45-11.00	CB
		11.00-12.45	Methodological and practical session	11.00-12.45	Methodological and practical session	11.00-12.45	Methodological and practical session	11.00-12.45	Methodological and practical session
14.00	Arrival and registration	12.45-14.00	Lunch at the University canteen	12.45-14.00	Lunch at the University canteen	12.45-14.00	Lunch at the University canteen	12.30-14.00	Lunch at the University canteen
15.00-16.30	Welcome session	14.00-16.00	Barcamp and presentations	14.00-16.00	Barcamp and presentations	14.00-16.00	Barcamp and presentations	14.00-16.00	Barcamp and presentations
16.30-17.00	Coffee Break (CB)	16.00-16.30	CB	16.00-16.30	CB	16.00-16.30	CB	16.00-17.00	Conclusions
17.00-18.30	KEYNOTE	16.30-17.30	Mentoring activities	16.30-17.30	Mentoring activities	16.30-17.30	Mentoring activities		
	Social Happy Hour						Social dinner		