



**Young people's political participation  
in Western democracies**

**International conference  
26 & 27 March 2026**

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45D Avenue de l'Observatoire - Besançon**

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**Thursday, March 26**

15h-17h30

## ***Partisanship and Youth Political Participation***

“Plateformisation des partis politiques et participation accrue des jeunes en campagne électorale ?” (video conference)

**Anais Theviot**, UCO Angers

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“The paradox of youth within the French Communist Party: the promotion of youth and the relegation of young people”

**Igor Martinache**, Nanterre University

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“Expressions of Partisanship among Young Political supporters on TikTok in the United States” (video conference)

**Shohana Akter**, PhD student in Information Science, Indiana University Bloomington,

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“Youth Political Participation in Eastern Europe, with a focus on Romania”

**Henry Rammelt**, University of Bucarest (video conference)

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**Friday, March 27**

**9h-10h30**

***Youth Political Participation and Voting in a Comparative Perspective***

“The Global Youth Participation index (GYPI) and Youth Political Participation in Western Democracies” (video conference)

**Sarah Pickard**, Université Sorbonne Nouvelle

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“Voting is no longer enough. Generational renewal, relationship to elections, and the transformation of political participation”

(video conference)

**Vincent Tiberj**, Sciences-Po Bordeaux

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**10h45-12h15**

***Young People’s Political Participation in Transition Countries and Electoral Autocracies***

“From recruitment to representation: youth political trajectories in an electoral autocracy”

**Annamária Sebestyén**, Elte Center for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Science,

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“Youth Political Participation and Party Politics in Bulgaria?”

**Petia Georgieva**, New Bulgarian University

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“Young People’s Political Participation in Turkey”

**Magali Boumaza**, Galatasaray University

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**14h-16h**

***Dynamics of Youth Political Activism***

“L’engagement politique radical des jeunes Français dans le jihad”

**Xavier Crettiez**, Sciences-Po Saint-Germain-en-Laye

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“The Future of Youth Political Participation”

**Emily Rainsford**, Newcastle University

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“Is an independence referendum the only way to make young Scots participate in politics?”

**Claire Breniaux**, University Marie and Louis Pasteur

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