Call for Papers: The Manifesto Project User Conference

4–5 June 2015

WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Germany
Manifesto Research on Political Representation (MARPOR)

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The Manifesto Project team invites users of the Manifesto Dataset to submit abstracts and papers for a conference on 04 – 05 June 2015 at the WZB Berlin Social Science Center in Berlin, Germany.

The Manifesto Project and its data collection have strongly influenced research on political parties in the last decades. The general purpose of the Manifesto Project for the past thirty years has been to measure political preferences of parties across time and space. It was initiated by the Manifesto Research Group (MRG) in the 1980s, continued as the Comparative Manifestos Project (CMP) in the 1990s and 2000s, and has been funded by the German Research Foundation under the name Manifesto Research on Political Representation (MARPOR) since 2009. Today it offers data on party preferences on specific issues and overarching policy scales for parties in over fifty countries.

The Manifesto Dataset has been the basis for many hundred publications including monographs, dissertations and articles in top journals. Recent developments in the fields of party behaviour, party typologies and party development as well as in policy representation and many other areas have been inspired by the Manifesto Dataset. However, the dataset has also provoked methodological discussion and critique.

The aim of the conference is to bring together scholars using the Manifesto Dataset and to foster a dialogue between users and the core team. The conference offers participants the opportunity to present current projects using Manifesto Project data.

In particular we are looking for contributions that

- make innovative use of the Manifesto Dataset in substantial research on political parties, party competition and representation,
- propose methodological solutions for adopting the Manifesto Dataset to substantive research,
- discuss the advantages and challenges of combining or comparing the Manifesto Dataset with other empirical data from surveys, experts, media, etc.,
- advance the methodological debate on the Manifesto Dataset in general.

For more information on the Manifesto Project and to download the data, please refer to our website at

http://manifesto-project.wzb.eu

Keynote Speaker:

Hans-Dieter Klingemann

Confirmed Discussants:

Heike Klüver

Will Lowe

Thomas Meyer

Gijs Schumacher

Submissions:

Please submit an abstract of max. 300 words with a paper title, 3-5 keywords, and the name and affiliation of all authors to manifesto-conference@wzb.eu.

Deadline: 30.01.2015.

Travel costs:

We can cover travel costs of up to 400 euro for PhD students and Post-docs, and 300 euro for senior scholars. Reimbursement is limited to one author per paper. In case you are in need of such a travel grant to attend the conference, please inform us.