



6TH INTERNATIONAL PPE CONFERENCE

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS & ANNOUNCEMENT OF BEST PAPER AWARD

“RETHINKING THE STATE: DEMOCRACY BETWEEN ORDER AND CHAOS?”

When: 17-19th September, 2021

Where: Witten/Herdecke University, Germany

Submission of abstracts: Open now until 15th July, 2021

Website: www.ppe-conference.org

The International PPE Conference at Witten/Herdecke University is a student-led initiative that brings together university students and scholars from diverse backgrounds to share and discuss their ideas and knowledge related to global issues that affect the totality of our contemporary societies. To achieve this aim, we invite participants to submit their own work and present it at the conference. Thanks to our collaboration with the Board of Trustees of Witten/Herdecke University we will again be able to present the “Best Paper Award” to one of the submissions to the conference. The “Best Paper Award” includes a prize money of 500€ and will be conferred by a jury comprising members from the organising committee and Witten’s Institute for Social and Institutional Change (ISIC). All submissions to the conference will automatically be considered for the “Best Paper Award”.

The theme of this year’s conference will be “Rethinking the state: Democracy between Order and Chaos”. States are the dominant players in the governing of human affairs. The emergence of democracy in some states has opened up new perspectives and raised new challenges.

Though the idea of Democracy within and among states has been a powerful influence, it has also been target to significant controversy. Presently, democratic states around the world are grappling with various challenges against their legitimacy and effectiveness. Therefore, it is crucial to reexamine the profile of democratic rule in the landscape of state politics, nationally and internationally. This raises a multitude of questions about the state: What is the role of norms, values, and beliefs in shaping

economic and political functions of the state? How does information disseminated across media by advanced information technologies shape people's beliefs and influence political agendas? In what ways do politicians, voters, parties, and private enterprises influence states and democracies? How can competing political world-views be judged through the lens of different philosophical ideas? These and other questions will be addressed during the PPE conference and student-led sessions.

Student paper sessions are a key element of the PPE conference. By presenting your own work, you make an important contribution to shaping the conference and making it the interactive, student-led event that it has grown into over the course of the last few years. Moreover, paper sessions are a unique opportunity to present your research to a diverse audience of experts and students, and receive valuable feedback. It is also great practice for any future career you might aspire towards, especially ones in academia.

Application for presenters

- All abstracts should be sent to info@ppe-conference.org, by the **15th of July, 2021**.
- Notifications of acceptance will be issued on the **31st of July, 2021**.
- A final version of your paper or presentation should be sent before the **1st of September, 2021**.
- Papers should not exceed 6.000 words. For clarifications, contact us via e-mail. We encourage applicants to have a look at the style sheet attached to this e-mail.
- If you need technical assistance with your presentation media, such as posters or projectors, please let us know via e-mail until the **1st of September**.

Application for non-presenters

We look forward to welcoming you to the conference, even if you do not submit a paper. For more information, please visit our website at www.ppe-conference.org or send us an e-mail to info@ppe-conference.org.

With best wishes,

The Organising Committee and ISIC