

2012 - Call for Papers LPF

The **Comparative Politics and Public Philosophy Lab (LPF)** directed by Maurizio Ferrera, is a Programme of the Centro Einaudi supported by Compagnia di San Paolo. It looks at the transformation of the political sphere in contemporary democracies, with a specific focus on the relationships between the policy choices and the value frameworks in which such choices are, or ought to be, carried out. The reference here is to the “reasonable pluralism” singled out by John Rawls as an essential feature of political liberalism.

LPF adopts both a descriptive-explanatory approach and a normative one, aiming at a fruitful and meaningful conciliation of the two perspectives. Wishing to enable an informed public debate, it promotes theoretical research, empirical case studies, policy analyses and policy proposals.

The Lab aims at addressing the following questions:

- ✓ Which value frameworks and “paradigms of justice” are currently competing against each other over the most important policy issues of democratic agendas? Which are the most interesting and relevant normative “disputes”, especially in the Italian context?
- ✓ To what extent are the policy-making processes informed by explicit value frameworks? Do ideas and argumentation (both “evidence-based” and “value-based”) matter in such processes?
- ✓ What are the frontiers of the normative debate over “conflicts of values” and over the procedures capable of solving or at least mitigating such conflicts in democratic political systems?
- ✓ Which institutional devices have been proved as capable to foster patterns and processes of policy-making grounded on “good reasons”, on judicious empirical knowledge and equally judicious normative speculation? How can one contrast patterns and processes of policy-making grounded primarily on bargaining (or even on clashing) of “brute interests”?

Along these strands of research and theoretical reflection, LPF is launching the **1st annual Call for Papers** open to young researchers, (including post-doc and doctoral students), irrespective of their nationality. The selected papers will be published in the LPF Working Papers Series (ISSN 2036-1246) in the course of 2013.

Senior researchers interested in publishing an article in the LPF-WP series may directly contact LPF coordinator Matteo Jessoula (matteo.jessoula@unimi.it).



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Those who wish to submit a paper are invited to take note of the following information:

- ✓ **Website:** www.centroeinaudi.it
- ✓ **Deadline for the presentation of Abstracts (in Italian or English): September 30th, 2012.**
Abstracts should be sent by email to: **applications-LPF@centroeinaudi.it**
- ✓ **Application form** (*see also next page*) **must include:**
a title, 3-5 keywords, the abstract (max: 500 words) briefly outlining the topic of the proposed paper (referring to one of the four lines of empirical/theoretical research outlined above) and its main conclusions.
It is possible to submit one paper per year as main author and one paper per year as co-author.
- ✓ **Notification of acceptance:** Abstracts will be evaluated by LPF Scientific Committee
Authors of abstracts submitted by September 30th will receive the notification of the results of the selection procedure by **November 30th 2012**.
- ✓ **Deadline for the final submission of the Working Paper (in Italian or English): February 28th 2013.** Send by email to: **applications-LPF@centroeinaudi.it**

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