

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Postwar Politics: Memory, Amnesia, and Denial in the Service of Electoral Victory

Workshop to be held at Maison Robert Schuman, University of Luxembourg

20-21 February 2020

How does war shape postwar politics? To which extent is electoral competition in postwar societies determined by the war past as opposed to the peacetime present and future? Does war become embedded into postwar political norms, practices, narratives, and institutions? Insights into the nature of postwar politics, behavior of political parties and elites, and postwar narratives are crucial for our understanding of democratic consolidation in nations previously torn by conflict. The ERC-funded project *Electoral Legacies of War: Political Competition in Postwar Southeast Europe* (ELWar) studies how war legacies and war past have affected political competition in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia since mid-1990s. With this workshop, the ELWar project aims to bring together scholars working on similar topics to advance our understanding of how war experiences shape political arenas and political actors in post-conflict settings.

We encourage submission of papers using a wide range of methodological approaches with different regional and temporal concentrations preferably focusing on postwar regions other than Southeast Europe (we are especially interested in scholarship focusing on the post-Soviet space or the Middle East). Applicants can approach the topic from whichever perspective they deem appropriate, but we are particularly open to proposals focusing on postwar political parties – from their creation and mobilization to their internal structures and processes of policy making. We are also open to proposals focusing on the creation and perpetuation of politicized historical narratives. From a methodological standpoint, all approaches are welcome – both quantitative and qualitative. We are, however, especially open to proposals using ethnographic methods to unearth the process of political competition in postwar settings on the local level.

Papers presented at this workshop will be published as an edited volume or as a special issue in a high-ranking journal in the field. Accommodation and travel expenses will be reimbursed for all selected workshop attendees. The workshop is to be held at Maison Robert Schuman, University of Luxembourg.

Please email an abstract of your paper of a maximum of 400 words, as well as a recent CV with a list of publications, to Michal Mochtak ([michal.mochtak@uni.lu](mailto:michal.mochtak@uni.lu)) by 1 July 2018. You can also use this email address if you have any questions related to the workshop.