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Call for Papers

International Conference “Democracy in Crisis”

January 30 – February 1, 2019 | Athens, Greece

The COST Action “[Constitution-making and deliberative democracy](#)” (CA17135) and the University of Macedonia’s (Greece) Research Unit “[European Policies & Democracy](#)” co-organize the international conference “*Democracy in Crisis*” in Athens, Greece from 30 January 2019 to 1 February 2019.

The conference aims to address the multiple and multifaceted crises that democracy is undergoing during the last decade by focusing on issues of both theoretical and practical nature. Of particular interest are novel solutions to the rising concerns for democracy, especially related to deliberative processes, constitution-making and also theoretical analyses, minority groups and e-Constitutional democracy. The purpose of the conference is to highlight the issues that have occurred and to analyze potential solutions that address these issues and strengthen democracy. To more effectively achieve the above, the conference aims at including not only academics or researchers, but practitioners as well (e.g. judges, civil servants, politicians). Early-career researchers are especially encouraged to apply.

We invite paper proposals on the above issues. Examples of proposed topics could be theoretical perspectives on democracy, the relationship between democratic deliberation and: constitution-making, the press, justice, participation of minorities, relevant case studies, etc.

Proposals in English or Greek should include:

1) a 300-word abstract

2) Mentioning whether it fits into one of three working groups (WG) of the COST Action:

- a. WG1: *Constitution-making and deliberative Democracy: Theories and practices*
- b. WG2: *Minority groups and constitutional deliberative democracy*
- c. WG3: *e-Constitutional deliberative democracy*

3) a 2-page maximum Curriculum Vitae (CV)

- 4) Mentioning whether you are a MC member of the COST Action (travel expenses will be covered following COST rules); **non-MC members are most welcome to submit a proposal** (a few travel grants might be offered by the COST Action – to be announced once the programme is published)**

and should be submitted by 15 December 2018 through email at eupoldem@gmail.com + cc to constdelib@uclouvain.be. Authors will be notified of the outcome as soon as possible after the deadline. Further details will be announced in due time.