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Young People as Active EU Citizens?

Challenges and Visions on a Renewed Project for Europe

First CATCH-EyoU Conference

Athens, 2-4 March 2017

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A major challenge for the EU is currently “bridging the gap” between young Europeans and EU Institutions, by improving dialogue in order to enhance young people’s voice in EU Institutions and their active engagement in EU issues. CATCH-EyoU is a research and innovation action funded by the European Union under the Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme (G.A. No 649538). Through the joint contribution of different disciplines (e.g., psychology, education, political science, sociology, media and communications) the first open conference of CATCH-EyoU aims both to present the first findings of the project as well as to attract other contributions addressing the multifaceted factors that influence the different forms of youth active engagement in European politics at various governance levels, thus offering policy makers, professionals and young people in various organisations new instruments and “conceptual lenses” to better understand the factors that decide whether, how and by whom EU can be brought closer to its citizens.

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Keynote Speakers

Martyn Barrett, *University of Surrey, UK*

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Scientific Programme

The scientific programme of the conference consists of invited keynote lectures, invited and submitted symposia, individual papers, poster sessions, and interactive events aiming to bring together researchers with stakeholders, e.g., policy makers, youth organizations, and young people.

Thematic Areas

The scientific presentations and interactive events of the conference aim to address issues related to active citizenship and political participation of European youth, such as the following:

- ✓ The identity of European youth
- ✓ Youth visions on Europe
- ✓ Strategies and projects to promote youth active citizenship in Europe
- ✓ NEET (youth Not engaged in Education, Employment or Training) in Europe
- ✓ Radicalization and extremism among European youth
- ✓ Civic and community participation of European Youth
- ✓ Youth mobility across Europe
- ✓ Youth political participation
- ✓ New/Alternative styles of participation of European youth
- ✓ Digital participation of European youth
- ✓ Participatory culture and entrepreneurship among young people in Europe
- ✓ European youth and the media
- ✓ Intercultural awareness and relationship among young people in Europe

Call for Papers

The Scientific Committee invites you to submit abstracts for symposia, oral papers, and poster presentations:

Symposia

Symposia are organized by one or two convenors and consist of 3-4 papers and a discussant. All symposia are allocated 90 minutes time. Each presentation can last no longer than 15-20 minutes, depending on the number of papers. Convenors should collect the individual abstracts and submit them together with a short description of the aims and scope of the symposium. The online abstract submission form for symposia is available at <http://goo.gl/forms/HS9tIO3dmywuYAI52>

Oral papers

Individual oral papers will be organized in thematic sessions. Each presentation can last no longer than 15 minutes. The online abstract submission form for oral papers is available at <https://goo.gl/forms/o7ytf4Io4wnYj8hy2>

Posters

Individual posters will be organized in poster sessions. The online abstract submission form for posters is available at <http://goo.gl/forms/ZgVkBHW4OeNx15WI3>

Programme (tentative)

Day 1 (Thursday, 2 March 2017)

12:30–14:30	Registration
14:30–15:00	Welcome
15:00–15:30	Overview of CATCH-EyoU project
15:30–16:30	Keynote lecture
16:30–17:00	Coffee break
17:00–18:30	Symposia/Oral papers [up to three parallel sessions]
19:00–21:00	Welcome reception

Day 2 (Friday, 3 March 2017)

09:00–10:30	Symposia/Oral papers [up to three parallel sessions]
10:30–11:30	Keynote lecture
11:30–12:00	Coffee break
12:00–13:30	Symposia/Oral papers [up to three parallel sessions]
13:30–14:00	Poster session
14:00–15:00	Lunch break
15:00–17:30	<i>Interactive event involving High School students</i> ¹
17:30–19:00	Symposia/Oral papers + <i>Interactive event involving Erasmus students</i> ²

Day 3 (Saturday, 4 March 2017)

09:00–10:00	Keynote lecture
10:00–10:30	Coffee break
10:30–12:00	Symposia/Oral papers + <i>Interactive event: The Youth Organizations Blvd</i> ³
12:00–13:30	Round table with representatives of youth organizations, policy makers, and public officials: “ <i>What promotes and what hinders young citizens to become active in European politics?</i> ”
13:30–14:00	Closing

Interactive Events

¹ The *interactive event involving High School students* will present the first outcomes of the intervention on youth active citizenship performed within the CATCH-EyoU project. Students from High Schools in five countries will present and discuss their work and will welcome feedback and suggestions from conference participants.

² The *interactive event involving Erasmus students* will be a simulation game, in the form of a debate, aiming to explore the conditions and potential obstacles in the dialogue of European youth with EU institutions.

³ The *Youth Organizations Blvd* will be an exhibition of projects and activities carried out by local (Greek) and European youth organizations.

Registration

There are no registration fees. However, in order to comply with conference room capacity, all participants (with or without paper contribution) should register by submitting the online registration form, which is available at <http://goo.gl/forms/sC88mbai4mwA5Rlq1>

Venue

Amalia Hotel Athens, 10 Amalias ave.,
Syntagma Square, Athens 105 57, Greece
<http://www.amaliahotelathens.gr/>



Accommodation

[Special prices are reserved for conference participants in Amalia Hotel](#) (single room: 95€; double room: 105€; breakfast included). [The city of Athens](#) offers a wide range of hotel accommodation, available through online search.

Important Dates

July 25, 2016	1 st announcement
September 20, 2016	2 nd announcement; opening of registration and abstract submission
December 1, 2016	Deadline for abstract submission
December 31, 2016	Notification of acceptance
February 15, 2017	Final programme announcement

Language

The official language of the conference is English.

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