

Panel title: **Dynamic interrelations between political trust and political parties**

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Abstract: Political trust and political parties are traditional core objects of political culture research. Political trust is regarded as a form of expression of generalized and lasting support for a system by a country's citizens. It is usually granted to political parties to a much lesser extent than to constitutional institutions that are more distant from politics, such as a constitutional court. As intermediary organizations, parties ideally bring the combined interests of the population into the state's decision-making processes, they act as linkage between citizens and the state. They also play an important role in the outcome by being responsive to the people.

This panel encourages different theoretical, conceptual, and methodological approaches and welcomes the growing body of methods used in party research, in order to improve our understanding of the various facets of citizen's (dis-)trust in political parties and the interrelations between political trust and political parties. We also would like to invite proposals based on citizen science approaches, which take up experimental, applied learning, and foresight perspectives. The panel is open to paper proposals with scopes ranging from single case studies to large-N comparative papers. The panel aims to attract established scholars, postdoctoral researchers, and young academics (Ph.D. candidates) from across the world. It is a central aim of the German Political Science Association to increase the proportion of young scientists and women at its events, who are therefore particularly encouraged to apply.