



GENDER, EQUALITY AND POLITICS – EUROPEAN FUTURES

CALL FOR PAPERS

PSA WOMEN AND POLITICS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008 16 February 2008

2007 is the European Year of Equal Opportunities for All, it is thus important to consider the impact of current developments in gender relations and policies across Europe. The stated aim of the Year of Equal Opportunities is to promote a just and fair society for all. In other words, it seeks to advance a new understanding of what is necessary to achieve equality. Mainstream work in the field of European politics and policies emphasises the transitory nature of current socio-political interactions; the same can be said for gender relations in Europe. This conference looks to explore the impact of current social, political and economic trends on gender hierarchies and norms in Europe. The aim of the conference is to assess current and future trends in European gender research. It aims at taking stock of current achievements in the field and provides an opportunity for scholars to exchange ideas and engage in lively debates about the future of feminism in Europe.

The PSA Women and Politics Working Group invites contributions to next year's conference on the following themes:

- Feminist theories
- Equality as a concept
- EU politics and policies
- Area specialists
- Comparative politics
- Women's movement/state feminism

We are particularly interested in papers and panels that draw links between these areas and introduce a new research agenda. We also plan to bring together some of those papers as an edited collection or special issue on *Gender and Politics in Europe*.

We also welcome paper on the following themes:

- Open Stream – Women and Politics
- Gender and IR –20 years on.

We particularly welcome submissions from young scholars and research students.

Further details about the conference and the registration form are available from the conference website: <http://www.surrey.ac.uk/politics/gender-conference/index.htm>

Guidelines for the submission of proposals:

Papers: 200 words abstract and contact information (including institutional affiliation)

Panels: 200 words abstract of rationale for panel; 150 words abstract for each paper; Contact information of chair and panellists.

Please send proposals to Dr. Roberta Guerrina (r.guerrina@surrey.ac.uk) by
1 November 2007
