

**Conference: Political geography**  
**- Call for papers**

Center for Voting and Parties (CVAP) at the Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen welcomes to the conference Political Geography, November 18-19 2010 in Copenhagen.

While geography has always been important to political scientists, the spatial dimensions of politics have gained increasing attention the recent decades within topics such as electoral research and political economy. For instance, election researchers have become more aware that where you live may matter for whether you participate in politics and political parties are increasingly applying analysis of political geographical in order to focus their political campaigns. Likewise, in political economy, still more attention have the recent years been given to yardstick competition among geographical neighbors. Today, "political geography" is one of the hottest topics within our discipline. Center for Voting and Parties' conference seeks to bring together scholars specializing in political geography with scholars who wish to further explore the geographical elements of their research topics. Each presentation will have one or two discussants. There will be allowed 20 for each presentation, 10 minutes for the discussant(s) and 15 minutes for general discussion.

Keynote speaker at the conference will be one of today's the leading scholars on electoral geography: Wendy Cho, Associate Professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Preliminary program:**

The conference will take place at the Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, Øster Farimagsgade 5, opgang E, 2. floor, room 4.2.26.

*Thursday November 18, 2010:*

10.15: Welcome, Kasper M. Hansen, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen

10.30-12.00: Presentations

12.00-13.00: Lunch

13.00-14.30: Presentations

14.30-14.45: Coffee break

14.45-16.15 Presentations

16.15-17.00: Reception

19.30: Dinner for speakers and participants

*Friday November 19, 2010:*

9.00-10.30: Presentations

10.30: Coffee break

10.45-12.15: Presentations

12.15-13.15: Lunch

13.15-14.45: Presentations

14.45: Coffee break

15.00-16.00: Concluding thoughts and departure

**Preliminary list of presentations:**

Wendy Cho: "Political Geography---the State of the Field"

Søren Risbjerg Thomsen: "The Danish Political-Ecological Data Archive"

Wendy Cho: "Residential Migration: Decisions, Destinations, and Geographic Sorting of Partisans"  
Discussant: TBA

Søren Risbjerg Thomsen: "A multi-level model for the impact of national politics and local candidates on individual voting behavior in local elections in Denmark".  
Discussant: TBA

Asmus Leth Olsen: "Yardstick and pioneer perceptions among Local Governments"  
Discussant: TBA

Kasper M. Hansen: "How your neighbors affect your turnout"  
Discussant: TBA

Yosef Bhatti: "Residential concentration and turnout among ethnic minorities in Denmark"  
Discussant: TBA

Constituency Design beyond Gerrymandering by Karina Kosiara-Pedersen (University of Copenhagen) & Wolfgang C. Müller (University of Vienna)

**Contact:**

If you wish to participate in the conference as a presenter you should before **1. October 2009** send a paper abstract to Professor Kasper M. Hansen (kmh@ifs.ku.dk).

If you wish to participate without a paper or have questions regarding the conference, please contact PhD Student Yosef Bhatti (yb@ifs.ku.dk).