

LECTURE SERIES IN POLITICAL BEHAVIOR

CHAIR OF COMPARATIVE POLITICS

PUBLIC LECTURE BY

PROF. MARK FRANKLIN

“STIMULUS, RESPONSE AND TURNOUT VARIATIONS
AT A EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTION”

Elections to the European Parliament (EP) have virtually no salience in their own right. These are elections at which no executive is elected, no government is at stake and, while the composition of the European Parliament undoubtedly matters for the governance of the European Union, parties do not campaign at EP elections by putting forward differing platforms of promises regarding what the parliament would do if their party were to “win”. What salience these elections acquire comes from their use as “barometers” signaling what would happen if the election were a national election at which real government power was at stake.

23 OCTOBER 10:15

LOSSI 36-215

Mark Franklin is the former Stein Rokkan Professor of Comparative Politics at the European University Institute and a director of the European Union Democracy Observatory and the European Elections Studies project. He is currently Visiting Scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences.



Organized by the Political Behavior Working Group at the Chair of Comparative Politics. Additional information: kristjan.vassil@ut.ee
Co-funded by the Doctoral School of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences



UNIVERSITY OF TARTU