BOOKS LAUNCH EVENT

The Spring Session

Monday 23 May 2022

E. Kant Auditorium, Institut d’Etudes Européennes,
Université libre de Bruxelles
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10:00 - 10:10
Welcome words

10:10 - 10:25
Book 1 - Value Politics in Japan and Europe, Routledge
1/ François Forêt (ULB) in-person
2/ Airo Hino (Waseda) online

10:25-10:40
Book 2 - Origins and Consequences of European Crises: Global Views on Brexit, Peter Lang
1/ Brite Wassenberg (Uni.Strasbourg) in-person
2/ Noriko Suzuki (Waseda) online

10:40-11:00
Shared Discussants
Erica Baffelli (Manchester Uni) in-person
Frederik Ponjaert (ULB) in-person

11:00-11:15
Q&A

11:20 - 12:00
PhD Panel
Élisa Narminio-Gielen, PhD Almuni, Double Doctorat ULB-Waseda University
Geoffrey Killy, PhD Student, Double Doctorat ULB-Waseda University (online)
Mari Kawase, PhD Student, ULB
Emeline Delmarcelle, PhD Student, Waseda University visiting Researcher at ULB
Tomohiro Fukuda, PhD Student, Waseda University visiting Researcher at ULB
Turin Airlangga, PhD Student, Waseda University visiting Researcher at ULB
Johnathan Goffioul, PhD Student, Waseda University visiting Researcher at ULB

12:00 - 13:30
WBO Garden Party
The Waseda Brussels Office will be holding its first book launch on Monday 23rd May 2022 in order to promote the recent publication of 2 books which are the results of Euro-Japanese collaborations.

This event will be the occasion to foster the positive effects of collaboration between Japanese and European researchers and scholars.

WBO aims at organizing book seminars on a regular basis from this year onwards, in order to promote international joint research, as well as raising Waseda’s profile and research in Europe.

This first book launch is entitled “Comparing Value Debates & Political Norms in Europe and Japan” and will focus on 2 main publications:

- Book 1 - *Value Politics in Japan and Europe* (François Forêt (ULB) & Airo Hino (Waseda)) - Routledge, 2021
- Book 2 - *Origins and Consequences of European Crises: Global Views on Brexit* (Brite Wassenberg (Uni.Strasbourg) & Noriko Suzuki (Waseda)) - Peter Lang, 2020

This hybrid event will take place both online and at the Institutes of the European Studies on the ULB campus. It will be the occasion for interested scholars and PhD students to network, debate and present their own research work.
This book explains the increasing importance of value politics in Europe and Japan, shedding light on various arenas: social values; parties, elections and politics; public action, private sector and law; identity politics and religion; media and public spheres.

It analyses how, against different but commensurable backgrounds, the rise of value politics alters (or not) the political game, for which purposes and with which effects. Applying both qualitative and quantitative methods from a wide range of primary and secondary sources, the comparison is organized by joining skills from experts of Japan and Europe and by systematizing a common analytical framework for the two cases. As such, it presents a revealing and unique analysis of the changing relationship between values and political behaviour in the two polities. Beyond the comparison, it also documents the opportunities and challenges underlying the interactions between Europe, Japan and the rest of the world; and the competition/combination between different versions of modernity.

This book is of key interest to scholars and students of European studies and politics, Asian politics/studies, Japanese studies/politics and more broadly to comparative politics, sociology, cultural/media studies, and economics.
Almost sixty years after the signature of the Treaty of Rome in 1957 creating the European Community, a Member-State, the United Kingdom, has for the first time in history decided to leave the European Union. The «yes» to leave vote during the British referendum on 26 June 2016 led to the use of Article 50 of the EU Treaty triggering off a long period of negotiations between the UK and the EU, which was overshadowed by a permanent struggle between the options of a «deal» or a «no-deal». The Withdrawal Agreement was finally signed on 24 January 2020 and Brexit actually took place on 31 January 2020 – more than three and a half years after the referendum. It is not surprising that a lot of analyses have been put forward to explain the British electoral result, mainly from the perspective of political sociology. However, there has been less research so far on the deeper roots of Brexit as a historical and political process and its development from the start of the referendum campaign until the end of the negotiations between the UK and the EU, nor on its possible social, economic, legal and (geo)political consequences.

In order to examine the origins and consequences of Brexit, this publication develops two original perspectives. On the one hand, it has taken a pluridisciplinary approach comparing the point of views of sociologists, political scientists, legal experts and historians. On the other hand, it has adopted a global approach by comparing the analyses of Japanese, Canadian, American and European researchers. These «Global Views on Brexit» regroup the contributions to an international Conference on «The Consequences of Brexit» organised on 6-7 December 2018 in Strasbourg, in the framework of the Jean Monnet project on Crises in European Border Regions supported by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union (EU) for the period from 2018-2020.