

Workshop Title: Politics, Physiology, and Cognition: Advances in Theory and Method
Venue: President Kennedy Room PK1140, 201 Avenue du Président-Kennedy, Montréal, QC H2X 3Y7. Université du Québec à Montréal, Montreal, QC
Dates: July 25-26, 2019

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Thursday July 25th: Pre-Workshop Demonstrations

10:00 am. Demonstration 1: Aleksander Ksiazkiewicz (U of Illinois: Political Science) “Introduction to Implicit Processing for the Study of Politics.”

1:00 pm. Demonstration 2: Patrick Stewart (U of Arkansas: Political Science) “Introduction to Political Ethology: Facial Coding Action of Smiles for Political Science.”

3:30 pm. Demonstration 3: Bert Bakker (U of Amsterdam: School of Communication Research) “Physiological Tools and Measures” Applications for Political Science.”

Friday July 26th: Workshop Program

9:00 am. Opening Remarks

- Jordan Mansell (UQAM/CSDC); Allison Harell (UQAM/CSDC); Patrick Stewart (U of Arkansas, APLS: Political Science)

9:15 – 10:15 am. Emotion, Arousal, and Political Communication

- Paul Bolls (Texas Tech: Media and Communication): “Embodied and Aroused Politics: The role of sympathetic arousal in shaping political communication”
- Bert Bakker, Claire Gothreau, Gijs Schumacher, Kevin Arcenau (U of Amsterdam: School of Communication Research; U of Amsterdam: Political Science; Temple University: Political Science): “Do Political Attitudes Vary with Physiological Traits? A Pre-registered Replication”

10:30 – 11:30 am. The Impact of Political Rhetoric on Public Support

- Stephen Schneider (U of Nebraska-Lincoln: Political Science): “What if I told you, your views are offensive? The consequences of online provocation for political tolerance and information processing”
- Gijs Schumacher (U of Amsterdam: Political Science): “Affective responses to political rhetoric”

11:30-12:45 pm. Lunch & Student Poster Presentation

12:45 – 1:45 pm. Facial Cues and Political Support

- Erik Bucy (Texas Tech: Media and Communication): “In the face of threat: Physiological responses to televised leader displays following negative compelling news mediate candidate evaluations”
- Elena Svetieva (U of Colorado-Colorado Springs: Communication): “Facial expressions of emotion provide a communication shortcut between political leaders and their followers”

2:15 – 3:15 pm. Physiological Response and Attitude Formation

- Lene Aaroe (Aarhus University: Political Science): “Pathogen avoidance motivations and politics in modern democracies”

- Jaime Settle (College of William and Mary: Government): “Emulating Politically Contentious Experiences: Measuring Physiological Reactivity to Photo, Video, and VR Stimuli.”

3:45 – 4:45 pm. Politics, Physiology, and Prejudice

- Patrick Fournier, Stuart Soroka, Michael Bang Petersen (U of Montreal: Political Science; U of Michigan: Communications Studies & Political Science; Aarhus University: Political Science): “Disgust Sensitivity and Prejudice in a Comparative Perspective”
- Amanda Friesen (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis: Political Science): “Exploring Gender Effects in Political Attitudes Using Physiology and Self-report”

5:00 – 6:00 pm. Neuro-cognitive Approaches to Politics

- Sukhvinder Obhi (McMaster University: Psychology Neuroscience & Behaviour): “Politics and the Brain: A Call for a Multi-method Approach to Understanding Political Behaviour”
- Darren Schreiber (U of Exeter: Politics): “Neural non-partisans: Neurological differences of partisans and non-partisans”

7:30 pm. Workshop Participant Reception