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**Eupen (Belgium),
Friday 4 October 2024, 10h - 17h**

Venue: Seat of the Prime Minister of the German-speaking Community of Belgium, Gospertstraße 42, Room 'Lüttich' (top floor, not to be confused with 'Foyer Lüttich' on the ground floor)

Participation is free, but registration is mandatory for non-speakers

Registration: Nicholas Williams (williams@geschichte.be)

Keynote lecture

10.00 – 10.45

Christoph Brüll & Andreas Fickers (C2DH, Luxembourg)

Panel I: Challenging the political system

The papers in this panel present, broadly speaking, the more radical approaches, *ie* those that pose the question of fundamental changes to the constitution or favour revolutionary change. One of the points for discussion shall be whether radicalism necessarily entails a limited scope for debate or options to ‘reach across the aisle’ or not.

10.45 – 11.15

Clément Ferrier (Université Bordeaux Montagne)

Far right Belgian press in the interwar period

11.15 – 11.45

Michael Auwers (CegeSoma)

British military camps and the royal question in the 1950s

11.45 – 12.15

Renée Wagener (Independent, Luxembourg)

Left or Right! The media debates on the Muzzle Law (Luxembourg) in 1937

12.15 – 12.45

Panel discussion

12.45 – 13.30

Lunch & coffee

Panel II: Reform & Society

The second panel focuses, generally, on reform projects and political tendencies within the framework of a given constitutional setting. Aiming rather at reforming laws and constitutions and bringing about societal change in a gradual sense, one question arising from these approaches is how they sit within broader ideological frameworks, and whether they transcend or reinforce politically drawn trenches.

13.30 – 14.15

Catherine Lanneau (ULiège)

Polarisation médiatique autour de la fixation des frontières linguistiques

14.15 – 14.45

Sophie Hegemann (European Office of the Parliament of Sachsen-Anhalt, Brussels)

Reactions to Islamist terrorism in Belgium

14.45 – 15.00

Coffee break

15.00 – 15.30

Charris De Smet (University of Antwerp)

Accommodating discord in the conservative History French women's press

15.30 – 16.00

Niels De Nutte (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

Euthanasia debate in Belgium 1960s-1980s

16.00 – 16.45

Panel discussion / coffee

16.45 – 17.00

Closing remarks

Practical information

- **Getting to and from Eupen**

There is a train every hour from and to Brussels. The venue is a 5-10 minute walk from the station. If you plan to travel by car, there are sometimes spaces at the car park Auf'm Hund, just off Gospertstraße. There are also several parking spots along Gospertstraße. In either case, parking tickets are inexpensive (max. € 4 / full day), and traffic wardens carry out frequent checks.

- **Accommodation**

There aren't many hotels in Eupen. If you plan to stay overnight or add a weekend visit to your stay, please book well in advance. Please contact Nicholas Williams if you need help to find suitable accommodation.

- **Food**

Lunch will be served in the form of sandwiches/baguettes (free of charge for speakers at the conference). Please contact Nicholas Williams in case you have any particular dietary requirements or allergies.