



CIVITAS | Forum of Archives
and Research on Christian Democracy

CIVITAS PhD Seminar and Grant
Bonn, 22 November 2018

Mission

Civitas-FARCD (Forum of Archives and Research on Christian Democracy) is an initiative which has been launched by Istituto Luigi Sturzo (Rome), KADOC-KU Leuven, Documentation and Research Centre for Religion, Culture and Society (Leuven) and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e. V. (Sankt Augustin). As a research platform for institutes/institutions and archives and for individual archivists and researchers, it focuses on the field of research on and records/collections/sources of Christian Democracy at the national, European and international levels. See <http://www.Civitas-Farcd.eu>.

CIVITAS focuses on the study and archives of Christian Democracy in the 20th century, in particular its second half, including the organizational and ideological precedents (second half of the 19th century – prewar period) of Christian Democracy as well as its actual development.

CIVITAS promotes research on issues in the history of Christian Democracy. It encourages all initiatives (research projects, conferences, workshops, fellowships) in this area and brings together interested researchers and/or their institutes in common projects.

Doctoral Seminars

One of these initiatives is the organization of doctoral seminars. Junior researchers get the opportunity to present their current or just concluded PhD research to an international public consisting of other junior researchers and to enter into dialogue

with the members of the Scientific Committee of Civitas¹, with the intention of exchanging insights and experiences regarding both methodology and content.

The doctoral seminars are organized once a year together with CIVITAS' annual workshop.² The doctoral seminar of this year is scheduled in the morning of 22nd November 2018. All themes concerning the current research on Christian Democracy in the 20th century, in particular its second half, including the organizational and ideological precedents (second half of the 19th century – prewar period) of Christian Democracy as well as its actual development, are welcome to be presented in ten minutes.

Participants in the doctoral seminar are also welcome to attend the workshop. They will also be kept informed of the activities of Civitas (mailing list, newsletter and announcements). Civitas will contribute to the travel and accommodation expenses of selected junior researchers (coming from Europe of € 500, coming from U.S., Africa, Asia or Latin America to a maximum of € 750 per participant).

Call for Papers

Proposals should be submitted *in English* as PDF documents and should contain the following: a clear title for the proposed paper; a summary (max. 500 words), outlining the paper's goals, methodology and source materials; CV(s) of author(s), with contact information, position and institutional affiliation.

Proposals should be emailed to professor Dr. Hanns Jürgen Küsters (hanns.kuesters@kas.de, chairman of CIVITAS) and to Dr. Michael Borchard (Michael.borchard@kas.de) no later than **April 1st, 2018**. You will receive a confirmation of receipt of the proposal.

The proposals will be evaluated and selected by the members of the Scientific Board and the Steering Board based on the relevance of the topic, its originality and the degree to which the proposal answers/responds the call. Applicants will be informed of the decision before the **June 1st, 2018**.

¹ Scientific Board of CIVITAS 2017/18: Paolo Acanfora (ILS), Michael Borchard (KAS), Kim Christiaens (KADOC KU Leuven), Guido Formigoni (University of Milan), Michael Gehler (Universität Hildesheim), Wolfram Kaiser (University of Portsmouth), Piotr Kosicki (University of Maryland), Hans Krabbendam (KDC Nijmegen), Hanns Jürgen Küsters (KAS), *Chairman*, Godfried Kwanten (KADOC KU Leuven), Andrea Maria Locatelli (AMR), Renato Moro (Universita Roma Tre), Steven Van Hecke (KU Leuven), Helmut Wohnout (KVVI).

² The 2018 workshop will be held in Bonn from 22–23 November, with *Christian Democrats in Exile* as its theme. It is being organized by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Sankt Augustin/Berlin).