

6th GRADUATE CONFERENCE IN POLITICAL THEORY

Keynote Speaker: Achille Mbembe

The **6th Graduate Conference in Political Theory**, hosted by Sciences Po Paris' Doctoral School and CEVIPOF will take place on the **30th and 31st of May 2018**. These two days of discussion are open to young political theorists coming from diverse intellectual and cultural horizons. For this year's edition, we will have the pleasure of welcoming **Achille Mbembe**, whose closing presentation will mark the end of our event.

Born in Cameroon, Achille Mbembe is a philosopher inspired by thinkers such as Frantz Fanon and Michel Foucault. His work focuses on postcolonialism, race, war, the state of exception and, more recently, relations of enmity. We owe him the concept of necropolitics, an inflection of Foucault's biopolitics.

PhD students in all stages of their doctoral research are invited to submit papers concerning any topic of political theory. Contributions related to Achille Mbembe's work and the themes addressed by his research are encouraged. Abstracts addressing the following themes are also welcome:

- **Radical Democracy**
- **Violent and non-violent resistance**
- **Feminism in contemporary times**
- **Life and death of the body in politics**

Only contributions of students whose thesis has not been defended yet are eligible. Students in master's degree can also send their propositions. The conference will be organized around panels composed of two or three presentations in French or in English, under the supervision of one doctoral student of SciencesPo. Presentations will be followed by a discussion open to the participants, the organizing staff and the public.

Meals (breakfast and lunch) will be provided during the time of the conference. Unfortunately costs of travel and accommodation must be covered by the participants.

Application instructions:

- Contributions must be sent by **March 2nd, 2018** to the following e-mail:
sciencespotheorygrad@gmail.com
- Proposals and final presentations can be done in either French or English.

Please include in your application e-mail:

- An anonymous, detailed abstract (500 words limit, PDF) of your presentation.
- A separate document including your name, title of your presentation and institutional affiliation.

Selection procedure:

- The organizing staff, composed of graduate students in Political Theory from Science Po's Doctoral School will select between twelve and fifteen anonymous abstracts.
- Successful applicants will be informed by the end of March. All other applicants will receive a reply.

Selection committee:

BRAUNSCHWEIG Lila

MILLOU Vincent

COLLIN Camille

RICHARD Lucile

DIGNAT Etienne

ZICMAN DE BARROS Thomás

DUCLOS Mathilde

Please send any question or commentary at the email address given above.

For more information on the events organized by the Political Theory program, please visit our **Facebook page** and/or **our blog**.