



### Call for Papers

## International Perspectives on Civic Education

20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the GPJE, June 13 – 15, 2019

Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany

Politikwissenschaft | Didaktik der Politik

Given the challenges faced by states and societies worldwide, civic education's contribution to the development and stabilization of functioning democracies is in great demand. Even established democratic systems are increasingly under pressure. The current challenge is less about widespread political apathy but about growing support of populist and antidemocratic movements, with momentous successes of populists at presidential and parliamentary elections or at polls like the Brexit referendum. However, in this situation once again civic education is allocated merely the role of a „fire brigade“, expecting it to get rid of acute problems at short notice, instead of strengthening its structural conditions and increasing its effectiveness based on sound empirical evidence.

At the same time, there is still strikingly little international connectedness of research on civic education. In Germany, university chairs of didactics of civic education have existed for many decades, but publications have mainly addressed a national resp. German-speaking audience. Although many challenges of civic education are not limited to single national states, there are relatively few international comparative studies focusing civic education-related research questions.

The 20th annual conference of the GPJE, the Society for Civic Education Didactics and Civic Youth and Adult Education, wants to open up perspectives on civic education beyond Germany and to provide a forum for international comparative research in this field.

There are three options for actively participating in the conference (each in German or English language):

1. by giving a lecture on the conference topic,
2. by giving a lecture/a presentation/a workshop focusing on current research projects or research-accompanied practical examples of civic education,
3. by presenting a scientific poster on a current research project about civic education.

To actively participate by giving a lecture/a presentation/a workshop, please hand in an abstract of 1500-2000 characters (including blanks) plus 3-5 references **by February 28, 2019** to Monika Oberle, Email: [gpje@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:gpje@uni-goettingen.de). In case of a successful application, the abstracts will be published in the print and online version of the conference program.

In order to participate in the poster presentation, please hand in the title and an abstract of up to 1000 characters (including blanks) plus 2-3 references **by March 31, 2019** to Monika Oberle, Email: [gpje@uni-goettingen.de](mailto:gpje@uni-goettingen.de).

**Conference languages are English and German.** Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the plenary sessions and some panels.

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