

## Comparing Dynamics and Strategies of Transnational Diaspora Politics in Conflict Settings

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### Call for Papers

Diasporas in conflict create and transform spaces of transnational politics. Migrants and refugees fleeing conflicts can transform the political environment of their homelands, in some cases contributing to social change and peace while in others exacerbating dynamics of conflict. They may engage through conventional political channels such as overseas voting or party membership, or make use of unconventional repertoires of contention and innovative strategies of transnational political engagement.

This panel aims to contribute to the study of diaspora politics by analysing the different strategies, grievances, and motivations nourishing transnational political mobilisation in multiple regions of the world. Through a comparative perspective and empirical research, the panel aims to answer the following questions:

- What are (post-)migrants' and refugees' motivations and aims for engaging and sustaining transnational political protests and movements across borders?
- Which tools and actions are used to engage in homeland politics from abroad?
- What influences the form and shape of diaspora politics (ie conventional or unconventional forms)?

The overall goal of this panel is to unpack the political dynamics and mechanisms behind transnational diaspora politics in Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

Applicants should submit an abstract of no more than 250 words as well as their name, title, email, and institutional affiliation **by February 7, 2018**. Abstracts must be submitted to Larisa Lara-Guerrero ([larisavlara@gmail.com](mailto:larisavlara@gmail.com)) and Lea Müller Funk ([l.s.mullerfunk@uva.nl](mailto:l.s.mullerfunk@uva.nl)).

The panel will be proposed to the ECPR General Conference on 15 February, and the convenors will let you know about the preliminary acceptance of your paper by that date. The final acceptance of submissions will be announced at the beginning of March 2018.