

# CALL FOR PAPERS



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Opposition Studies

Announcing the Second

## Opposition Studies Conference

London and Online, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Organised by the Centre for Opposition Studies with:

Centre for British Politics and Government, **King's College London**

The "Who Opposes?" Project, **Leiden University, The Netherlands**

The MA Government, Opposition and Parliamentary Studies,  
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Following our successful inaugural research conference last year, this year's event will take place in London and online - and is again being organised as part of the work of our Opposition Studies Network.

The conference is intended to bring together university academics, researchers and other specially invited guests to address a range of academic research issues and topics.

We are now issuing our latest Call for Papers, and welcome submissions from academics at all stages of their career, from postgraduate students and early-career researchers to established academics.

Please send an abstract or summary of your proposed paper, consisting of up to 250 words via email to:

**[research@oppositionstudies.org](mailto:research@oppositionstudies.org)**

Please do so as soon as possible, and by noon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023 at the latest.

Further details of the conference and how to attend will be at:

**<https://oppositionstudies.net/conference/>**

### Topics of interest

Papers for the conference can cover any topic that can be defined as relating to the study of political opposition, and can be drawn from disciplines including political studies, political science and history. We have a particular focus on opposition in the UK and Europe.

The list below is indicative only, and we welcome innovative and imaginative ideas for papers on any facet of the study of opposition and scrutiny:

- The state of political opposition in the UK, and the performance of the main opposition parties
- Historical studies focused on the time spent in opposition by particular parties and leaders around the world
- Strategies and tactics used in political opposition, and their effectiveness
- Policy-making by opposition parties
- Opinion polling and analysis of voting behaviour as it relates to opposition parties
- Scrutiny and accountability of the government to Parliament



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