

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE EUROPEAN ELECTIONS 2019?

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Elections for the European Parliament will take place on 23–26 May in all EU member states. While the support for the EU membership is currently record high, the forecasts suggest that Eurosceptic and populist movements will gain seats, while many of the traditional pro-European parties will lose out. The elections are therefore expected to follow the political trends of increasing polarization and fragmentation which have characterized many of the recent national elections. The aim of this FIIA seminar is to approach the overall political setting of the EP elections by focusing on three member states: France, Sweden and Finland. What are the key dividing lines in the campaigns? What issues are expected to mobilize the voters? Are the populist challengers able to form strong coalitions at the European level? Will the elections affect the position of national governments and their EU policies?

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Speakers' biographies



Christian Lequesne is Professor of European and International Politics at Sciences Po, Paris. He served as the director of the Center for International Research (CERI) at Sciences Po from 2009 to 2013. Previously he has been the Director of the Centre français de recherche en sciences sociales (CEFRES) in Prague and LSE Sciences Po Alliance Professor at the European Institute of the London School of Economics and Political Science. He is co-chief editor (with Christopher Hill) of the European Review of International Studies and is a member of the editorial board of the Journal of European Integration and The Hague Journal of Diplomacy. He has written extensively on French European Politics, EU institutions and policymaking, and diplomacy. Dr Lequesne holds a Ph.D. in political science and is a former student of the College of Europe in Bruges.



Jonas Tallberg is Professor of Political Science at Stockholm University, where he coordinates the research group on global and regional governance. His primary research interests are global governance and European Union politics. Tallberg has been a visiting researcher at Harvard University, Stanford University, McGill University, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna, Centre for Advanced Study in Oslo, and the European Commission. From 2009 to 2011, he chaired the Democratic Audit of the Centre for Business and Policy Studies (SNS Demokratiråd), and from 2009 to 2015, he served on the Executive Committee of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR).



Juha Jokela is the Programme Director of the European Union research programme at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs. His current research interests include political implications of Brexit, differentiated integration (in EU's external relations), and the EMU reforms. His previous projects and publications include political and security developments in the Arctic, EU's role in the G20, EU's Asia policy, Europeanization of foreign policy, and Finland's EU policy. Previously he has worked in the EUISS as a Senior Associated Analyst and Senior Visiting Research Fellow, Advisor in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, and Research Fellow and Director of the Network for European Studies in the University of Helsinki. Dr. Jokela holds a PhD from the University of Bristol (UK).



Teija Tiilikainen is the Director of the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA) since 2010. She is also Editor-in-Chief of Ulkopolitiikka – the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs. Dr Tiilikainen is a part-time professor at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy and Vice-Chair of the Board of the University of Helsinki. Previously, Dr Tiilikainen was the Director of the Network of European Studies at the University of Helsinki (2003–2009). She has also served as Secretary of State at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland from 2007 to 2008. Dr Tiilikainen was the Special Representative of the Prime Minister of Finland in the Convention on the Future of Europe in 2003.