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TEPSA will be represented at the 2018 European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) conference of the Standing Group on the European Union (SGEU). The event will take place from 13–15 June at Sciences Po Paris.

In this occasion, the book project “Future of Europe – Views from the Capitals” (edited by TEPSA Chairman Michael Kaeding and Johannes Pollak) will be presented during the Lucheon Panel on the “Future of Europe – views from 32 capitals” which will take place on Thursday 14 June from 13:00-14:15. Each chapter of the book will present perspectives of the 28 Member States plus selected neighbor states.

This SGEU conference will address the complex relationship between socioeconomic dynamics and EU developments, to understand the bases of political integration and its potential effects. Are the terms ‘European society’ or ‘European economy’ constructs reflecting an empirical reality and can they be linked to EU policies? In this era of ‘lost illusions’, our Paris meeting will also engage in debates in political, legal and social theory around key concepts including democracy, the rule of law, and legitimacy.

The conference provides space for researchers from various backgrounds – political science, history, sociology, law, anthropology, philosophy, geography, economics – to present and discuss cutting-edge research focused on the pressing questions of European integration.