



Call for papers for the special issue:

Communication in environmental politics in the low countries

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PLC invites submissions of original research articles for a **special issue on communication in environmental politics**. This special issue will focus on the functions and impacts of communication in environmental politics both **at the (sub)national level** –for example, climate protests in the low countries, national-level energy policies, or local rewilding debates– and **at the international level** – for example, representations of the low countries in international meetings (e.g., the United Nations) or global impacts of decisions taken in the low countries. This special issue seeks to offer an **interdisciplinary perspective on communication in environmental politics** by considering insights from political science, on the one hand, and linguistics, on the other hand. We are particularly interested in contributions that focus on discourse production by political actors (e.g. politicians, activists, media) and discourse reception by citizens and political actors. These discourses may include –but are not restricted to– political speeches, media representations, and, for example, activists’ statements. Authors may adopt the theoretical framework of their choice, such as frame analysis, political & policy narratives, evaluation and emotions, (critical) discourse (quality) analysis, cognitive perspectives, translation studies, corpus analysis, etc.

PLC seeks to publish papers that are theoretically grounded and empirically rigorous. Submissions must include original, previously unpublished research and should be based on data from the Low Countries. Submitted papers should be maximum 8,000 words in length and must be prepared according to the journal’s guidelines (available at <https://www.editorialmanager.com/plc/>). The deadline for submissions is 1 October 2023.

If you are interested to contribute to this special issue, please submit your abstract, by 15 July 2023, via email to Anais Augé, at anais.auge@uclouvain.be and to Ramon van der Does, at ramon.vanderdoes@uclouvain.be. Please put “PLC Climate and Politics” in the subject line, and cc politicslc@boomdenhaag.nl.

PLC continues to accept stand-alone research articles for inclusion in our regular issues. Papers can be submitted via Editorial Manager (<https://www.editorialmanager.com/plc/>). Accepted papers will be published as online first. Besides research articles, PLC also publishes PhD reviews and provides space for descriptive notes on politics in the Low Countries and literature reviews on the academic evolutions within political science in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. If you are interested in submitting a literature review, a research note or a PhD review, please contact the following editors:

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