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## Roundtable

### **Internationalization: What do French-speaking political scientists think and do (outside France)?**

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The 'internationalisation' of researchers is an issue often discussed in France in various arenas (e.g. seminars, teaching staff meetings, search committees), and these discussions can result in polarised positions. In this session of "*Débats et controverses*", we will approach internationalisation by shifting the focus beyond the French borders and moving away from a normative approach to look at how French-speaking political scientists in Belgium, Canada, Switzerland and Luxembourg understand internationalisation and the practices they associate with it. The discussion will bring together political scientists from several French-speaking countries in order to share different experiences and to shed light on diverse elements of context and reflection.

This "*Débats et controverses*" will first of all focus on the way internationalisation is framed and how the issue is constructed in different French-speaking countries. In particular, we will look at what internationalisation means in terms of the geographical areas and languages concerned and the research and teaching activities involved. It will also analyse the framing of different institutions and collective actors (universities, departments, professional associations) and their possible consensus or dissension in the meaning of what internationalisation of political science is and should be. The discussion will then confront the experiences and practices of the panellists to reflect on how internationalisation is put into practice in the different dimensions of our profession in different professional communities. The different aspects addressed will include research (research project, research question, fieldwork, analysis, etc.), teaching (language of instruction, reading assignments and reference lists provided to students, student supervision), and publication strategy (choice of writing in one language, choice of journals). Finally, we will look at the institutional support and incentives for internationalisation, as well as the possible barriers that they create.

This "*Débats et controverses*" will be moderated by two researchers based outside of France in French-speaking countries who have been confronted with different understandings and practices of internationalisation over the course of their careers and who wish to participate in the conversation taking place in France from their different individual and institutional experiences.