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Lectori salutem!

The second issue of *Youth and Generation Studies* features three scholarly articles, two conference reports and a book recommendation.

Chiao Li examines trends in youth political participation across Europe in his article "Youth Mobilisation in European Politics: Understanding the Rising Participation Trend in European Parliament Elections among Younger Generations". Research on electoral behavior highlights that youth voter turnout is often higher in transnational elections, such as those for the European Parliament. However, our understanding of the underlying factors remains limited. Li's study addresses this gap by exploring demand-side explanations for the increased electoral engagement of younger generations in European elections.

Mark Gabriel Wagan Aguilar's study aims to interpret the potential effects on voting preferences that premature campaigning has in the Philippines. Aguilar employs a mixed-methods approach, combining survey data and interviews to explore generational attitudes toward early campaigning. Campaigning prior to the official designated period is illegal in the Philippines, making the study particularly relevant as premature campaigning still remains a widespread and persuasive practice.

Leanid Marozau's research identifies the policy requirements necessary for establishing a legal framework for youth rights at international and European levels. The primary research question concerns the legal capacity of youth and the types of political participation and frameworks required to institutionalise youth rights within existing human rights protocols. Using qualitative methods, Marozau analyses policy documents, legislation, strategic plans, and other relevant legal and political materials to highlight challenges and perspectives in youth rights representation.

Paul Moran authored a report on the "Emerging Voices: Perspectives from the Next Generation of Scholars in Youth Research" conference organised by the Youth Research Institute in Budapest. This gathering, which aims to become an annual tradition, brought together young scholars from Europe, Asia,

South America, and Africa to discuss timely topics, including artificial intelligence, education, political activism, and mental health issues affecting youth.

Dóra Bugár and Rebeka Tótszegi provided an account of the Nordic Youth Research Symposium (NYRIS), one of the most prestigious international conferences in youth research. First held in 1994, the NYRIS conference took place for the 16th time this year in Tampere, Finland. Over the course of three days, researchers from around the world shared and discussed their latest findings on the state of young people.

Ágnes Réka Dusa penned a recommendation of the intriguing book "Twin Studies in Social Science". While this area is typically dominated by biomedical analyses, the 2023 publication takes a fresh approach by examining twins as a social phenomenon, filling a significant gap in the literature.

Happy reading!

Levente Székely
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