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PIREDEU

Providing an Infrastructure for Research on Electoral Democracy in the European Union

Collaborative Project
Capacities Programme

**PIREDEU Final User Community Conference
“Auditing Electoral Democracy in the European Union”**

**18 – 19 November 2010
Brussels, Hotel Silken Berlaymont**

**Draft Programme
(as of 7 July 2010)**

Programme

17 November 2010, Wednesday

- Arrival of participants
 20:00- Dinner (by invitation only)

18 November 2010, Thursday

- 9:30-10:00 **Welcome and briefing meeting** for PIREDEU participants
 10:00-10:30 *Coffee break*
 10:30-12:30 **Panel Discussion: Public Opinion, Political Elites and Media**, Joint session PIREDEU and EUDO dissemination conference
 Speakers: *Alexander H. Trechsel, Mark Franklin, NN* (academic), *NN* (Representative from EU institutions), *NN* (Representative from civil society organisations)
 Followed by Discussion
 12:30-14:00 *Lunch*
 14:00-16:00 **Parallel Panel Sessions I**
Panel Session I.1: Media coverage and its effects in the European Parliament elections
 Chair: *Susan Banducci*
 Discussant: *Catherine de Vries*
 “Campaigning for Turkey? Potential Turkish accession in the media and moderated effects on public opinion”, *Rachid Azrout, Joost van Spanje, and Claes de Vreese*
 “Measuring Exposure to News Media Content in Cross-National Electoral Studies”, *Susan Banducci and Georgios Xezonakis*
 “Do shared news environments reduce barriers to political engagement?”, *Lilach Nir*
 “The 2009 European Parliament Campaigns: National, Eurosceptic, or Simply Lackluster?”, *Eloisa Vladescu and Louise Davidson-Schmich*
Panel Session I.2: Voting behaviour in EP elections
 Chair: *Bernhard Wessels*
 Discussant: *Hermann Schmitt*
 “Does Europe matter in European elections?”, *Paolo Bellucci, Diego Garzia and Martino Rubal*
 “Party voters gone astray: explaining independent candidate success in 2009 European elections in Estonia”, *Piret Ehin and Mihkel Solvak*

“Europe at stake during the first EP elections in an Enlarged Europe”,
Magda Giurcanu

“Voting Patterns of Immigrants Across Europe”, *Andreas Wüst*

Session I.3: “PIREDEU Training session for Non-Academic users” (max. 20 participants, by invitation and pre-registration only).
Session will have a brief introduction, but the remaining time will be devoted to "hands-on" training.

16:00-16:30

Coffee break

16:30-18:30

Parallel Panel Sessions II

Panel Session II.1: Political Knowledge and Information

Chair: *Michael Marsh*

Discussants: *Mark Franklin & Jill Wittrock*

“‘To them that hath...’ Media landscapes and knowledge gaps”, *Pippa Norris*

“Exploring the media effects in Knowledge: A comparative study of the 2009 European electoral campaigns”, *Marta Fraile*

“Allocating Responsibility in Multilevel Government Systems: Voter and Expert Attributions in the European Union”, *Traci Wilson and Sara Hobolt*

“Direct and mediated influences of institutions on political information in 27 EU countries”, *Sebastian Adrian Popa and Zoltan Fazekas*

Panel Session II.2: Public opinion and European integration

Chair: *Olga Gyarfasova*

Discussant: *Pedro Magalhaes*

“A threatening horizon? Social concerns, the welfare state and public opinion towards Europe”, *Laurie Beaudonnet*

“Popular Support for Referendums on EU Treaty Reform”, *Richard Rose and Gabriela Borz*

“The attitudes of the French voters towards EU in the context of the 2009 EP elections: how much does the left-right scale account for?”,
Bruno Cautrès

Session II.3: “PIREDEU Training session for Academic users”
(max. 20 participants, by pre-registration only).

18:30-19:30 *Reception for Academic conferences (PIREDEU + EUDO)*
 19.30- *Dinner*

19 November 2010, Friday

9:00- 11:00 **Parallel Panel Sessions III**

Panel Session III.1: Turnout in European Parliament elections

Chair: *Mark Franklin*

Discussant: *Jae-Jae Spoon*

“The Political Effects of Low Turnout at EP Elections”, *Patrick Bernhagen and Richard Rose*

“European Elections in the New Member States: Explaining Differences in Turnout by Media Coverage”, *Marketa Bilka*

“Explaining Low Turnout in Elections to the European Parliament: Voter's Perceptions of the European Parliament”, *Nick Clark*

“To be or not to be a European voter. A multilevel analysis of individual and contextual determinants of turnout in the 2009 EP election”, *Anne Jadot*

Panel Session III.2: Political Representation in the EU

Chair: *Jacques Thomassen*

Discussant: *Andreas Wüst*

“Political Representation in the European Parliament: How Well Does It Work?”, *Rory Costello, Jacques Thomassen and Martin Rosema*

“Citizen Representation at the EU level: Agenda & Policy Congruence in the 2009 EP elections”, *Alexia Katsanidou and Zoe Lefkofridi*

“Parties, Candidates and Voters: The "Representational Bond" in a Multi-level Polity”, *Hermann Schmitt and Bernhard Weßels*

“The EP Elections as an Arena for Ethnic Minority Representation: Evidence from New EU Member States”, *Maria Spirova*

Session III.3: “PIREDEU Training session for Academic users”
 (max. 20 participants, by pre-registration only).

11:00-11:15 *Coffee break*

11:15-13:15

Parallel Panel Sessions IV**Panel Session IV.1: Values, Ideology and European integration attitudes**Chair: *Wouter van der Brug*Discussant: *Sylvia Kritizinger*“Value Orientations and Euroscepticism”, *André Freire*“Ideology, context and support for EU integration”, *John Garry* and *James Tilley*“Value Dimensions and Ideology across East and West”, *Agnieszka Walczak* and *Wouter van der Brug***Panel Session IV.2: Linking national and European electoral arenas**Chair: *Andreas Wüst*Discussant: *Heiko Giebler*“Investigating candidate selection strategies: the case of 2009 European Parliament elections”, *Massimiliano Andretta* and *Nicola Chelotti*“Context within context: on the different impact of 'contextual factors' in national and second order elections”, *Radek Markowski*, *Michal Kotnarowski* and *Mikolaj Cześnik*“In search of the democratic deficit: The impact of EU attitudes in national and European elections”, *Martin Rosema*, *Catherine de Vries* and *Agnieszka Walczak*“Cross-validating survey measures: The EES and CSES datasets”, *Jill Wittrock***Session IV3: “PIREDEU Training session for Academic users”**

(max. 20 participants, by invitation and pre-registration only).

13:15-14:30

Lunch break

14:30 – 16:00

Roundtable, Joint session PIREDEU and EUDO dissemination conferenceChair: *NN*

Speakers: Representatives from the European Commission, the European Parliament, the National Parliaments and the National Governments, the Council of the European Union and from civil society organisations

16:00-16:30

Coffee break

16:30-18:30

Parallel Panel Sessions V**Panel Session V.1: Voting behaviour in European Parliament elections**Chair: *Claes de Vreese*Discussant: *Michael Marsh*

“Second-Order Switching: A Multi-Level Analysis of Individual and Contextual Effects”, *Catherine de Vries, Marcel van Egmond and Heiko Giebler*

“Parties, Issues, and Campaigns: What Motivates the European Voter?”, *Jae-Jae Spoon and Sara Hobolt*

“The Anti-EU Vote 1999-2009: Stability or Change?”, *Joost van Spanje and Claes de Vreese*

“The role of politization in the relationship between support for the EU, voters' preferences and turnout”, *Mariano Torcal*

Panel Session V.2: The European Policy Space and Party PositionsChair: *Radek Markowski*Discussant: *Wouter van der Brug*

“Europe’s common ideological space”, *Thomas Gschwend, James Lo and Sven-Oliver Proksch*

“Meaningful Choices? Voter perceptions of party positions in European Elections”, *Sylvia Kritzinger and Gail McElroy*

“Party Competition in the European Parliament: Experts, candidates and voters compared”, *Gail McElroy and Kenneth Benoit*

“The Nationalism-Postnationalism axis and the gradual transformation of ideological space in Europe: Evidence from party discourse in Euro-manifestos”, *Eftichia Teperoglou and Emmanouil Tsatsanis*

18:30

End of conference

20 November 2010, Saturday - Steering Committee meeting (restricted)

9:00- 11:00

PIREDEU Steering Committee meeting

11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-13:00

PIREDEU Steering Committee meeting (cont.)

13:00-

Lunch

End of Steering Committee meeting