

## PIREDEU – PROVIDING AN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR RESEARCH ON ELECTORAL DEMOCRACY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

PIREDEU Final User Community Conference

### *AUDITING ELECTORAL DEMOCRACY IN THE EUROPEAN UNION*

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## PROGRAMME

Brussels, 18-19 November 2010

### 18 NOVEMBER, THURSDAY

- 09:30-10:00 Welcome
- Josep Borrell**, President of the European University Institute (EUI)  
**Stefano Bartolini**, Director of Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI  
**Alexander Trechsel**, Director of EUDO, EUI  
**Mark Franklin**, Chair of the PIREDEU Steering Committee, EUI
- 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
- Alexander H. Trechsel** (EUI)  
*Advances in the Analyses of EU Profiler Generated Data*
- Mark Franklin** (EUI)  
*Auditing Electoral Democracy in Europe: Achievements of the PIREDEU Project*
- Pierangelo Isernia** (University of Siena)  
*Challenges in Studying Elite-Public Relationships:  
The Case of European Integration and Transatlantic Relations*
- Jacques Nancy** (European Parliament)  
*Le travail du suivi de l'opinion publique au Parlement européen*
- Tim King** (European Voice)  
*In Search of the Public: a View from a Brussels News Organisation*
- Followed by discussion
- 12:30-14:00 *Lunch*



- 14:00-16:00 **Parallel Panel Sessions I**
- I.1: *Media coverage and its effects in the European Parliament elections*
  - I.2: *Voting behaviour in EP elections*
  - I.3: *PIREDEU Training session for Non-Academic users*
- 16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*
- 16:30-18:00 **Parallel Panel Sessions II**
- II.1: *Political Knowledge and Information*
  - II.2: *Public opinion and European integration*
  - II.3: *PIREDEU Training session for Academic users*
- 18:00-19:00 Presentation of CERES - Consortium for European Research on Elections
- 19:00-19:30 *Reception for Academic conferences (PIREDEU + EUDO)*
- 19.30 *Dinner*

## 19 NOVEMBER, FRIDAY

- 09:00-11:00 **Parallel Panel Sessions III**
- III.1: *Turnout in European Parliament elections*
  - III.2: *Political Representation in the EU*
  - III.3: *PIREDEU Training session for Academic users*
- 11:00-11:15 *Coffee break*
- 11:15-13:15 **Parallel Panel Sessions IV**
- IV.1: *Values, Ideology and European integration attitudes*
  - IV.2: *Linking national and European electoral arenas*
  - IV.3: *PIREDEU Training session for Academic users*
- 13:15-14:30 *Lunch break*
- 14:30-16:00 Roundtable, Joint session PIREDEU and EUDO dissemination conference:  
***European Democracy in Times of Crisis***
- Chair: **Nick Thorpe** (BBC)
- Speakers: **Fleur de Beaufort** ( European Liberal Forum asbl; Teldersstichting),  
**Renaud Dehousse** (Sciences Po), **Andrew Duff** (European Parliament),  
**Gerald Haefner** (European Parliament), **Michael Remmert** (Council of Europe),  
**Rainer Münz** (Erste Group Bank)
- 16:00-16:30 *Coffee break*
- 16:30-18:30 **Parallel Panel Sessions V**
- V.1: *Voting behaviour in European Parliament elections*
  - V.2: *The European Policy Space and Party Positions*
- 18:30 End of conference

# PANELS PROGRAMME

## 18 NOVEMBER, THURSDAY

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

*Explaining campaign news coverage: How medium, time and context explain variation in the media framing of the 2009 European Parliamentary elections*

A.R.T. Schuck, R. Vliegthart, H. Boomgaarden, M. Elenbaas, 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 European Parliament elections organised in an Enlarged Europe*

Magda Giurcanu

*Motivating the European Voter: Parties, Issues, and Campaigns in European Parliament Elections*

Sara Hobolt and Jae-Jae Spoon

### **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.

16:30-18:00

## **Parallel Panel Sessions II**

### **Panel Session II.1: Political Knowledge and Information**

Chair: Michael Marsh

Discussant: Mark Franklin and Jill Wittrock

*'To them that hath...'* News Media and Knowledge Gaps

Pippa Norris

*A comparative study of Political Knowledge in the 2009 European Elections*

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*

Adrian Sebastian 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**

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## 19 NOVEMBER, FRIDAY

09:00-11:00

### 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 Biliska

*Explaining Low Turnout in Elections to the European Parliament: Voter's Perceptions of the European Parliament*

Nick Clark

#### 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?*

Jacques Thomassen, Rory Costello and Martin Rosema

*Citizen Representation at the EU level: Policy Congruence in the 2009 EP elections*

Alexia Katsanidou and Zoe Lefkofridi

*Parties, Candidates and Voters in the 2009 Election to the European Parliament*

Hermann Schmitt, Bernhard Weßels and Cees van der Eijk

*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 invitation and pre-registration only)

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 the Vote in European Parliament Elections: Micro and Macro level determinants*

**André Freire**

*Ideology, context and support for Regional Integration: The case of the European Union*

**John Garry and James Tilley**

*The Electoral Trade-off: How Values and Ideology Affect Party Preference Formation in Europe*

**Agnieszka Walczak and Wouter van der Brug**

### **Panel Session IV.2: *Linking national and European electoral arenas***

Chair: **Andreas Wüst**

Discussant: **Heiko Giebler**

*Selection strategies of EP candidates: What matters?*

**Massimiliano Andretta and Nicola Chelotti**

*Context within a context: On the different impact of 'contextual factors' in national and second order elections"*

**Radek Markowski, Michal Kotnarowski and Mikolaj Cześnik**

*Dual Legitimation in the European Union: The Impact of European Integration Attitudes in National and European Elections*

**Catherine de Vries, Agnieszka Walczak and Martin Rosema**

*Cross-validating survey measures: The EES and CSES datasets"*

**Jill Wittrock**

### **Session IV.3: *PIREDEU Training session for Academic users***

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16:30-18:30

**Parallel Panel Sessions V**

**Panel Session V.1: Voting behaviour in European Parliament elections**

Chair: Claes de Vreese

Discussant: : Joost van Spanje

*Variable Opinions: The predictability of support for unification in European mass publics*

Marco R. Steenbergen and Catherine E. De Vries

*Voting Patterns of Immigrants Across Europe*

Andreas Wüst

*Specific and Diffuse Support to the EU and their effect on the EP Elections*

Mariano Torcal

**Panel Session V.2: The European Policy Space and Party Positions**

Chair: 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

*Policy Positioning in the European Parliament*

Gail McElroy and Kenneth Benoit

*The Nationalism-Postnationalism axis and the gradual transformation of ideological space in Europe: Evidence from party discourse in Eu-romanifestos from six European countries*

Eftichia Teperoglou and Emmanouil Tsatsanis