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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
18 November, Thursday

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. Vliegenthart, H. Boomgaard, 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.)
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

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