

EPIC: New Approaches to the Study of Electoral Systems

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Thursday 4

9.00: Welcome (organizers of the workshop and Director of the Instituto Carlos III-Juan March)

9.15: First panel: The intra-party dimension of electoral systems

1. Johana Rickne (University of Stockholm): "The Ballot Rank Hierarchy and the Irrelevance of Marginal Seats: Party Nomination Strategies in Closed and Flexible PR" (co-authors: Olle Folke, Carlo Prato and Peter Buisseret).
2. Janne Tukiainen (VATT Institute for Economic Research) "Open or Closed: How List Type Affects Electoral Performance, Candidate Selection, and Campaign Effort" (co-authors: Dominik Hangartner and Nelson A. Ruiz).

10.45: Coffee break

11.15: Second panel: Districts and apportionment under PR

3. Orit Kedar (Hebrew University of Jerusalem): "One State, Many Electoral Systems: Representation under PR with Districts".
4. Alberto Penadés (Universidad de Salamanca): "Proportional Representation and the Theory of Apportionment".

12.45 Lunch break

14.15: Third panel: Electoral engineering

5. Michael Becher (Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse): "Electoral Reform and Trade-offs in Representation" (co-author: Irene Menéndez).
6. Damien Bol (King's College of London): "What's People's Favorite Electoral Rule? Evidence from Lab and Survey Experiments" (co-authors: Jean-François Laslier, Jean-Benoit Pilet, André Blais and Maxime Coulombe).

15.45: Coffee break

16.15: Fourth panel: Effects of electoral rules on political elites

7. Daniel Kselman (Instituto Empresa): "Legislative Equilibria with Intra-party Voting".
8. Kostantinos Matakos (King's College of London): "Electoral Rule Effects on Intra-party Cohesion: Theory and Evidence" (co-authors: Orestis Troumpounis, Janne Tukiainen and Dimitrios Xefteris).

Friday 5

9.15: Fifth panel: Electoral systems in history

9. Pablo Simón (UC3M): “When Land Votes: Rural Interests and the Determinants of Unequal Representation, 1860-1945” (co-author: Eva Fernández).
10. Brenda van Coppenolle (Leiden University): “Bridging the Gap: Lottery-based Procedures in European Democratization” (co-author: Alexandra Cirone).

10.45: Coffee break

11.15: Sixth panel: Electoral systems and causal identification

11. Elias Dinas (European University Institute of Florence): “Lucky Strike: The Effect of MP Status on Electoral Success and Survival” (co-author: Kostas Matakos).
12. Carlos Sanz (Banco de España): “Women’s Representation in Politics: The Importance of the Electoral System” (co-author: Martín Gonzalez-Eiras).
13. Daniel M. Smith (Harvard University): “Are Voters’ Decisions Consistent With Their Policy Preferences? A Conjoint Design-Based Approach” (co-authors: Yusaku Horiuchi and Shiro Kuriwaki).

13.30: Lunch break

15.00: Seventh panel: Electoral rules and voting behavior

14. Simon Hix (London School of Economics and Political Science): “Electoral Reform and Voter Coordination” (co-author: John H. Fiva).
15. Romain Lachat (Sciences Po in Paris): “Strategic Voting under Seat-maximizing and Policy-maximizing Incentives”.
16. Pedro Riera (UC3M): “Party-centred Voting and the Intra-party Dimension of Electoral Systems” (co-author: Francisco Cantú).

Rooms (always Getafe Campus University Carlos III of Madrid)

- Thursday morning: 18.1.A08
- Thursday afternoon: 17.1.03
- Friday morning: 18.1.A07
- Friday afternoon: 18.0.A11

All members of the Juan March Institute and of the Social Sciences Department (UC3M) are invited to attend. All sessions will be in English and will take place in Getafe Campus of Carlos III University of Madrid. Those interested in attending, please RSVP by sending an email to Magdalena Nebreda (secretaria@march.uc3m.es) by September 28.