



ACADEMIC PROGRAMME

2nd European Conference on Comparative Electoral Research
Theme: The Context of Electoral Behaviour

An activity of project "The True European Voter" (COST Action IS0806)
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11-14 April 2013, Rhodes, Greece

Organized by the Department of Political Sciences
Laboratory of Applied Political Research, Aristotle University Thessaloniki
in collaboration with the School of Humanities, Aegean University, Rhodes island

Academic convenors:

Hermann Schmitt (Universities of Manchester and Mannheim)
Paolo Segatti (University of Milan)
Eftichia Teperoglou (MZES, Germany and CIES-IUL, Portugal)

Local conference organizers:

Theodore Chadjipadelis-Ioannis Andreadis and Kostas Tsolakidis-Kostas Vratsalis

Venue:

Hotel Mediterranean
35, Cos str., Rhodes, Greece

Thursday 11 April 2013

Arrival of participants

Friday 12 April 2013

- 9:00-10:00hrs Registration / Information desk open (for whole conference duration)
- Welcome & opening of the conference by *Hermann Schmitt, Theodore Chadjipadelis*
 and representative from Aegean University
- Presentation of *The True European Voter*, *Hermann Schmitt and Paolo Segatti*
- 10:00-11:30hrs **Panel Session 1: social context**
 Chair: *Michael Marsh*
- Cross-country variation in religious voting, *Héctor Cebolla, José Ramon Montero, Paolo Segatti*
- Individual and contextual determinants in cross-cleavage relationships, *Andreas Goldberg*
- Places and preferences: A Longitudinal Analysis of Self-Selection and Contextual Effects, *Aina Gallego, Franz Buscha, Patrick Sturgis*
- Voting together: families, parties, and the dynamics of voter turnout, *Edward Fieldhouse, David Cutts*
- 11:30-12:00hrs **Coffee break**
- 12:00-13:30hrs **Panel Session 2: territorial context**
 Chair: *Paolo Segatti*
- Local Conditions Matter for Nationalist Voting: Evidence from Big Data in Canada, *Peter Loewen, Maxime Héroux-Legault, Carolina de Miguel*
- The Nationalization of Politics in France in a Longitudinal Perspective: Presidential vs Legislative Elections, *Luana Russo, Annie Laurent, Bernard Dolez*
- Does party system nationalization affect individual voting behaviour? Evidence from 23 European countries, *Nicola Maggini, Vincenzo Emanuele*
- Do parties and voters pursue the same thing? Policy congruence between parties and voters on different electoral levels, *Cees van Dijk, André Krouwel, Max Boiten*
- 13:30-15:00hrs **Lunch Break**

15:00-16:30hrs

Panel Session 3 : political context

Chair: *Theodore Chadjipadelis*

Voters' perceptions of Ideological Distance among Mainstream Political Parties in Europe, *Ana Maria Belchior*

Revenge of the Radical Right, *Lenka Bustikova-Siroky*

Measuring Party Polarization in Europe, *Alberto Sanz, Jaime Balaguer, José Ramón Montero*

Context within a context: on the different impact of 'contextual factors' in national and second order elections, *Mikolaj Czesnik, Radek Markowski, Michal Kotnarowski*

16:30-17:00hrs

Coffee break

17:00-18:00hrs

Guest Lecture I: Conceptual, measurement and analysis problems in the study of context effects on voting behaviour, *Jaak Billiet*

20:00hrs

Conference Dinner

Saturday, 13 April 2013

- 9:00-10:30hrs **Panel Session 4 : institutional context**
Chair: *Eftichia Teperoglou*
- A question of context? A cross-country analysis of how voters use the ballot paper in mixed systems, *Carolina Plescia*
- A classification of electoral systems and vote choice, *Theodore Chadjipadelis*
- Electoral choices in mature and consolidating European democracies, *Hermann Schmitt, Angelika Scheuer*
- Mechanisms of Direct Democracy and Citizens' Perceptions of External Efficacy Across Latin-American Countries, *Daiane Boelhouver Menezes, Marcia Ribeiro Dias*
- 10:30-11:00hrs **Coffee break**
- 11:00-12:15hrs **Panel Session 5 : short-term contextual factors**
Chair : *Cees van der Eijk*
- Follow the party or follow the leader? – Non-alignment of party and leader sympathies, *Laura Maria Schwirz , Michael Marsh*
- The strength of weak political ties. The case of Movimento 5 Stelle, *Cristiano Vezzoni, Moreno Mancosu*
- Voting before and in an economic crisis: Icelandic voters 2007-2009, *Eva Heida Önnudottir*
- 12:15-14:00hrs **Lunch Break**
- 14:00-15:15hrs **Panel Session 6 : Measuring context**
Chair: *Hermann Schmitt*
- Measuring the impact of Voting Advice Applications on Vote Choice, *Ioannis Andreadis, Joëlle Pianzola , Diego Garzia*
- How to Measure and Compare Context Across-Countries? CFA and Measurement Invariance Tests of Political Culture, *Michal Kotnarowski , Monica Poletti*
- On constructing context indicators, *Cees van der Eijk*
- 15:15-15:45hrs **Coffee break**
- 15:45-16:45hrs **Guest Lecture II:** The context of the vote: a necessary part of understanding or a doomed search for precision?, *Michael Marsh*
- Closing of the conference (*Hermann Schmitt, Paolo Segatti*)