

SPS Department Third-Term Workshops AY 2012-2013 (Spring 2013)

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February												
1	26-27 Feb	Workshop	F. Mueller-Rommel SPS Visiting F.		Parties, Party systems and the Quality of Democracy	Theatre	Maureen	10		RSCAS: € 4000 SPS: € 3000		This workshop presents new empirical findings on political parties, party systems and the quality of democracy in advanced democracies. It is initiated by former PhD students of Peter Mair from the EUI to whom he devoted a great part of his academic career: namely as professor, as PhD Supervisor, as mentor and as co-author. His former students cannot think of a better place to pay tribute to their "academic father" than at the European University Institute, where most had the opportunity to meet him and spend at least four years of academic collaboration and personal interaction. By participating in this workshop with original papers and stimulating discussions the participants want to thank Peter Mair for his constant support both on academic and on personal level.
March												
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2	22-23 Apr	Workshop	Gary Marx	DDP	Windows into the Soul: Surveillance and Society in an Age of High Technology	3	Maureen	10	0			This workshop would be based on my forthcoming book of the same title. The study is an inquiry into the social, political, cultural and ethical aspects of the new surveillance (articles at www.garymarx.net are illustrative of my approach --several are listed below). The emphasis is on a conceptual framework dealing with structures, processes, cultural meanings and experiences that can accommodate and help explain the variation in surveillance tools -- whether they involve video, biometry, sensors, RFID chips, GPS, social media and big data sets to mention only a few. My goals are normative, as well as social scientific, as I seek frameworks for understanding and evaluating surveillance.
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3	30 April, 2-3 May, 7-8 May	Workshop	AT	AT	Big Data		Adele		800	SPS/ EUDO	Jonathan Bright (?) Holger Doring (Bremen)	The SPS-EUDO Big Data workshop will be a multi-day event organised at the European University Institute. The event will combine theoretical sessions on the challenges involved in creating, storing and manipulating very large datasets with practical sessions teaching programming skills in the Python language and a series of clinics where researchers can discuss their own data challenges. The workshop builds on EUDO's experiences in managing large datasets (in particular the data generated by the EU Profiler and the related EUDO Dataverse project), and will feature both talks from researchers involved in these projects and hands on work with the data generated. The aim of the event is to allow researchers to both
4	15-16 May	Workshop	C. Andr�, J. Masullo	DG, DDP	Theoretical, methodological, ethical and practical issues of field research	Seminar Room 4	Adele	10			E. Wood (Yale), Tony Robben (University of Utrecht)	The proposed workshop will deal with the main theoretical, methodological, ethical and practical aspects of field research. To this end, the workshop will discuss field research as part of a research design; cover basic techniques for data collection and for subsequently interpreting and analyzing this data; point out related political and ethical dilemmas and best practices for coping with them; and raise the host of practical steps that need to be taken before, during and after the field. Although these topics pertain to all kinds of field research, the emphasis will be on field research in war-affected or otherwise risky social contexts, highlighting the specific difficulties, opportunities and trade-offs that these contexts may entail. Workshop discussions will be based both on scientific
5	16-17 May	Workshop	HPB	ERC/SPS	Multilvel Modeling	Sala del Capitolo	Alina	10	800 € SPS+3000€ ERC		Tenko Raykov (Michigan)	The workshop will ideally run for one week. It will start with the intuition of causality, to move later on to the description of some common used strategies. In principle, we will start with instrumental variables (IV), but the instructor is also open to suggestions by the

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6	16-17 May	Workshop	C. Colombo, P. Castelli, S. Salo, T. Siczek	HPK	Political Psychology: Framing and Opinion Formation	Emeroteca	Maureen		DP-1 € 800; EP-501 ca € 3.200		R. Slothuus (Aarhus); R. Entman (George Washington Univ.); P. Sniderman (Stanford Univ.)	The aim of the workshop is to discuss and understand political communication between elites and citizens. The workshop is divided in two parts. In the first part, we focus on political campaigns and in particular on the literature and theories of framing. How has the literature on framing over the course of the last couple of decades developed, and what is the current state of the art? What are the methodological approaches to study frames and what are recent promising innovations? While the first part covers the supply side of information and persuasion, the second part of the workshop covers the individual level – opinion formation. Are citizens capable of learning or do they lack a minimal amount of political awareness to engage in information processing? Can frames manipulate opinion with the result that citizens become misinformed about various aspects of politics? Under what circumstances are citizens available to change their opinion in light of new information and when are they immune against political attempts of persuasion? Those are questions of crucial importance which put modern theories of democracy to the test. Are liberal theories of democracy based on wrong assumptions about the human mind? Is deliberative democracy as envisaged by Habermas possible? By asking these questions the workshop brings together
7	23-24 May	Workshop	M. Schoeller	AH	Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) Masterclass	2	Maureen				C. Wagemann (Univ. Frankfurt)	QCA is a relatively new social science method that allows causal inferences on the basis of a mid-sized number of cases. It is firmly rooted in set theory and presents an alternative to conventional case studies and statistical analysis. Over the last three decades, it has become a broadly recognized and applied tool in the social sciences. Since it can be very helpful for a lot of researchers at the EU who work comparatively - independently from their particular topics - a workshop with one of the current experts in the field (see above) would be of great value. The aim of the workshop is to enable the participants to use QCA properly in their own research. However, the usual presentations on behalf of the participants would not contribute efficiently to this aim. Therefore, alternative requirements in order to obtain credits are proposed, such as a final paper, in which <u>epistemological reflections on QCA are combined with applications</u> .
8	30-31 May	Workshop	K. Meissner & C. Brugier	UK	In Between - Hegemony and Rising Powers	3	Maureen				2-3 out of this list: W. Mattli (Oxford), D. Nolte (Hamburg), S. Schirm (Bochum), D. Flesmes (Hamburg), S. Destradi (Hamburg)	The workshop should comprise panels of two different kinds on the topic of hegemony and rising powers. On the one hand it aims at contributing to the theoretical debate about predominant states in the global or regional environment: on the other hand the workshop provides some insights into the empirical examination of hegemony or rising powers. The theoretical sessions might cover the clarification of terms – hegemony, regional powers, rising powers – the strategies employed by predominant states, eventual indicators for hegemony, the leadership-follower nexus, the outcomes of interaction in terms of policy and cooperation. The empirical part comprises some case or comparative studies on certain predominant states such as the US and Germany, the EU as a single actor, the BRICS countries Brazil, Russia,
9	30 May - 1 June	Workshop	M. Matlak	OR	Beyond Critique: Theoretical and Methodological Reflections on the Study of Religion and the Secular	Emeroteca/T heatre	Maureen/ Alina	10	350	DP1	Veit M. Bader (Amsterdam) Pawel Karolewski (U. Wroclaw)	Political and social scientists often struggle with conceptualization of religion and various forms of secularisms as these terms are vague and difficult to define. Our main concern can therefore be expressed in the question: How can we incorporate religion into the social and political sciences without reducing it to identity, culture or other related phenomena? Another important question is of more practical nature: How to differentiate between religion, faith, belief and how to describe their relationship with culture, nation or ethnicity? Acknowledging that the way in which we operationalize religion in our research is already a politicized issue, we want to reflect upon dominant theoretical and methodological approaches to religion and
10	27 May - 7 June	Masterclass su Macchiavelli		LB	Thoughts on Macchiavelli	SPS Meeting Room VSF	Monika	20	3000€ (+ part-time professor contract)	bilancio generale dell'IUE	Stephen Holmes	A Florentine diplomat and civil servant, Niccolò Machiavelli (1469-1527) drew upon his lifelong understanding of Roman history to interpret the colorful, tumultuous, duplicitous and often violent politics of Renaissance Italy. This class will involve a reading and analysis of important passages from his two masterpieces, The Prince and The Discourses on Livy, in their historical context, with a focus on its principal theme, namely how and why republics and autocratic
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11	6-7 June	Workshop	C. Zuccotti, C. Comolli, P. Riera	FB	Causal Interference	Seminar Room 2	Monika	10	800€	DP-1	Elias Dinas	The goal of this workshop is to familiarize participants with the logic of causal inference, the underlying theory behind it and introduce research methods that help us approach experimental benchmarks with observational data. Do hospitals make people healthier? Does an additional year of schooling increase future earnings? Do parties that enter the parliament enjoy vote gains in subsequent elections? Answering such questions has been notoriously difficult with observational data. This workshop aims at showing why this is the case, highlighting the importance of randomization-based inference. It will be a much-applied workshop, where the aim is to provide researchers with ideas for better research decisions in their own work.
12	12, 13, 14 June	Workshop	DG + J. Gereke		Introduction to Experimental Methods for the Social Sciences	Emeroteca	Adele		800	DP1	Wojtek Przepiorka (Nuffield)	
13	11-12 June	Workshop	D. Vampa & M. Valbruzzi	SB	Political change in the PIIGS	Seminar Room 2	Martina					The aim of this workshop is to understand how the party systems of Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece and Spain, commonly known as PIIGS, have evolved over the last years. The economic crisis started in 2008 has particularly affected these countries and this has resulted in important political changes and increasing political instability. Many incumbent parties have collapsed and some of them are on the verge of disappearing, whereas new political actors have emerged. More generally, we are witnessing a redefinition of (once relatively stable) cleavages shaping political competition. Although some articles and studies focusing on individual countries have been published in recent years, we still lack a truly comparative assessment of what is going on in countries under increasing financial pressure. The workshop will try to fill this gap by collecting the contributions of experts on each of political system and having a debate that involves the broader
14	10-11 June	Workshop	FB	FB	Family dynamics and Inequalities in children's life chances	Seminar Room 3	Monika	10	800€+1.900€ lumpsum	DP-1 + lumpsum IP-36	Torkild Lyngstad + 6 other external speakers (per diems only)	The purpose of the workshop is to focus on how family dynamics such as divorce, re-marriage, loss of a parent have short and long term effect on children's life chances. Life chances are defined in a broad sense, although particular attention will be paid to children's
15	10-11 June	Workshop	L. Chauvin, J. Northey	OR	Artistic Production and National Culture in Contemporary North Africa	Emeroteca	Maureen				P. Crowley (Cork), M. Levine, Y. Gonzalez-Kujano, Karim Ouaras, T. Tegui, L. Addi??	This workshop focuses on artists (writers, film makers, dramatists and musicians) and their interactions with national and political institutions in the Mediterranean. It explores the imbrication of artistic production and its dissemination through cultural institutions and, increasingly, social media and seeks to analyse the relationship between these processes and the state. We ask if this process contributes to the formation of a social space and if what is emerging involves a redefinition of national culture, as viewed by the state and as analysed by Fanon. The workshop asks what kinds of identities have been imagined by such actors and the extent to which they challenge national narratives or confirm them differently. And in what way, if
16	12-13 June	Workshop	HPK		How Europeans View and Evaluate Democracy?	room 2 & Capitolo	Maureen		€ 5500 (ca) EP-501		see list of participants	The aim of the workshop is to present and discuss theoretical approaches and exploratory analyses of pilot data in order to show how the ESS Round6 can be used for the study of the way European citizens understand and evaluate democracy. The papers presented at the workshop are written by the prospective contributors to an edited volume based on the ESS Round6 data (see the program of the workshop). At the time of the workshop, these data will not yet be available, which is why the papers presented will be very preliminary - discussing mainly theoretical approaches, the state of the literature and some exploratory analyses.
17	17-18 June	Workshop	M. Graetz	FB	Missing Data and Multiple Imputation	Seminar Room 2	Monika	10	800€	DP-1	Raul Gomez Martinez (University of Liverpool)	We invite proposals that focus on the relationship between cultural production and institutions and how different actors question, challenge, and contribute to new conceptions of the nation and national culture. Contributions to the workshop may include, but are not limited to, institutional and cultural relationships within literary, cinematic, musical and artistic productions; national belonging and artistic production; language in artistic expression, humanism and religion in artistic production; new allegories for old national questions; the making-Mediterranean of the Maghreb; questions concerning national literatures, and the poetics of imagining.
July												
18	1-3 July	Summer Conference	Johan Christensen (SPS 4) & Charlotte Haberstroh (SPS 2)	LB/PC/SST	Economics and Democracy: Are they still Compatible?	Theatre/ Emeroteca/ Room 3 (Badia)	Martina/Marina	no credits	?	?	?	

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19	TBA	Workshop	T. Wozniakowski	AT	The Role of Public Finances in the Creation of Political Unions		Adele				D. McKay (Essex), J. Rodden (Stanford)	How fiscal matters play out in the process of federalization/disintegration? Can we find any similarities between current financial crisis in the EU and the 'constitutional moments' in established federations, like US or Switzerland? Can EU learn something from the experience of fiscal federalism of these countries, for instance in form of dealing with debt of its member states? The workshop will aim to find answers to these questions. In so doing, current situation of EMU will be presented and analyzed in a broader, comparative and historical perspective. I would like to invite Professor David McKay from Essex University and Professor Jonathan Rodden