



**Workshop on**  
**PARTIES, PARTY SYSTEMS AND THE QUALITY OF DEMOCRACY**  
**in honor of Peter Mair by his former PhD students**

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Tuesday, 26th February 2013

Introductory session

Chair: Ferdinand Müller-Rommel (Leuphana University/EUI)

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11.00-11.15 Opening of the workshop:

László Bruszt (Head of the SPS Department)

11.15-11.30 Greetings (via skype)

11.30-12.30 Keynote Speech (and discussion):

Stefano Bartolini (Director RSCAS)

12.30-14.00 Lunch break

Session on “Political Institutions, Parties and Party Systems”

Chair: Yvette Peters (Humboldt University)

14.00-15.00 The Greens challenged. Green parties and their electoral outcomes after coalition

Conor Little (EUI)

Discussant: Joost van Spanje (University of Amsterdam)

15.00-16.00 Origins of Party Formation and New Party Success in Advanced Democracies

Nicole Bolleyer (University of Exeter) and Evelyn Bytzek (University of Koblenz-Landau)

Discussants: Katarzyna Grzybowska-Walecka (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw)

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16.30-17.30 Party System Institutionalization in Southern Europe: A Trend-setter with Many Followers

Fernando Casal Bértoa (University of Leiden)

Discussant: Jorge Fernandes (EUI)

19.00

Workshop dinner (Pizzeria San Domenico)

Wednesday, 27th February 2013

Session on “Conceptualization and EU Democracy”

Chair: Nicole Bolleyer (University of Exeter)

9.00-10.00 The short term determinants of the adoption of institutional reforms in Western Europe, 1990-2010: an empirical model

Camille Bedock (EUI)

Discussant: Kristjan Vassil (University of Tartu)

10.00-11.00 EU-level Parties as Representative Agents? An Empirical Test of Mair’s Arguments

Edoardo Bressanelli (LUISS University, Rome)

Discussant: David Willumsen (EUI)

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.30 Partyless democracy at the EU Level?

Wojciech Gagatka (University of Warsaw)

Discussant: Corina Stratulat (European Policy Centre, Brussels)

12.30-14.00 Lunch break

Session on “The Quality of Democracy”

Chair: Fernando Casal Bértoa (University of Leiden)

14.00-15.00 Hollow Democracy? Diffused Government Responsibility and a Protesting  
Citizenry

Yvette Peters (Humboldt University)

Discussant: Daniela Piccio (University of Leiden)

15.00-16.00 “Hijacked Governments”: The Impact of Small Coalition Partners on Public  
Policies

Evelyne Hübscher (CEU)

Discussants: Sergi Pardos-Prado (University of Oxford) and Pedro Riera (EUI)

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 – 17.30

Research in honor of Peter Mair

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