



SPS Workshop 3rd term 2012-2013

Political Change in the GIIPS

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11-12 June 2013

Seminar Room 2, Badia Fiesolana

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The aim of this workshop is to understand how the party systems of Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece and Spain, commonly known as PIIGS or GIIPS, 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 are on the verge of disappearing, whereas new political actors have emerged.

More generally, we are witnessing a redefinition of, once relatively stable, cleavages which shape political competition in these countries. 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 country experts and having a debate that involves the broader academic community of the EUI.

Programme

Tuesday, 11 June

09:30 Introductions

10:00 Keynoters: David Farrell and Conor Little (University College Dublin)

Title: Ireland

Discussants: Duncan McDonnell, Aidan Regan (plus 1 PhD student)

11:30 Coffee break

11:45 Keynote: Jonathan Hopkin (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Title: Spain

Discussants: Ramon Marimon, Pedro Riera (plus 1 PhD student)

13:15 Lunch break

14:15 Keynoter: Antonio Costa Pinto and Filipa Raimundo (University of Lisbon)

Title: Portugal

Discussant: Philippe C. Schmitter (plus 2 PhD students)

15.45: General discussion

Wednesday, 12 June

10:00 Keynoter: Takis Pappas (EUI)

Title: Greece

Discussants: Pepper Culpepper (plus 2 PhD students)

11:30 Coffee break

11:45 Keynoter: Luca Verzichelli (University of Siena)

Title: Italy

Discussants: Adrienne Héritier (plus 2 PhD students).

13:15 Lunch break

14:15 **Roundtable:** Stefano Bartolini, Adrienne Héritier, Leonardo Morlino, Donatella della Porta, Pepper Culpepper, Antonio Costa Pinto, Ramon Marimon, Philippe C. Schmitter, Luca Verzichelli, Takis Pappas, David Farrell, Conor Little.

10 credits

Those PhD researchers who want to get credits for the workshop and who have not discussed a paper during the workshop, need to write a 1.000 word commentary on one or more of the papers presented at the workshop. The commentary cannot consist of a draft section of your dissertation or a paper that you have submitted in another seminar. It must be an original piece of work and it should critically engage with the selected papers. Please send your commentaries to the organizers (cc Martina Selmi martina.selmi@eui.eu) till Wednesday, 26 June.