

## **Accademia Fiesolana**

**Compulsory seminar for SPS first-year researchers, 12-19 September 2025**

Accademia Fiesolana is the SPS Department's introductory seminar. Its objective is to familiarize first-year researchers with the research conducted in the SPS Department. The seminar consists of meetings where faculty members present their research interests and share their perspectives on their respective disciplinary subfields. Additionally, there is a session highlighting the department's pluralism, in which two distinct theoretical and methodological approaches to the same topic—identity—are brought together.

### **Schedule**

Analytical and experimental sociology  
12 September, 14:00 – 15:30 Sala del Capitolo  
Professor: Valentina Di Stasio & Arnout van de Rijt

Inequality and social demography  
15 September, 14:00 – 15:30 Sala del Capitolo  
Professors: Herman van de Werfhorst & Juho Härkönen & Léa Pessin

Welfare state and political economy  
16 September, 14:00 -15:30 Sala del Capitolo  
Professors: Waltraud Schelkle & Anton Hemerijck

Comparative politics and political behavior  
17 September, 12:30-14:00 Sala del Capitolo  
Professors: Sascha Riaz, Filip Kostelka, Simon Hix & Kevin Munger

Identity Formation: A Constructivist's Guide  
18 September, 14:00 - 15:30 Sala del Capitolo  
Professors: Jeff Checkel & Elias Dinas

International relations and security  
19 September, 14:00 – 15:30 Sala del Capitolo  
Professors: Stephanie Hofmann & Stefano Guzzini (online)