Workshop: Process Tracing and Path Dependency in the Social Sciences

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Description
Process tracing originated in psychology and more precisely in decision theory. The label has spread across all the social sciences and intense debate have taken place about its specific nature and its relationship with more traditional developmental and historical studies, on the one hand, and its differences with the variable oriented approach in statistical analysis. Path dependence theory was originally developed by economists to explain technology adoption processes and industry evolution. Even in this case, the concept and the associated methodological implications have spread throughout the social sciences. Process tracing and path dependency may be seen as a conceptual reformulation of traditional concerns or as innovative tools for the study of over-time development and the legacy of the past. This workshop primary goal is to critically review the main contributions of this literature in social and political science.

Audience
The seminar is devoted to first and second year researchers, but everybody is welcome.

Requirements
By choosing to take this class you are taking on the obligation to reading all the materials. This workshop is worth 10 credits.

Schedule
Thursday 27 April 10-13 – 14-16
Friday 28 April 10-13 – 14-16

Room
Seminar Room 3

Readings
Readings pertaining to Path Dependency’ (by year of publication)


Additional facultative readings (in alphabetical order)


Readings pertaining to Process Tracing (by year of publication)


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