



Political Conflict in Europe
in the Shadow of the Great Recession



The Political Consequences of the Great Recession Conference, October 10-12, Theatre, Badia Fiesolana

Introduction

This conference marks the concluding phase of the ERC project POLCON, which has been devoted to the study of the political consequences of the Great Recession in the electoral and the protest arena. The goal of the conference is twofold. It provides an opportunity for an exchange between the project members with experts working in the field, and it is an opportunity to take stock of major developments in the field of research on politics in times of crises. In five sessions, members of the POLCON team will introduce key results of the project (30 minutes each), which will then be discussed by two experts based on their own work (15 minutes each), followed by a general discussion (45 minutes). Three round tables (90 minutes each) will be organized to take stock.

Programme

October 10:

18:00-19:30 **Round table 1: The Great Recession – a critical juncture in European politics?**

Chair: Swen Hutter

Participants: Dorothee Bohle, Herbert Kitschelt, Wolfgang Streeck

20.00 Welcome dinner (Piatti e Fagotti, San Domenico di Fiesole)

October 11:

9.00-9:30 Welcome and introduction

9:30-11:15 **Session I: The restructuring of party competition in Europe**

Chair: Edgar Grande

Presentation by the team: Swen Hutter, Argyrios Altiparmakis, Endre Borbath

Commentaries: Elisabeth Ivarsflaten, Zsolt Enyedi

11.15-11.45 Coffee break

11.45-13.30 **Session II: The rise of challenger parties from the left and the right**

Chair: Jasmine Lorenzini

Presentation by the team: Sophia Hunger, Julia Schulte-Cloos, Guillem Vidal

Commentaries: Line Rennwald, Sofia Vasilopoulou

13.30-14.30 Lunch

14.30-16.15 **Session III: The impact of political events and the economy on government popularity**

Chair: Herbert Kitschelt

Presentation by the team: Abel Bojar, Björn Bremer, Chendi Wang

Commentaries: Liisa Talving, Thomas Sattler

16.15-16.45 Coffee break

16:45-18:15 **Round table II: The fate of social democracy in Europe**

Chair: Björn Bremer

Participants: Silja Häusermann, Anton Hemerijck, Philip Manow

20.00 Conference dinner (Osteria Toscanella, Via Toscanella 36r, Firenze)

October 12:

9:15-11:00 **Session IV: Contention in times of crises. Comparing political protest in 30 European countries, 2000-2015**

Chair: Zsolt Enyedi

Presentation by the team: Jasmine Lorenzini, Silja Häusermann, Thomas Kurer

Commentaries: Ondřej Císař, Stefaan Walgrave,

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.15 **Session V: Contentious episodes during the Great Recession**

Chair: Philip Manow

Presentation by the team: Hanspeter Kriesi, Theresa Gessler, Abel Bojar

Commentaries: Mario Diani, Mark Beissinger

13.15-14.15 Lunch

14.15-16.00 **Round table III: Where do we go from here? What is next on the research agenda of the political consequences of crises?**

Chair: Hanspeter Kriesi

Participants: Maurizio Ferrera, Edgar Grande, Sara Hobolt, Brigid Laffan

16.00-16.15 Closing of the conference

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