



IPSA RC02 POLITICAL ELITES NEWSLETTER #4 (Winter 2013)

1. RC02 News

Submissions for the RC02 panels at the 23rd IPSA World Congress in Montréal next summer have resulted in a record number of panels and accepted papers. RC02 will sponsor eight open panels and one closed panel with altogether 47 papers.

2. Upcoming Events

2.1. In Search of European Political Union: An international, interdisciplinary Conference at Utrecht University, 19-21 June 2014



The present economic crisis in the EU makes one thing very clear: European integration is not the result of a preconceived plan. On the contrary, crisis and utter chaos have been constants in its history, and will be in the future. This complex reality urges scholars to delve into EU's twisted origins and its multi-faceted dynamics, in order to better understand what is going on. Assessment of the varied collection of blue prints that colours European integration forms an essential part of this research programme, as the integration process has been under the spell of designs for European Political Union since its days of inception. Such research is multidisciplinary by definition.

The conference 'In Search of European Political Union' aims to bring together scholars from different academic backgrounds and disciplines to discuss issues of European integration. Panels are organised around topical and important themes that cut across various disciplines, including economics, history, law, political science, public administration and sociology. In this way, the conference hopes

to stimulate the exchange of ideas and insights on European integration from different parts of the academic community.

All papers and paper proposals should be in English. Paper proposals should be submitted to one of the 24 panels in the conference. These panels are organized in four thematic streams:

- The Economic Crisis and EMU
- Democratic Governance
- Citizens and Citizenship
- Market and Social union

So, please do not hesitate to send in a paper proposal or have a look at any of the other workshops. The deadline for proposals is **Monday, 6 January 2014** and you can find the program and call on: <http://insearchofepu.eu>.

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To submit a proposal, please send an abstract of no more than 300 words to <mailto:submissions@insearchofepu.eu>. Make sure to indicate the panel for which you would like your proposal to be considered, and to include your name, affiliation and e-mail adress.

Decisions on the acceptance of proposals will be sent out by late January 2014

2.2. NetGloW '14

Bridging Theory and Method: American, European, and Russian Studies

June 27---29, St Petersburg, Russia



The primary goal of the NetGloW conference series is to bring together networks researchers from around the globe. It seeks to unite the efforts of various scientific disciplines in response to the key challenges faced by network studies today, and to exchange local research results – thus allowing an analysis of global processes. It is also crucial for us to support the orientation of junior researchers in

the complex landscape of network science, and to encourage applications of network analysis by practitioners. The idea of the 2014 event is to discuss the key current issues and problems of linking theoretical and methodological developments in network analysis. The structure of the conference: June 27th – workshops and seminars for practitioners; June 28th & 29th – presentations.

Further information about the conference and abstract submission form can be found at <http://www.ngw.spbu.ru> or requested via e-mail: mailto:netglow@spbu.ru.

Abstracts submission deadline: December 24th 2013.

Notifications of acceptance/rejection will be sent on February 17th 2014.

The key topics of the conference include – but are not limited to – the following:

- Words and Networks
- Networks in Science, Technology, and Innovation
- Network Perspectives on Knowledge, Communication and Culture
- Social Movements and Collective Action as Network Phenomena
- Network Analysis of Political and Policy-Making Domains • Big Network Data

2.3. IPSA World Congress 2014, RC02 Panels



<http://www.ipsa.org/events/congress/montreal2014/panels-by-session/accepted/6333/0>

Panel: Diplomats of ideas and networks of norms: how think tanks and foundations are shaping the policy-making

Chair: Xavier Carpentier Tanguy

Papers:

Do networks explain influence? Comparing Foreign Policy Think Tanks in Italy, Germany and the UK

Author: Ms. Anna Longhini

Getting the message across: The role of Brussels-based Think Tanks in the EU decision-making process

Author: Dr. Lorenzo Allio

L'OCDE : think tank ou club idéologique des pays riches?

Author: Dr. Luca Barani

The digital rights and access to knowledge movements: the rise of a networked do-ocracy

Author: Dr. Melanie Dulong de Rosnay

The Role of Interest Groups in US Foreign Policy with Iran

Author: Ms. Mirijam Koch

Panel: Distinctiveness and Transformations of the Political Elites

Chair: Alfredo Joignant

Co-Chair: Bastián González Bustamante

Discussant: Jaime Baeza Freer

Papers:

Are Argentinian deputies as amateurs as we always thought? Considering distributive and informational explanations for political elite and its influence on the Congress

Authors: Ms. Mariana Prats, Ms. Natalia Del Cogliano

Career Trajectories of the Sixth Russian Duma Deputies from the “United Russia” Party: Political and Sociological Analysis

Author: Mr. Ilya Zarankin

Developing an index for comparing elite institutions through an examination of the schools attended by Irish and UK cabinet ministers

Author: Dr. John Hogan

Distinctiveness and Elite-Mass Distinction in Argentina, Chile and Uruguay

Authors: Prof. Alfredo Joignant (presenter), Mr. Bastián González Bustamante (co-author)

Executive careers in multi-level systems: a comparative perspective

Author: Miss Melany Barragan

Panel: Elites and Mass Publics: A Relationship in Crisis?

Chair: Heinrich Best

Discussant: Ursula Hoffmann-Lange

Papers:

Decrease in Political Involvement and Alienation of the ‘Grassroots’ Participants in the Governance Process of Turkey

Author: Mr. Sarp Şamil Dağçınar

Elite and mass trust in new democracies. Is there a crisis?

Author: Dr. Anton Steen

Mass-elite representational congruence: the case of Belgium

Author: Prof. Pierre Baudewyns

Political Elites and the Mass in Russia: the Mediatorial Role of Parliament

Authors: Mr. Andrey Petrov, Mr. Nikita Pichugin

The Elite Paradigm's Prospects

Author: Dr. John Higley

Transformation of the Elite-Mass Relationship in the Context of Deep Economic Fluctuations. The Case of Finland

Author: Prof. Ilkka Ruostetsaari

Panel: Legitimation from the top – (inter)national legitimation strategies in the postnational constellation

Chair: Dominika Biegon

Co-Chair: Jennifer Gronau

Discussant: Falk Lenke

Papers:

Global Monitoring Mechanisms – an Effective Tool for Legitimation Purposes of Political Elites?

Author: Ms. Martina Kühner

Politics of legitimation

Author: Prof. Frank Nullmeier

The Concept of Legitimation in Times of Austerity: Reviewing Debates in State Theory

Author: Prof. Jens Borchert

“We are each unique”: international institutions’ specific legitimation practices

Author: Mrs. Jennifer Gronau

Panel: Methodological aspects of elite studies

Chair: Elena Semenova

Co-Chair: Ursula Hoffmann-Lange

Discussant: Heinrich Best

Papers:

Application of Social Network Analysis in Elite Studies

Author: Ms. Tetiana Kostiuchenko

Coding professions in research with political elites: a methodological and a typological discussion

Authors: Prof. Adriano Codato, Mr. Lucas Massimo, Mr. Luiz Domingos Costa

Cross-National Research with QCA: New Methodological Perspectives in the Study of the Latin American Elites

Author: Mr. Bastián González Bustamante

The use of archives and collective restitution: two ways to reduce the inequality of positions when we study elite.

Author: Dr. meryll david-ismayil

What, how, and why to mix research methods in the study of elites’ career patterns?

Author: Mr. Jérémy Dodeigne

Panel: Political Dynasties : Patterns and Practices

Convenor: Ward Vloeberghs

Chair: Airo Hino

Co-Chair: Marie Brossier

Discussant: Joan Pere Plaza i Font

Papers:

Concurring legitimacies in Southern Lebanon: the case of the two traditional zu'ama families el Zein and el Asaad

Author: Mrs. Judith Daelken-Hamie

Dying with Dynastic Politicians: Who is Voting for Hereditary Candidates in Japan?

Author: Dr. Airo Hino

Dynasties Politiques Brésiliennes: permanence des familles dans la politique l'État du Mato Grosso

Author: Ms. Larissa Arruda

Family Business will not run the State ? Senegal in the political turmoil since Wade

Author: Prof. Marie Brossier

Is political family a key explanation in the political career success of Spanish MPs?

Authors: Mr. Francisco Javier Alarcón González, Mrs. Giselle García-Hípola

Panel: Political Elites and Corruption

Chairs: Pedro Tavares de Almeida & Thierry Dias Coelho

Discussant: Gabriella Ilonszki

Papers:

Challenging Democratization: Post-Communist State Capture

Author: Dr. Theodor Tudoroiu

Elite-Mass Interaction in Anticorruption Discourse: Analysis of Government Manifestos in the Czech Republic and Slovakia

Author: Dr. Miroslav Beblavy, Dr. Emilia Beblava

The EU Prime ministers, corruption scandals and their implications

Author: Ms. Bojana Kocijan

The Rise of Political Scions: Implications for Polity and Governance in India

Author: Dr. Sridhar Raj

Who Pushes the "Revolving Door"? Moving Between Public Office and Private Interests: The Case of Portuguese Ministers (1983-2013) Author: Mr. Thierry Dias Coelho

Panel: Political Representation and Participation in Crisis Europe

Convenor: Prof. Andre Freire, andre.freire@iscte.pt

Chairs: Prof. Andre Freire, Prof. Pablo Onate

Discussant: Prof. Oddbjørn Knutsen

Papers:

Candidate campaigns in comparative perspective: a multi-level analysis

Authors: Prof. Marco Lisi, Dr. José Santana-Pereira

Citizens engagement with Parliaments in Europe through petitions, an evaluation framework
Author: Mr. Tiago Tiburcio

Do women in Parliament make a difference for substantive representation? Ideology and Policy Preferences of Male and Female Prospective MPs in Comparative Perspective
Authors: Prof. Andre Freire, Dr. Ana Espírito-Santo, Miss sofia serra da silva

Levels and Styles of Political Participation in Europe: before and after the 2008 crisis
Author: Prof. José Manuel Leite Viegas, Prof. conceição Pequito, Miss Inês Amador

The impact of the economic crisis on the ideological space in Portugal, Spain and Greece: A comparison of elites and voters
Authors: Dr. Emmanouil Tsatsanis, Prof. Andre Freire, Dr. IOANNIS TSIRMPAS

«Party Identification and Anti-Party Sentiments before and after the 2008 crisis: Southern Europe in comparative Perspective»
Author: Prof. conceição Pequito

Panel: Types of Political Elites Yesterday and Today

Chair: John Higley

Discussant: Jan Pakulski

Papers:

Do We Really Need a Universally Accepted Elite Typology?

Author: Dr. Ursula Hoffmann-Lange

LA TRANSGRESSION DES FRONTIERES SYMBOLIQUES AU SEIN DES ELITES

Author: Mr. BASTIEN AMIEL

Liberal thinkers taking care of the political elite: François Guizot, Friedrich A. Hayek, John Rawls, three visions of democracy
Author: Dr. Olivia Leboyer

Okinawa Hands in America and Japan

Author: Mr. Jacob Rabas

Political Elites in BRIC countries: structure, models of recruitment and rotation

Author: Prof. Oxana Gaman-Golutvina

Democracy, Autocracy, and the News: The Impact of Regime Type on Media Freedom

Author: Mr. Sebastian Stier

3. Recent Events: 7th ECPR General Conference, Science Po, Bordeaux, September 4-7, 2013

Section: Elites and Transatlantic Crisis

Chairs: Ursula Hoffmann-Lange, Heinrich Best & John Higley

Panels:

Advanced Research Methods for Elite Studies (Chair: Elena Semenova)

Critical Junctures in Democracy Promotion: A New Perspective on the Role of External Actors in Processes of Regime Change (Chairs: Jonas Wolff, Solveig Richter & Jørgen Møller)

Elite Theory and Empirical Elite Research Amid Transatlantic Crisis (Chairs: Ursula Hoffmann-Lange & Oxana Gaman-Golutvina)

Elite Turnover in Times of Crisis (Chairs: Patrick Dumont & Hanna Bäck)

European Elites and the Economic-Political Crisis (Chairs: Maurizio Cotta & Heinrich Best)

Political Leadership in Times of Crisis (Chairs: John Higley & Jan Pakulski)

The Rise of Technocrats: Europe and Latin America in Comparison (Chairs: Pedro Tavares De Almeida & António Costa Pinto)

All seven panels were well-attended and the presentations were followed by lively discussions. About one third of the papers were either uploaded on the ECPR website or are available upon request. Please contact ursula.hoffmann-lange@uni-bamberg.de if you are interested in any one of the papers presented.



4. New Publications

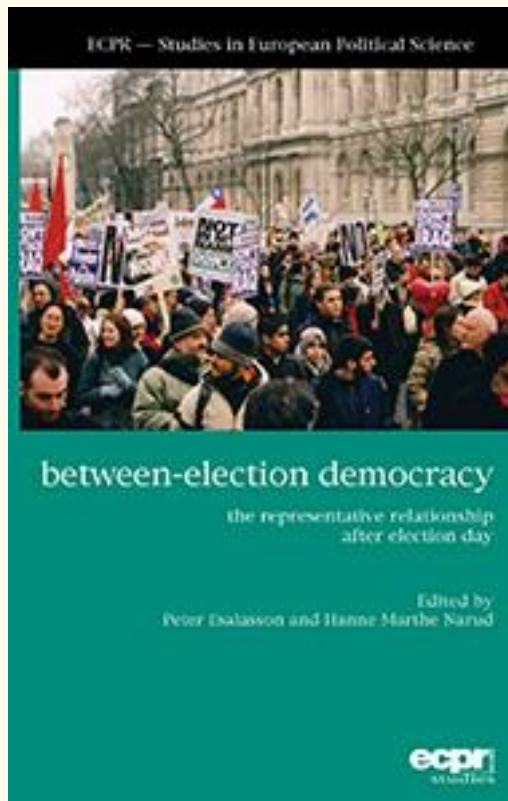
4.1. Articles (English only)

López, Matias, 2013: Elite Theory. *Sociopedia.isa* 2013 (<http://www.sagepub.net/isa/admin/free-articles.aspx>)

Ilkka Ruostetsaari: Opening the Inner Circle of Power: Circulation among the Finnish Elites in the Context of Major Societal Changes 1991-2011. "Comparative Sociology", Vol. 12: 255-288.

Słomczynski, Kazimierz M.; Wesolowski, Włodzimierz; Tomescu-Dubrow, Irina, 2013: Locus of Territorial Attachments. *International Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 4 (2): 70-92.

4.2. Books



Narud, Hanne Marthe, Peter Esaiasson (eds.), 2013: *Between-Election Democracy*. Colchester: ECPR Press 2013

About the Book:

Acknowledging the elitist character of representative democracy, this book seeks new approaches to empirical studies on the relationship between citizens and their elected representatives. Focusing on the way representatives and citizens interact during mandate periods between elections, it integrates research literatures that study representative parallel relationships; it identifies new research questions; and it suggests a new understanding of the key concept 'responsiveness'.

'Traditional political representation research focuses mainly on elections as instruments of representative democracy. In theory, voters can bring public policy in line with their preferences by voting for parties and representatives that share their policy views. But they

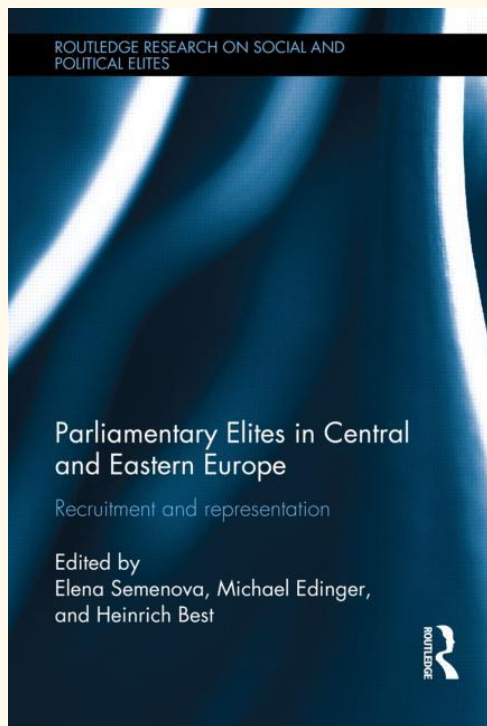
can do so only once every four or five years. For the effectiveness of political representation, it is at least as important how responsive political representatives are in the long periods between elections and which mechanisms make them more or less responsive.

This book makes an important and original contribution to the literature on political representation by studying the effectiveness of these mechanisms between elections. Esaiasson and Narud's extremely timely volume is a must-read for anyone interested in the normative and empirical aspects of political representation.'

Jacques Thomassen, Emeritus Professor of Political Science, University of Twente

'This book brings a novel and integrating perspective to non-electoral representative democracy. While research has documented the crude nature of the electoral instrument – although distributing legitimacy, mandate and punishment – the literature on representative processes between elections rarely conceptualizes their overarching, supplementary impact. The authors examine the rich toolbox available to citizens and representatives to gain guidance and establish limitations for responsive, everyday government. They refine our theoretical understanding and extend our empirical knowledge of the behavioural and communicative processes central to representative, but elitist democracy.

Knut Heidar, Professor, Institutt for Statsvitenskap, University of Oslo



Parliamentary Elites in Central and Eastern Europe. Recruitment and Representation

Edited by Elena Semenova, Michael Edinger, Heinrich Best

Routledge – 2014 – 322 pages

Series: Routledge Research on Social and Political Elites

Hardback: 978-0-415-84346-1: \$135 / £80 (20% discount code: LRK69)

Abstract:

Legislators are entrusted with key parliamentary functions and are important figures in the decision-making process. Their behaviour as political elites is as much responsible for the failures and successes of the new democracies as their institutional designs and constitutional reforms. This book provides a comparative examination of representative elites and their role in democratic development in post-communist Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). It argues that as the drivers of the transformation process in CEE, individual and collective parliamentary actors matter. The authors provide an in-depth analysis of representatives from eleven national parliaments and explore country-specific features of recruitment and representation. They draw on an integrated dataset of parliamentary elites for individual, party family, and parliamentary variables over the 20 years following the collapse of Communism and develop a common framework for the analysis of variations in democratisation and political professionalisation between parliaments and political parties/party families across CEE. This unique volume will be of interest to students and scholars of comparative politics, elite research, post-communist politics, democratisation, legislative studies, and parliamentary representation.



Jean-Pascal Daloz: Rethinking Elite Distinction

Hardcover: 240 pages

Publisher: Palgrave Macmillan (September 25, 2013)

The analysis of social distinction cannot indefinitely remain confined to logics of reasoning that are markedly ethnocentric. To understand many manifestations, past and present, of superiority, we need to do more than just apply the allegedly ubiquitous schemes of Veblen or Bourdieu.

The time for abstract universalising grand theories is over. What is required instead is an inductive approach which starts from the realities of an ever more global field and aims at developing models of interpretation that are sensitive to the whole array of observable attitudes.

This book, which is a follow up to the critical enterprise initiated in *The Sociology of Elite Distinction*, provides new foundations for the comparative study of this important subject. It is a must-read for social scientists and beyond.

‘Daloz pushes the analysis of status distinction to a level it has never before achieved. Rethinking Social Distinction bristles with empirical insight and theoretical sophistication.’

— Jeffrey C. Alexander, Lillian Chavenson Saden Professor of Sociology, Yale University, USA

‘This careful and nuanced comparative approach to the study of distinction is an excellent antidote to the all-too-common universalistic models current in the field.’

— Colin Campbell, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, University of York, UK

‘J.-P. Daloz’s remarkably informed analysis demonstrates how rigorous qualitative sociology can be. This is a most welcome contribution to those pioneering developments in some quarters of the French social sciences fortunately moving away from the normative perspectives of the previous decades.’

— Nathalie Heinich, CNRS Research Professor, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France