
The rise of political extremism in and out of parliaments



PADEMIA PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE

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Conference Room (1st floor)

About PADEMIA

The motivation of PADEMIA is to establish a Europe-wide and sustainable network of 56 academic institutions from 31 countries to promote research and teaching in reaction to growing European demands to study parliamentary democracy in Europe.

PADEMIA seeks to enhance discussion among students, junior and senior researchers, also in exchange with stakeholders, on how to deal with the new challenges parliaments and citizens across Europe are facing today. The network responds to the "Future of Europe" report which identifies "(t)he on-going sovereign debt crisis and the ever accelerating process of globalization (as) an unprecedented dual challenge for Europe"; but also addresses the implications the Lisbon Treaty and further formal agreements (e.g., Fiscal Compact) have for parliamentary democracy in Europe whose complex, multi-level character furthermore requires thorough and comprehensive reflection.

Until September 2016, we will organize manifold different events, such as workshops, PhD Schools, and a Guest Lecture Series. Moreover, Online Lectures, the Website, our Online Paper Series, and Online Tutorials will allow for active digital interaction within the Network and beyond. Research, Teaching and Student awards will help to identify, reward and spread best practices and innovative research in the field.

About the workshop

Memories of the 1930s inform much contemporary political commentary on the impact of economic hard times on political extremism. Indeed, support for anti-system parties – defined as explicitly advocating the overthrow of a country's political system– has been considerably growing during the period of financial crisis culminating in extreme right-wing parties' gaining parliamentary representation, while new modes of non-electoral protest, with a clear anti-parliamentary rhetoric, have recently become common in many European countries. This workshop will: (a) present empirical research on the rise of extremism in and out of parliaments; (b) test theoretical interpretations of this rise on the grounds of difficult economic conditions against other sets of explanations which have been suggested; (c) identify similarities between those different expressions of extremism –in or out of parliaments– as far as their political discourse, mobilization forms and communication framing are concerned.

Programme

Thursday, 2 October 2014

17:00-17:15 Welcome

17:15-18:45 Panel 1: The unstoppable (?) shift towards the extremes at the mass and the elite level

The Resurrection of Radical Political Movements

Andrei Taranu, National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Romania

Claudiu Craciun, National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Romania

Preventing Extremism: Reframing Pro-social Messages with Moral Foundations Theory

Andrej Findor, Comenius University, Slovakia

Is Winter Coming? Current Political Discourses on Immigration and Minorities Among Dutch MPs

Pedro Roco, Leiden University, The Netherlands

Robin van der Zee, Leiden University, The Netherlands

19:00 Dinner

Friday, 3 October 2014

10:00-11:30 Panel 2: Is unconventional political participation always extreme?

Conventional and Radical Political Action
Antonis Ellinas, University of Cyprus, Cyprus
Iasonas Lamprinou, University of Cyprus, Cyprus

Anti-Austerity Protest in Greece: Exploring the Drivers and Evolution of the Movement

Georgios Karyotis, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom
Wolfgang Rudig, University of Strathclyde, United Kingdom

Frame Disputes in the Greek Indignados
Paris Aslanidis, University of Macedonia, Greece

11:30-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-13:30 Panel 3: Pushed to the extremes? The electoral consequences of financial crisis in Greece

Voting for non-extremists: SYRIZA's rise in Greece
Myrto Tsakatika, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom

Does crisis produce the rise of the extreme right? Systemic breakdown, Nationalism and Varieties of support

Daphne Halikiopoulou, University of Reading, United Kingdom
Sofia Vassilopoulou, University of York, United Kingdom

Reputation Building: Explaining the Electoral success of right-wing extremism in Greece

Elias Dinas, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
Vasiliki Georgiadou, Panteion University, Greece
Iannis Konstantinidis, University of Macedonia, Greece
Lamprini Rori, University of Paris I, France

13:30-14:00 Light Lunch & Farewell