

# MIPSA

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## Thursday, April 3-8:00 am

### 1-4 IMMIGRATION AND PUBLIC OPINION IN EUROPE (Co-sponsored with European Politics, see 7-1)

**Room** Empire on the Lobby Level, Thur at 8:00 am

**Chair** **Rafaela Dancygier**, *Princeton University*  
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#### **Paper** One of Us: Identity and Immigration in the Netherlands

This paper focuses on the immigration debate in the Netherlands. Drawing on original survey research, the paper aims to show the effect which priming respondents about their national identity has on their views of immigrants and immigration policy.

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#### **Paper** Comparative Study of Media Effects in the EU: The Immigration Issue and Public Opinion in Ireland and France

This paper focuses on comparative media effects on European public opinion through an examination of the agenda-setting functions of print media in Ireland and France on the issue of immigration.

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#### **Paper** Public Opinion Towards Immigration: A Heterogeneous Approach

By using cognitive interviews to reveal what is understood by the concept of immigration in Germany, this paper suggests differentiating across immigrant groups in survey questions to avoid possible biases related to a general immigration question.

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#### **Paper** The Impact of Increased Diversity on Support for the European Welfare State

Is support for the Western European welfare state contingent upon who the perceived recipients are? Using comparative survey data, this paper examines the impact of increased heterogeneity on public support for social assistance.

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### 1-13 VOTER TURNOUT: THE CUTTING EDGE IN SURVEY QUESTIONS (Co-sponsored with Methodology, see 36-1)

**Room** Red Lacquer on the 4th Floor, Thur at 8:00 am

**Chair** **Christopher H. Achen**, *Princeton University*  
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#### **Paper** The Study of Turnout: Measurement Issues

The paper examines the merits and limits of various question wordings for three central concepts for the study of why people decide to vote or abstain in an election--preferences, duty, and decisiveness.

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#### **Paper** Beyond Probit and Logit: Better Statistical Tools for the Study of Turnout

Statistical analyses of voter turnout are plagued with problems of unknown functional form, unobserved variables, and unit heterogeneity. We show that recent statistical advances and improved data offer improvements to existing estimates.

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**Jan Leighley**, *University of Arizona*  
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#### **Paper** Voter Registration as a Rational Expectation: The Statistical Implications for Studying Turnout

This paper explains how new panel survey designs might be combined with appropriate statistical estimators to give better answers to the impact of duty on turnout.

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#### **Paper** Correcting for Survey Misreports Using Auxiliary Information: A Re-Examination of Voter Turnout

Misreporting is a problem that plagues researchers that use survey data. We develop a model that corrects for misreporting using some auxiliary information via MCMC techniques.

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- Paper** **The Relationship Between Interracial Contact and People's Support for Democracy in South Africa**  
 Although the literature shows strong group identities undermine the chance of successful democratization, this paper argues that interracial contact can effectively moderate the negative effect of strong identities.  
**Satoshi Machida**, *University of Nebraska, Kearney*  
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- Paper** **Kenyan Society, Women's Rights, and Kenyan Democracy: Are They Compatible?**  
 This paper examines the Kenyan constitutional reform process and the question of women's rights. To what extent are the Kenyan constitutional reform efforts consistent with societal beliefs on the proper role of women?  
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- 5-3** **INSTITUTIONAL INFLUENCES ON PARTY AFFILIATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND DISCIPLINE**
- Room** UEH 407 on the 4th Floor, Fri at 12:45 pm  
**Chair** **Jeffrey A. Jenkins**, *University of Virginia*  
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- Paper** **Party Formation and Changes of Party Affiliation Among Legislators: The United States and Great Britain in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries**  
 We compare factors within and outside of the legislative arena that influenced legislators' decisions to change party affiliations in Great Britain and the United States in 19th and early 20th centuries.  
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**Timothy P. Nokken**, *Texas Tech University*  
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- Paper** **Modeling Predictors of Party Influence on Legislators**  
 I utilize a newer technique to evaluate the magnitude of behavioral changes in the voting behavior of Brazilian legislators who switch parties.  
**Scott W. Desposato**, *University of California, San Diego*  
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- Paper** **Equal Access for All? Electoral Laws and Party System Size in Western Democracies**  
 I demonstrate that electoral laws, such as ballot access rules and party finance regulations, can affect party system size by altering the incentives for new parties to contest elections and by affecting the potential vote shares of small parties.  
**Robin E. Best**, *Leiden University*  
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- Paper** **Legislative Party Development in Emerging Democracies: Comparing the Russian Duma, Ukrainian Rada, and U.S. Congress**  
 We investigate how parties emerge in the legislative arenas in newer democracies. We are especially interested in party cohesion and discipline.  
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- Disc.** **William B. Heller**, *Binghamton University*  
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- 6-6** **VOTING IN YOUNG AND EMERGING DEMOCRACIES**
- Room** PDR 16 on the 5th Floor, Fri at 12:45 pm  
**Chair** **Colin Rallings**, *University of Plymouth*  
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- Paper** **The Dynamics of Korean Presidential Election: Change in Reasoning Process**  
 This study aims to explain why Korea's presidential elections have become more dynamic recently, focusing on the changes in the working process of voters' heuristics. Using survey data on Korea's presidential election, I will analyze the changes.  
**Ji-Yeon Hong**, *Seoul National University*  
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- Paper** **What's in Voters' Minds?: Economic Conditions and Social Identity In Korean and Taiwanese Elections**  
 This paper explores when and why economic conditions and social identity affect individual vote choice in Korean and Taiwanese elections by utilizing symbolic politics and information processing models.  
**Eunjung Choi**, *University of South Florida*  
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- Paper** **Political Party Decline in Turkey: The Growth of Independent Voter?**  
 Political partisanship has been in decline in Turkey. Despite the possibility of instability, this decline made party government possible since the elections of 2002. This paper discusses the characteristics of independent voters.  
**Saban Taniyici**, *Indiana University*  
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- Paper** **Political Cleavage and Regional Voting in Young Democracies in the Recent Korean Elections**  
 Theories of voting behavior in new democracies are heavily underdeveloped. Based on Korean regional voting, this paper tries to fill this gap by presenting a possible alternative model for voting behavior in new democracies: political cleavage model.  
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- Disc.** **Chen Pao Chou**, *Hamline University*  
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- 7-5** **QUALITY OF NATIONAL DEMOCRACY AND THE EU**
- Room** UEH 400 on the 4th Floor, Fri at 12:45 pm  
**Chair** **Catherine Eunice De Vries**, *Leiden University*  
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- Paper** **Facing the Consequences: Government Strategies and EU Constitutional Treaty**  
 The paper looks at EU referendums and analysis what happens if they are rejected and under which conditions governments try to utilize this uncertainty in their campaign. In a formal model I analyze the strategies and tests them on time series data.  
**Hartmut Lenz**, *University of Oxford*  
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- Paper** **EU Issue Voting and the Quality of Democracy**  
 In some EU member states voters let their national vote choice be co-determined by their EU attitudes, while in others such an impact is absent. This paper addresses the consequences of these differences for the quality of democracy within the EU.  
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