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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

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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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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** **Young People and Political Participation: A Comparative Study of New Zealand and Taiwan**
This study examines young people's political and civic engagement in an established democracy (New Zealand) and in a new democracy (Taiwan) using extant theories to provide a glimpse of the political behaviour of young Taiwanese and New Zealanders.
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- Paper** **Contextual Explanations to Protest Behavior: A Cross-National Analysis**
The paper aims to analyze protest behavior on a multilevel basis. After assessing the effects of individual incentives on political protest, we focus on contextual explanations for the resulting cross-country differences in these effects.
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- Paper** **Democratic Norms, Evaluations of Institutions, and Modes of Political Participation in Latin America: Who Becomes Protesters, Community Activists, and Campaigners?**
Using data from the 2005 Latinobarometer, I build a comprehensive model of the determinants of the modes of political participation in Latin America. I focus on the role of democratic values, diffuse support, and fundamental political values.
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- 8-4** **THE POLITICS OF REDISTRIBUTION IN LATIN AMERICA**
- Room** PDR 16 on the 5th Floor, Thur at 12:45 pm
- Paper** **Dealing with Poverty: Change and Continuity in Argentine's Social Policies**
Despite current changes in perspectives and actors within state social areas, Argentine's social policy do not seem to have experienced much change compared with the ones of the 90s. This paper addresses the factors that account for this continuity.
Luisina Perelmiter, *Northwestern University*
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- Paper** **Bottom-up Policy Diffusion in Brazil: From Local to National Emulation**
This paper examines vertical policy diffusion processes in Brazil's federal system through a case study of conditional cash transfer programs, known as Bolsa Escola & Bolsa Família.
Natasha Borges Sugiyama, *University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee*
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- Paper** **(Re)Shaping the Political Arena? The Politics of Social Security Reform in Latin America**
Explains variation among social policy reforms in Latin America through interactions between institutional design of social security systems, patterns of initial working-class incorporation, and impacts of authoritarian regimes on party structures.
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- Disc.** **Frank P. Le Veness**, *St. John's University, New York*
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- 8-6** **RACE, GENDER AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS**
- Room** Suite 11-150 on the 11th Floor, Thur at 12:45 pm
- Paper** **Neoliberalism and the Rise of Indigenous Political Parties in Latin America**
The study offers an explanation for the rise of indigenous movement-based political parties in Bolivia and Ecuador that focuses on the role of different political opportunity structures and the development of internal movement resources.
Jennifer Noelle Collins, *University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point*
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- Paper** **Indigenous Peoples, Mobilization, and Globalization: Is Timing Everything?**
When faced with citizenship regime changes by the neo-liberal state, indigenous peoples mobilized more successfully when the extent of technological globalization was greater, as this allowed for communications networks to spread international norms.
Lindsay Green-Barber, *City University of New York*
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- Paper** **The Phenomenon of Failed Presidencies in the Bolivian Context**
This paper analyzes the phenomenon of failed presidencies in the Bolivian context. It considers institutional, normative and participatory factors contributing to the failure of presidents to finish their terms in office.
Miguel A. Buitrago, *GIGA-Institute of Latin American Studies*
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- Paper** **An Analysis of the Recent Transformations and Decline of the Piqueteros**
I argue that the decline in the levels of competition within the structure of the Peronist party have both diversified the internal organization of the piquetero movement and produced a reduction in the mobilizing efforts of the movement
Aldo Fernando Ponce, *University of Houston*
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- Paper** **Grounding Blackness: The Politics of Afro-Latin Land Rights**
This article examines the experiences of rural Afro-Latin American communities to address the variations in collective land titling outcomes.
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- 9-9** **CORRUPTION AND REFORM IN EAST ASIA**
- Room** UEH 402 on the 4th Floor, Thur at 12:45 pm
- Paper** **The Politics of Finance in Reform-Era China**
The paper examines the politics of finance in China during its reform era. It explores the political philosophy behind major political priority shifts of the central leadership and their impacts on investment distribution over China's reform process.
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- Paper** **A Resistance? The Anti-Corruption Movement in Taiwan in 2006**
Using the 2006 Anti-Corruption Movement as an illustration, this paper investigates the (im)possibility of resistance to the formation of Taiwanese national identity as a form of domination.
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