

Blended Intensive Programme

Nova University of Lisbon, University of Pisa and University of Valencia

Party Change and the Challenges of Political Representation in the 21st Century

Academic year 2024|2025

Week 1 (online):

Session 1 | 2.6.2025 | 11:12h (CEST)

Workshop kick-off: opening session and introduction

Session 2 | 5.6.2025 | 14:16h (CEST)

The complicated relationship between political parties and technocracy, Davide Vittori (University of Valencia)

Session 3 | 6.6.2025 | 14:16h (CEST)

Digital and Emotional Democracy, Melany Barragán (University of Valencia)

Link for online sessions: <https://videoconf-colibri.zoom.us/j/9324446413>

Week 2 (University of Pisa)

Session 4 | 16.6. 2025 | tbc

Welcome and group work

Study Visit, Florence | 17.6.2025

10-12h, Historical Institute of the Resistance in Tuscany
(<https://www.istoresistenzatoscana.it/>)

14-15.30h, Palazzo Vecchio (guided tour)

Session 5 | 18.6.2025 | 10-12h

The personalization of politics and party leadership, Marco Lisi (Nova University of Lisbon)

Session 6 | 18.6.2025 | 14:16h

The challenges of new parties in the age of populism, Marco Lisi (Nova University of Lisbon)

Session 7 | 19.6.2025 | 10:12h

Do parties converge? Evidence from Europe (1970-2020), Beniamino Masi (University of Padua)

Session 8 | 19.6.2025 | 14:16h

Italian Parties and Party Systems (1994-2022): a quasi-experimental analysis of party change, Eugenio Pizzimenti (University of Pisa)

Session 9 | 20.6.2025 | 10:12h

Working paper presentation and discussion

Session 10 | 20.6.2025 | 14-16h

Working paper presentation and discussion

Evaluation

Short group essay (1500 words). Each group will consist of 2-3 members, and the topic should be coordinated with the instructor.

Due Dates:

- Presentation & Discussion: Session 9, 10 (20th June, Friday)
- Final Submission: Updated essay to be emailed by 30th June

Readings

Week 1

- Caramani, D. (2017). Will vs. Reason: The Populist and Technocratic Forms of Political Representation and Their Critique to Party Government. *American Political Science Review* 111(1): 54–67.
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- De Blasio, E. & Selva, D. (2019). Emotions in the Public Sphere: Networked Solidarity, Technology and Social Ties. In Fox, B. (ed.) *Emotions and Loneliness in a Networked Society*, 13-44.

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Week 2

- Lobo, Marina Costa. «Party and Electoral Leadership». In *The Oxford Handbook of Political Leadership*, R. A. W. Rhodes & Paul 't Hart (eds), 362–75. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014.
- Lucardie, P. «Prophets, purifiers and prolocutors. Towards a theory on the emergence of new parties». *Party Politics* 6, n.º 2 (2000): 175–85.
- Pizzimenti E., Calossi E., Cicchi L. and B. Masi (2022), *Do parties converge? An empirical analysis of party organizational and policy issue saliency change in Western Europe (1970–2010)*. JOURNAL OF CONTEMPORARY EUROPEAN STUDIES, ISSN: 1478-2804, doi: 10.1080/14782804.2022.2119215
- Pizzimenti E., Masi B. and L. Luperi Baglini, *Party Organizational Development: An Analytical Framework*. ITALIAN POLITICAL SCIENCE, ISSN 2420-8434