

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Comparative Agendas Project

Barcelona, 2024

PROGRAM

Wednesday, 12 June 2024

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	VENUE
13:00 - 14:00	Welcome Lunch	Room 24.S18 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Basement)
14:00 - 15:45	<p>SESSION 1</p> <p>Panel 1. <i>Campaign Dynamics and Voter Behavior: Insights from Political Pledges and Issue Importance.</i></p> <p>Chair and discussant: Christian Breunig</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Election Pledges by US Political Parties: trends and patterns during 1948-2024 – Petia Kostadinova, EJ Fagan, Andrea Manning, Mine Tafolar Responsive Voters? The Effect of Political Campaign Dynamics on Individual Issue Importance – Mona Krewel, Emiliano Grossman, Shaun Bevan Folk Memory: Election Pledge Recall and Retrospective Vote Choice – Fraser McMillan 	<p>Room 24.009 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Ground Floor)</p>
	<p>Panel 2. <i>Policy Analysis and Computational Linguistics I.</i></p> <p>Chair and discussants: Xavier Fernández-i-Marín and Alison Craig</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> New adventures with the Babel Machine: Comparing automated CAP coding results to Manifesto and sentiment classification - Miklos Seblök Mental Health Agendas: Decoding Mental Health Policy Using Computational Linguistics – Luca Bernardi, Camilo Cristancho, Daniel Bowman Using Large Language Models for the Automated Content Coding of Policy Documents – Marcello Carammia, Stefano Iacus Labeling Laws and Bills on the Basis of Consolidated Legislation Data – Dariusz Stolicki, Łukasz Wordliczek, Daria Boratyn 	<p>Room 24.013 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Ground Floor)</p>

Panel 3.***Political Parties: Examining Radical Left Influence, Youth Wing Dynamics, and Gender Equality Challenges.*****Room 24.021**Building Mercè Rodoreda 24
(Ground Floor)**Chair and discussant: Zsolt Boda**

1. The influence of Radical left parties on parliamentary activities – **Eva Hoxha**
2. Copycat kids? Policy positions and priorities of youth wings and their parent party – **Henrik Seeberg, Poljak Željko**
3. Women's issues for populist radical right parties in Southern Europe – **Alice Cavalieri, Elisabetta De Giorgi, Anna Palau**

15:45 - 16:15 *Coffee-Break***Room 24.S18** (Basement)
Building Mercè Rodoreda 2416:15 - 18:00 **SESSION 2****Panel 4.*****Online Political Advertising and Engagement.*****Room 24.013**Building Mercè Rodoreda 24
(Ground Floor)**Chair and discussant: Helene Helboe Pedersen, Željko Poljak and Annelise Russell**

1. All talk, no action? Examining Politicians' Substantive Policy Actions in Response to Online User Engagement – **Poljak Željko, Annelise Russell**
2. Beyond Parliament: The Impact of Social Media Use on Politicians' Visibility in Mass Media – **Daniel Møller Eriksen, Gunnar Thesen, Tevfik Murat Yildirim**
3. U.S. Senators' Tweets: The Tweets of Single-Minded Seekers of Donations – **Annelise Russell, Stephanie Davis**
4. A Likeable Message. Do Representative Appeals Increase Visibility on Facebook? – **Henrick Seeberg and Helene Helboe Pedersen**

Panel 5.***Legislative Processes and Government Structure.*****Room 24.021**Building Mercè Rodoreda 24
(Ground Floor)**Chair and discussant: EJ Fagan and Marcello Carammia**

1. The Landscape of Lawmaking – **John Wilkerson and Andreu Casas**
2. Rent-seeking behavior in the Spanish parliament: an analysis based on the budget law – **Anna Palau**
3. Congressional Oversight and the Regulatory Agenda – **Connor Dye**

Panel 6.***Media Studies and Political Reporting.*****Room 24.009**Building Mercè Rodoreda 24
(Ground Floor)**Chair and discussants: Stefaan Walgrave and Amber Boydstun**

1. Favourable news? A comparative study of issue ownership and party support – **Cristopher Green-Pedersen, Peter Mortensen, Gunnar Thesen**
2. Who Takes the Lead? A Longitudinal Content Analysis of Newspapers and European Parliament Plenary Debates about EU-China Trade Relations (2001-2020) - **Xiaoyang Zhao, Rens Vliegthart, Knut De Swert, Mark Boukes**
3. Catching Fire: Media Firestorms and Police Use of Deadly Force – **Amber Boydstun, Jill Laufer, Noah Smith, Dallas Card**

18:15 - 19:30	Special Session 1. Talk with the Journal editors.	Room 24.009 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Ground Floor)
	Chair: Emiliano Grossman	
	Participants: Anne Rasmussen and Isabel Engeli	
	This is a special panel designed specifically for PhD students and junior postdocs. The session will feature editors from various academic journals who will share their experiences and insights. This provides an invaluable opportunity for early-career researchers to gain a better understanding of the publication process, receive advice on submitting their work, and learn about common pitfalls to avoid. Participants will have the chance to ask questions and engage directly with experienced editors, gaining practical knowledge that can aid in their academic publishing endeavors.	
18:30	Special Session 2. Visit to the Parliament of Catalonia.	Parc de la Ciutadella, s/n, 08003 Barcelona
	The maximum capacity is 30 people. (Attendance will be on a first-come, first-served basis)	In case you are interested please register here

Thursday, 13 June 2024

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	VENUE
09:00 - 10:45	SESSION 3 Panel 7. <i>Interest Groups and Political Participation I.</i> Chair and discussant: Frank Baumgartner <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Impact of Corporate Philanthropy on U.S. Think Tank Agendas – EJ Fagan, Alexander Furnas Who Leads and Who Follows? Citizens, Interest groups and Policy-makers – Anne Rasmussen, Andreu Casas, Gregory Eady Interest Group Representation in Political Debates. Understanding who speaks for whom - Laura Chaqués Bonafont and Xavier Fernández-i-Marín 	Room 24.009 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Ground Floor)
	Panel 8. <i>Climate Policy and International Relations.</i> Chair and discussant: Shaun Bevan <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Meaning making of environmental and climate justice in Swiss mass media – Jessica Lang and Laura Gatto The Supply Side Politics of Climate Change Mitigation: Evidence From Deployment of Wind Energy by Danish Local Governments - Carsten Berthram, Michael Hankinson, Martin Vinæs Larsen, Asya Magazinnik, Peter Mortensen Agenda Setting for Climate Adaptation: A Comparative Study of Media, Politics, and Policy in the Netherlands and the UK – Denise Roth, Robbert Biesbroek, Art Dewulf, Sanne Kruike-meier, de Leur, Mariken van der Velden Climate Policy Reform Strategies and Corporate Lobbying in the European Union – Karl Møller 	Room 24.104 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (First Floor)

10:45 - 11:15	<i>Coffee-Break</i>	Room 24.S18 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Basement)
11:15 - 13:00	<p>SESSION 4</p> <p>Panel 10. <i>Agenda Setting across venues and countries.</i></p> <p>Chair and discussant: Olga Litvyak and Juan Vieria</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conflict and crisis in Afghanistan: contemporary United States role in the new great game of Asia pacific – Farhan Khalid 2. Punctuated Equilibrium in a Global South Geopolitical Sea: An Analysis of Colombia's Treaty Dynamics (1822- 2022) – Juan Guillermo Vieira, Jasbleidy Pirazán 3. Dynamics of Presidential Agendas in Russia: 2012-2024 – Olga Litvyak, Andrey Shadurskiy 4. Who Sets the Agenda? Diplomatic Capital and Small State Influence in the United Nations 	Room 24.021 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Ground Floor)
	<p>Panel 11. <i>Policy Analysis and Computational Linguistics II.</i></p> <p>Chair and discussant: Miklos Sebok</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ideological dimensions in the 21st century Latin America: A semantic scaling of presidential speeches – Camilo Cristancho 2. What kinds of emotions are mobilized by different policy fields? A text mining analysis of parliamentary speeches – Zsolt Boda, Orsolya Ring 3. Measuring the Novelty of Policy Ideas with Text Embeddings – Alison Craig, D. Dereck Epp, Cheyenne Lee 4. Building Policy Portfolios: contemporary challenges and opportunities – Xavier Fernández i Marín 	Room 24.009 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Ground Floor)
13:00 - 14:00	<p>Lunch at the Jardí de les Aigües <i>(Right in front the venue of the conference)</i></p> <p>GROUP PHOTO</p>	Jardí de les Aigües Building Ramon Turró

14:00 - 15:45	SESSION 5 Panel 12. <i>Policy Responsiveness and Public Opinion.</i>	Room 24.009 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Ground Floor)
	Chair and discussant: Anne Rasmussen and Tevfik Murat Yildirim <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is Policy Responsiveness Stronger with Changes in Immigration Attitudes? – Grace Morris 2. The perceived quality of public opinion and policy responsiveness. A study of political representatives in 12 countries – Stefaan Walgrave, Julie Sevenans, Bart Maes, Emmi Verleyen 3. Hail Mary Pass: Navigating Issue Attention Amidst Low Approval Polls” – Poljak Željko, Bart Maes 	
	Panel 13. <i>Interest Groups and Political Participation II.</i>	Room 24.013 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Ground Floor)
	Chair and discussant: Beth Leech <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parliamentary appearances: to what extent interest groups policy arguments are increasingly divided? – Luz Muñoz, Camilo Cristancho, Andreu Rodilla, Anna Palau 2. Follow the Leader: How the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Follows and Foreshadows the Government’s Policy Agenda – Xinwei Chen 3. Political Contributions, Negative Agenda Power, and Labor Union Politics – Dereck Epp, Daniel Little 	
	Panel 14. <i>Coalition Agreements and Government Dynamics.</i>	Room 24.021 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Ground Floor)
	Chair and discussants: Christoffer Green-Pedersen and Petia Kostadinova <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Degrees of government turnover and changes in issue attention – Studying issue dynamics in coalition agreements in Israel, the Netherlands, and Norway – Ilana Shpaizman, Amnon Cavari, Gerard Breeman, Arco Timmermans, Jon Bøe Valgermo, Jens Jungblut 2. Safeguarding the status quo in coalition agreements – Jens Jungblut, Ilana Shpaizman, Jon Bøe Valgermo 3. Voter Perceptions of Legislative Productivity in Coalition Governments – Kendall Curtis 	
15:45 - 16:15	<i>Coffee-Break</i>	Room 24.S18 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Basement)

16:15 - 17:45	SESSION 6 Panel 15. <i>Agenda Dynamics, Issue Competition, and Government Influence on Legislative Agendas.</i>	Room 24.013 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Ground Floor)
	Chair and discussant: John Wilkerson <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agenda denial from a practical perspective: a mixed-methods approach to systemically identifying strategies of agenda denial – Yu-Sha Verheer 2. “Issue competition and agenda setting in the European Parliament” – Marcello Carammia, Federico Russo 3. Unveiling the Legislative Fabric: Examining Government Structure’s Influence on Legislative Agendas in Parliamentary Democracies – Enrico Borghetto, Amnon Cavari, Emiliano Grossman, Iliana Shpaizman 	
	Panel 16. <i>Democratic Dynamics: Insights from Policy Congruence, Descriptive Representation, and Frame Ownership.</i>	Room 24.009 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Ground Floor)
	Chair and discussants: Isabelle Engeli and Frank Baumgartner <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Degrees of Democracy: Simulating Policy Congruence Based on Individual Elite Data in Five Political Systems - Stefaan Walgrave et al. 2. Frame Ownership: Do People Associate Different Parties with Different Issue Frames? - Amber Boydston, Alexandra Feddersen 3. Turning words into action: when attacks against gender equality matter – Isabelle Engeli 	
	Panel 17. <i>Agenda Setting across Policy Areas.</i>	Room 24.021 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Ground Floor)
	Chair and discussant: Arco Timmermans <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National Security Policy Diffusion: Case of Aviation Security Policy – Laura de Castro Quaglia 2. Setting the Immigrant Agenda in American Cities – Megan Dias 3. Revisiting the rural-urban divide in policy priorities - Tevfik Murat Yildirim, Knut Martin Solvig 	
18:00 - 19:30	SESSION 7 Plenary Session. Chairs: Luz Muñoz and Anna Palau <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussing MEDem Cooperation - Shaun Bevan 2. Developments in the American CAP - Sean Teriault 3. Updates on the CAP Babel Machine - Miklos Sebok 4. Updates on the CAP database portal - Enrico Borghetto 5. Comparative Agendas Book Series - Frank Baumgartner 6. Presentation of ‘The Research Handbook on Public Affairs’ - Arco Timmermans 	Room 24.S18 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Basement)
20:30	Dinner by the beach	Restaurant Ca la Nuri Passeig Marítim de la Barceloneta, 08003, Barcelona

Friday, 14 June 2024

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	VENUE
09:00 - 10:45	<p>SESSION 8</p> <p>Panel 18. <i>Shaping Political Discourse: Exploring Partisan Dynamics, Responsible Opposition, and Political Influence.</i></p> <p>Chair and discussant: Peter Mortensen</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How the Partisan Construction of Deservingness Conditions the Attitudinal Policy Feedback Process for Social Policy – Chris Faricy Responsible opposition under a predominant party system – Csaba Molnár Initiate and elevate! How political parties can proactively influence political debate – Daniel Møller Eriksen, Folk Comparing Sinn Féin between North and South: To what extent do institutional context and varying public attitudes drive policy preferences? – Jonathan Arlow 	<p>Room 24.104 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (First Floor)</p>
	<p>Panel 19. <i>Understanding Political Mechanisms: Insights from Congressional Staffers, Oversight, Presidential Decision Making, and Issues Management.</i></p> <p>Chair and discussant: Tim La Pira and Sean Theriault</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Congressional Staffer Policy Portfolios, 1989-2023 – Tim LaPira, Jesse Crosson The Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946: How Reforming the Congressional Committee System Affects Problem Monitoring – Sean Theriault, Connor Dye Structural Change in Presidential Decision Making – Rebecca Eissler, Nicholas Conway Issue Dynamics and Organizational Intelligence: Trends and Challenges in Issues Management – Arco Timmermans, Shannon Bowen 	<p>Room 24.009 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Ground Floor)</p>
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee-Break	<p>Room 24.S18 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Basement)</p>

Friday, 14 June 2024

SCHEDULE	ACTIVITY	VENUE
11:00 - 12:30	<p>SESSION 9</p> <p>Chair: Laura Chaqués Bonafont</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Prof. González Baylon, Carolyn Marvin Professor of Communication, Professor of Sociology (Secondary Appointment), Director, Center for Information Networks and Democracy (University of Pennsylvania)</p> <p><i>Social and Algorithmic Forces in Agenda Curation</i></p> <p>Social media has transformed the way we determine which public issues reach general interest. Not only have they allowed the audience for topics that were once marginal or minor to be maximized, but they have also opened up avenues for manipulating public opinion through information campaigns. What we see on digital networks is a selection of content resulting from the complex interaction between social and algorithmic curation. In this talk, I will discuss recent empirical research that seeks to unpack this complexity and offer data to help rethink how we govern and regulate the digital public space</p>	<p>Room 24.S18 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Basement)</p>
12:30	<p>Bryan's Jones Best Paper Award Ceremony</p> <p>Chair: Frank Baumgartner</p> <p>The papers presented in the panel will be selected by the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first author must be a current Ph.D. student or a recent Ph.D. graduate (within one year of receiving their Ph.D.). • The paper cannot be co-authored by the Ph.D. supervisor of the author. • The paper must make a substantial contribution to the study of agenda dynamics, advancing our understanding of how issues are prioritized and addressed in political contexts. • The research should demonstrate originality and innovation, offering fresh perspectives or novel methodologies that push the boundaries of current knowledge in the field. • The paper must exhibit strong empirical rigor, utilizing robust and appropriate methodological techniques to ensure the validity and reliability of the findings. <p>All panel chairs will make the final decision regarding the award.</p> <p>Once the decision has been made, the award will be presented at the Bryan Jones Best Paper Award Ceremony, chaired by Frank Baumgartner.</p>	<p>Room 24.S18 Building Mercè Rodoreda 24 (Basement)</p>
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