

Polimetrics – second part (third term 2016/17)

Course aims and objectives

This course is aimed to teach to students the main theories and the connected statistical methods available in the literature to correctly estimate the policy space within which the political competition occurs as well as to measure the positions of political actors interacting in such space. Moreover, students will learn to apply the spatial theory of voting in different settings to better understand the entire political cycle: from electoral competition to government formation. To this aim, several different open-source softwares will be employed during the classes.

Course prerequisites

The mathematical requirements for the class are minimal. Only a decent knowledge of algebra is assumed, as well as familiarity with the basic concepts of descriptive statistics and comparative politics.

Required readings

Available online at andreaceron.com

Sixth theme 5/22/2017 room 3: Measuring positions of political actors: Introduction (teacher: Andrea Ceron)

Required reading:

Benoit, K. and Laver, M. 2006. *Party policy in modern democracies*. London: Routledge, Chapters 3 and 4

Sixth theme Lab 5/23/2017 room 2: Mass & Expert Surveys – Uncertainty and estimates (teacher: Andrea Ceron) [software required: Cybersenate & Excel]

Seventh theme 5/29/2017 room 3: Mass & Expert Surveys and related bias (teacher: Andrea Ceron)

Required reading:

Benoit, K. and Laver, M. 2006. *Party policy in modern democracies*. London: Routledge, Chapters 3 and 4

Suggested reading:

Curini, Luigi 2010. *Experts' Political Preferences and Their Impact on Ideological Bias*, *Party Politics*, 16(3), 299-321

Seventh theme Lab 5/30/2017 room 2: Expert Surveys & CMP (teacher: Andrea Ceron) [software required: Cybersenate & Excel]

Eight theme 6/5/2017 room 3: Surveys Vs Comparative Manifesto Project (teacher: Andrea Ceron)

Required reading:

Klingemann, H.D.; Volkens, A.; Bara, J.; Budge, I.; McDonald, M. 2006. *Mapping Policy Preferences II. Estimates for Parties, Electors, and Governments in Eastern Europe, the European Union and the OECD, 1990-2003*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Introduction and Chapter 4

Eight theme Lab 6/6/2017 room 2: CMP (teacher: Andrea Ceron) [software required: Cybersenate & Excel]

Ninth theme 6/12/2017 room 3: Comparative Manifesto Project & Beyond (teacher: Andrea Ceron)

Required reading:

Klingemann, H.D.; Volkens, A.; Bara, J.; Budge, I.; McDonald, M. 2006. *Mapping Policy Preferences II. Estimates for Parties, Electors, and Governments in Eastern Europe, the European Union and the OECD, 1990-2003*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Introduction and Chapter 4

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Suggested reading:

<http://matthewlombard.com/reliability/>

Ninth theme Lab 6/13/2017 room 2: Intercoder reliability & CMP (teacher: Andrea Ceron)

Tenth theme 6/19/2017 room 3: Wordfish (teacher: Andrea Ceron)

Required reading:

Klüver Heike 2013. *Lobbying in the European Union. Interest groups, lobbying coalitions and policy change*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Chapter 3

Tenth theme Lab 6/20/2017 room 2: Wordfish (teacher: Andrea Ceron) [software required: R - package Austin - & JFreq]

Examination

6/29/2017 room 2 14:30-16:30 AM