

**Thursday 27/06**

**Session 1**

**9:30 – 11:00**

**Panel 1: Attitudes and Public Opinion**

**Chair:** Jaroslaw Flis, Jagiellonian University

**Discussant:** Jan Zilinsky, Technical University of Munich

**Paper 1:** Alina Vranceanu, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, “Communist legacies and citizens’ attitudes to socio-cultural issues”

**Paper 2:** Tadeas Cely, Masaryk University Brno, “New Threat of Culture Wars? The Religious Roots of Public Opinion Polarization on Culture Wars Issues in Europe”

**Panel 2: Crises, Media, and Voters**

**Chair:** Marta Kołczyńska, Polish Academy of Sciences

**Discussant:** Pavel Charasz, Brown University

**Paper 1:** Natalia Letki, University of Warsaw, “Populist right voters in the midst of Ukrainian refugee crisis: experimental evidence from Germany, Poland and Hungary”

**Paper 2:** Adrian Despina, National School of Political Science and Public Administrative Studies, “Election Campaigns in the Age of Social Media: An Analysis of Voter Behavior and Media Influence in Romania”

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**Session 2**

**11:30 – 13:00**

**Panel 3: Media and Behaviour**

**Chair:** Radoslaw Markowski, SWPS University Warsaw

**Discussant:** Bilyana Petrova, Texas Tech University/ University of Zurich

**Paper 1:** Jan Zilinsky, Technical University of Munich, “Political Appeals about the Russia-Ukraine War on Social media”

**Paper 2:** Tatiana Lupacheva, University of Tartu, “Consequences of how media talks about legislators for voters’ information-seeking behavior”

#### **Panel 4: Voter Turnout**

**Chair:** Pavel Charasz, Brown University

**Discussant:** Filip Kostelka, EUI

**Paper 1:** Zeth Isaksson, Stockholm University, "From Repression to Participation: When Historical Political Repression Foster Long-term Electoral Participation"

**Paper 2:** Marta Kołczyńska, Polish Academy of Sciences, "Effects of political polarization on protest and voting"

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#### **Session 3**

**14:30 – 16:00**

#### **Panel 5: Democratic and Authoritarian Attitudes**

**Chair:** Natalia Letki, University of Warsaw

**Discussant:** Daniel Bochler, University of Belgrade and CEU

**Paper 1:** Ben Stanley, SWPS University Warsaw, "Stability of Polish citizens' attitudes towards liberal democracy"

**Paper 2:** Anja Gvozdanović, Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, "Sources of Authoritarian Orientation among Youth in Southeast Europe"

#### **Panel 6: Elections and Voting**

**Chair:** Daniel Kovarek, EUI

**Discussant:** Radoslaw Markowski, SWPS University Warsaw

**Paper 1:** Karel Kouba, Charles University, "Vertical isomorphism and electoral system choice: the case of direct mayoral elections"

**Paper 2:** Jozef Mintal, Matej Bel University, "Fragmented Identities, Contradictory Choices, and Voting: The Slovak VAA 2023"

#### **Session 4**

**16:30 – 18:00**

#### **Panel 7: Party Politics and Its Effects**

**Chair:** Karel Kouba, Charles University

**Discussant:** Ben Stanley, SWPS University Warsaw

**Paper 1:** Martina Stankova, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, “Decoding Foreign Policy on the Populist Spectrum: A Comparative Analysis of Czech and Slovak Political Parties”

**Paper 2:** Bilyana Petrova, Texas Tech University/ University of Zurich, “Partisan convergence, party system institutionalization, and support for democracy in CEE”

## **Panel 8: Transitions and Historical Legacies**

**Chair:** Filip Kostelka, EUI

**Discussant:** Elias Dinas, EUI

**Paper 1:** Dragos Radu, King's College London, “Historical Legacies and the Impact of Emigration on Electoral Outcomes”

**Paper 2:** Robert Lipinski, University of Oxford, “Over the Finnish Line. Understanding the Role of Foreign Media in the Democratic Transition in Estonia

**Friday 28/06**

## **Session 5**

**09:30 – 11:00**

## **Panel 9: Polarization and Vote Choice**

**Chair:** Eliska Drapalova, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)

**Discussant:** Simon Hix, EUI

**Paper 1:** Veronika Patkós, HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, “From Threat to Polarization: The Role of Threats, Leaders and Institutional Choices in Strengthening Partisan Polarization in Europe”

**Paper 2:** Piotr Zagórski, SWPS University Warsaw, “Religious Voting in Poland: Belonging versus Believing”

## **Panel 10: Pathways to Power**

**Chair:** Michal Kotnarowski, Polish Academy of Sciences

**Discussant:** Alina Vranceanu, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

**Paper 1:** Ieva Hofmane, EUI, “Beyond Entry: Exploring Career Paths of Young Latvian Politicians”

**Paper 2:** Aleksandra Polak, University of Warsaw, "If Not Quotas, Then What? Determinants of the Electoral Success of Poland's Women Members of the European Parliament, 2004-2019"

### **Session 6**

**11:30 – 13:00**

#### **Panel 11: Electoral Systems**

**Chair:** Alina Vranceanu, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

**Discussant:** Michal Kotnarowski, Polish Academy of Sciences

**Paper 1:** Jarosław Flis, Jagiellonian University, "Coordination not consolidation: Alternative ways Duverger's Law works ... sort of."

**Paper 2:** Daniel Bochslers, University of Belgrade/CEU, "Can institutions break ingroup favouritism? The 'amicable vote'"

#### **Panel 12: Political Participation**

**Chair:** Hanspeter Kriesi, EUI

**Discussant:** Eliska Drapalova, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB)

**Paper 1:** Mikołaj Cześćnik, SWPS University Warsaw, "The Dynamics of Voter Turnout in the 2023 Poland's Parliamentary Elections: Polarization, Mobilization, Retention"

**Paper 2:** Pal Susanszky, University of Bremen/Hun-Res Centre for Social Sciences, "Failure of Party-Sponsored Protests in Non-Democratic Context - The Case of Hungary"

### **Session 7**

**14:30 – 16:00**

#### **Panel 13: Cleavages and Dimensionality**

**Chair:** Jozef Mintal, Matej Bel University

**Discussant:** Hanspeter Kriesi, EUI

**Paper 1:** Jan KOVÁŘ, Institute of International Relations, Prague; "The content of the 'second dimension' in Central and Eastern Europe: evidence from citizens' level"

**Paper 2:** Radosław Markowski, SWPS University Warsaw, “Crippled Cleavages: durable phenomenon or ephemera?”

**Panel 14: Legislatures and Local Authorities**

**Chair:** Mikołaj Cześćnik, SWPS University Warsaw

**Discussant:** Daniel Kovarek, EUI

**Paper 1:** Michael Weiss, Institute of International Relations, Prague; “Legislative turnover in Central and Eastern Europe”

**Paper 2:** Eliska Drapalova, Berlin Social Science Center (WZB), “How to survive without resources: Party resources and politicization of the local administration in Romanian cities.”