Electoral College Reform: Challenges and Possibilities
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In our book of original essays, *Electoral College Reform: Challenges and Possibilities* (Ashgate Publishing), we examine political practices related to modification of the presidential electoral system. For example, several contributors explore how political parties hinder the development of broad consensus for change. We address the current “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact” and how the electoral process affects presidential campaign strategies. In seeking to understand Electoral College reform, we also consider political theory.

The authors of part one of the book, “Thinking about Electoral College Reform,” address theoretical concerns related to reforming the presidential electoral system. Overall, we emphasize the importance of political theory to this area of study and establish an approach that includes two different understandings of representational democracy—traditional and popular. These contending views, reflected in the founding debates and in subsequent discussions about electoral reform, help frame the book’s chapters.

My analysis in the first chapter of congressional deliberations over proposed electoral amendments illustrates participants’ appeals to a dualistic concept of representation that suits both opponents and proponents of electoral reform. On the one hand, opponents have used the traditional view—with its emphasis on order and balanced representation—as a powerful foil against change. On the other hand, advocates generally appeal to popular democracy, with its simple guideline of rule by the most people through the most direct means. Perhaps fewer congressional members today would appeal to traditional representation than in 1970 when a few senators derailed direct election. However, it may be that the dichotomous nature of the system, which both limits and extols popular participation, will continue to complicate analytical support for electoral reform.

Michael Rogers’ argument in Chapter 2 that the founding involved hearty resistance against the proposed Electoral College also reflects the different sides of American political thought. Through new research of available state documents, Rogers contends that the Federalists did not dominate discussions about the system of electors. Anti-Federalists were also actively engaged in the discourse, and they levied extensive criticisms against the presidential electoral process. However, the Federalists’ defense of the electoral system and insistence that its approval was consensual has long suppressed important criticisms of the institution. By understanding both perspectives from the founding, contemporary reformers may better arm themselves to confront familiar adoration of the Electoral College with original condemnation.

In his examination of the presidential electoral process and possible reform plans in Chapter 3, Korzi argues that democracy and federalism present reasons to reform and to protect the Electoral College. Consequently, unsuccessful efforts to change the Electoral College may be a recurrent feature of American politics. Successful alteration or elimination of the institution may therefore demand tremendous attention to addressing both aspects. In order to accomplish this, Korzi suggests that reform proponents...
consider a broader view of the presidency.

Part two of the book, “Challenges of Electoral College Reform,” reviews some of the difficulties that confront democratization of the presidential electoral system. In general, the apparent advantages of the Electoral College stand in the way of reform. These include bringing citizens together without suppressing their state loyalties, supporting the two-party system, minimizing fraud and corruption, and (usually) producing decisive election results. By looking beyond these conventional benefits, the authors of Chapters 4–9 add to the catalog of challenges facing electoral reform.

Jeffrey Stonecash argues in Chapter 4 that while direct election has merits, the Electoral College, in combination with the party system, provides for diverse, albeit indirect, representation. For Stonecash, presidential candidates respond to an array of different interests due in no small part to the national electoral majority requirement and “eras of party dominance.” A responsive presidential electoral system may be insulated from criticisms that it is undemocratic.

Congressional endorsement of electoral reform presents other difficulties. In Chapter 5, I detail the low numbers of proposed joint resolutions to revise or eliminate the Electoral College over the last three decades. Perhaps more surprising is that congressional members put forward so few of these plans—just seven, only four of which were new—following the most troubling election in recent history. This and other trends displayed in the bills do not bode well for immediate congressional endorsement of an amendment to change the presidential electoral process. Mark McKenzie’s analyses in Chapter 6 of House and Senate floor votes on electoral amendments since 1950 helps explain why Electoral College reform remains elusive. He also addresses the likelihood of the public pressuring Congress to take action on electoral reform. If Congress is unlikely to act, perhaps concerned citizens can do something about the Electoral College through other avenues, such as the states.

Brian Gaines in Chapter 7 investigates whether or not enough states will pass the current “National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.” Gaines’ analysis of recent state actions on the plan demonstrates that most politicians who support the proposal belong to one political party. One implication of this finding is that if enough states manage to adopt the compact, along with other potential problems, the new system would be the mandate of one political party, not the popular will. As other contributors address, today’s heightened state of partisanship in American politics is not something that those pursuing Electoral College reform may easily ignore. James Melcher in Chapter 8 further explores this aspect at the state level in his review of the political struggles over the adoption and retention of the district system in Maine and Nebraska. These case studies confirm that partisanship is a serious barrier to state-level efforts to modify the electoral system. His analysis suggests a way that states may overcome a party’s resistance to reform. Nonetheless, attempting to change the Electoral College through the states does not seem necessarily easier than trying to do so through the national amendment process.

Offering a comparative perspective, Jody Baugartner and Rhonda Evans Case in Chapter 9 emphasize a point often brought up against Electoral College reform. An election system of any kind, they argue, will not always represent the popular will. One implication of this lesson is that electoral reformers should address the democratic tradeoffs of their proposed systems.

In part three, “Possibilities of Electoral College Reform,” the contributors defend the prospects for changing the electoral system. While the Electoral College has some benefits, especially when the focus is on preserving order, when considered in terms of popular democracy, it has costs. And these problems offer compelling reasons for reform. Several of the book’s contributors review some of the familiar disadvantages of the system, including the bias against certain sized states, neglect of popular votes cast for losing candidates within a state, discrimination against third parties and minorities, facilitation of third parties as spoilers, discouragement of voting, chance of electing a president who did not win the national popular vote, and threat of faithless electors. The authors of Chapters 10–14 elaborate on the system’s failings and hold that electoral reform is well within our reach.

Robert Alexander and Brendan Doherty in their respective essays analyze specific and previously under-studied areas of the presidential electoral process that raise substantive democratic reasons for reform. Alexander in Chapter 10 addresses the fear shared by many Americans that faithless electors could determine a presidential election. His questioning of past electors reveals disturbing practices and behaviors that shine a light on the office.
FROM HEADQUARTERS
LETTER FROM THE CHAIR
July 2010

Dear Colleagues,

These are exciting times for those of us who study political organizations and parties. Current forecasts suggest that many of the upcoming midterm congressional elections will be competitive. The Supreme Court’s ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission creates the possibility of significant increases in spending by corporations, unions, and other groups. Moreover, the variety and numbers of groups and party leaders participating in the lawsuit itself suggest that it would make an interesting case study of interest group activity. Of course, there also will be some exciting developments related to the upcoming congressional, state, and local elections in the U.S., the parliamentary elections in Great Britain, and various political developments across the globe. All of this means there will be much for us to study and learn from!

The same can be said for POP’s panels at the upcoming American Political Science Association Conference. Section co-chairs Miki Caull Kittilson and Richard Herrera, both of Arizona State University, have put together an outstanding program. There will be panels on party influence and political networks; mass-elite linkages; interest group approaches and influence; women, movements, and political leadership, state politics; party organizations in comparative perspective; the transformation of party systems and movements; and more. The panels feature senior and junior scholars presenting cutting edge research. Please join me in expressing our appreciation to Miki and Rick for their efforts. Thanks to them, I anticipate we will have terrific conference.

I hope you will be able to attend POP’s Business Meeting at the APSA Conference. I’d like to hear your thoughts and suggestions about directions for the future. The meeting also will give us all the opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

With Best wishes,
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CLEY: Constituency-Level Elections Archive
March, 2010

We are pleased to announce a major expansion in the Constituency-Level Elections Archive (CLEA). The central aim of the CLEA project is to produce a repository of detailed results – i.e. votes received by each candidate/party, total votes cast, number of eligible voters – at a constituency level for the lower house legislative elections that have been conducted around the world. This is the largest repository for such data available online.

The directors of CLEA are Ken Kollman (University of Michigan), Allen Hicken (University of Michigan), Daniele Caramani (St. Gallen University, Switzerland), and David Backer (College of William & Mary).

You can access the data at: www.electiondataarchive.org. As you will see, the archive is organized to make downloading easy and to facilitate comparative research. Also on the site are descriptions of political systems and lists of political parties.

The directors gratefully acknowledge the American National Science Foundation (www.nsf.gov) and the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy for their funding of the project. The directors are continuing to improve CLEA and hope to post additional data from more countries and more elections in the near future.

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Papers: “Party Systems, Democratic Engagement and Gender in West Europe.” Till Weber, European University Institute (till.weber@eui.eu) and Joost van Spanje, University of Amsterdam (j.vanspanje@uva.nl)

“Immigration, Political Community and Distrust in Politics in Europe.” Lauren M. McLaren, University of Nottingham (lauren.mclaren@nottingham.ac.uk)

“The Effect of Extreme Right Parties on the Immigration Policy, the Case Study of France and Belgium.” Steven Van Hauwaert, University of Vienna (steven.vanhauwaert@univie.ac.at)

Title: Political Parties and Interest Groups in State Politics
Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
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Papers: “Voting Systems, Ballot Design, and Party Strength.” Paul S. Herrnson, University of Maryland (pherrnson@capc.umd.edu), Richard G. Niemi (niemi@rochester.edu) and Kelly D. Patterson, Brigham Young University (kelly_patterson@byu.edu)

“Generalists and Specialists: A Test of the Competitive Exclusion Hypotheses.” Justin Kirkland, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (jkhkirkla@email.unc.edu), David Lowery, University of Leiden (dlowery@fsw.leidenuniv.nl) and Virginia H. Gray, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (vgray@email.unc.edu)

“Party Contribution Networks in State Legislative Elections.” Andrea McAtee, University of South Carolina (mcatea@mailbox.sc.edu)

“The State and Local Party Organizations in the 21st Century.” Douglas D. Roscoe, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth (drooscoe@umassd.edu) and Shannon Jenkins, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth (sjenkins@umassd.edu)

Disc: Rick D. Farmer (rick@rickfarmer.net)

Title: Women, Parties and Organizations
Sunday, 1:00 p.m.
Chair: Kira Sanbonmatsu, Rutgers University (sanbon@rci.rutgers.edu)

Papers: “EMILY’s Friends: The Emerging Relationship Between EMILY’s List, Organized Labor, and Women Candidates in U.S. House Elections.” Rosalyn Cooperman, University of Maryland (rcoperpm@umd.edu)

“Alternative Organizing within State Legislatures: Bipartisan Women’s Caucuses in Three States.” Anna M. Mahoney, Rutgers University (anmmitch@eden.rutgers.edu)

“Who’s in the Governor’s Mansion? Gender Differences in the Policy Priorities of Governors.” Karen Shafer, Grand Canyon University (karen.shafer@asu.edu) and Richard Herrera, Arizona State University (richard.herrera@asu.edu)

“Gender, Labor and Progressive Coalitions Working the Vote: Grass Roots Mobilizations for Registration and Early Voting in the 2008 Election.” Laura R. Woliver, University of South Carolina (woliver@mailbox.sc.edu) and Annie L. Boiter-Jolley, University of South Carolina (aboiterjolley@gmail.com)

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Title: Women, Movements and Political Leadership
Friday, 1:15 p.m.
Chair: Ali Mari Tripp, University of Wisconsin (atripp@wisc.edu)

Papers: “Party Systems, Democratic Engagement and Gender in Comparative Perspective.” Miki Caul Kittilson, Arizona State University (miki.kittilson@asu.edu) and Leslie A. Schwindt-Bayer, University of Missouri (schwindt@missouri.edu)

“Someday My Chance Will Come: Women Contesting for Executive Leadership in West Europe.” Karen Beckwith, Case Western Reserve University (karen.beckwith@case.edu)

“Explaining Movement and Countermovement Events in the Contemporary U.S. Women’s Movement.” Lee Ann Banaszak, Pennsylvania State University (lab14@psu.edu) and Heather L. Ondercin, Louisiana State University (ondercin@lsu.edu)

“Exploring Gender Disparities in Re-Election: The 2002-2006 Electoral Cycle in Peru.” Gregory D. Schmidt, University of Texas at El Paso (gdschmidt@utep.edu)

“Why Do Governments Promote Women’s Rights? A Global, Cross-Issue Analysis.” S. Laurel Weldon, Purdue University (weldonp@purdue.edu) and Mala N. Htun, New School for Social Research (htun@mindspring.com)

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Title: Transforming Party Systems and Movements
Thursday, 2:00 p.m.
Chair: Sarah Childs, University of Bristol (s childs@bristol.ac.uk)

Papers: “Swords into Plowshares: Explaining the Organizational Transformation of Rebel Groups into Political Parties.” John Ishiyama, University of North Texas (John.Ishiyama@unt.edu) and Anna Batta, University of North Texas (annabatta@verizon.net)

“Integration Policies in Federal Settings: Assessing the Impact of Xenophobic Direct Democratic Decisions and Radical Right Parties on Sub-National Integration Policies.” Anita Manatschal, University of Bern (anita.manatschal@ipw.unibe.ch)

“Parties as Ethnic Mobilizers in Africa? Uganda’s ‘No Party’ Democracy as a Natural Experiment.” Jeffrey K. Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State University (conroykb@msu.edu)

“Building Bulwarks in Troubled Times: Party System Emergence in Russia and Brazil.” Daniel J. Epstein, Colgate University (depstein@colgate.edu)

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Title: Party Politics in Government
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Chair: Harold F. Bass, Ouachita Baptist University (bassh@obu.edu)

Papers: “Strategic Opposition and Government Cohesion in Westminster Democracies.” Torun Dewan, London School of Economics (t.dewan@lse.ac.uk) and Arthur Spirling, Harvard University (aspiring@gov.harvard.edu)

“Investing in Agreement: Party Organization, Leadership Change and Policy Positions.” Weiwei Hu, Binghamton University, SUNY (whu2@binghamton.edu) and William B. Keller, Binghamton, SUNY, (wbheller@post.harvard.edu)

“Minority Resources and Niche Party Entry.” Benjamin David Farrer, SUNY Binghamton (benjaminfarrer@googlemail.com)

“The Structural Foundations of Divided Government, 1952-2008.” Richard G.C. Johnston, University of British Columbia (rjohnston@politics.ubc.ca) and Byron E. Shafer, University of Wisconsin, Madison (bshafer@polisci.wisc.edu)

Disc(s): Bonnie M. Meguid, University of Rochester (bonnie.meguid@rochester.edu)

Title: Interest Group Approaches
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Chair: Thomas T. Holyoke, California State University, Fresno (tholyoke@csufresno.edu)

Papers: “Advocates and Interest Representation in Policy Debates.” Marie Hojnacki, Pennsylvania State University (marieh@psu.edu), Kathleen Marchetti, Pennsylvania State University (km516@psu.edu), Frank R. Baumgartner, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (Continued on page 5)
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“A Typology of Interest Group Competition and Legislative Success in the U.S. House of Representatives.” Holly Brasher, University of Alabama, Birmingham (hbrasher@uab.edu)

“The Relationship between Contributions and Lobby Expenditures in Congress,” Lynda W. Powell, University of Rochester (lynda.powell@rochester.edu) and Clyde Wilcox, Georgetown University (clydewilcox@georgetown.edu)

“Interest Groups, Political Institutions and Strategic Choices: What Influences Institutional Lobbying Strategies?” Bryan S. McQuide, University of Idaho (mcpquide@uidaho.edu)

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Title: Interest Group Influence
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Papers: “Measuring Interest Group Influence in Bureaucracies: The Impact of Simpson’s Paradox.” Scott H. Ainsworth, University of Georgia (sainsworg@uga.edu) who’s Protected? Electoral Votes and the Structure of Trade Protection in the U.S.” Su-Hyun Lee, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (suhyun@umich.edu)

“A Longitudinal Analysis of Interest Group Influence in Retirement Policy.” John C. Scott, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (jscott@email.unc.edu)

“The U.S. Foreign Policy Auction: A Monetary Estimate of Interest Group Influence and Competition.” Benjamin Freeman, Texas A&M University (bfree3210@polisci.tamu.edu) and Erik Kinji Godwin, Texas A&M University (egodwin@politics.tamu.edu)

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Title: Intra-Group Dynamics
Friday, 2:00 p.m.
Chair: Marie Hojnacki, Pennsylvania State University (marieh@psu.edu)

Papers: “Interorganizational Conflict in Federated Advocacy Organizations in the 2009 Health Care Reform Debate.” Maryann Barakso, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (barakso@polisci.umass.edu)

“The Inside View: Using the Earmark Email Archive and Automated Content Analysis to Understand Business Lobbying Strategies.” Daniel J. Hopkins, Georgetown University (dh335@georgetown.edu) and Lee Drutman, University of California, Berkeley (drutman@berkeley.edu)

“Hearing Voices: External Influences on the Internal Politics of the Southern Baptist Church-State Advocacy.” Andrew R. Lewis, American University (andy.lewis@american.edu)

“Issue Advertising and Direct Lobbying.” Richard L. Hall, University of Michigan (rhall@umich.edu)

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Title: Parties as Organizations
Friday, 8:00 a.m.
Chair: John G. Geer, Vanderbilt University (john.g.geer@vanderbilt.edu)

Papers: “Base Appeal: Party Activists, What They Want, and How Much They Get.” Larry M. Bartels, Princeton University (bartels@princeton.edu)

“The Drivers of Party Change: The British Conservatives Since 1945.” Tim Bale, University of Sussex (t.p.bale@sussex.ac.uk)

“Changing Views on Individual Responsibility: The Evolution of American Liberalism and the Conservative Response.” Mark D. Brewer, University of Maine (mark.brewer@umit.maine.edu) and Jeffrey M. Stonecash, Syracuse University (jstoneca@syr.edu)

“Economic Crises and Party Elites’ Engagement in Media Rows.” Florence So, University of California, Los Angeles (florenceeso@ucla.edu)

“Common Cause: Interest Groups, Local Party Organizations, and the Mobilization of Latino Voters.” Daniel George Lehman, Temple University (dlehmam@temple.edu)

“Party Systems Effects on Country Governance.” Kenneth Janda, Northwestern University (k-janda@northwestern.edu), Jin-Young Kwak, Ewha Womans University and Julieta Suarez Cao, Northwestern University (jca@u.northwestern.edu)

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Title: Parties and Organizations in Comparative Perspective
Saturday, 10:15 a.m.
Chair: David M. Farrell, University College Dublin (david.farrell@ucd.ie)

Papers: “Party Systems Effects on Country Governance.” Kenneth Janda, Northwestern University (k-janda@northwestern.edu) and Jin-Young Kwak, Ewha Womans University.

“Determinants of Party Electoral Failure in Established Democracies, 1890-2009.” Jennifer K. Smith, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (jksmith@uwm.edu) and Stefan J. Wojcik, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (sjwojck@uwm.edu)

“Meaning Components of Left and Right: A Comparative Analysis of the Impact of Party Manifestos on Voter Left-Right Cognitions Across Four Decades and 18 European Countries.” Hermann F.J. Schmitt, University of Mannheim (hschmitt@mzes.uni-mannheim.de) and Cees van der Eijk, University of Nottingham (cees.vandereijk@nottingham.ac.uk)

“Voluntary Associations as Sources of Politically Relevant Social Networks?” Susanne Lundasen, Ersta Sköndal University College (Susanne.lundasen@gmail.com)

Disc(s): Paul D. Webb, University of Sussex (p.webb@sussex.ac.uk) and David M. Farrell, University College Dublin (david.farrell@ucd.ie)

Title: Authors Meet Readers: The Party Decides: Presidential Nominations Before and After Reform
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Disc(s): Marjorie R. Hershey, Indiana University, Bloomington (hershey@indiana.edu) and Geoffrey C. Layman, University of Notre Dame (glayman@nd.edu)

Title: Realignment and American Electoral Politics
Saturday, 8:00 a.m.
Chair: Herbert F. Weisberg, The Ohio State University (weisberg.1@osu.edu)

Papers: “Realignment and the Swing-Ratio, 1900-2008.” Jeffrey M. Stonecash, Syracuse University (jstoneca@syr.edu)

“Patterns of Ideological Differences in the U.S. House, 1856-2006: Replacement Effects and the Slow Cycle of Polarization.” Thomas L. Brunell, University of Texas, Dallas (tbrunell@utdallas.edu) and Bernard N. Grofman, University of California, Irvine (bgtravel@uci.edu) and Samuel Merrill, Wilkes University (sammerrell3@comcast.net)

“Recent Realignment? The Case for 1992-1996 as a ‘Critical Period’ in American Elections.” David A. Hopkins, University of California, Berkeley (dhopkins@berkeley.edu)

“The Nationalization of Electoral Politics in the United States: New Tools for an Old Question.” Luis Aguar-Conraria, Universidade do Minho (lfaguiar@eeg.uminho.pt) and Pedro C. Magalhaes, Instituto de Ciencias Sociais da Universidade de Lisboa (pedro.magalhaes@ics.ul.pt)

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Title: Partisan Influence and Political Networks

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Papers:

“Linking Polarization: A Social Network Analysis of Partisan Behavior.” Jeremy N. Phillips, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (jeremyp@siu.edu) and Scott D. McClurg, Southern Illinois University (mccclurg@siu.edu)

“The Multiplexity of Interest Group Lobbying: An Exponential Random Graph Model of Influence Reputation.” Michael T. Heaney, University of Michigan (mheaney@umich.edu)

“Organized Interests, Ethnicity and Networks: Symbolic Politics and Substantive Policy.” Suzanne M. Robbins, George Mason University (srobbin1@gmu.edu) and Brian Alexander, George Mason University (balexan3@gmu.edu)

“The Agenda-Setting Potential of Party Organizations in the United States.” Andrew Waugh, University of California, San Diego (aswaugh@ucsd.edu)

“When the Issue Evolution: Dynamic Network Analysis of the Abortion Debate, 1970-1994.” Rentaro Iida, Georgetown University (r134@georgetown.edu)

Disc(s): Seth E. Masker, University of Denver (smasket@du.edu) and Jennifer Nicoll Victor, University of Pittsburgh (jnvictor@pitt.edu)

POSTERS

Title: Poster Session: American Politics 2
Thursday, September 2, 2:00 p.m.

Posters: “Do Party Contributions Help Candidates Win?” Anne E. Baker, University of Notre Dame (abaker4@nd.edu)

“PAC Influences on Party Polarization: Assessing the Role of Campaign Contributions on Ideological Substitutions in Congress.” Zachary Baumann, University of Mississippi (zbaumann@olemiss.edu) and Richard G. Forgette, University of Mississippi (rforgette@olemiss.edu)

“The Impact of National and State Rules on U.S. Presidential Nominations.” Caitlin Elizabeth Dwyer, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (dwyer077@umn.edu)

“Interest Group Agenda Setting in the Congressional Arena.” Dave Nelson, University of Wisconsin, Madison (dnelsn03@wisc.edu)

“Strategic Privatization and Survival of Authoritarian Dominant Parties.” Masayoshi Takahashi, Michigan State University (takahas29@msu.edu) and Helen Lee, Michigan State University (leehele33@msu.edu)

“Donations, Diversity, and Extremity: Campaign Contribution Diversity and Voting Decisions.” Brian Webb, Georgia State University (bwebb3@gsu.edu), Ryan M. Yong, Georgia State University (ryanyonk@yahoo.com) and Rochdi A. Alloui, Georgia State University (ralloui1@student.gsu.edu)

“Gender-Based Differences for Mobilizing Support of Islamist Political Parties: The Case of Turkey.” Sarah Fischer, American University

“Negative Campaign Advertising in a Comparative Perspective.” Gustavo Rivera, University of Texas at Austin (grivera@mail.utexas.edu)

“The Myth of the Vanishing Voter in Comparative Perspective.” Michael P. McDonald, George Mason University (mmcdon@gmu.edu)

“Improving Election Forecasting Models with Online Search Queries.” Laura Ann Granka (granka@stanford.edu) and Shanto Iyengar, Stanford University (siyengar@stanford.edu)

“Information, Campaigns, and the Dynamics of Political Interest.” Matthew Holleque, University of Wisconsin, Madison (holleque@wisc.edu)

“The Changing Impact of Religious Attendance on Political Participation.” Philip E. Jones, University of Delaware

“Is This Heaven? No, It’s Iowa: Simulating Outcomes in the Iowa Caucuses.” Michael Tofias, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (tofias@uwm.edu) and Clayton Clouse, University of Wisconsin (ceclouse@uw.edu)

“Subsidized Democracies? The Effect of Public Funding to Political Parties in Electoral Competitiveness.” Francisco Javier Aparicio, CIDE (Javier.aparicio@cide.edu) and Jacaranda Maria Perez, IFE (jacaranda.perez@gmail.com)

“The Vanishing Sexist Voter? Voter Roll-Off When Women Run for Congress, 1980-2008.” Michael G. Miller, Cornell University (mjm44@cornell.edu)

“The Different Ways People Construct their Identities: American Identity, Out-Group Evaluations and Political Tolerance.” Shawn W. Rosenberg, University of California, Irvine (swr@uci.edu) and Ted Wrigley, University of California, Irvine (twrigley@uci.edu)

“For Whom Hard Times Befall: Group Coding and the Plight of the Uninsured.” Harwood K. McClerking, Ohio State University (mcclerking.1@osu.edu)

“Fighting Words: Mobilizing Aggression in Public Opinion.” Nathan P. Kalmoe, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (kalmoe@umich.edu)

“Political Knowledge and the Public’s Response to Changing Economic Conditions.” Christopher N. Lawrence, Texas A&M International University (c.n.lawrence@gmail.com) and Christopher David Johnston, SUNY, Stony Brook (johnccd1@gmail.com)

“Transforming Domestic Policy Venues: Legislative and Organizational Dimensions of Implementing Environmental Treaties.” Betsi Beem, University of Sydney (betsi.beem@sydney.edu.au)

“Making Technology Transfers into Threats or Opportunities: Sectoral Cultures and the Control of Aircraft and Space Technology Transfers between the U.S. and China.” Alanna Krolikowski, University of Toronto (alanna.krolikowski@gmail.com)

“Fishing for Ballots: Special Interest Politics and the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization.” Andrew Kirkpatrick, Emory University (abirkpk@emory.edu)


“Of Early Birds and Copycats: A Comparative Analysis or Different Types of Regulatory Change in Environmental Policy.” Thomas Sommerer, Stockholm University (thomas.sommerer@statsvet.su.se)

“Party Identification, Values and Public Opinion on Climate Change.” Jacob Sollberg, Stony Brook University (jacob.sollberg@gmail.com)

“Rationality of Electronic Voting.” Meelis Kitsing, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (mktising@polsci.umass.edu)

“Blogging Inequalities: Contextualizing the Political Meaning of Blogs.” Andrea Calderaro, European University Institute (andrea.calderaro@eui.eu)

“Elephants Go Online: The Rise of the Rightroots.” Diana Tracy Cohen, Central Connecticut State University (dcohrt@ccsu.edu)

“Politics and the Internet: The Rise of the Righthawks.” Diana Tracy Cohen, Central Connecticut State University (dcohrt@ccsu.edu)

“Political Communication and Engagement in the 21st Century.” Philip E. Jones, University of Delaware, Julio F. Carrion, University of Delaware, Dannaag G. Young, University of Delaware (dgyoung@udel.edu) and David C. Wilson, University of Delaware (dclwilson@udel.edu)

“Open Source Parties?: How Far Does the ‘Obama E-Campaign Model’ Work Outside the U.S. and What Are its Implications for Party Organizational Renewal and Increasing Inter-Party.” Rachel K. Gibson, University of Manchester (rachel.gibson@manchester.ac.uk)

“Information and Communications Technologies vs. R & D Technologies in Combating Counterfeit Drug: Assessing Competing Technologies and Regulations.” Cheryl L. Brown, University of North Carolina, Charlotte (cbrown@uncc.edu)

“BBC Question Time and Twitter: Communicating Hate Across Platforms.” Nick Anstead, University of East Anglia (nick.anstead@gmail.com) and Ben O’Loughlin, University of London, Royal Holloway (Ben.OLoughlin@rhul.ac.uk)
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