***RC36 Political Power Panels at IPSA 2021***

***Conceptualising Political Power in an Age When Democracy Is Contested***

Chair

Prof. Philip G. Cerny United Kingdom

Discussants

Dr. David Baldwin United States

Description

The rise of new nationalisms is part of a wider trend of contesting democracy. As is typified in UK and US, nationalist politicians are fundamentally challenging the norms of the democratic process. Within this context how do we frame the concept of power? When Dahl conceptualized power in his seminal 1957 article, he wanted to understand what political power is, as a conceptual tool that would enable him to critically evaluate the levels of democracy of USA. This was at a critical time, when McCarthyism seemed to challenge the norms of democracy. Today we are at similar juncture, where the foundations of democracy are being tested. Can we rise to the challenge and, like Dahl, use our understanding of power as a conceptual tool that enables us to either defend normatively desirable practices of democracy, or to critique current abuses of democratic power?

Reference: Dahl, Robert A. (1957) ‘The Concept of Power’. Behavioural Science, Vol. 2(3): 201-15.

***Papers***

*Conceptual Analysis of Power in an Age When Democracy is Contested*

*Author: Prof. Valeri Ledyaev Russia*

*Populism versus Democratic-Centrism, and Concepts of Political Power*

*Author: Prof. Mark Haugaard Ireland*

*Telic Power*

*Author: Dr. Asa Burman Sweden*

*The Hypothesis of Cultural Power in Michael Mann’s "Origins of Social Power"*

*Author: Mr. Lúcio Hanenberg Portugal*

***Empirical Analysis of Political Power***

Chair

Dr. David Baldwin United States

Discussants

Prof. Philip G. Cerny United Kingdom

Description

This panel aims at exploring problems of empirical power analysis of political power and its solutions. We invite contributions that share a commitment to rigorous conceptual analysis of power, but focus on methodological and empirical issues. We encourage papers that present particular cases and introduce original approaches to analysis of political power. We are also interested in attracting papers that show how to deal with different pitfalls, like infamous problem of inconsistent measures associated with relative and relational nature of power. This panel will provide room for discussions on best practices in conducting empirical research on power.

***Papers***

*Between Interests in Iran and Pressure from the US: Analysis of Japan’s Foreign Policy towards Iran during Iran Hostage Crisis*

*Author: Miss Vanessa Abou-Khalil Japan*

*China: Xi Jinping’s Rise and New Era Under Sharp Power as a Populist Leader?*

*Author: Prof. Marco Martins Portugal*

*The Khutsong Housing Project’s Power Relationships and an Evaluation of Haugaard’s "Four Dimensions of Power"*

*Author: Prof. Johan Zaaiman South Africa*

*Co-Author(s): Dr. Gift Mupambwa South Africa*

*Time of United States: Dynamics and Social Interaction Networks Transformation during Cycles Interchange and US Asia-Pacific Policy (2009–2019)*

*Author: Mr. Vitalii Boldyrev Russia*

***International Political Business: The Power of International Business or the Business of Global Power***

Chair

Prof. Giulio Gallarotti United States

Discussants

Miss Mathilde Chatin France

Description

This panel aims at looking at the interrelationships of power and business in a twofold manner: as research fields and as body of theory. First, it intends to look at the power dynamics at work in business process through the market exchange and practices, to look at the way business interconnects with power and politics and to investigate the specific power faces of business within and around the marketplace. Second, at the crossroads of management, sociology, economy and politics, it will explore new facets of multiple relationships among these domains on the subject of power. In doing so, it would like to initiate new research insights in this particular field of political science research by introducing an interdisciplinary and international perspective.

***Papers***

*Canadian Business Practices Abroad: Gender Equality and Human Rights*

*Author: Dr. Judit Fabian Canada*

*Heterarchism: Toward Paradigm Shift in World Politics*

*Author: Prof. Philip G. Cerny United Kingdom*

*Co-Author(s): Miss Rosalba Belmonte Italy*

*Profit and Politics in Russia's Energy Strategy*

*Author: Prof. Peter Rutland United States*

*Reconsidering Hayek Spontaneous Order: A Participant Observation of Power in Sales Exchanges*

*Author: Mr. Alexandre Bohas France*

***Political Power in the Sustainable Development Age***

Chair

Prof. Peter Rutland United States

Discussants

Prof. Marco Martins Portugal

Description

For many scholars and non-academics, sustainable development is one of the most urgent modern challenges which the whole humanity must face, thus, it is so important to make the 2030 Agenda a reality. It means that new perspectives of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) require effective coordination of interests and actions of multiple actors who are dealing with poverty, inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, and peace and justice. While we do understand that agenda-setting power is difficult for researchers to study as it is often not directly observable, we would like to encourage potential participants to submit papers that present case studies of agenda-setting practices of mass media, governments, formal and informal institutions.

***Papers***

*Agenda Setting for Future Science, Technology and Innovation Policy in the EU*

*Author: Dr. Susanne Giesecke Austria*

*The Debate Surrounding GM Crops in South America and Its Coverage in the Newspapers Clarín and Folha de S. Paulo from 2016-2018*

*Author: Dr. Maria Luisa Azpiroz Mexico*

*The Paradoxical Power of Transformative Social Innovation: Comparing Three Translocal Networks of Ecovillages, Social Enterprise and Participatory Budgeting*

*Author: Dr. Flor Avelino Netherlands*

*Who Owns the Ocean? Power Relations and Negotiating the Use of Marine Biodiversity beyond National Jurisdictions*

*Author: Ms. Georgette Matthews Australia*

**Soft Power in the 21st Century: Selected Case Studies**

Chair

Dr. Judit Trunkos United States

Co-chair

Miss Mathilde Chatin France

Discussants

Prof. Giulio Gallarotti United States

Description

‘Soft power’ is one of the most popular and well-known concepts of political power. During recent decades it has been actively used both by academics and politicians, despite infamous problems with its empirical analysis. However, can we really say that the rise of this theory is associated with the rise of this type of power? Some facts confirm, some facts disprove the case. By introducing this panel, we would like to provide room for a broad discussion of diverse views on soft power as an (in)effective foreign policy tool. We are especially interested in attracting papers that present case studies on specific countries to compare different national approaches to soft power.

**Papers**

*Comparing Russian, Chinese and American Soft Power Use: A New Theoretical and Operational Approach*

*Author: Dr. Judit Trunkos United States*

*Radical Changes under Bolsonaro: Two Approaches to Analyze Transformations in Brazil’s Environmental, Human Rights and Migration Policies*

*Author: Miss Mathilde Chatin France*

*Co-Author(s): Prof. João Pedro Accioly Brazil*

*The Rise of Populism in Spain – An Analysis of Hegemonic Struggles and Shifts in Power Relations*

*Author: Ms. Johanna Schafgans Muñoz Germany*

*The Role of European Think Tanks in Domestic and Global Dimensions of EU Public Diplomacy*

*Author: Dr. Tatyana Bajenova Switzerland*

***Souveraineté et crise / Souveraineté en crise: souveraineté, crises et théories politiques***

Chair

Prof. Mario Luigi Telo' Belgium

Discussants

Prof. Gabriel Blouin-Genest Canada

Description

Crise et urgence sont aujourd'hui la « nouvelle normalité » du politique, tant aux niveaux local, national qu’international. Lorsque cette brèche avec ce cadre « normal » d’activité cesse d’être temporaire et que la crise et l’urgence s’instituent comme mode constant d’organisation du politique, se pose alors la question du rapport à la souveraineté.

Il y a ici la fois un rétrécissement de la souveraineté quand on en vient à la définir principalement par le recours à la crise et l’urgence, mais également, par ailleurs, une forme d’élargissement au travers de son institutionnalisation et de sa judiciarisation. Cette transformation de la souveraineté n’a cessé d’évoluer dans l’histoire, mais renvoyait plutôt à une sorte de permanence/routinisation du pouvoir. C’est cette phase qui est en train d’évoluer avec un pouvoir qui prend la forme et s’exprime à travers les paradigmes de crise et d’urgence

Que devient la souveraineté lorsque l'exception, l’urgence et la crise deviennent la norme? En particulier :

• De quelle(s) manière(s) cette situation vient-elle modifier l’expression de la souveraineté ainsi que les rapports qu’entretiennent les communautés politiques avec celle-ci?

• De quelle(s) manière(s) la crise et l’urgence permettent d’imposer un mode particulier d’expression de la souveraineté?

• De quelle(s) manière(s) cette expression de la souveraineté interagit-elle avec la démocratie?

• Quels sont les enjeux ou communautés politiques marginalisés par cette expression de la souveraineté?

Les dimensions locales, nationales ou internationales de ces problématiques sont les bienvenues, autant que les enjeux à la fois théoriques, conceptuels que pratiques.

***Papers***

*"The Real State of Exception": Schmitt and Arendt on Temporality and Sovereign Power*

*Author: Mr. Lingyu Jing Canada*

*La relocalisation : une solution contre la crise de souveraineté*

*Author: Mr. Thierry Brugvin France*

*Sovereignty and Regional Integration/Cooperation*

*Author: Prof. Mario Luigi Telo' Belgium*

*The Evolution and The New Essence of Sovereignty*

*Author: Mr. Afonso Silva Portugal*

*Co-Author(s): Mr. Joseph Cohen Portugal*

*The Fascist Crucible: Fascism and the Transatlantic Political Community*

*Author: Dr. F. Peter Wagner United States*

***Studying Political Power: Theories and Practice***

Chair

Dr. Pamela Pansardi Italy

Discussants

Dr. Andra Gillespie United States

Dr. Judit Trunkos United States

Description

Power is a central concept for social and political sciences yet one of the most troublesome in terms of empirical research. On the one hand, we can see an established power analysis domain with standards set by numerous noted scientists. On the other hand, leading authors of the field express doubts whether power is a suitable concept for purposes of rigorous empirical analysis.

We are especially interested in attracting papers that deal with questions on distribution of political power. Is the classical tripartition of power resources (economic, of violence, and symbolic) apt at describing the basis for the distribution of political power? Should we consider, in addition, other bases of power? How do further power relations, as those based on race, class or other norms and structures, reinforce and/or undermine gendered ones? How political actors engage to strategically build coalitional mobilizations both inside and outside institutions to change political power distribution?

This panel aims at gathering together sociologists, political theorists and political scientists that share a commitment to rigorous conceptual analysis of power and link theory to practice.

***Papers***

*Gamson-Shapley Laws: A Formal Approach to Parliamentary Coalition Formation*

*Author: Ms. Nataliya Demyanenko Germany*

*Co-Author(s): Prof. Pierfrancesco La Mura Germany*

*Half Victim, Half Accomplice: Cat Person and De Beauvoirian Narcissism*

*Author: Dr. Filipa Melo Lopes United Kingdom*

*Knitting Together Movements: Centering Diversity in Social Movement Coaltions*

*Author: Dr. Valeria Sinclair-Chapman United States*

*Right-Wing Women: Reproducing the Patriarchal Status Quo through Online Commentary*

*Author: Dr. Louise Richardson-Self Australia*