

***ECPR STANDING GROUP***  
***ON SOUTHERN EUROPEAN POLITICS***

*SECTION*

**CHALLENGES TO DEMOCRACY**  
**IN SOUTHERN EUROPE**

**ECPR GENERAL CONFERENCE**  
**MONTREAL**  
**26-29 August 2015**

***SECTION PROGRAMME***

**Section Convenors**

**Evren Celik Wiltsh**  
*South Dakota State University*

**Myrto Tsakatika**  
*University of Glasgow*

**Susannah Verney**  
*University of Athens*

Panel 1  
**CHALLENGES TO DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE  
IN SOUTHERN EUROPE**  
**Chair and Discussant: Luis Ramiro, University of Leicester**

**Thursday 27 August**  
**09:00-10:40**  
Jean-Brillant Building, Floor 3, Room **B-3335**

Dominant Party Systems in Turkey, South Africa and Japan  
Mustafa Yagci & Ali Carkoglu, Koç University, Istanbul

Elections and Contentious Politics in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes:  
The Case of Turkey  
Evren Balta & Haldun Gulalp, Yildiz Technical University

The Structures of the Corrupt Exchange: The Role of Networks in the Italian Case  
Jacopo Costa, Università degli Studi di Torino

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Panel 2  
**CHANGING PARTY LANDSCAPES AND THE POPULIST BACKLASH IN  
CRISIS ERA SOUTHERN EUROPE**  
**Chair: Bonnie Field, Bentley University**  
**Discussant: Duncan McDonnell, Griffith University, Queensland**

**Thursday 27 August**  
**11:00-12:40**  
Jean-Brillant Building, Floor 4, Room **B-4310**

The Emergence of New Forms of Populisms? Evidence from Southern Europe  
Myrto Tsakatika, University of Glasgow  
Paolo R. Graziano, Bocconi University  
Nuria Font, Universit Autónoma de Barcelona

Resurgence of Populism in Southern Europe  
as a Challenge to Liberal Democrati Regimes: Case of Italy and Greece  
Martin Mejstrik, Charles University in Prague

Economic Crisis and Left-Right Ideology in Spain  
Rosa M Navarette, Universitã Mannheim

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Panel 3  
**DEMOCRACY IN HARD TIMES: THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF  
DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGES  
IN SOUTHERN EUROPE**  
**Chair: Ilhan Uzgl, Ankara University**

**Thursday 27 August**  
**15:50-17:30**  
Jean-Brillant Building, Floor 4, Room **B-4310**

Political Economy of Democratic Challenges in Southern Europe  
Evren Celik Wiltse, University of South Dakota

Socio-political 'Risk' Factors in Italian Regions:  
Impediments to Investment and Democracy?  
Julian Campisi, York University

The Hidden Opposition to a Fiscal Union in Southern Europe:  
A Conjoint Analysis of Attitudes on Economic Policy in Italy  
Fabio Franchino & Paolo Segatti, Università degli Studi di Milano

Social Citizenship in the European Monetary Union: The Case of Portugal  
Tiago Ramalho, Sciences Po Paris

Analysing the Mediterranean Welfare State in the Context of Southern Europe:  
Economic Changes and Political Challenges Facing the Future  
Maria Belén Martin Castro, Universidad de Granada

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Panel 4  
**MAKING OR BREAKING GREEK DEMOCRACY**  
**Chair and Discussant: Myrto Tsakatika, Glasgow University**

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The Perils of Greece's Protracted Transition  
Spyridon Kotsovilis, University of Toronto

The Greek Voter (2015)  
Ioannis Andreadis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

The Advent of the Single-issue Government: The New Greek Governing Coalition  
Maurits Meijers, Hertie School of Governance

The Troika Oversight at a Crossroads  
Max Lügert, Bonn University

Panel 5  
**ROCKING THE BOAT: CHANGES IN POLITICAL PARTICIPATION  
IN CRISIS ERA SOUTHERN EUROPE**  
**Chair and discussant: Evren Balta, Yildiz Technical University**

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What Changes are Needed in Spanish Democracy?  
José Luis Rey Perez, Universiad Pontificia Comillas

The Five Star Movmement: A Democratic Tsunami or Another One-man Show?  
Luca Manucci, University of Zurich

Evaluating Podemos' Direct Democracy Experience through New Technologies and  
its Impact in Terms of Democratic Participation and Regeneration  
Victoria Alsina Burgués & José Manuel Martinez Sierra, Harvard Univesity

Competing Sexual Citizenships: LGBTQ Activism in Puerta del Sol and Gezi Park  
Pablo Pérez Navarro, University of Coimbra

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**STANDING GROUP  
ON SOUTHERN EUROPEAN POLITICS**  
**Business Meeting  
& Social Event**

**Friday 28 August**  
**12:45-14:00**  
Jean-Brillant Building, **Floor 3, Room B-3285**

**FREE LUNCH!!**  
Food and coffee will be provided by the Standing Group

A chance to socialise with other Section participants  
and members of the Standing Group  
**ALL WELCOME**

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Panel 6  
**TOLERANCE, MINORITIES  
AND MEMORY IN SOUTHERN EUROPE**  
**Chair and Discussant: Evren Celik Wiltse, University of South Dakota**

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**15:50- 17:30**  
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Religious Minorities in Democratic Spain:  
Rekindle with the Past and Part of the Future

Claude Proeschel, Sciences Po Paris

Between Blindness of Secularism and  
Discrimination of Religious Authority: Cem-Houses

Erhan Kurtarir, Yildiz Technical University

A Failed Case in Confronting the Past: Turkey Parliamentary Investigation  
Committee on Military Coups and Memorandums and its Report

Ilhan Uzgel, Ankara University

Pacto del Ovido: The Elephant in the Room

Rodrigo Vaz, School of Oriental and African Studies