

**ECPR GENERAL CONFERENCE
REYKJAVIK, 25-27 AUGUST 2011**

**SECTION 58:
“CRISIS ZONE? STATE QUALITY AND DEMOCRATIC
QUALITY IN SOUTHERN EUROPE”**

Section Chair: Susannah Verney, University of Athens

Panel 1

**ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE IN A CRISIS:
THE CASE OF THE EUROZONE SOUTH**

Session Time: Thursday 25 August, 09.00-10.40

Chair: Manos Matsaganis, Athens University of Economics & Business
Co-Chair: Spyros Blakouvos, Athens University of Economics & Business
Discussant: George Pagoulatos, Athens University of Economics & Business

External Asymmetries in the Euro-Area and the Role of Foreign Direct Investment, Vassilis Sarantides and Nicos Christodoulakis, *both at* Athens University of Economics & Business

Europe, Anchor or Torpedo: An Analysis of the Economic Dynamics and Policies in a Context of Non-Optimal Monetary Union and of Economic Governance Deficit, Ferran Brunet, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Facing a Government Crisis: A Comparative Analysis of the Role of International Organisations in the Economic Crisis of Argentina 2001 and Greece 2010, Maria Soledad Gattoni and Olga Marcela Cubides, *both at* Universidad de Salamanca

Portugal, the Debt Crisis and EMU Membership: A Lost Opportunity? Paulo Vila Maior, Universidade Fernando Pessoa, Porto

Accounting for the Economic Crisis: Fiscal Consolidation, Structural Convergence and the “Southern” Model of Capitalism, Spyros Blavoukos and George Pagoulatos, *both at* Athens University of Economics & Business

Tabled Paper

Understanding the Greek Crisis: Unlocking the Puzzle of Greek Banks’ Deteriorating Performance, Theodore Pelagidis, University of Piraeus and Michael Mitsopoulos, Association of Greek Enterprises

Panel 2

CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE QUALITY OF DEMOCRACY IN SOUTHERN EUROPE, 1970s-2000s

Session Time: Thursday 25 August, 11.00-12.40

Chairs: Pedro Tavares de Almeida, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

Co-Chair: Tiago Fernandes, Universidade Nova de Lisboa & University of Notre
Dame

Civil Society and the Quality of Democracy: A Comparison of Spain and Portugal, 1974-2000s, Rui Branco and Tiago Fernandes, Universidade Nova de Lisboa & University of Notre Dame

An Impossible Democracy: Clientelistic Relationships and Political Corruption, Antonio Robles-Egea and José Manuel Aceituno-Montes, *both at* Universidade de Granada

Civil Society and Civic Engagement in Democracy: The Democratic Effects of Socio-Political Associations in Spain, Rafael Vasquez, Universidade de Granada

Historical Legacies and Organisational Antinomies, Sara Watson, Ohio State University

Southern European Radicalism Revisited: Interpreting Political Culture in the Long 1960s, Pedro Ramos Pinto, University of Manchester

Panel 3

RADICAL LEFT PARTIES AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN SOUTHERN EUROPE

Session Time: Thursday 25 August, 13.00-14.40

Chair: Myrto Tsakatika, University of Glasgow

Co-Chair: Marco Lisi, Universidade de Lisboa

Discussant: Tom Lundberg, University of Glasgow

Far Left Italian Political Parties and their Political Culture, Paola Bordandini, Università di Bologna

Impulse and Decadence of Linkage Processes: Evidence from the Spanish Radical Left, Tania Verge, Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Luis Ramiro, Universidad de Murcia

Creating New Social Roots and Legitimacy: The Mobilisation Strategy of the Left Bloc, Marco Lisi, Universidade de Lisboa

The Greek Radical Left's Turn to Civil Society: One Strategy, Dual Trajectories, Myrto Tsakatika, University of Glasgow and Costas Eleftheriou, University of Athens

AKEL and Civil Society, Georgios Charalambous, University of Cyprus and Christophoros Christophorou, University of Nicosia

Tabled Papers

An Attempt to Define and Classify the Radical Left Parties in Southern Europe: The Emergence of an Anti-Capitalist Family, Matthieu Vieira, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Fabien Escalona, Université de Grenoble and Anissa Amjahad, Université Libre de Bruxelles

The Views of Radical Left Parties in Southern Europe about Social Policy: Cases of Greece, Portugal and Spain, Ioannis Stylianos Tsagkarakis, Nikolaos Papadakis, Dimitris Kotrogiannos, Marinos Chourdakis, and Apostolos Kamekis, *all at* University of Crete

Panel 4

**POST-CRISIS PUBLIC POLICY REFORM
AND POPULAR RESPONSE IN SOUTHERN EUROPE**

Session Time: Thursday 25 August, 15.00-16.40

Chair: Stella Ladi, Panteion University, Athens and University of Sheffield
Co-Chair: Dimitris Tsarouchas, Bilkent University, Ankara

Economic Crisis and Welfare Reform in Greece, Manos Matsaganis, Athens University of Economics & Business

Accounting for Variation in the Impact of and Response to Economic Crisis in Greece and Portugal, Christos Paraskevopoulos, University of Macedonia

Economic Crisis and Public Attitudes Towards Domestic and EU Institutions in Greece, Portugal and Spain, Ben Clements, University of Leicester and Kyriaki Nanou, European University Institute

Spain's Goose Chase: The Flexibilisation of the Labour Market and the Reduction of its Public Deficit under Zapatero's Presidency, Monica Clua-Losada, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

Panel 5

THE QUALITY OF DEMOCRACY IN SOUTHERN EUROPE: METHODS, THEORIES AND POLICY OUTREACH

Session Time: Friday 26 August, 09.00-10.40

Chair: Luis Sousa, Universidade de Lisboa
Co-Chair: Antonio Costa Pinto, Universidade de Lisboa
Discussant: Svetlozar Andreev, Committee of the Regions

Measuring Citizens' Evaluations on Quality of Democracy: A New Research Agenda, Irene Palacios, University of Manchester

The Quality of Democracy: The Portuguese Case, Luis Sousa, António Costa Pinto and Pedro Magalhães, Universidade de Lisboa

Measuring the Quality of Democracy with Expert Surveys: The Spanish Case, Braulio Gomez, Irene Palacios, *both at* Instituto de Estudios Sociales Avanzados and Modesto Escobar, Universidad de Salamanca

Portuguese Democracy – (Dis)trust and Democratic Institutions in a Comparative Perspective, Maria Pequito and Samuel Pires, *both at* Universidade Técnica de Lisboa

Studying the Quality of Democracy in Post-Authoritarian Greece in Comparative Perspective, Dimitri A. Sotiropoulos, University of Athens

Panel 6

TURKISH TRANSFORMATION FROM INSTITUTIONALIST PERSPECTIVES: STATE QUALITY AND DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT

Session Time: Friday 26 August, 11.00-12.40

Chair: Zeki Sarigil, Bilkent University, Ankara
Co-Chair: Mustafa Halit Tagma, Sabanci University, Istanbul
Discussant: B. Guy Peters, University of Pittsburgh

The “Unsettled” Relationship: Turkey’s Path to EU Membership from a New Institutional Perspective, Gulay Icoz, Royal Holloway College, University of London

Paths Beyond Stability: Turkish Constitutional Amendments, Zeki Sarigil, Bilkent University, Ankara

The Evolution of the Gender Equality Policy in Turkey, Senay Eray

Panel 7

THE FRAMING OF DEMOCRACY'S IMPACT AT REGIONAL LEVEL: THE CASE OF AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITIES

Session Time: Saturday 27 August, 09.00-10.40

Chair: Teresa Ruel, Universidade de Lisboa
Discussant: Patricia Calca, Universidade de Lisboa

Madeira Island and The Impact of Autonomy, António Marques Bessa,
Universidade Técnica de Lisboa

Squaring the Vicious Circle of Nationalism and Separatism in Post-Milosevič Serbia: The Case of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, Oliveira Djordjevič,
University of Athens

The Autonomous Region of Madeira in the Portuguese National Press: A Way of Assessing the Quality of Democracy, Célia Belim Rodrigues

The Political Institutions at Regional Level- The Portuguese and Spanish Autonomous Communities, Teresa Ruel, Universidade de Lisboa

The Quality of Local Democracy: Towards a Conceptual Framework, Luis Sousa, Universidade de Lisboa

Tabled Paper

Madeira Exceptionalism Towards a Flawless Democracy, José Santos, Universidade de Lisboa

Panel 8

THE IMPACT OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION ON DEMOCRATIC AND STATE QUALITY IN SOUTHERN EUROPE

Session Time: Saturday 28 August, 11.00-12.40

Chair: Susannah Verney, University of Athens

The Impact of the Present Enlargement Policy on Democratic and State Quality in Turkey, Adam Szymanski, University of Warsaw

The EU's Cooperation and Verification Mechanism for Bulgaria and Romania: A Policy Mechanism of State and Democracy Consolidation? Boyka Stefanova,
The University of Texas at San Antonio

The Influence of European Level Factors on the Political Participation of Minorities in South Eastern Europe: The Cases of Greece and Romania, Andre Hein, Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna

Democratisation through Social Dialogue? The EU's Influence on the Role of Bulgarian Social Partners, Stavina Spassova and Luca Tomini, *both at* Université Libre de Bruxelles

The Dynamics of Local Partnerships in Greece: The Case of Equal and Leader Community Initiatives, Despoina Grigoriadou, University of Nottingham