

Summer Term 2015

Hauptseminar Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft: The Rise (and Fall) of New Parties and the Stability of Party Systems

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Seminar Class Time: Fri 12.00 – 13.30

Classroom: 203/2 Hörsaal des Forschungsinstituts

First session: 10 April 2015

Course description:

Although party systems in advanced democracies are generally rather stable, new parties emerge from time to time with some of them being able to survive more than a few years. However, the number of new parties varies considerably between countries and over time. When do new parties emerge? What makes them survive? The seminar gives an overview of concepts and findings in this research field, combining quantitative approaches with case studies on specific parties, party families, and countries.

As the seminar's overarching goal is to enable participants to write their own research papers on individual cases based on a broad set of explanatory factors introduced and discussed in class, regular attendance is of utmost importance for the quality of term papers.

Participants are expected to hand in a two pages outline of their planned term papers either on 12 June or on 19 June. I will give feedback in my office hour on 16 June and 23 June respectively.

Logistics:

Please register for this course via KLIPS. After the first class no further enrolments will be accepted. Students are expected to:

- attend sessions regularly
- actively contribute to class discussions
- complete assigned readings according to schedule
- give a presentation in the seminar (for all participants)
- write a term paper of about 15 pages in length (individual research papers, team research papers with individual contributions of about 8 pages), handed in on 15 September 2015 (late assignments will be penalized, unless prior arrangements are made!).

Since nearly all reading assignments are in English, this will be the general classroom language as well. Participants therefore must know enough English to be able to participate actively. Perfection is not required – you just need to understand and make yourself understood.

Readings:

Bolleyer, Nicole (2013). *New Parties in Old Party Systems: Persistence and Decline in 17 Democracies*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Hino, Airo (2012). *New Challenger Parties in Western Europe. A Comparative Analysis*. London, New York: Routledge.

Hug, Simon (2001). *Altering party systems: Strategic behavior and the emergence of new political parties in Western democracies*, Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.

Meguid, Bonnie (2008). *Party Competition between Unequals: Strategies and Electoral Fortunes in Western Europe*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

A reader with assigned readings will be made available to participants from early April.

Course schedule:

10 April Party System Stability and Change: Concepts and Measurements

R: Mair, Peter (1997). *Party System Change. Approaches and Interpretations*, Oxford: Clarendon Press, 45-90.

Cox, Gary W. (1997). *Making Votes Count: Strategic Coordination in the World's Electoral Systems*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, ch. 2.

Chibber, Pradeep and Ken Kollman (1998). Party Aggregation and the Number of Parties in India and the United States, *American Political Science Review* 92: 329-42.

17 April The Concept of New Party and Types of New Parties

R: Barnea, Shlomit and Gideon Rahat (2011). Out with the Old, in with the "New": What Constitutes a New Party?, *Party Politics* 17: 303-20.

Bolleyer, Nicole and Evelyn Bytzek (2013). Origins of Party Formation and New Party Success in Advanced Democracies, *European Journal of Political Research* 52: 773-96.

Bolleyer, Nicole (2012). New Party Organization in Western Europe: Of hierarchies, stratarchies and federations, *Party Politics* 18: 315-36.

24 April A General Model of New Party Emergence: Strategic Entry

R: Tavits, Margit (2006). Party System Change. Testing a model of new party entry, *Party Politics* 12: 99-119.

Tavits, Margit (2008). Party Systems in the Making: The emergence and success of new parties in new democracies, *British Journal of Political Science* 38: 113-33.

8 May Case Study I: UKIP (and Other Anti-Establishment Parties)

- R: Abedi, Amir and Thomas Carl Lundberg (2009). Doomed to Failure? UKIP and the organisational challenges facing right-wing populist anti-political establishment parties, *Parliamentary Affairs* 62(1): 72-87.
- Conti, Nicolò and Vincenzo Memoli (2015). The Emergence of a New Party in the Italian Party System: Rise and fortunes of the Five Star Movement, *West European Politics*, online first.

15 May The Niche Party Concept

- R: Meguid, Bonnie (2005). Competition Between Unequals: The role of mainstream party strategy in niche party success, *American Political Science Review* 99: 347-59.
- Meyer, Thomas M. and Bernhard Miller (2013). The Niche Party Concept and its Measurement, *Party Politics*, online first.
- Zons, Gregor (2013). The Influence of Programmatic Diversity on the Formation of New Political Parties, *Party Politics*, online first.

22 May Case Study II: The True Finns (and Other Radical Right Populist Parties)

- R: Arter, D. (2010). The Breakthrough of Another West European Populist Radical Right Party? The case of the True Finns, *Government and Opposition* 45: 484-504.

5 June The Concept of Electoral Market Failure

- R: Lago, Ignacio and Ferran Martinez (2010). Why New Parties?, *Party Politics* 17: 3-20.

16 June Office Hour 11:30 – 12:30: Feedback on planned term papers

Please hand in (by email attachment) a two pages outline of your planned term paper on **Friday 12 June**. I will give feedback during my office hour.

19 June Case Study III: The Netherlands

- R: Krouwel, André and Paul Lucardie (2008). Waiting in the Wings: New parties in the Netherlands, *Acta Politica* 43(2): 278-307.

23 June Office Hour 11:30 – 12:30: Feedback on planned term papers

Please hand in (by email attachment) a two pages outline of your planned term paper on **Friday 19 June**. I will give feedback during my office hour.

26 June **Case Study IV: Green Parties**

R: Spoon, J.-J. (2009). Holding their Own: Explaining the persistence of Green parties in France and the UK, *Party Politics* 15: 615-34.

3 July **New Parties in Government**

Classroom for this session: Modulbau der Humanwissenschaftlichen Fakultät, Seminarraum **S181**, behind the IBW Building

R: Bolleyer, Nicole, van Spanje, Joost and Alex Wilson (2012). New parties in government: The organisational costs of public office. *West European Politics* 35, 971-998.

17 July **Survival of New Parties**

R: de Lange, S. L. and D. Art (2011). Fortuyn versus Wilders: An agency-based approach to radical right party building, *West European Politics* 34: 1229-49.
Lucardie, P. (2000). Prophets, Purifiers and Prolocutors: Towards a theory on the emergence of new parties, *Party Politics* 6: 175-85.