



## SÉMINAIRE GÉNÉRAL DU CENTRE D'ÉTUDES EUROPÉENNES

### The Other Dimension: Explaining Party Competition on the Socio-Cultural Dimension in Europe

#### Speaker



#### Jan Rovny (Sciences Po, CEE & LIEPP)

Jan Rovny's research concentrates on political competition in Europe with the aim of uncovering the ideological conflict lines in different countries. His projects address the interplay between political issue dimensionality, party strategies and voter responses. One research area examines the dimensional structure of public opinion and the associated party strategies across Europe. Another area focuses on party competition in Central and Eastern Europe, and seeks to explain the variance in party competition and voting patterns across the ex-communist block. The final research area focuses on new developments in welfare policies in Europe and how these affect individual political preferences and voting behavior.

#### Discussion



#### Camille Bedock (European University Institute & visiting Sciences Po, CEE)

Camille Bedock is preparing a dissertation entitled "Reforming democracy: institutional engineering in Western European democracies, 1990-2010", under the supervision of Sven Steinmo (EUI) and Nicolas Sauger (Sciences Po, CEE). Her research interests are institutional and electoral reforms, comparative politics, political parties and institutions.



#### Florence Haegel (Sciences Po, CEE)

Florence Haegel is working on political parties and politicization. Within the first field, her research deals with party system and party organization, they concern specifically French right wing parties in a comparative perspective. Within the second field, she is currently working (with Sophie Duchesne) on a research program based on focus groups carried out in France, (French speaking) Belgium and the UK on the topic of Europe. In this framework, she is working both on the logics of political discussion and the question of the politicization of European issue. She has recently edited (with Sophie Duchesne, Virginie Van Ingelgom and Elizabeth Frazer) *Citizens' Reactions to European Integration Compared. Overlooking Europe*, Palgrave, 2013