

Book presentation

Consequences of Context

How the Social, Political, and Economic Environment Affects Voting

Hermann Schmitt, Paolo Segatti and Cees van der Eijk (eds.)
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14.30 -17.30

Venue: Sala Lauree, via Conservatorio 7, University of Milan

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The spSTREND Lab is glad to present the book **“Consequences of Context. How the Social, Political, and Economic Environment Affects Voting”** recently published by Hemann Schmitt, Paolo Segatti and Cees vad der Eijk for ECPR Press.

Synopsis

The book presents the most systematic and consistent study to date of the ‘consequences of context’ for the process through which citizens decide on their electoral behaviour. It derives contextual variation from cross-national and within-country comparisons. The contextual dimensions investigated pertain to the political, economic and social domains, and their impact is investigated on the factors that drive citizens’ decision to participate in an election and on their subsequent decision of which party to vote for. The book thus focuses not on whether people vote and for which party, but instead on more fundamental questions about contextual effects on the determinants of electoral participation and the vote. The analyses are based on an integrated database of national election studies conducted in European countries and utilises an innovative multi-level logistic regression methodology. This methodology, elaborated in detail early on and subsequently applied in each of the following chapters, identifies the moderating effect, or the “consequences”, of altogether nine classes of different context conditions on individual level determinants of electoral participation and party choice.

PROGRAMME

14.30-14:45 Welcoming remarks

Cristiano Vezzi, *University of Milan and spSTREND Coordinator*

14.45-15.45 Session 1 – The book as seen by the authors

Paolo Segatti, *University of Milan*

Hermann Schmitt, *University of Mannheim (DE)*

Cees van der Eijk, *University of Nottingham (UK)*

Discussant: Nicola Maggini, *University of Milan*

15:45-16:00 Coffee break

16.00-17.15 Session 2 - Round table with the authors

“Consequences of context: challenges in understanding how citizens make their contextualised political choices”

Chair: Francesco Zucchini, *University of Milan*

Eftichia Teperoglou, *University of Thessaloniki (GR)*

Eva Önnudóttir, *University of Iceland (IS)*

Vincenzo Emanuele, *LUISS Rome*

José Ramon Montero, *Autonomous University Madrid (ES)*

17.15-17.30 Concluding remarks and salute

José Ramon Montero, *Autonomous University Madrid (ES)*

17:30-18:00 Small Aperitivo