PARTIREP International Conference on Party membership

Party membership in Europe: Explorations into the anthills of party politics

Conference hosted by the Centre d'étude de la vie politique of the ULB (Cevipol) at the Université libre de Bruxelles,

Brussels, Belgium,
Dupréel Room, Jeanne Avenue, 44 – 1050 Brussels
30-31 October 2008

Programme

Thursday, October 30th

Opening of the Congress

First session – 9.00-10.45

Chair: Kris DESCHOUWER (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

09.15: Paul WHITELEY (University of Essex): “Is the party over? The Decline of Party Activism and Membership across the Democratic World”

09.35: Pascal DELWIT (Université libre de Bruxelles): “Still the decline? Party Membership in Europe”


10.15: Discussion

10.45: Coffee break
Second session – 11.00-12.30

Chair: Stefaan WALGRAVE (Universiteit Antwerpen)

11.00: Stéphanie DECHEZELLES (IEP Bordeaux): “The young Lega Nord and Alleanza Nazionale activists in Italy: “new” parties, “classical” involvement?”


11.40: Discussion

12.30-14.00: Lunch

Third session – 14.00-15.30

Chair: Jean-Benoit PILET (Université libre de Bruxelles)

14.00: Sorina SOARE (Universita degli studi di Palermo), Alexandra IONASCU (Universitatea din Bucuresti, Université libre de Bruxelles): “Cultivating large Membership Rolls: The Romanian Case”

14.20: Jean-Michel DE WAELLE, Maïté LEROY (Université libre de Bruxelles), Anna PACZESNIAK (University of Wroclaw): “The SLd delegates in Poland”


15.00: Discussion

15.30 Coffee Break

Fourth session – 15.45-17.00

Chair: Emilie VAN HAUTE (Université libre de Bruxelles)

15.45 : Oscar BARBERA (London School of Economics / Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona), Astrid BARRIO, Juan RODRIGUEZ (Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona): “Political Developments and party changes: Catalonia (1995-2007)”

16.05: Florence HAEGEL (Cevipof): “How to manufacture party membership? The case of the French UMP”
16.25 : Discussion
17.00: End of the first day

Friday, October 31st

Fifth session – 09.00-10.20

Chair: Pascal DELWIT (Université libre de Bruxelles)

09.00: Wijbrandt VAN SCHUUR, Gerrit VOERMAN (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen): “How Dutch parties think about their changing membership”

09.20: Giulia SANDRI, Teun PAUWELS (Université libre de Bruxelles): “The role of party members in Belgian and Italian parties: a cross-national analysis”

09.40: Discussion

10.20: Coffee break

Sixth session – 10.40-12.30

Chair: Pascal DELWIT (Université libre de Bruxelles)

10.40: Emilie VAN HAUTE (Université libre de Bruxelles): “Who voices? Socialisation process and ideological profile of discontented party members”

11.00: Patrick VANDER WEYDEN (Universiteit Gent), Koen ABTS, Sophie COLPAERT (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven): “The Flemish Socialist Party: Members and Party Organization”

11.20: Discussion

12.00: Conclusion: Kris DESCHOWER (Vrije Universiteit Brusel)

12.30: End of the conference

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