

Electoral Control Workshop 1

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Winners and Losers in the Elections of Eastern Europe

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Theory tells us that by conditioning their ballots on policy outcomes, voters can use elections to control politicians. Presumably, politicians anticipate that they will be sanctioned for poor party-performance, and thus have an incentive to implement policies, through their parties and other political units, that correspond to the preferences of the electorate. Does the system of repeated elections function as a mechanism of electoral control, and if it does, what factors influence its effectiveness? This project considers this question in a broad context of studies on parliamentary elections.

This international workshop brings together scholars who are interested in using data on candidates and parliamentarians in Eastern Europe to address critical questions on political and party systems of the region, as well as issues in representation, accountability and political inequality. The workshop will introduce the data collection effort for the Eastern European Parliamentarian and Candidate Database (EAST-PaC) -- a dataset on parliamentarian candidates for all elections since 1989 in Poland, Ukraine and Hungary -- and invite scholars to use these data.

The Workshop will feature (a) discussions of empirical research that uses candidate and parliamentarian data in Poland, Hungary and Ukraine, and elsewhere in Eastern Europe; (b) methodological discussions on collecting candidate and electoral data; (c) a special session on managing EAST-PaC data; and (d) networking and planning of future projects involving these data and these topics.

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Day 1	10:00-12:30	14:00-17:00
Friday, October 18	<p>10:00 – 11:00 in Room 200</p> <p>– Introduction to the Workshop, Organizational matters, and Introduction to the project and the data collection effort for Eastern European Parliamentarian and Candidate Database (EAST-PaC)</p> <p>by Prof. Kazimierz M. Slomczynski, CONSIRT, The Ohio State University and the Polish Academy of Sciences</p> <p><i>11:00-11:20 -- Coffee Break in Room 164</i></p> <p>11:20-12:30 in Room 200</p> <p>-- Research biographies of Workshop participants</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Joshua Kjerulf Dubrow, CONSIRT</p>	<p>14:00 – Welcoming Remarks, Prof. Andrzej Rychard, Director of IFiS PAN</p> <p>14:10 – 15:15 in Room 200</p> <p>– Presentation: Gender, Candidates and Elections in Eastern Europe</p> <p>by Prof. Sheri Kunovich, Southern Methodist University, USA</p> <p><i>15:15 – 15:45 -- Coffee Break in Room 164</i></p> <p>15:45 – 17:00 in Room 200</p> <p>– Presentation: Candidate Data in Poland</p> <p>by Prof. Zbyszek Sawinski, Educational Research Institute, Poland</p>

Day 2	10:00-12:30	14:00-17:30
<p>Saturday, October 19</p>	<p>10:00 – 11:00 in Computer Lab Room 124</p> <p>-- Computer Lab, Part I: Managing EAST-PaC Data</p> <p>by Prof. Slomczynski and Dr. Irina Tomescu-Dubrow, CONSIRT</p>	<p>14:00 – 15:00 in Room 154</p> <p>-- Presentation: Collecting Candidate and Contextual Data in Ukraine</p> <p>by Dr. Natalia Pohorila, SOCIS - Center for Social and Marketing studies, Kiev, Ukraine</p>
	<p><i>11:00-11:20 -- Coffee Break in Room 164</i></p> <p>11:20 – 12:30 in Computer Lab Room 124</p> <p>-- Computer Lab, Part II: Managing EAST-PaC Data</p> <p>by Prof. Slomczynski and Dr. Tomescu-Dubrow, CONSIRT</p>	<p><i>15:00 – 15:30 -- Coffee Break in Room 164</i></p> <p>15:30 – 16:20 in Room 154</p> <p>-- Presentation: Candidates, Parliamentarians and Elections in Hungary</p> <p>by Zsofia Papp, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary</p> <p><i>16:20 – 16:30 Break</i></p> <p>16:30 - 17:30 in Room 154</p> <p>Discussion: Game Theory and Electoral Control</p> <p>Discussion Leader: by Dr. Jakub Zielinski, Boston Consulting Group (BCG), USA</p> <p><i>19:00 Common Dinner for Participants, Location TBA</i></p>