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IV ISA FORUM OF SOCIOLOGY (VIRTUAL)
CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST CENTURY. DEMOCRACY, ENVIRONMENT, INEQUALITIES, INTERSECTIONALITY
1. Presentation of our Board
2. Bi-annual Newsletter
3. Contribution of regional coordinators for ISA Forum
4. Forthcoming activities: CPS permanent seminar + CPS annual Conference + CPS permanent panel in APSA
5. Collective and open discussion about forthcoming activities and orientations
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Dear new members:

Thanks for joining our international network where we share events, publications and all sort of information and ideas between colleagues. We appreciate that CPS is increasingly growing and enhancing the discipline of Political Sociology around the world. Welcome!

**CPS Board 2021-2022**

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**Global outbursts**

Our members recommend some academic readings to help understand the social and political dynamics taking place in various regions of the world:


Do you have any other suggestions? Share with us material that you find interesting for the study and understanding of global events and political phenomena, and we will publish it in our next Newsletter.

**SAVE THE DATE**

The CPS annual conference (Political Parties and Democracy) will be held in October 2021 (exact date to be confirmed) and the IPSA annual conference (New Horizons in an Open World) will take place in July 20-21, 2022.

**CPS Annual Conference postponed to October 2021**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT**

CPS is pleased to announce that we have engaged a new Executive Assistant to support our primary responsibilities. He has been an active and enthusiastic member of our organizational team, and will work closely with the CPS Board to ensure the smooth running of the organization. He is particularly interested in the development of political sociology and will be an asset to our efforts to promote the discipline.

**A BRIEF OVERVIEW AT THE NEWSLETTER**

- Information about the mission of the permanent secretary: "CPS takes with authority" - reflects the goals of the organization and the values of many of the members of the organization, who are committed to advancing the field of political sociology.
- The newsletter also includes information about the CPS Board and the CPS Council.
- The newsletter includes information about the CPS Annual Conference and the CPS Newsletters.
- The newsletter includes a section on the CPS Annual Conference (Political Parties and Democracy) and the IPSA Annual Conference (New Horizons in an Open World).
1. **Movement-Parties in Action: Challenges and Outcomes.** Session Organizer: Sofía Donoso, Universidad de Chile; Chair: Nicolás Angelcos, UNAB.

2. **Rethinking Politics in Latin America.** Session Organizer: Sofía Donoso, Universidad de Chile; Chair: Nicolás Angelcos, UNAB.

3. **Prácticas Políticas de los Sectores Populares en América Latina.** Session organizer: Nicolás Angelcos, UNAB; Chair: Sofía Donoso, Universidad de Chile.


5. **Activists Causes and Repertoires of Collective Action in Latin America and Europe in the 21st Century: Circulation, Spaces, Uses, Trajectories (2).** Session Organizer and Chair: Melina Vásquez, CONICET/ UBA.

6. **How Far the Elected Representatives and Officials like the Democracy?** Session Organizer and Chair: Martine Legris Revel, CERAPS CNRS Lille University.

7. **Everyday Citizenship.** Session Organizer and Chair: Jurate Imbrasaitė, Vytautas Magnus University. Discussant: Dainius Genys, Vytautas Magnus University.

8. **Elections in Latin America.** Session Organizer and Chair: Rene Valdiviezo-Sandoval, Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla.
1. **Leisure and Environment Defence (RC13, RC18 and RC24).** Session Organizers: Alan Law, Trent University and Stephen Wearing, University of Technology Sydney. Chair: Alan Law, Trent University.

2. **Inmigrant Political Participation in the Global South (RC31 and RC18).** Session Organizer: Cristian Doña Reveco, University of Nebraska at Omaha. Chair: Giacomo Orsini, Université Catholique de Louvain.

**CPS Program Coordinators for IV ISA Forum 2021 are:**

NICOLÁS ANGELCOS (U. Andrés Bello, Chile)  
SOFÍA DONOSO (FACSO, U. de Chile)
CPS has a vibrant program of panels at the forthcoming Congress. The 27 panels are distributed into six main clusters:

- Ideologies, nationalism, populism
- Direct, deliberative, sortive democracy
- Parties and party systems
- Cultural dynamics, electoral behaviour, the role of emotions
- Civil society and interest representation
- Alternative forms of political engagement

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LAURENCE MOREL (U. de Lille/CEVIPOF, Paris)

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CHALLENGES TO POLITICAL PARTIES AND THEIR MULTIFACETED TRANSFORMATIONS,
APSA Annual Meeting, Seattle 2021

The worldwide transformation of political party influence pointed out by different scholars since at least the 1990s has continued and even accelerated its pace. This process raises a series of challenges to democracies, such as the reduction of democratic accountability, greater turmoil and economically costly subversions of the rule of law, and increasing difficulties to channel demands from below.

In many long-standing democracies, political parties seem to have strongly reduced their capacity to recruit and retain members, mobilize their voters conserving their long-term loyalty, represent their own constituencies, and reverse widespread political disaffection. Moreover, the weakening of traditional parties has been accompanied by a sharp decline in the support for center-left parties in countries like France, Italy, Germany, and the UK, and an increase of polarization: a new upsurge of the radical right in Europe and the Americas (USA, Brazil, Italy, Chile, Hungary, France) and the reemergence of a radical left, in the context of a renewed interest in socialism. This so-called new left has been capable of accessing the central government (Greve, Spain), and it obtained electoral success at the legislative level (France, Germany). However, the radical left also challenges democratic governance via non-institutionalized social movements (Oliva, France).

Therefore, it seems that liberal democracy is currently tensioned by liberal tendencies at the macro-level. But the meso level of politics also faces challenges. One of them is that many aspects of politics seem to become more personalized and focus on individual actors in the political process. Political parties have historically played a fundamental role in aggregating voters’ interests through strong programmatic platforms – in particular in Europe, in the region in which they took their modern shape and attained the highest levels of institutionalization.

Different factors are pointed out by scholars as causes for their delegitimization: a) the ideological convergence between liberal and social democratic parties; b) the incapacity of "old" parties to connect with the diverse interests of contemporaneous societies; c) the weakening of their representative function, and d) the failure of liberal democracy to achieve welfare for all citizens. These factors have had an impact on the growing influence of direct democracy claims and of innovative ways of participatory democracy.

The APSA panel at the annual meeting aims to explore the new internal and external challenges to political parties in order to account for their multifaceted transformations and comparatively examine the different expressions of the decline or transformation of their influence. The panel welcomes papers on any aspect of party organization, its transformation, causes and effects.
FORTHCOMING ORIENTATIONS

i. Build a proactive international network of political sociologists to stimulate comparative research.
   - CPS Permanent Seminar
   - CPS Annual Conference → Organization of Work groups (cf. CPS Statutes)
   - CPS panels at World Congresses or Forums of ISA and IPSA
   - CPS panels at APSA Annual Meeting

ii. Pursue reflection about the scope, hybrid identity and role of political sociology today (Conference “Redefining Political Sociology”, Santiago de Chile, 2017)
   - Special issue dedicated to what Political Sociology is today (disciplinary focus)

iii. Increase in the number of members and member participation
   - Redefinition of membership in our statutes
   - Grants for young political sociologists
THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS…