Say goodbye to 2020

We are leaving behind one of the most difficult years we have ever lived. The pandemic of Covid-19 has left us with an enormous economic and human cost. Nevertheless, 2020 has also taught us about our societies, ways of organizing and political leaderships. Lessons we should incorporate to our new context. Today more than ever, the hope placed in the vaccines that are being developed in different parts of the world give us the possibility to think about the new challenges that research in political sociology (and the social sciences in general) should face in the understanding of diverse phenomena.

For now, we must be patient and wait. Stay safe.

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A BRIEF OVERVIEW AT THE NEWSLETTER

In this newsletter you can find:

- Information about the first session of CPS permanent seminar: "CPS Talks with Authors".
- Details of the panels organized by CPS in the upcoming ISA Forum of Sociology, and IPSA World Congress of Political Science, both online.
- The latest publications from our members: books, papers, and articles in dissemination journals.
- Information about the Data Recycling Project.
- Call for papers from the Politics and the Life Science Review.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

We want to bid farewell to Carolina Aylwin, our Executive Assistant for the years 2018 and 2020, wishing her all the best. We also want to give welcome to Gustavo Valenzuela, our new Executive Assistant and co-editor of the Newsletter.

Gustavo Valenzuela has a Political Science degree from Universidad Católica de Chile, and he is doing a master’s degree in Latin American Anthropology at the Universidad Alberto Hurtado. Valenzuela has developed an interest in political culture and worked on issues related to clientelism and subnational politics. Also, he has experience as research assistant in projects about clientelism, mobilization and political violence. Recently, he has been working on a project about policies of entrepreneurship in disadvantaged localities through an ethnographic perspective. You can contact him at the following email: gjvalenzuela@uc.cl
The Permanent Seminar of the Research Committee on Political Sociology (CPS), an entity of the International Sociological Association (ISA) and the International Political Science Association (IPSA), provides a forum for exchange and dissemination researches in the field of Political Sociology to both academic audiences and the interested public beyond academia. Through discussions on the work of different authors, the Seminar addresses ongoing phenomena from the perspectives of Political Sociology, connecting scholars’ research to current socio-political affairs. CPS authors such as Juan Linz, Stein Rokkan and many others have provided crucial tools for understanding party competition, challenges to democracy, polarization and numerous other current themes. The Research Committee continues in this tradition. Once a month, the CPS invites authors to present their latest book in 25 minutes, summarizing their research process and main findings. Each presentation is followed by a 15-minute discussion led by an expert scholar on the subject, and the discussion is then open to the public for 30 minutes.

This permanent seminar is co-organized by the CPS and Andrés Bello University (UNAB), and it is sponsored by the ISA and IPSA. Every session is recorded and uploaded to the UNAB official social media platform for dissemination purposes.

In this first seminar, Dr. Gianluca Passarelli will analyze the interaction between the electoral systems and the intra-party competition. In particular, starting from his latest book, he will examine the effects of preferential voting on intraparty electoral competition and voting behavior. Using data covering 19 countries and over 200 elections, this study sheds light on a somewhat neglected aspect of electoral systems. It will demonstrate that the ability of voters to influence the selection and deselection of MPs under preferential voting systems is not as important as is often assumed. Instead, their ability to shape the election of a given candidate depends heavily on the balance between party power and voter power.

To access the event, register at EcoPass following this link: https://www.ecopass.cl/events/detail=permanent-seminar-cps-talks-with-authors&id=875. A few hours before the start of the seminar, you will receive an access link.
Twenty years after the start of our century, the optimism of the Millennium has faded and the challenges we face for living together on a limited planet are even more urgent. While the expansion and the deepening of democratization was taken for granted at the turn of the Millennium, democracy has been at stake in an increasing number of countries, while its key component such as diversity and equal respect for all citizens are threatened. The hope for a global democracy able to tackle global issues such as climate change, migrations and rising inequalities have faded. It has now become clear that to face global challenges, democracy needs to be re-invented within and beyond the representative system. The environmental crisis and climate change are now a worrying reality. How can we live together on a limited planet? Land and food have become again major objects of struggles. Environmental and socio-territorial conflicts have multiplied against extractivist industries. Who are the actors who bring innovative solutions to keep our societies thriving within the planetary boundaries? How does the global environmental crisis lead us to re-think our world and our discipline?

Inequalities have considerably increased since the turn of the Millennium. We can now count twenty-six persons who own more wealth than the poorest half of humanity. This level of inequality is a major threat to democracy and to ecology. Inequalities particularly affect marginalized populations and women in their professional, public and private lives. Intersectionality has become major theme in the ISA conferences and in our discipline over the last 20 years. Overcoming the lasting and interconnected economic, racial, colonial and gender discriminations and the violence that maintain them is another major challenge of our time. The rising consciousness of intersectionality is both a result and a trigger of the rise of subaltern actors and movements since 1992. Indigenous communities, minorities, feminists and small farmers have resisted injustice by combining practices, social struggles and alternative worldviews.

Find more information at the following link: https://www.isa-sociology.org/en/conferences/forum/porto-alegre-2021

Don’t forget our RC18 Business Meeting to be held on February 24th, from 09:00 to 10:30 hours BRT!
PANELS ORGANIZED BY CPS

Movement-Parties in Action: Challenges and Outcomes. Session Organizer: Sofía Donoso, Universidad de Chile; Chair: Nicolás Angelcos, UNAB.

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

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


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.

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

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

Elections in Latin America. Session Organizer and Chair: Rene Valdiviezo-Sandoval, Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla.

PANELS CO-ORGANIZED BY CPS


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.

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With the beginning of the present millennium, varieties of a new type of nationalism spread through the world and this propagation engenders a paradox as its spectacular rising occurs in a period which is characterized by openness, globalization and interdependence. Historically, nationalism as an ideology has risen as a response to rapid change; the contemporary context of openness, globalization and interdependence therefore shapes the type of nationalisms in the present millennium. Besides, new nationalisms rises in both the affluent and destitute societies which in turn shapes the way the new nationalism manifests itself. Hence, what we observe today can be rather referred to as new nationalisms.

The rise of the varieties of new nationalism and its implications on international politics requires posing some key questions in order to attain a more sophisticated level of understanding. What is new nationalism, who are the new nationalist leaders and what are the similarities and differences between the new nationalisms and its predecessors? How can we interpret and classify new nationalisms taking populism, authoritarianism and ethnicism into consideration together with new nationalism? Finally, what are the potential ramifications of new nationalism on political mobilization, electoral behavior, political systems as well as on global governance and international relations?

The new nationalism has become a highly controversial issue by the consecutive electoral successes of new types of nationalist parties in various parts of the world. It should be acknowledged that the profile and discourse of the leaders of these parties played an important role in this increased interest. Politicians such as Vladimir Putin, Donald Trump, Viktor Orban, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Rodrigo Duterte, and most recently Jair Bolsonaro display only partly similar profiles; however, develop an almost similar discourse, pointing to the rise of a complex and diversified phenomenon. They increasingly resort to national references in political rhetoric in an intensifying fashion over time, express distrust in globalization and regional integration with a renewed interest in sovereignty, distance their parties from the classic political ideologies, mobilize their supports on the basis of cultural specificities and ethnicity, display hostility against migration combined with a new commitment to borders or even walls, and magnify the already existing fear induced by rapid economic change and aggressive technological advances.

Find more information at the following link: https://wc2021.ipsa.org/wc/home
PANELS ORGANIZED BY THE CPS

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

Alternative Forms of Engagement: What are the Outcomes? Convenor: Pascale Dufour, Université de Montréal; Chair: Françoise Montambeault, Université de Montréal; Discussant: Colin Robineau, Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II).

Activism and strategies of political participation. Convenor: Raquel Rego, Universidade de Lisboa; Chair: Hermes Costa, Universidade de Lisboa; Discussants: Cristina Nunes and Raquel Rego, Universidade de Lisboa.

Civil Society Groups and Interest Representation. Convenor: Raquel Rego, Universidade de Lisboa; Chair: Raquel Rego; Discussants: Ana Espírito-Santo and Hermes Teperoglou, Universidade de Lisboa.

Contextualising Theories of Electoral Behaviour. Convenor: Hermann Schmitt, Hermann Schmitt; Chair: Paolo Segatti, University of Milan; Co-Chair: Radoslaw Markowski, SWPS University of Social Sciences and Humanities; Discussant: Eftichia Teperoglou, Aristotle University Thessaloniki.

Direct and Deliberative Democracy. Online and Offline. Convenor: Norbert Kersting, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster; Chair: Raphaël Kies, University of Luxembourg; Discussant: Nele Leosk, European University Institute.


Direct and Deliberative Democracy. The Quality of Online and Offline. Participation. Convenor: Norbert Kersting, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster; Chair: Visvaldis Valtenbergs, Latvijas Universitāte; Discussant: University of Luxembourg.

Direct Democracy Mechanisms in an Open World: a Remedy or a Catalyst for Nationalism? Convenor: Clara Egger, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen; Chair: Clara Egger, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen; Co-Chair: Roberto Merrill, University of Minho; Discussant: Nenad Stojanovic, Université de Genève.
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Elite Renewal and Continuity in the Political Landscapes in Eurasia: Methodological and Empirical Inquiries. Convenor: Inna Melnykovska, Central European University; Chair: Inna Melnykovska; Co-Chair: Tetiana Kostiuchenko, Tetiana Kostiuchenko, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy; Discussant: Elena Semenova, Free University Berlin.

Elites and Civil Society Elites. The changing landscapes of power and populism. Convenor: Håkan Johansson, Lund Universitet; Chair: Håkan Johansson; Discussant: Carlo Ruzza, Università degli Studi di Trento.

Emotions and Populism. Convenor: Tiago Carvalho, Scuola Normale Superiore; Chair: Tiago Carvalho; Discussant: Enrico Padoan, Scuola Normale Superiore.

Explaining Cases of (Relative) Party System Stability in an Age of Turbulence. Convenor: Robert Fishman, Rey Juan Carlos University; Chair: Stéphanie Alenda, Escuela de Sociología Universidad Andrés Bello; Discussant: Laurence Morel, University of Lille.


How to Combine Direct, Indirect and Sortive Democracy in Democratic design. Part Two: New Frameworks and Perspectives. Convenor: Oliver Dowlen, Sciences Po Paris; Chair: Laurence Morel, University of Lille; Discussant: Peter Stone, University of Dublin Trinity College.

Methodological Issues in Studying Alternative Forms of Engagement. Convenor: Francoise Montambeault, Université de Montréal; Chair: Pascale Dufour, Political Science - Université de Montréal; Discussant: Bleuwen Lechaux: Université de Rennes II (Université de Haute-Bretagne).
PANELS ORGANIZED BY THE CPS

New Authoritarianisms and Cultures of Rejection: Social and Cultural Conditions of the Rise of the Far Right in Europe. Convenor: Benjamin Opratko, University of Vienna; Chair: Benjamin Opratko; Co-Chair: Oliver Nachtwey, University of Basel; Discussant: Birgit Sauer, University of Vienna.


New Strategies for Incorporating Culture into Political and Social Analysis. Convenor: Robert Fishman, Rey Juan Carlos University; Chair: Laurence Morel, Sciences Po de Lille; Discussant: Robert Fishman.

Participation and Representation Regimes in Latin America. Convenor: Soledad Stoessel, Universidad Nacional de La Plata; Chair: Soledad Stoessel, Universidad Nacional de La Plata; Discussant: Ana Natalucci, Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Cientificas y Tecnicas (CONICET), Argentina.

Party Resources 2.0? Consequences of the digital revolution for parties’ fundraising and spending. Convenor: Oscar Barbera, Universitat de València; Chair: Oscar Barbera, Universitat de València; Co-Chair: Jasmin Fitzpatrick, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz; Discussants: Oscar Barbera, Universitat de València and Jasmin Fitzpatrick, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz.


Populism, Anti-Populism and the EU. Convenor: Carlo Ruzza, Università degli Studi di Trento; Chair: Carlo Ruzza; Discussant: Hans-Joerg Trenz, University of Copenhagen.

Social movements as study phenomenon in political science: theoretical and methodological reflections through case studies. Convenor: Alejandro Olivares Lavados, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLASCO); Chair: Adrián Albala; Discussant: Adrián Albala.


The Process of Democratization, the Political Parties and the Electoral Systems in the Western Balkans (1990-2018). Convenor: Gianluca Passarelli, Sapienza University of Rome; Chair: Gianluca Passarelli; Co-Chair: Piero Ignazi, Università di Bologna, Discussants: Gianluca Passarelli, Sapienza University of Rome and Soeren Keil, Canterbury Christ Church University College.
The People’s Republic of China has experienced numerous challenges and undergone tremendous structural changes over the past four decades. The party-state now faces a fundamental tension in its pursuit of social stability and regime durability. Repressive state strategies enable the Chinese Communist Party to maintain its monopoly on political power, yet the quality of governance and regime legitimacy are enhanced when the state adopts more inclusive modes of engagement with society.

Based on a dynamic typology of state–society relations, this volume adopts an evolutionary framework to examine how the Chinese state relates with non-state actors across several fields of governance. Drawing on original fieldwork, the authors identify areas in which state–society interactions have shifted over time, ranging from more constructive engagement to protracted conflict. This evolutionary approach provides nuanced insight into the circumstances wherein the party-state exerts its coercive power versus engaging in more flexible responses or policy adaptations.
**NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS**


This is a sourcebook on gender quotas in nations that experienced multiple generations of Communist Party rule. We built the book from a variety of sources and disciplines for use in research, teaching, and activism. We intend for the book to provide an introduction to gender quota policy and, thus, to the cross-national problem of women’s political inequality of voice. This book is a focus on the voice of the parliamentarians whose job it is to write, promote, and enforce the policies that help move society from gender inequality to gender equality. Highlights of the book include:

- A chapter on the current state of gender quotas in 29 post-Communist countries, from Albania to Uzbekistan (as of 2019)
- For the first time, an English language translation of the entire historic 2010 debate in the Polish Sejm (lower house of parliament) that resulted in the adoption of gender quota law (in 2011).

Nations with a Communist past have been underrepresented in the English-language scholarship on political representation and gender inequality. This sourcebook presents new and updated information about countries of the world whose women endure political inequality in everyday life yet whose specific plight and fight for gender quotas over the last two decades has been little examined by Western scholars.

Funded by a grant from the National Science Centre, Poland, this book is free to download at the International Sociological Association Research Committee 18’s Working Group on Political Inequality website. You can find it at the next link: politicalinequality.org/gender-quotas

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This book is an invitation to question conventional and often misleading visions of globalization. No problem is global by nature: issues are transformed by the action of claims-makers to become ‘problems’ debated in supra-national forums, triggering policy choices and policy transformations. Contributions highlight how health issues, environmental issues and/or political issues are framed as global by a set of stakeholders (scientific experts, bureaucrats, political parties or actors, social movements, social networks, firms). As the volume maps the social logic behind the globalization of problems, it also presents an opportunity for the very cross-disciplinary collaboration it calls for: researchers mobilizing the “agenda-setting” paradigm of issue globalization and those working within the “social constructionist” model are both represented here, providing a unique opportunity to examine the dynamics of globalization from the perspectives of (political, media, economic) sociology, international relations, social movement studies, and beyond. Some highlights of the book are:

- Provides a clear definition of the category of a “global problem,” allowing for the exploration of the international dimensions of public problems.
- Maps the processes and trajectories through which such problems arise and are communicated (or not) across borders and through institutional relays.
- Synthesizes poorly connected research fields studying the multi-faceted processes of problems, agendas, and policy globalization.

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This book is from Palgrave Macmillan press. You can find more information at the following link: https://www.palgrave.com/gp/book/9783030520434
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PAPER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lazarus Adua (Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Utah, United States) and Linda Lobao (Professor of Rural Sociology in the Department of Sociology and Department of Geography at the Ohio State University, United States) have published two papers. The first one in the journal City & Community titled The Growth Machine across the United States: Business. Actors’ Influence on Communities’ Economic Development and Limited-Government Austerity Policies. The second one was published in the journal The Sociological Quarterly, and is titled The Political-Economy of Local Land-Use Policy: Place Making and the Relative Power of Business, Civil Society, and Government.

Also, Linda Lobao and Paige Kelly (PhD candidate in Rural Sociology at the Ohio State University, United States) has published an article in the State and Local Government Review titled Local Governments across the Urban-Rural Continuum: Findings from a Recent National Study.

ARTICLE IN WEB JOURNAL

Michelangelo Vercesi (Professor in the Institute of Political Science at the Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany) has recently published an article in the Naspread magazine for scientific dissemination. The article is titled What Chancellor Merkel’s coronavirus strategy can teach us about political leadership.

These papers can be found at the following links:

Adua & Lobao: https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/00380253.2020.1756517

Lobao & Kelly: https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0160323X20922287

There is a wealth of international survey data that is rarely used because of the difficulties of constructing comparable measure over time and space. The Survey Data Recycling project (SDR) is building a public access online database that harmonizes into a comparable measures the major social, demographic and political variables from over 3,500 international surveys covering 24 major survey programs for over 142 countries covering 1966-2016. A major product is metadata measuring survey quality and a set of online analytic tools for evaluating, visualizing and managing these data. The project will create a Handbook for Survey Harmonization as well as research articles assessing the value-added from international survey harmonization. The SDR project website is http://dataharmonization.org and you can sign up for the newsletter Harmonization: Newsletter on Survey Data Harmonization in the Social Sciences at: https://dataharmonization.org/newsletter/.

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The 1.0 version of the SDR database released in 2017 and related documentation are available at DataVerse: https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/sdr;jsessionid=ed668ffa6f98205e330c3c9c643c?q=&types=dataverses%3A%3Adatasets%3A%3Afiles&sort=dateSort&order=desc&page=1.
CALL FOR PAPERS

POLITICS AND THE LIFE SCIENCES: "SCIENCE IN POLITICS: METHODOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS AND POLITICAL ISSUES"

The Politics and the Life Science review for Cambridge University Press, is doing a call for papers for an special issue called "Science in Politics: Methodological Innovations and Political Issues". Next, we leave you the full description in the following text:

We are calling for proposals for a special issue of Politics and the Life Sciences (PLS) focused on the use of life science theory and methods to study political phenomena and the study of the intersection of science and political attitudes. This special issue will be 100% registered reports. Contributors will submit a fully specified study design (theory, methods, proposed analyses), which will go through the review process prior to data collection. Topics should engage with life science themes, theories, and/or methods and may include but are not limited to: attitudes towards science or experts, new methods for the study of prejudice, research on public opinion about climate change and the environment, and evolutionary and life science approaches to political phenomena.

Funded by the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences, each successful submission will be funded $2,000 to aid in data collection expenses. Guest editors will review the proposals after they are anonymized by the PLS editorial team.

- The initial 2000-word proposals should include:
  - Brief literature review identifying research questions and directional hypotheses (where applicable);
  - Research design, complete with how the data would be collected, sampling method, sample size with statistical power tests, based upon extant studies where applicable; and
  - Timeline for the research collection and analysis.

Once proposals are accepted by the editorial team, authors will be invited to write a complete registered report, which will be due Sept. 15, 2021, and then anonymously peer reviewed. To receive funding, the revised Registered Reports must be uploaded to osf.io with data and statistical analysis code to be shared upon publication of the project.

Winners of these awards will be invited to present their designs at the Science in Politics workshop at Western University, Ontario in July 2021. Funding to bring one representative from winning teams will be arranged pending the outcome of a grant application for the workshop submitted to the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). Authors have the option of participating virtually.

You can find the proposal at the next link for the IPSA website: https://www.ipsa.org/na/call-for-papers/politics-and-life-sciences-special-issue?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter