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**EUREACT**

**REPRESENTATION IN THE EU:  
ACTING MULTILEVEL  
DEMOCRACY**

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# Topics

**EUREACT** focuses on actors and processes of **multilevel democratic representation**.

*The topic of EU democratic **legitimacy** and **accountability** in the interplay amongst supranational integration, national sovereignty and local autonomy is in particular examined.*

Thematic areas of the teaching programme:

- 1) Modes of democratic representation in the EU**
- 2) Elites' attitudes towards the EU and multilevel career patterns**
- 3) EU policy frames in parliamentary debates**
- 4) Mass publics' conceptions of the EU and European citizenship**

# FAQ

- How is democratic representation conceived and implemented in the multilevel structure of the EU? How does the EU influence the way representation is framed?
- To what extent does the interplay between national and European political careers matter? Has the Europeanisation of policy making also engendered a Europeanisation of national parliamentarians' patterns of representation?
- Has the change in the representation of EU legitimate system of governance impacted citizens' attitudes?
- Which role has specifically the Euro-crisis played in shaping politicians' and public opinion's views?

# Teaching activities

Together with **lectures**, a number of **seminars** and research **laboratory** sessions (intensive courses) will be organized to foster debate, information exchange, as well as the development of ideas among professors, young researchers, students and policy makers.

Such an **interactive teaching style** is enriched by **events and deliverables** intended to activate a larger public of citizens and professionals. By **experiential learning**, EUReAct pursues a deeper awareness about EU democratic polity making.

# Intensive courses & Seminars

**Laboratory on national parliaments and the EU** (Cavatorto&Ferreri)

**Laboratory on elites' attitudes and behavior** (Verzichelli&Cresti)

**Laboratory on public opinion's survey data** (Bellucci&Olmastroni)

*Small groups of students and young researchers will be guided by instructors to make analysis and practical use of existing archives for reporting through briefing papers on a selection of issues related to:*

- the role of NPs in the EU affairs
- elites' surveys and career patterns in the multilevel system of political representation
- public opinion attitudes about the EU

**Representation through the social media: multilevel democracy via Twitter?** (Cavatorto&Olmastroni)

*Students, properly equipped both methodologically and technically, will collect Twitter feeds and Facebook posts, identify social groups and analyze specific actors on their discursive interactions in the multilevel political arena.*

# When?

- Spring term: late February – mid June
- Target groups: Master's & PhD students
- Teaching staff: CIRCAP's Professors & Special guests
- Venue: UNISI Via Mattioli

***You are welcome!***

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