Friday 9th September

Pre-conference workshops
10.30-12.30 Experimental political science (led by Ray Duch, Oxford; [details])
10.00-12.30 Qualitative research methods (organised by PSA Qualitative Research Specialist Group; [details])

Reception of delegates (Atrium, Keynes College)
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12.30-13.30 Lunch (Keynes Atrium)
Welcome from Julia Goodfellow, Vice Chancellor

13.30-15.00 SESSION 1

(1.1) Analysing the EU referendum using new data sources
Room: Keynes seminar room 14; Chair: Michael Turner

Clifton van der Linden and Harry Carr
Orders of magnitude: Big Data applications in political science

Marcel van Egmond, Rob Johns, Heinz Brandenburg, Maarja Lühiste and Laura Sudulich
#Brexit. Analyzing tweets, surveying tweeters to understand public opinion dynamics during the EU Referendum campaign

Stephen Ward, Rachel Gibson, Liam McLoughlin and Ros Southern
MPs, Twitter and the EU Referendum Campaign

(1.2) Public attitudes towards government
Room: Keynes seminar room 16; Chair: Ann-Kristin Kölln

Caroline McEvoy
Mind the Gap! Assessing the Impact of Public Perceptions of a Democratic Deficit on Citizens’ Political Engagement in European Democracies.

Edward Morgan-Jones and Matthew Loveless
Constitutional Rules and Citizen Evaluations: Do constitutional rules governing early election calling shape perceptions of democratic quality?

Stuart Fox and Sioned Pearce
How deep is the Divide? Generational Trends in Euroscepticism

Fernando Casal Bértola and Till Weber
Party System Change in Times of Crisis

(1.3) Voting for fringe and radical parties I: The UK

Room: Keynes seminar room 15; Chair: Paul Whiteley

Eric Kaufmann
The ‘Left Behind’? Reconciling individual and aggregate UK Independence Party voting

Geoff Evans and Jon Mellon
UKIP: Immigration, Europe and the rise of ethno-nationalism

John Meadowcroft and Elizabeth Morrow
Leadership, incentives and the decline of the English Defence League

(1.4) Party campaigning

Room: Keynes seminar room 17; Chair: Tom Quinn

David Cutts and Tristan Hotham
Facebook and Big Data: Has it changed party campaigning in Britain forever?

Justin Fisher, David Cutts, Ed Fieldhouse and Bettina Rottweiler
The Evolution of District-Level Campaigning in Britain: the Resilience of Traditional Campaigning?

Caitlin Milazzo and Jesse Hammond
Negative Messaging in 2015 General Election Leaflets

Giordano Neuenschwander and Florian Foos
Mobilizing Party Activism: A Field Experiment with Party Members and Sympathizers

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15.00-15.30 Coffee/tea

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15.30-17.00 SESSION 2

(2.1) 2015 general election I: findings from the BES
Room: Keynes seminar room 15; Chair: Caitlin Milazzo

Ed Fieldhouse
The Fragmentation of British Electoral Politics: A Punctuated Equilibrium Perspective on Political Change

Chris Prosser, Ed Fieldhouse and Jane Green
Reward, blame and guilt by association: How coalition helped the Tories but hurt the Lib Dems

Jane Green and Chris Prosser
Shocks and ripples: The on-going effects of the 2008 financial crisis on the 2015 British general election

Cees Van der Eijk and Hermann Schmitt
Evolving boundaries of electoral change in Britain: How long-term evolution of social and political factors transforms the parameters of electoral competition

Geoff Evans and Jon Mellon

(2.2) Electoral administration

Room: Keynes seminar room 14; Chair: Justin Fisher

Alistair Clark and Toby James
Why Volunteer? The motivations of poll workers on election day

Davide Tiberti and Katie Hamilton
Electoral registration in 2016: the new system of Individual Electoral Registration

Katie Hamilton, Emma Noyes and Michael Turner
Is 7 weeks a long time in politics? Comparing public attitudes towards 2016’s electoral events

(2.3) Participation

Room: Keynes seminar room 16; Chair: Kaat Smets

Timothy Vercelotti
Is Winning Everything? Activism, Campaigns, and Political Efficacy in the UK

Stuart Fox, Ceryn Evans, Chris Taylor and Gareth Rees
Is it all Relative? Revisiting the Effect of Higher Education on Civic Participation

Heinz Brandenburg, Zac Greene, Neil McGarvey
Explaining change in turnout with constituency level electoral data: The ephemeral effect of deprivation in the Scottish Referendum
(2.4) **Attitudes to the politics of gender**

Room: Keynes seminar room 17; Chair: Edzia Carvalho

Peter Allen and David Cutts  
*Blame assignment for women’s numeric under-representation in politics: the influence of individual characteristics and political context*

Susan Banducci, Laszlo Horvath, Ekaterina Kolpinskaya, and Samuel Vine  
*Stereotype threat effects on women’s political engagement*

Rosie Campbell and Oliver Heath  
*Candidate effects and the gender gap*

Lisa Keenan  
*Gender stereotyping and candidate evaluations: evidence from an experimental study of direct and indirect voter bias*

17.00-18.30 **Plenary: ‘The Future of Opinion Polling’**

Room: Keynes Lecture Theatre 4; Chair: Rosie Campbell

Patrick Sturgis, University of Southampton  
Martin Boon, Director, ICM  
Joe Twyman, Head of Social and Political Research, YouGov

19.00 **Drinks reception and dinner (followed by quiz and bar)**

Conference suite, Darwin College
Saturday 10th September

9.30-11.00  SESSION 3

(3.1)  EU referendum I

Room: Keynes seminar room 15; Chair: John Curtice

Geoff Evans and Chris Prosser
*Was it always a done deal? Estimating the impact of expectations and leaders on the decision to leave or stay*

Harold Clarke, Matthew Goodwin, Marianne Stewart and Paul Whiteley
*What Explains the Referendum Vote on UK Membership of the European Union? A Dynamic Panel Analysis*

Liam Delaney, Ailsa Henderson and Robert Liñeira
*Risk and the Brexit Choice*

(3.2)  Turnout

Room: Keynes seminar room 14; Chair: Paula Surridge

Frederico Ferreira da Silva
*Fostering turnout? Assessing leaders’ capacity to mobilise voters*

Kaat Smets
*Competing or Complementary? Local and National Competitiveness as Explanatory Factors of Turnout in SMP Systems*

Patrick Kuhn and Nick Vivyan
*Reducing Turnout Misreporting by Addressing Psychological Threat*

(3.3)  Responsiveness to public opinion I: party policies and issues

Room: Keynes seminar room 16; Chair: Gail McElroy

Chitrallekha Basu
*Choosing Your Battles Wisely? Activist Preferences, Party Size and Issue Selection*

Fraser McMillan
*Do political party issue emphases anticipate changes in government expenditure? Reassessing the saliency approach to democratic linkage*

Magdalena Staniek and Carolina Plescia
*In the Eye of the Beholder: Voter Perceptions of Parties’ Policy Shifts*
Michael Turner and Clive McDonnell
Using Tricked Regression to Re-Estimate Issue Salience in the United Kingdom

(3.4)  Party competition

Room: Keynes seminar room 17; Chair: Lynn Bennie

Anne-Kristin Kölln
When size matters: party size and ideological cohesion in Europe

Mads Thau
Who represents whom? How parties’ changing group appeals influence class-party linkage and the class basis of electoral choice

Tarik Abou-Chadi and Markus Wagner
Party strategies in post-industrial societies

Philipp Dreyer
Ideological Congruence, Voter Polarisation and Electoral Participation

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11.00-11.30  Coffee/tea

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11.30-13.00  SESSION 4

(4.1)  Elections and party politics in the devolved systems

Room: Keynes seminar room 14; Chair: Heinz Brandenburg

Roger Scully
More Welsh than British? Voter Choice in the 2016 Welsh Elections

Ailsa Henderson, Chris Carman, Rob Johns and James Mitchell
Identity, valence issues and constitutional preference: the 2016 Scottish Parliament elections

John Coakley, John Garry, Neil Matthews and Brendan O’Leary
Party Images in Northern Ireland: What do citizens think their parties stand for?

Sofia Collignon
A closer look to the effect of decentralization in the stability of party systems: Analysing parties’ sub-national electoral trajectories

(4.2)  Party membership, supporters and organisation
Room: Keynes seminar room 16; Chair: Alistair Clark

Tim Bale, Paul Webb, Monica Poletti
*Apples and Oranges? Labour’s members before and after Corbyn*

Lynn Bennie, James Mitchell and Rob Johns
*The Rise of Party Membership in the Wake of Referendum: A New Generation of Members?*

Neema Begum and Paula Surridge
*Partisan Dealignment and Ethnic Minorities in Britain*

Patricia Correa Vila and Nicole Bolleyer
*Parties and Associations in the UK and Norway: Consequences of State Funding and Regulation in Constraining and Permissive Legal Settings*

(4.3) **Voting for fringe and radical parties II: comparative perspectives**

Room: Keynes seminar room 15; Chair: Maria Sobolewska

Todd Donovan
*Right-Wing Populism in the US Compared*

Roland Kappe
*Media attention, party positioning and public support for right-wing populist parties: The emergence of the "Alternative für Deutschland" (AfD) party in Germany*

Matthew Goodwin and Eric Kaufmann
*Does Diversity Produce Hostility? A Meta Analysis*

(4.4) **Responsiveness to public opinion II**

Room: Keynes seminar room 17; Chair: Phil Cowley

Paolo Bellucci and Alessandro Pellegata
*Performance, policy preferences and government ideology in Italy, 1968-2015*

John Bartle
*Policy representation in the UK, 1945-2015*

Rebecca McKee
*Is there discrimination in the responsiveness of Members of Parliament to their constituents? Yes: Evidence from a campaign experiment in the UK*

Stan Hok-Wui Wong, Harold Clarke and Karl Ho
*The Political is Personal: Machine Politics in Hong Kong’s District Council Election*
13.00-14.00    Lunch (Dolce Vita, Keynes College)

EPOP AGM (Keynes Lecture Theatre 5)

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14.00-15.30    SESSION 5

(5.1)    EU referendum II

Room: Keynes seminar room 15; Chair: Geoff Evans

Kelvyn Jones, David Manley and Ron Johnston
*Forecasting the geography of Brexit: success or failure?*

Michael Thrasher, Galina Borisyuk, Colin Rallings, Harry Carr and Michael Turner
*Estimating local authority level distributions of referendum voting using aggregate and survey-level data*

David Morisi
*Choosing the risky option. Campaign arguments and risk propensity in the EU referendum and the Scottish independence referendum*

(5.2)    Electoral rules and electoral behaviour

Room: Keynes seminar room 13; Chair: Roger Scully

Martin Elff, Spyros Kosmidis and Andrea Murr
*Campaign Dynamics and Mixed Incentives for Strategic Voting: The Case of the UK Parliamentary Elections of 2010 and 2015*

Jack Vowles and Shaun Bowler
*The New Zealand Party System and Electoral System Change: Testing Duverger’s Psychological Effect*

(5.3)    The Post-Crisis Irish Voter: Insights from the 2016 Irish National Election Study

Room: Keynes seminar room 14; Chair: Davide Tiberti

Michael Marsh
*The missing economic vote in the Irish 2016 election*

Gail McElroy
*Gender and the Vote*
Kevin Cunningham
*Mining the Ballot, Preferences and Transfers*

Theresa Reidy and Jane Suiter
*Campaign Dynamics; the air war and the ground war*

(5.4) **Candidate effects in the 2015 British general election**

Room: Keynes seminar room 16; Chair: Charles Pattie

Caitlin Milazzo and Jennifer vanHeerde-Hudson
*Competition and Candidate Extremity*

Peter Allen, Rosie Campbell, Jennifer Hudson and Chrysa Lamprinakou
*The attitudinal and behavioural characteristics of ‘super-candidates’*

Jennifer Hudson, Wolfgang Rudig and Javier Sajuria
*The advantage of the local candidate?*

Rosie Campbell, Phil Cowley, Nick Vivyan and Markus Wagner
*Explaining voter preferences for local legislators using experimental evidence*

(5.5) **Public opinion towards minority groups, immigrants and terrorism**

Room: Keynes seminar room 17; Chair: Donley Studlar

Jonathan Mellon
*Experimentally Testing the Effect of Economic Threat on Anti-Immigrant Sentiment*

Patrick English, Manlio Cinalli and Steven Van Hauwaert
*The Limits of Desire: Policy Making and Public Opinion toward the Integration of Muslims in the United Kingdom and France*

Maria Sobolewska, Rob Ford, Paul Sniderman
*Democratic Resilience: How some individuals resist the threat of terrorism and maintain their core values of tolerance*

Linda Urselmans
*Testing public response to migrants and migration: An agent-based approach*

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15.30-16.00 Coffee/tea

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16.00-17.30 **SESSION 6**
(6.1) EU referendum III

Room: Keynes seminar room 15; Chair: Michael Thrasher

Stephen Fisher and Alan Renwick
Public opinion change in referendum campaigns: how did the UK EU referendum compare?

Ece Atikcan, Richard Nadeau and Éric Bélanger
Framing the Choice in the Brexit Referendum

Sara Hobolt, Thomas Leeper and James Tilley
Social Identity Cues and Policy Preferences: An experimental study of the British referendum on EU membership

(6.2) Political representation

Room: Keynes seminar room 14; Chair: Nick Vivyan

Rosie Campbell, Sarah Childs & Joni Lovenduski
Gender and elite/mass attitudinal congruence

Maria Sobolewska, Patrick English, Laura Morales, Marc van de Wardt, and Steven van Hauwaert
Mobilization, Counter-Mobilization and Access to Power: Does descriptive Representation follow the anti-immigration mood?

Peter Allen and Sarah Childs
Capturing critical actors: the benefits of structural topic modelling

Maria Sobolewska, Rosie Campbell and Rebecca McKee
Representation of minorities: how voters` and candidates’ attitudes compare

(6.3) Electoral behaviour

Room: Keynes seminar room 16; Chair: Colin Rallings

Alia Middleton
More than a vote on the government? The changing nature of by-elections in the UK political system

Roderick Kiewiet, Michael Alvarez and Lucas Nunez (CalTech)
Protest Voting

Ron Johnston, Kelvyn Jones and David Manley
Has there been a ‘Big Sort’ in recent US electoral geography?
(6.4) **Political communication**

Room: Keynes seminar room 17; Chair: Susan Banducci

Florian Foos

*Enabling Persuasion Experiments in Cash-Strapped Environments: Two Cluster-Randomized Experiments based on Canvassing Data*

Lamprini Rori

*Party organizations in the light of professionalization of political communication: A comparative analysis among socialist parties in Europe*

Ekaterina Kolpinskaya, Gabriel Katz, Susan Banducci, Travis Coan and Daniel Stevens

*The effect of post-electoral communication frames on attitudes towards government: Evidence from a survey experiment after the 2015 British election*

Sarah Tiplady

*Changes to Campaign Strategy in US Presidential Elections.*

18.45 Coaches to Canterbury Cathedral Lodge

19.00 Drinks reception and conference dinner

Speaker: Daniel Hannan, MEP

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge
Sunday 11th September

09.30-11.00 SESSION 7

(7.1) 2015 general election II

Room: Keynes seminar room 15; Chair: Christopher Prosser

Nicole Martin
*Ethnic minority voters in 2015: A breakthrough for the Conservative party?*

Heinz Brandenburg and Robert Thomson
*Does it matter what they promised? Election pledges, valence politics and vote choice in the British General Election 2015*

Paula Surridge
*Identity, Values and Valence: Understanding support for parties in a fragmenting system*

David Cutts and Andrew Russell
*Did they see it coming? Why did the Liberal Democrats really lose so badly in those seats they were defending from the Conservatives?*

(7.2) Qualitative research methods in the study of elections, public opinion and parties

Room: Keynes seminar room 14; Chair: Ekaterina Kolpinskaya

Kristi Winters, Thom Oliver and Edzia Carvalho
*Designing qualitative research for replication and secondary analysis: a case study using the Qualitative Election Study of Britain*

Iro Konstantinou
*Engaging neoliberal subjects in politics: First-time voters and their understandings of politics*

Kristi Winters, Thom Oliver, Edzia Carvalho
*Popular Leader Evaluations across two UK General Elections: A qualitative analysis of focus group data*

(7.3) Voter loyalty and decision-making under different electoral rules

Room: Keynes seminar room 16; Chair: Ron Johnston

Stephen Quinlan and Hannah Schwarz
*The Transfers Game’: A cross-national multilevel exploration of vote transfers in preferential voting systems*

James Gilmour
Voter Loyalty to “Party Pairs” in the STV-PR 2012 Scottish Local Government Elections

Jac Larner
Strategic Ticket-Splitting at National Assembly for Wales Elections

Simon Willocq
Why Do They Take Longer to Make up Their Mind? A Comparative Study on Late Deciding Voters in Western Democracies

(7.4) Party systems

Room: Keynes seminar room 17; Chair: Tarik Abou-Chadi

Tim Haughton and Kevin Deegan-Krause
Annuals and Perennials: Why Some Parties in Europe Die More Quickly than Others

Fernanda Flacco and Dani Marinova
Strong leader effects across old and young democracies: Weighing systemic, party and voter explanations

Tom Quinn
Party Change in the UK

Raimondas Ibenskas
Explaining Party Splits: A Comparative Study of 24 European Democracies

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11.00-11.30 Coffee/tea

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11.30-13.00 SESSION 8

(8.1) Legislative behaviour

Room: Keynes seminar room 14; Chair: Alia Middleton

Mariken van der Velden
“Flirting” for Coalition Participation? Exploring Parties’ Communication Strategies in Parliamentary Debates

Martin Battle
Committee Membership Strategies in the Scottish Parliament

David Barrett
Evaluating the Electoral impact of Party Cohesion: A Newspaper Approach
(8.2) Media effects

Room: Keynes seminar room 15; Chair: Ivor Gaber

Susan Banducci, Iulia Cioroianu, Travis Coan, Gabriel Katz, Ekaterina Kolpinskaya and Daniel Stevens
*Media Effects in the 2015 British General Election*

Daphne van der Pas
*Who’s in the news: A comparative analysis of MP visibility in newspapers in six European countries*

Susan Banducci, Travis Coan, Gabriel Katz and Daniel Stevens
*Re-Examining the Role of Partisan Media in British Politics*

Loes Aaldering
*Mediatized Leader Effects: How Leadership Images in Dutch Media Affect Voters’ Leader Perception and Voting Behavior*

(8.3) Public attitudes towards the role of the state

Room: Keynes seminar room 16; Chair: Ben Seyd

Rosalind Shorrocks and Maria Grasso
*Gender and political generations: support for redistribution and spending in the US and Britain*

Ann-Kristin Kölln and Christopher Wlezien
*Conjoint Experiments on Political Support for Governmental Spending Profiles*

John Kenny
*Analysing the Impact of Fluctuating Levels of Economic Insecurity on Individuals’ Environmental Protection Preferences*

Javier Sajuria and Paolo Morini
*Is it simply an issue of Left-Right? Partisanship in the UK and support for Overseas Development Aid*

(8.4) Elections and accountability

Room: Keynes seminar room 17; Chair: Rob Johns

Martin Okolikj and Johan Elkink
*Comparing with Which Neighbours? A Test of Economic Benchmark Voting*

Liisa Talving and Piret Ehin
*Economic voting and constraints on government accountability: Are small, open and integrated nations different?*
Spyros Kosmidis
*The Long Term Dynamics of Voter Persuasion*

Christopher Prosser and Jonathan Mellon
*Does (lowering) crime pay? Accountability voting at the 2016 Police and Crime Commissioner elections*

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13.00-14.00    Lunch and depart.

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