

Section 3 – Politica Comparata

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Panel 3.12 Agenda Dynamics in Southern Europe: a comparative perspective

While being a prominent topic since the early 1960s, agenda studies have gained a strong impetus during the past two decades. The study of how and why policy actors prioritize some issues instead of others has gained an enormous boost not only through the development of novel theoretical concepts but also in empirical terms, with the application of comparative and quantitative research across countries, time, issues and levels of governance. These studies have contributed to a better understanding of issue prioritization across different political venues (e.g. traditional and social media, government, parliaments, and electoral campaigns) and its consequences on political representation and, more broadly, the functioning of democracy. This panel welcomes papers analysing agenda setting in South European countries using a comparative and quantitative methodological approach. The panel invites researchers at all stages of their careers to present papers about how and why political actors allocate their attention taking as explanatory factors, among others, changing economic, social and political conditions (like Euro zone crisis, migrant crisis, or the secessionist movement in Catalonia) or the emergence of new policy actors (like new challenger parties).

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