Advancing Electoral Research

ELECDEM closing conference

Hosted by the European University Institute, Villa la Fonte at San Domenico di Fiesole
Thursday 28 – Saturday 30 June 2012

Photos taken during the conference ... ...

What a conference venue!
The view from Villa la Fonte at San Domenico di Fiesole. The sun shone and we were rather hot inside the conference room!

Dennis Chong
(Northwestern University) opened the conference with his keynote presentation ‘Rationality and Political Psychology’.

Dennis was also a discussant on the panel Media and Political Communication.
On Thursday evening following the conference presentations we hosted a BBQ in the gardens of Villa la Fonte.

The BBQ ended early to allow the football fans to travel into the centre of Florence to watch the Euro2012 match between Italy and Germany. Italy won!

Following day two of the conference we held an evening meal at the Targa Bistro.

Gabriel Lenz from University of California, Berkeley had given a keynote presentation earlier in the day. This photo shows him at the evening reception with Susan Banducci.
The ELECDEM early stage researchers.

Back row (left to right): Traci Wilson, Maarja Luhiste, Zoltan Fazekas, Federico Vegetti, Diana Burlacu, Marketa Bilska, Steven Van Hauwaert and, Agnieszka Walczak. Front row: Paul Weith, Zsolt Kiss, Thomas Vegetti, Kathrin Thomas, Pieterjan Desmet and Constanza Sanhueza-Petrarca.

The ELECDEM family!

Including the ESRs as above, plus back row (left to right): Geoff Evans, Richard Johnston, Hermann Schmitt, Wouter van der Brug, Ali Carkoglu, Steve Schwarzer, Anne Jadot, Susan Banducci and Sylvia Kritzinger. Front row: André Krouwel and Fiona Raffael.
A big thank you.

The researchers thanked their supervisors and the network coordinator and administrator.
On the final morning of the conference, Richard Johnston (University of British Columbia), the Visiting Scientist for ELECDEM gave a presentation ‘Campaigns in Context: Towards Cross-National Comparison’.

Early stage researcher Marketa Bilska (Sabanci University) gave a presentation in the final panel. Voter Turnout in the 2009 European Elections: Media Coverage and Media Exposure as Explanatory Factors.

The invited participant Daniel Stockemer (University of Ottawa) gave a presentation in the final panel. Turnout in developed and developing countries: Are the two turnout functions different or the same?
Now and then ...

Top: taken outside the Central European University, Budapest, during the ELECDEM workshop in Electoral Survey Design held 30 April - 4 May 2010.

Bottom: taken in Florence during the Advancing Electoral Research - ELECDEM closing conference held 28 - 30 June 2012.