

# T12P03 / Interest Groups, Political Parties and Public Policies

**Topic :** T12 / Policy, Business and Interest Groups

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## GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

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## Session 1 Interest Groups, Political Parties and Public Policies

Thursday, June 29th 08:15 to 10:15 (Oei Tiong Ham OTH 1 - 1)

**The imponderability in forging compromises. Can policy design be explained with policy belief compatibility of interest groups and party politicians?**

Stefan Lindow (Georg-August-University of Goettingen)

**Why Political Parties give access to the decision making process to some interest groups, but not others? A comparative approach across issues, time and sub-national governments**

Laura Chaqués Bonafont (Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals)

Muñoz Luz (University of Barcelona)

**Policy evaluations in Parliament: Do interest groups influence information processing by MPs?**

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**Interest Groups and Campaign Networks: Policy Influence and Organisation within the Australian Labor Party**

Anika Gauja (University of Sydney)

Michael Vaughan (University of Sydney)

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## Session 2 Political parties, elected representatives and interest groups

Thursday, June 29th 10:30 to 12:30 (Oei Tiong Ham OTH 1 - 1)

### Action and Reaction in Interest Group Advocacy

Beth Leech (Rutgers University)

Amy McKay

Patrick Bernhagen (University of Stuttgart)

### Interest Groups and Political Responsiveness

Anne Rasmussen (University of Copenhagen and Leiden University)

### Gentlemen's agreements? Insiders and outsiders in the shaping of Swiss financial regulation

Roy Gava (University of St. Gallen)

### The Puzzle of Interest Group Involvement in National Elections: Why, how and when?

Darren Halpin (Australian National University)

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## Session 3 Interactions between public officials and groups in policymaking processes

Thursday, June 29th 13:30 to 15:30 (Oei Tiong Ham OTH 1 - 1)

### **Policy Reform, Political Parties and Organized Interests: Universal Healthcare in Latin America**

Zoila Ponce de Leon (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

### **Power to resist: Services Liberalization in Greece, 2006-2016**

Francesco Stolfi (UNMC)

Natalia Papamakariou (Greek Ministry of Economy and Development)

### **Re-evaluation of The Cinematograph Films Act of 1927 as a bottom-up cultural policy by Interest Groups**

Takao Terui (King's College London)

### **The complementary role of interest-driven policy actors in the process of British energy policy change**

Seyed Mohamad Sadegh Emamian (Tehran Polytechnic University, GPTT,)