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Voting Power in Practice Symposium

Voting Power in Social/Political Institutions: Typology, Measurement, Applications

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20 – 22 March 2011

(VPP Co-Directors: Rudolf Fara, Dan Felsenthal, Dennis Leech, Moshé Machover, Maurice Salles)

PROGRAMME

Sunday 20 March

15:00–17:00 Registration in CPNSS (2nd Floor, Lakatos Bldg, Portugal Street (opposite George IV pub), London WC2A 2AE)

17:00–17:15 Chair's Opening Remarks
Rudolf Fara (LSE)

17:15–18:00 Keynote Address
Manfred J Holler (University of Hamburg) *Looking for monotonicity*

18:00–18:30 Opening Session
Puckelsheim, Friedrich (University of Augsburg)
A probabilistic 're-view' on F&M's Measurement of Voting Power

18:30–19:00 Discussion

20:00 Dinner

Monday 21 March

Voting Power Measurement: Extensions and Developments I

Chair: Maurice Salles (University of Caen)

9:00–9:30

Zyczkowski Karol (Jagiellonian University, Kraków)
Square root voting system, optimal threshold and π

9:30–10:00

Winnicka, Justyna (Warsaw School of Economics)
Shapley index for games with r alternatives with a priori unions

10:00–10:30

Dennis Leach (University of Warwick) *Asymptotic behaviour of power indices*

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

Voting Power Measurement: Extensions and Developments II

Chair: Maurice Salles (University of Caen)

11:00–11:30

Kirsch, Werner
The fate of the square root law for correlated voting

11:30–12:00

Freixas, Josep (Polytechnic University of Catalonia)
Ordinal equivalence of power indices

12:00–12:30

Ekes, Maria (Warsaw School of Economics) *Banzhaf and Shapley indices in games with a coalition structure - a special case study*

12:30–14:00 Lunch

Voting Power Measurement: Probabilistic Approaches I

Chair: Dennis Leech (University of Warwick)

14:00–14:30

Laslier, Jean-Francois (École Polytechnique, Paris)
Optimal Apportionment

14:30–15:00

Kaniovski, Serguei (Austrian Institute of Economic Research [WIFO])
Theorems for Exchangeable Binary Random Variables with Applications

15:00–15:30

Diskin, Abraham (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) *What is Power?*

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

Voting Power Measurement: Probabilistic Approaches II

Chair: Dennis Leech (University of Warwick)

16:00–16:30

Das, Sreejith (Birkbeck College, London) *An Analysis of the Intrinsic Differences Between the Commonly Applied Voting Power Techniques*

16:30–17:00

Beisbart, Claus (University of Dortmund) *Measurements of voting power and probability*

17:00–17:30 Reply to Papers and Discussion

Moshé Machover (LSE and King's College London) and Dan Felsenthal (LSE and University of Haifa)

Tuesday 22 March

Voting Power: Applications and Experiments

Chair: Maurice Salles (University of Caen)

9:00–9:30

Merlin, Vincent (University of Caen)
Fair apportionment in the Italian Senate: Which Reform should be Implemented?

9:30–10:00

Feld, Scott (Purdue University, Indiana) *Power Scores in a spatial Context – Theory and Experimental Results*

10:00–10:30

Aleskerov, Fuad (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow), *Power Distribution in the Weimar Reichstag in 1919-1933*

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

Voting Power Measurement: Deviations from Traditions

Chair: Maurice Salles (University of Caen)

11:30–11:30

Napel, Stefan (University of Bayreuth)
Strategic vs Non-strategic Approaches to Power in Voting Bodies

11:30–12:00

Miller, Nicholas (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)
A priori voting power when one vote counts in two ways, with application to variants of the US electoral college

12:00–12:30

Maaser, Nicola (University of Bayreuth)
Designing Decision Rules in Two-Tier Voting Systems

12:30–14:00 Lunch

Voting Power Measurement: Alternative Points of View I

Chair: Rudolf Fara (LSE)

14:00–14:30

Steffen, Frank (University of Liverpool)

On the Measurement of Success and Satisfaction

14:30–15:00

Schmidtchen, Dieter (University of Saarland)

On the Possibility of a Preference-based Power Index – The Strategic Power Index Revisited

15:00–15:30

Nurmi, Hannu (University of Turku) *The keys may not be under the street lamp: aspects of power overlooked by power indices*

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

Voting Power Measurement: Alternative Points of View II

Chair: Rudolf Fara (LSE)

16:00–16:30

Montero, Maria (University of Nottingham)

An Experimental Market for Votes

16:30–17:00

Holler, Manfred (University of Hamburg)

Pathology or Revelation? – The Public Good Index

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