

Conceptualizing and measuring substantive representation in New Democracies

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Abstract

This panel aims to engage in a discussion on the challenges to conceptualize and measure substantive representation in contexts prone to weak programmatic structuring and to competing party-society linkages (such as personalism or clientelism). For one thing, we invite papers that conceptualize the critical junctures and turning points that shape the content of programmatic party competition in Latin America and beyond or explain the absence thereof. For another, we are interested in papers that reflect how substantive representation is best assessed in new democracies. While there is an established literature that has measured substantive representation in established democracies through different ways of relating the preferences of voters to those of their representatives, these measures may or may not travel well to other context. How can we study substantive representation in a comparative way, and what are the obstacles that researchers are confronted with in this respect?

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