Parties and party system alike are facing many deep changes in different countries, both in Europe and in the rest of the world. The stability of the party systems, both in their bipolar or multipolar assets, has been challenged since the Seventies at the least.

Moreover, in the last decade this process of increasing fragmentation has been accentuated by the rising of new populist and radical, anti-system political parties. Therefore, the so called “established” democracies are facing harsh time in terms of political stability, institutional performances, and citizens/voters mistrust.

The workshop represents an attempt to outline the main trend in a bunch of countries (10), among the most representative democracies. The presence of experts, from both Italian and non-Italian universities offer a unique opportunity for a scientific study of a very crucial topic in Political Science.

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**8 November | Inaugural Session | (09:00 A.M.)**

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**8 November | Panel #1 | (09:30 A.M.)**

**The United States of America and Japan**
Robert Pekkanen - University of Washington, USA
Mattia Diletti – Sapienza University - Roma

**United Kingdom**
James Newell - University of Salford, UK
Tim Bale - Queen Mary, University of London, UK

**Belgium**
Emilie van Haute - Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
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**8 November | Panel #2 | (11:30 A.M.)**

**Germany**
Silvia Bolgherini - University of Naples, Federico II
Fulco Lanchester - Sapienza University, Roma

**Spain**
Carlos G. Rivero - University of Valencia
Stefano Ceccanti - Sapienza University, Roma

**France**
Robert Elgie - Dublin City University, Ireland
Jean-Philippe Derosier - Université de Lille 2, France

**Chair:** GIANLUCA PASSARELLI (Sapienza University, Roma)

**8 November | Panel #3 | (2:30 P.M.)**

**Croatia**
Dario Nikić Čakar – University of Zagreb, Croatia
Fabio Serrichio - University of Molise

**Montenegro**
Zlatko Vujovic - University of Podgorica, Montenegro
Gabriele Natalizia - Link Campus University, Roma

**Cyprus**
Christoporous Christophorou - University of Nicosia, Cyprus
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**Italy**
Salvatore Vassallo - University of Bologna
Luca Verzichelli - University of Siena

**Chair:** PAOLO BELLucci (University of Siena)

**8 November | Round Table | (4:00 P.M.)**

**Party and Democracy**

**The Uneven Road to Party Legitimacy**
P. Ignazi (Oxford University Press, 2017)

Tim Bale - Queen Mary, University of London
Piero Ignazi - University of Bologna
Thomas Poguntke - University of Düsseldorf
Dominique Reynié - Cevipof, Sciences Po, Paris

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