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Workshop: *Citizens, Parties, and Electoral Contexts*

When: One-day pre-IPSA Workshop: 10.00am to 7.00pm Friday 18th July 2014

Where: International Political Science Association, Montréal, Canada.

Organizers: Prof. Elisabeth Gidengil (McGill University) and Dr. Ferran Martinez i Coma (University of Sydney)

Co-sponsors: Making Electoral Democracy Work (<http://electoraldemocracy.com>); the Electoral Integrity Project (www.electoralintegrityproject.com); IPSA Research Section on Elections, Citizens and Parties (www.ipsa-ecp.com).

The event will be held the day before the 23rd International Political Science Association World Congress 19-24th July 2014, Palais des Congrès de Montréal, Montreal, Canada (www.ipsa.org).

Synopsis: The study of how citizens and parties act within different electoral contexts is a rapidly growing focus of comparative research. The *Making Electoral Democracy Work* (MEDW) project aims to examine how the rules of the game (especially the electoral system) and the electoral context (especially the competitiveness and salience of an election) influence the dynamic and reciprocal relationship between voters and parties in several long-established democratic states (Canada, France, Germany, Spain, and Switzerland). The *Electoral Integrity Project* widens the perspective still further, by examining how the quality of any contest and common malpractices affect citizens and elites in national elections in countries worldwide. This workshop welcomes paper proposals using multiple methods and approaches which seek to tackle several related questions:

- What impact do electoral rules and electoral integrity have on citizen's participation, especially voting turnout and campaign activism?
- What impact do electoral rules and electoral integrity have on political representation, especially the accountability of elected officials to citizens?
- What impact do electoral rules and electoral integrity have on party choice and voting behavior?

- What impact do electoral rules and electoral integrity have on the behavior of political parties

Paper proposals should include the name(s) and institutional affiliation(s) of authors, the title and a short (100 word) synopsis. Proposals should be submitted online by the deadline of **1 September 2013** via www.electoralintegrity.com. Queries may be sent to electoralintegrity@gmail.com. Those selected will be notified of their inclusion in the program by 1 October 2013. There is no registration fee and participants will be offered refreshments and a buffet lunch. There will also be an evening cocktail reception, with a dinner reserved for paper-givers. A limited number of travel awards will be given to graduate students, women and colleagues from developing countries to offset the costs of travel.

About the sponsors:

Making Electoral Democracy Work is an international collaborative project funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada under the direction of André Blais that brings together an exceptional team of economists, political scientists, and psychologists from Canada, Europe, and the United States to undertake the most ambitious study ever undertaken of the impact of electoral rules on the functioning of democracy.

The Electoral Integrity Project is an independent academic study with a research team based at the Department of Government and International Relations at the University of Sydney and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. It is funded by many partner agencies, including the Australian Research Council. The Project focuses upon three main questions: When do elections meet international standards of electoral integrity? What happens when elections fail to do so? And what can be done to mitigate these problems?

The IPSA Elections, Citizens and Parties research section (IPSA-ECP) is an international professional network of scholars. The research section focuses on the analysis of elections and electoral systems, citizen activism, and political parties, within and across nation-states.
