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University of Torino, Lungo Dora Siena, 100

Programme of the plenary sessions

Democracy, participation and deliberation: actual trends and prospects for the future

Thursday 6 September 2018, 18.00

Citizen involvement in decision-making is spreading in many countries. Participatory and deliberative processes are moving from the field of 'democratic innovation' to the sphere of 'democratic integration'. Some governments have also introduced specific laws to regulate and boost these processes, while international organizations have committed their agenda to the issue. How is this phenomenon changing our representative democracies and what are the prospects for the future?

Introduction: Antonio Floridia (Regione Toscana): "Luigi Bobbio and deliberative democracy"

Chair: Pierangelo Isernia, Università di Siena

Invited speakers:

- **Giovanni Allegretti**, University of Coimbra
- **Yves Sintomer**, Université Paris 8
- **Juerg Steiner**, University of Bern and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Transformations of political science: ERA and the public debate

Friday 7 September 2018, 16.30

In recent decades, the establishment and consolidation of the European Research Area (ERA) has influenced political science in at least four directions. First of all, the issues considered to be of disciplinary interest have changed. Moreover, the regulatory framework and the space within which the discipline is developed have been transformed. Last but not least, the strategies of publication and the methods of evaluation of the scientific production have changed.

The roundtable aims at exploring how these transformations have taken place in specific national contexts (Italy, France, Germany, Portugal), by focusing in particular on the following



questions: How is the role of the discipline in the national public debate transforming concomitantly? How are disciplinary associations dealing with these transformations?

Introduction: Luca Verzichelli (Università di Siena) "Some preliminary results of the COST action Professionalization and Social Impact of European Political Science"

Chair: Maurizio Cotta, Università di Siena (SISP 2001-2004)

Invited speakers:

- **Simona Piattoni**, Università di Trento (SISP, Italy)
- **Dorota Dakowska** Université Lyon-2(AFSP, France)
- **Antonio Costa Pinto** University of Lisbon (APCP Portugal)
- **Ferdinand Müller-Rommel**, Leuphana University Lüneburg (DWPW, Germany)

Geographies of political science

Saturday 8 September, 11.30

The construction of knowledge in political science is most often related to specific geographical and political spaces. How is the study of certain phenomena associated with the research that develops in certain political contexts? What contribution to the discipline can come from different "geographies of political science"? Which possible spaces for comparison?

The round table aims at exploring how the construction of knowledge and research is transversal to different geographical areas, and at discussing to what extent scholars addressing different geographical areas share theoretical and methodological perspectives, as well as research techniques. By critically presenting the themes that are most often associated to specific geographic area studies, the usefulness of approaching geographic areas independently one another, and of making exceptional explanations starting from some intrinsic cultural variables, will be put under question. Starting from their own research interests, the invited speakers will be invited to raise other research lines not connoted in terms of area studies and to explain the contribution they give to the consolidated debates in political science and the spaces of comparatism that are opening up.

Chair: Fulvio Attinà, Università di Catania (SISP 2004-2007)

Invited speakers:

- **Neera Chandhoke** (Political Science, University of Delhi)
- **Nina Beliaeva** (Public Policy, HSE Academic Council, Moscow)
- **Jean Louis Briquet** (Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne)