

VPP Workshop at LSE, 17–19 August 2004

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 17 August

16:00 – 17:45 Registration in the Common Room, 1st floor, LSE, Lakatos Building, Portugal Street.

18:00 – 19:30 Opening Address by Maurice Salles (Editor of *Social Choice and Welfare*) ‘Origins of the major developments in the theory of social choice’

19:45 – Dinner at a nearby restaurant. All participants invited.

Wednesday, 18 August

09:30 – 12:05 Session chaired by Dan Felsenthal. Theme: *Normative*

09:30 – 10:45 Presentations:

M Braham (Hamburg University)

‘Freedom, power, and success: A game theoretic perspective’

M Jasin’ski (Warsaw University)

‘Nice, Convention, compromises – Procedures’ meaning in projected institutions’

F Valenciano (Universidad del País Vasco)

‘Bargaining in committees of representatives: The optimal voting rule’

10:45 – 11:05 Coffee/Tea Break

11:05 – 12:05 Discussion

12:05 – 12:50 Session chaired by Dennis Leech. Presentation and discussion:

S Terrington (King’s College, London)

‘The category of simple voting games’ (work in progress)

12:50 – 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 – 17:05 Session chaired by Federico Valenciano. Theme: *Actual/empirical*

14:30 – 15:45 Presentations:

F Aleskerov (State University, High School of Economics, Moscow),
‘Power distribution among groups and fractions in Russian parliament
(1994 -2003)’

D Leech (University of Warwick)
‘Voting power and voting blocs’

S Napel (University of Hamburg)
‘EU Conciliation Committee: Council 56 vs. Parliament 6’

15:45 – 16:05 Coffee/Tea Break

16:05 – 17:05 Discussion

19:45 – *The History Boys* at the National Theatre (optional – for participants who have asked for tickets to be booked for them). See *Directions the evenings of 18 and 19 August*

Thursday, 19 August

09:30 –12:05 Session chaired by Hannu Nurmi. Theme: *Analytic/computational*

09:30 – 10:45 Presentations:

V Merlin (Université de Caen)
‘Discrepancies among TU games solutions: A probabilistic approach’

J-L Rouet (Université d’Orléans)
‘Voting Models for the Council of Ministers of the European Union’

M Machover (King’s College, London and VPP)
‘L S Penrose’s limit theorem: Tests by simulation’

10:45 – 11:05 Coffee/Tea Break

11:05 – 12:05 Discussion

12:05 – 12:50 Session chaired by Annick Laruelle. Presentation and discussion:

H Nurmi (University of Turku)
‘Party competition and electoral turnout’

12:50 – 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 – 17:05 Session chaired by Vincent Merlin. Theme: *Methodology/foundations*

14:30 – 15:45 Presentations:

J-E Lane (University of Geneva)
‘International Governance as n -person Games’

A Laruelle (Universidad de Alicante)
‘Success versus decisiveness: Conceptual discussion and a case study’

J Mercik (Wroclaw University of Technology & Wroclaw College of Management and Finance)
‘Power indices methodology: Shapley–Shubik and/or Penrose-Banzhaf?’

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19:00 – Party; all participants invited. See *Directions the evenings of 18 and 19 August*