

CALL FOR PAPERS

Voting Power *in Practice* Summer Workshop

Assessing Alternative Voting Procedures

30 July – 1 August 2010, Chateau du Baffy, Normandy, France

You are cordially invited by the co-directors of Voting Power & Procedures (VPP) at LSE, the international centre for research on voting power and voting procedures, to participate in their 2010 Summer Workshop. The topic this year considers the severity of paradoxes afflicting various voting procedures and explores the conditions underlying them. This issue is of central concern for electoral reform. The attached note sketches the background and purpose of the topic in more detail.

The workshop aims to promote a constructive interaction between academic researchers, with either theoretical or applied interests in voting procedures, and practitioners working in relevant areas in government, political parties and in NGOs. It is hoped that academics will gain a deeper practical understanding, and that practitioners will benefit from contact with the theoretical preoccupations of academic research in their shared fields. We particularly welcome papers from practitioners and their advisors in all areas of voting applications with particular emphasis on policy relevance and case studies. Overall, we hope the workshop will further dialogue and understanding between academics and practitioners in the field as well as promote cross-disciplinary research.

In order to maximize communication between all participants, presentations should be jargon-free and keyed to the level of a highly motivated non-specialist.

The format for this event is more open-ended than the usual in academic workshops; we would like to devote a considerable portion of the time to “brainstorming” discussion. Papers will be posted on the VPP web site in advance of the workshop so that presentations can be limited to 20 minutes with equal time allotted for discussion of each paper. If time permits, further roundtable discussion on themes covered may also be scheduled.

There is no participation fee and we have limited funds available for accommodation and travel expenses. If your own institution can cover your accommodation and/or travel expenses, please make use of this. If you cannot cover your expenses in this way, please let us know and we will subsidize where necessary. Financial details will follow acceptance of papers for the workshop along with travel instructions on how to get to Chateau du Baffy (<http://www.chateaudubaffy.com/index.htm>).

It is anticipated that Workshop papers will be collected in a volume for publication.

VPP Co-Directors: Rudolf Fara (CPNSS, LSE), Dan Felsenthal (University of Haifa), Dennis Leech (University of Warwick), Moshé Machover (CPNSS, LSE), Maurice Salles (University of Caen).

If you would like to participate in the workshop, please inform Professor Maurice Salles (maurice.salles@unicaen.fr) no later than 15 October 2009 and send him an abstract of your proposed paper no later than 15 November 2009.