

An International Symposium on Methods and Models for Election Forecasting: the UK General Election of 2010

19th March & 20th March 2010

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Day One

13.00: The Use of the Electorate in Forecasting Research

'Voters as Forecasters: The UK Case' Michael S. Lewis-Beck (University of Iowa) and Mary Stegmaier (University of Virginia)

'Valence Politics Scenarios for Electoral Choice in 2010' Harold Clarke (University of Texas at Dallas and University of Essex), David Sanders, Paul Whiteley (University of Essex), Marianne Stewart (University of Texas at Dallas)

'Explanatory heterogeneity in European turnout forecasting (1989-2009)' Jocelyn Evans (University of Salford) and Gilles Ivaldi (University of Nice)

Discussant: Professor Sir Robert Worcester (Founder, MORI, Visiting Professor and Governor, London School of Economics, Chancellor, University of Kent and Visiting Professor, Warwick)

15.30: Aggregate Approaches to Forecasting the UK 2010 Election

'Aggregate Level Forecasting of the 2010 General Election in Britain: The Seats-Votes Model' Paul Whiteley, David Sanders (University of Essex), Marianne Stewart (University of Texas at Dallas), Harold Clarke (University of Texas at Dallas and University of Essex).

'The Two-step Model on Trial: UK Forecasting Tests' Richard Nadeau (Université de Montréal), Michael S. Lewis-Beck (University of Iowa), Éric Bélanger (McGill University).

'Back to Swing: A reformulation of traditional forecasting', David Voas (University of Manchester)

Discussant: Anthony Mughan (Ohio State University)

Day Two

09.30: Local and National Perspectives on Forecasting the UK 2010 Election

The Pendulum Swings Back: A Forecast of the 2010 General Election Using Prime Ministerial Approval, Helmut Norpoth (State University of New York (SUNY) Stony Brook) and Matt Lebo (State University of New York (SUNY) Stony Brook)

Forecasting the 2010 general election using aggregate local election data Colin Rallings, Michael Thrasher and Galina Borisyuk (LElections Centre, University of Plymouth)

'Forecasting the 2010 election using horse race polling data' Steve Fisher (University of Oxford), Robert Ford, Will Jennings (University of Manchester), Mark Pickup (Simon Fraser University) and Chris Wlezien (Temple University)

12.00: Roundtable – The Future of Forecasting

How far have we come and where are we heading? Perspectives on the evolution of Forecasting research methods and where we can/should go in the future?

Moderator : Michael Lewis Beck

Participants: David Sanders, Richard Nadeu, Matt Lebo and Michael Thrasher.

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