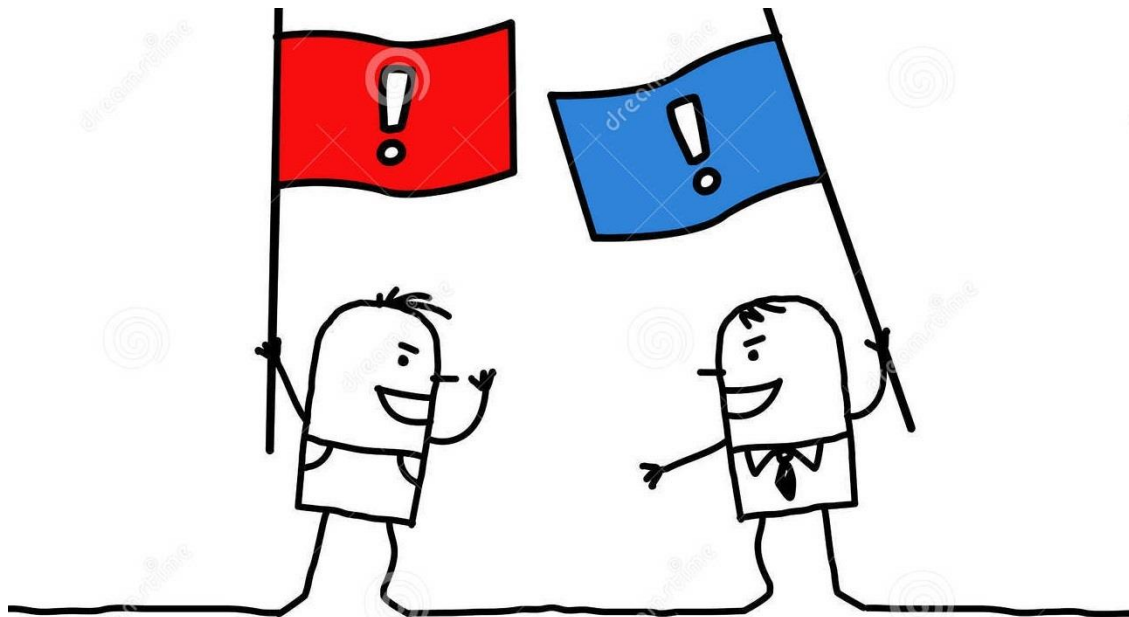


Polimetrics

Short presentation



Organization of the course



- Two classes each week starting from today
- Lecture class: Room 3 every Monday 8:30 – 10:30 am (during which we (mainly) speak!)
- Lab class: Room 2 (almost) every Tuesday 8:30 – 10:30 am (during which you (mainly) work!)
- **One exception:** no class tomorrow (Tuesday 10 April)

Organization of the course



Myself (Luigi Curini) + Andrea Ceron

- Office Hour (Luigi): Wednesday 2.00-5:00 pm, Room 316
- Office Hour (Andrea): Tuesday 11.15-14.15, Room 303

Organization of the course



- This course is aimed to teach you the main theories and the connected statistical methods available in the literature to **correctly estimate the policy space** within which the political competition occurs as well as to measure the positions of political actors interacting in such space
- Moreover, you will learn to apply the **spatial theory of voting** in different settings to better understand the entire political cycle: from electoral competition to government formation
- To this aim, different **open-source software** will be employed during the classes

Organization of the course



- **Course prerequisites**
- The mathematical requirements for the class are minimal. Only a decent knowledge of algebra is assumed, as well as familiarity with the basic concepts of **descriptive statistics** and **comparative politics**

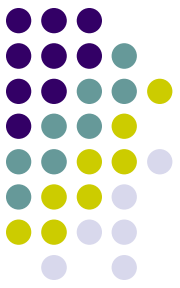


Organization of the course

- The calendar of the course plus all the required readings, slides, scripts, datasets that we will employ during our classes will be made available the day before each lecture at the following URL:

<http://www.luigicurini.com/polimetrics.html>

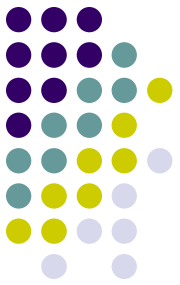
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Organization of the course

How to evaluate you???

- For the **students attending this course**: you will have two written exams at the Lab
- The first one after the end of the first half of the course (Friday 18 May, Room 2, 8:30 AM)
- The second one after the end of the second half of the course (Tuesday 19 June, Room 2, 8:30 AM)
- To be enrolled in this course **you must register** yourself since today until the 18th of April at the SIFA
- To record your vote, you need to register yourself in the Polimetrics exam of 27 June 2018



Organization of the course

How to evaluate you???

- For the **students NOT attending this course**: the exam is written
- You can find all the materials to study [here](#)
- Next exam: 28 June 2018



Organization of the course

- Plan of the course (at least, the scheduled one...):

Introduction and theories

1. What we mean by preferences of political actors
2. Spatial theory of voting (core-party theory, portfolio theory; veto-player theory)

How to measure the preferences of political actors?

- Mass surveys, expert surveys
- Manifestoes, Legislative speeches
- From words to positions
- Analyzing social media