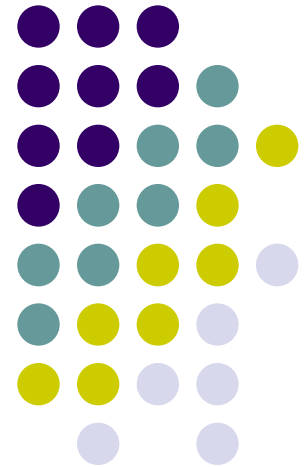
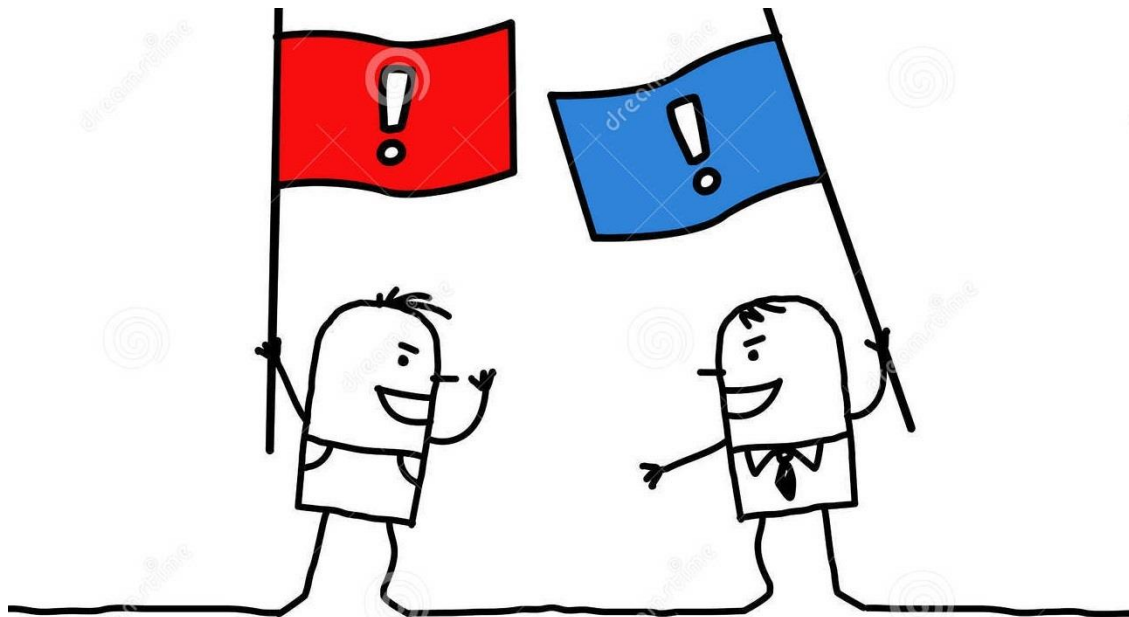
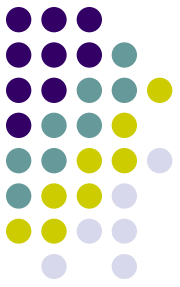


# Polimetrics

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 (**with some exceptions: see below!**) every Tuesday 8:30 – 10:30 am (during which you (mainly) work!)

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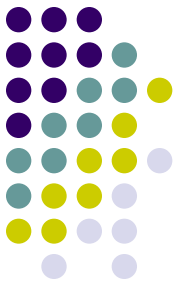


Teachers:

Myself (Luigi Curini: first 20 hours) + Andrea Ceron (second 20 hours)

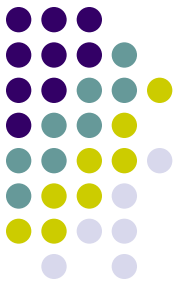
- Office Hour (Luigi): Wednesday 2.00-5:00 pm, Room 316
- Office Hour (Andrea): Tuesday 11.15-14.15, Room 303

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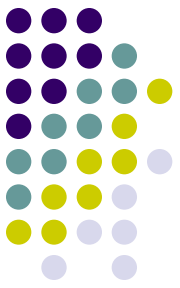
- This course is aimed to teach you the main theories and the connected methods available in the literature to **correctly estimate the policy space** within which the political competition occurs as well as to measure the positions of political actors interacting in such space
- Moreover, you will learn 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 also 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**

# Calendar of the course (first half)



What	Where	When
What we mean by preferences of political actors	Room 3	8 April Monday
The Spatial-Voting Model	Room 3	15 April Monday
The Spatial-Voting Model: extensions	Room 3	16 April Tuesday
The core party theory	Room 3	29 April Monday
Lab	Room 2	30 April Tuesday
The portfolio party theory	Room 3	6 May Monday
Lab	Room 2	7 May Tuesday
The veto player theory	Room 3	13 May Monday
Lab	Room 2	14 May Tuesday
First half exam	Room 2	17 May Friday

# Organization of the course



- The second half of the course will be mainly focused on **how to actually measure the preferences of political actors**



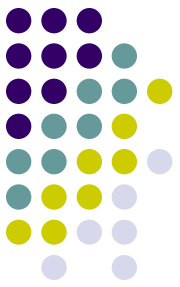
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- The calendar of the course plus all the required readings, slides, scripts, datasets that we will employ during our classes will be made available the day before each lecture at the following URL:

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

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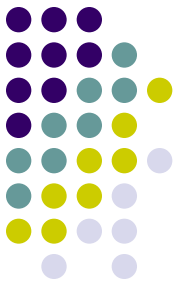




# Organization of the course

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 (Thursday 23 May, Room 2, 5:30 PM)
- 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 28 June 2018



# 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 17 May, Room 2, 8:30 AM)
- This exam will consist of a set of theoretical questions as well as questions that will ask you to run some exercises

# 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](#) (for my 20 hours)
- Next exam: 28 June 2018