



Program on American Democracy in Comparative Perspective

Presents a Workshop on

Electoral System Reform

March 14-15, 2014

**Oksenberg Conference Room, Encina Hall
Stanford University**

Friday, March 14

8:15 -9:00 am Breakfast and Registration, 3rd floor, Encina Hall, 616 Serra Street
Sheraton residents: Meet in lobby to carpool to Encina Hall

9:00 - 9:15 am Welcoming remarks
Larry Diamond, Director, CDDRL, Stanford University

9:15 - 11:00 am
The American Electoral System and the Need for Reform
Chair: Steve Stedman

1 *Is Electoral Reform the Cure for What Ails American Politics?*
Bruce Cain, Charles Louis Ducommun Professor in Humanities and Sciences,
Stanford University

2 *Battlefield Stories from the Voting Wars: The Presidential Commission on
Election Administration and Court-drawn Redistricting Plans*
Nate Persily, James B. McClatchy Professor of Law, Stanford University

3 *Ideological Migration in the U.S. Congress: Out of Step but Still in Office*
Gary Cox, William Bennett Munro Professor of Political Science, Stanford
University

11:00 - 11:15 am Coffee Break

11:15 - 1:00 pm

Institutional Design in Theory and Practice

Chair: Larry Diamond

- 1 *Electoral Reform, Political Reform, Democratic Reform*
Arend Lijphart, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, UC San Diego
- 2 *Ingredients Conducive to Successful (and Lasting) Electoral Reform: MMP in New Zealand*
Jack Nagel, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania
- 3 *Three Distinctive Aspects of Australian Elections: Compulsory; Preferential; Independent*
Ben Reilly, Dean, Sir Walter Murdoch School of Public Policy and International Affairs

1:00 - 2:00 pm Lunch Break

2:15 - 4:00 pm

Further Lessons from Abroad

Chair: Bruce Cain

- 1 *Japan's FPTP Rules: The Rise of Two-party Competition, the Absence of Policy Differentiation, and the Return to Single-party Dominance*
Ethan Scheiner, Professor of Political Science, UC Davis
- 2 *The Impact of STV on the Functioning of Democracy in Ireland*
David Farrell, Professor of Politics, University College, Dublin
- 3 *The Italicum: the Italian way to a functional democracy?*
Roberto D'Alimonte, Professor of Political Science, LUISS

6:15 pm Meet in the lobby of the Sheraton to walk to dinner at
MacArthur Park Restaurant, 27 University Ave, Palo Alto

Saturday, March 15

8:30 am Breakfast, 3rd floor, Encina Hall

9:00 - 11:00 am

Experiments with Electoral Reform in the United States

Chair: Didi Kuo

- 1 *The Impact of Rank Choice Voting on Election Cooperation and Civility: Measuring Public Sentiment Through a Content Analysis of Campaign-related Communication*
Martha Kropf, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
- 2 *Voter Perceptions of Campaigns Under Preferential and Plurality Voting*
Caroline Tolbert, Professor of Political Science, University of Iowa
- 3 *Candidate Perceptions of Campaigns Under Preferential and Plurality Voting*
Todd Donovan, Professor of Political Science, Western Washington University,
- 4 *Voter Participation with Rank Choice Voting the United States*
David Kimball, Professor of Political Science, University of Missouri, St. Louis

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Possible Outcomes of Reforming SMD in the United States

Chair: Bruce Cain

- 1 *Applying Ranked Choice Voting to Congressional Elections: Replacing Top Two Primaries with Top Four, and Replacing Single-member Districts with Multi-member Districts*
Rob Richie, Executive Director, FairVote
- 2 *Our Electoral Exceptionalism*
Nicholas Stephanopoulos, **University of Chicago**, Assistant Professor of Law
- 3 *Importing MMP to the U.S: Possibilities and Pitfalls*
Jack Nagel, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania

1:00 - 2:00 pm Lunch Break

2:00 - 4:00 pm **Concluding discussion:** What kinds of electoral reforms are feasible and desirable for the United States?
Chair: Larry Diamond

4:00 pm Return to hotel

Conference Participants

Peter Ackerman, Americans Elect, Founder and Chairman

Kahlil Byrd, Chief Investment Officer, Fund for the Republic

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