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Title:

"Members and Activists of Political Parties - Understanding the Dynamics of Party Membership"

Abstract

The project intends to look at membership as a relationship between the members (supply) and the party organisation (demand), in a dynamic perspective. We focus on two main questions: (1) under which conditions and how do parties recruit and retain members, and (2) what's happening inside parties once members have joined, and we link them to the general debate on party membership decline. In answering these questions, our ambition is to contribute to the field on three aspects: (1) to conduct the most ambitious data collection on party membership so far, (2) to propose high-standard methodological tools in order to go beyond a static picture of party membership, and (3) to renew our pool of theoretical models, moving away from traditional models of political participation.

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