

Overview

Contents The goal of this daylong event is to reflect on the fundamental nature of politics and on the discipline of political science. With Stefano Bartolini's latest manuscript, we are provided with the opportunity to step back and think about the broadest meaning of politics, power and compliance. What are the ultimate and distinctive features of political science, a discipline closely related to other paradigms – economics and psychology more recently? To what extent are rational choice and political economy approaches, or behavioural and experimental methods overlapping with, or in contrast to, the core nature of “the political”? The Department of Political Science (IPZ) of the University of Zurich, with its pluralism of methods and theories, is honoured to host such a discussion together with colleagues from other Swiss institutions.

Morning Session: public lecture Guest lecture by **Prof. Stefano Bartolini** of the European University Institute, Florence, based on his new book on *The Political*, followed by Q&A.

Afternoon Session: workshop In-depth discussion of the manuscript available in advance to all interested. The author will introduce this session. The discussion is structured in three theoretical perspectives and sub-disciplines introduced by discussants.

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Morning

- Location** University of Zurich Zentrum
Rämistrasse 59
Room: RAA-G-01
- Directions** From Zurich HB use Tram 3 or Bus 31 to “Kunsthaus” and then Tram 7 or 9 to “Kantonsschule”
- 09:30** Welcome coffee and introduction
- 10:15** Guest Lecture:
What Is “Political Action”?
Prof. Stefano Bartolini, European University Institute, Florence
- 11:00** Questions and debate
- 12:00** Lunch
- Transfer** Tram 10 to Zurich-Oerlikon

Afternoon

- Location** Department of Political Science
Affolternstrasse 56, Zurich-Oerlikon
Room: AFL-F-172/173
- 14:00** The book project: context, contribution and goals – Opening input by **Stefano Bartolini**
- 14:30** Discussion item 1:
Rational choice perspective – Input by **Anita Gohdes**, Department of Political Science, UZH
- Coffee**
- 15:45** Discussion item 2:
Behavioural perspective – Input by **Marco Steenbergen**, Department of Political Science, UZH
- Coffee**
- 17:00** Discussion item 3:
Normative perspective – Input by **Francis Cheneval**, Department of Philosophy, UZH
- 18:00** Apéro

Organization

Book The book manuscript is available to all those participating to the afternoon workshop and can be requested by writing to sekretariat@ipz.uzh.ch.

Registration No registration needed for the morning session. Please write to sekretariat@ipz.uzh.ch to confirm your attendance to the afternoon session (places available for doctoral and post-doctoral researchers).

Overnight accommodation can be arranged on request but costs are to be covered individually.

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