

2013 Italian Elections - Italian Politics at the Crossroads?

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Venue: Winterbourne House, University of Birmingham, 58 Edgbaston Park Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2R. Directions: <http://ow.ly/qJkLi>. Campus map: <http://ow.ly/qJkRd> (Winterbourne House, G12)

Conference Organisers: Dr Daniele Albertazzi (University of Birmingham) Dr Arianna Giovannini (Leeds Metropolitan University) and Professor James L. Newell (University of Salford)

Programme

9.00 – 9.30 Assemble, Registration and Coffee

9.30 – 9.40 Welcome address
(Arianna Giovannini, Leeds Metropolitan University)

9.40 – 10.40 Key-note address
Gianfranco Pasquino (John Hopkins University, Bologna, Italy)

10.40 – 12.10 Session 1: Political Parties and the challenges ahead

- A New Start? The Selection of the fifth Secretary of the Democratic Party – *Fulvio Venturino & Natascia Porcellato (University of Cagliari)*
- After the Elections: A Test for the Five Star Movement – *Fabio Bordignon & Luigi Ceccarini (University of Urbino)*
- The Window on the Secret Garden of Politics: MPs' Primary Elections in the Democratic Party, Five Star Movement and

Left Ecology Freedom – *Marco Valbruzzi (EUI) & Natascia Porcellato (University of Cagliari)* ***please note that this paper will be presented in Italian. An English version of the paper will be available to download ahead of the conference.*

12.15 – 13.15 Session 2: Campaigns & Media

- Agenda's Dynamics in the Mainstream Media During the 2013 Electoral Campaign – *Giuliano Bobba & Antonella Seddone (University of Turin)*
- New Forms of Media Partisanship? The 2013 Electoral Campaign from the Perspective of Entertainment Media – *Marco Mazzoni (University of Perugia) & Antonio Ciaglia (SUM, Florence)*

13.15 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 16.30 Session 3: Key Themes and Open Questions

- Do Younger Italians Prefer 'Technocratic' Politics? An Interpretation of Young People's Voting Behaviour – *Elisa Lello (University of Urbino)*

- The Paradox of the Rhetoric on Immigration in Italy. From 2013 Electoral Manifestos to Lampedusa, via Kyenge – *Eva Garau (University of Cagliari)*
- 'Eye of the Storm': the Italian 2013 Elections and Institutional Reform – *Martin Bull (University of Salford)*
- Letta's Government and Constitutional Reforms – *Elisabetta Cassina Wolff (University of Oslo)*

16.30 – 17.00 Tea and Coffee

17.00 – 18.00 Round Table Discussion
(Moderated by Daniele Albertazzi, University of Birmingham)
Gianfranco Pasquino (John Hopkins University, Bologna); Anna Cento Bull (University of Bath); Guglielmo Meardi (Warwick University); Martin Bull (University of Salford)

18.00 – 18.15 Concluding Reflections
James L. Newell (University of Salford)

18.15 Departure