

## **RESEARCH FORUM 2015**

Department of Political and Social Sciences

**Next Thursday, 16 April at 15:00**

Room 40.144. Roger de Llúria Building

**Anja Neundorf (University of Nottingham)**

will present

**“Determinants of Redistributive and Economic Preferences:  
Evidence from Panel Data”**



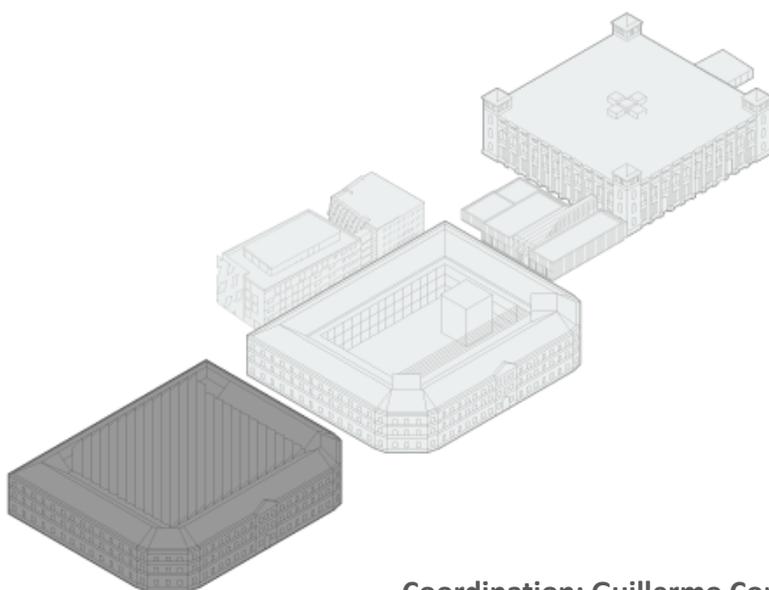
### **Abstract:**

Bridging the economic and behavioralist accounts of attitude formation, this article argues that behavioral models can help us predict who is more likely to update their policy preferences in line with their economic interest and when this is more likely to be the case. Using evidence from Britain and Germany, we show that material interest nudges individuals toward preferences more in line with their material conditions. The size of this nudging effect varies with the political discursive context: it is larger when left-wing economic policies are on the table as a visible policy option put forward by parties and interest groups. We test these predictions using longitudinal data from Great Britain and Germany, two countries with contrasting experiences regarding the prevalence of left-wing economic policy options in partisan elite debates.

**Short bio:**

Dr. Anja Neundorf is an Assistant Professor in Politics at the School of Politics and International Relations at the University of Nottingham. She previously held a Post-doctoral Prize Research Fellowship in political science at Nuffield College, University of Oxford and received her PhD from the University of Essex in 2010. Her research interests lie at the intersection of political behaviour, research methods, and comparative politics. Generally, Dr. Neundorf's research applies advanced statistical methods to substantially important research questions with the aim of testing and refining theories of political socialization, political attitudes, and electoral choice. Thereby, she is mainly interested in how individuals form and retain these attitudes and identities over time and across different political systems. Her work has been published among others in the Journal of Politics, Public Opinion Quarterly, Electoral Studies and Social Forces.

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