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Le groupe de projet PopAct organise, en partenariat avec le séminaire d'Etudes européennes du Laboratoire PACTE, un séminaire articulé autour de deux interventions sur le thème :

« Responsiveness and political representation in the EU »

■ Intervention de **Yvette Peters** (University of Bergen and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin) sur **Responsiveness, vetoes and ideology. How structure and politics condition representation.**

Several studies have examined the link between citizens' preferences and policy output. By considering two core democratic principles – responsiveness and political equality – I examine how structure and politics condition responsiveness and inequality therein. More specifically, this study focuses on veto points, partisan veto players and government ideology to explain the relation between support for redistribution and social spending in 25 European countries over the period 2002-2010. I find that general responsiveness as well as representative equality is higher in systems with more veto points, more partisan veto players, and a left-wing government. Moreover, multi-party left-wing governments tend to foster higher levels of responsiveness and more equality, while single-party right-wing governments tend to do the opposite.

■ Discussion : **Isabelle Guinaudeau** (CNRS, PACTE, Sciences Po Grenoble)

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■ Intervention de **Michaël Tatham** (University of Bergen, à partir d'une recherche en cours avec Karolina Boronska-Hryniewiecka, and Michael W. Bauer) sur **The Early Warning System, regional parliaments and regions' role in the EU.**

The Lisbon Treaty modified a number of provisions related to subsidiarity. Among those, it has put in place monitoring instruments under the generic label of the 'early warning system' (EWS). Within this framework, regional parliaments have the possibility to be consulted by national parliaments. Such a consultation mechanism has much potential, but also generates a number of challenges in its implementation. This paper takes stock of these developments to 1) assess whether the EWS provisions have reinforced the role of regions in the EU and 2) what the determinants of such a reinforcement may be. To this end, two types of data are collected on three countries where we expect the EWS provisions could have a transformative effect (Germany, Spain and Italy). The first data source is a qualitative survey of regional parliamentary staff. The second is a closed telephone survey of regional parliamentarians. Through their analysis, we find that there is some evidence of a transformative effect triggered by the Lisbon Treaty, although such change is clearly limited and still ongoing. Change is greater, however, when regional parliaments have already sought to reform their internal structures to adapt to the EWS procedure and when parliamentarians display pro-European attitudes. The main lesson we draw is that actors are more likely to be empowered by EU provisions when they overcome their Euroscepticism and engage in structural reforms to adapt to these new opportunity structures.

■ Discussion : **Sabine Saurugger** (Sciences Po Grenoble, PACTE et IUF)

■ **Michaël Tatham** is Associate Professor at the Department of Comparative Politics, University of Bergen, Norway. He is the Chairman of the Columbia University Council for European Studies research network on Territorial Politics and Federalism (together with Michael W. Bauer), the Editor of the international journal *Regional and Federal Studies* (Taylor & Francis, Routledge, together with Wilfried Swenden and Jan Erk), and Editor of the *Comparative Territorial Politics* book series (Palgrave/Macmillan, together with Michael Keating and Arjan Schakel). He works on federalism and regions in the EU, public policy analysis, and theories of European integration. He teaches introductory and specialized courses at BA and MA levels on these three broad topics (public policy, the EU, territorial politics). He has articles published in *Comparative Political Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *European Union Politics*, the *Journal of European Public Policy*, the *Journal of Public Policy*, the *European Political Science Review*, and *Regional and Federal Studies*. Together with Michael W. Bauer, he is co-Investigator of the European Regional Elite Survey which analyses regional elite preferences across countries and regions within the EU (funded by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, German Research Council). Together with Yvette Peters, he is co-Investigator of a sub-project on intra-EU labour migration and support for welfare states in Europe (funded by the Velferd, arbeidsliv og migrasjon, Norwegian Research Council). He is a graduate of the European University Institute, Florence (PhD) and the University of Oxford (MPhil) and was previously Assistant Professor at the Institute of Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany.

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