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Hamburg Political Science Seminar Series- HPS³



INVITATION

Please be invited to the **Hamburg Political Science Seminar Series - HPS³** in Winter Semester 2026/27. The HPS³ Seminar Series features international speakers presenting cutting-edge research in all subfields of political science.

The seminars usually take place on Wednesdays 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. on campus: Allende-Platz 1 - AP1 Room 110. They can be attended by UHH researchers, guests and students. No prior registration is needed. For further information about dates and speakers in WiSe 26/27 please refer to the HPS³ Website.

We welcome on

November 11, 2026 4:30-6:00 p.m. CET in AP1 110

Janne Tukiainen (University of Turku)

Title: Class, Social Mobility, and Voting in Democratizing and Industrializing England

Abstract:

Does class voting reflect shifting economic interests or durable political identities? We present original panel data on 130,000 individual-level vote choices and occupations in nineteenth-century England, a period of industrialization and democratization. Skilled workers and the petite bourgeoisie disproportionately supported Liberals, while the gentry, white-collar workers, farm workers, and non-skilled workers leaned Conservative. Exploiting within-voter occupational mobility, we show that mobile voters resembled their destination class cross-sectionally but did not change their vote when their own class changed. Class-based political alignments thus appear durable at the individual level within the horizon we observe, even as the Industrial Revolution transformed society.

Keywords: Class-based voting, economic voting, poll books, socialization, social mobility, voting behavior

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