



# The politics of identity adoption and change

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In the last few decades the study of social identity has become core to comparative politics and comparative sociology. Constructivism and the idea that identities can be activated and changed over time are now widely accepted within these fields. This has motivated the study of the reasons why change occurs. Social identity is also a relevant independent variable affecting individual attitudes and behavior and the strategies of political actors.

This workshop gathers a number of researchers working on the origins and consequences of ethnic, national, and racial identity. The papers presented in the seminar include comparative and case studies and make use of different methodologies.

Each session will consist of a very brief 5-minutes presentation, followed by a 10-minutes reply by a discussant and 30-minutes of group discussion. The papers will be posted at <http://www.ainagallego.org/identity.html>

Researchers and students interested in the politics of identity are very welcome.

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| 9:30  | <b>Peter Stamatov</b> "Imperial Mixing and Unmixing: Institutional Logics of Diversity and the Legacies of the First Wave of European Overseas Expansion"<br>Discussant: Christina Zuber   |
| 10:15 | <b>Daniel Bochsler</b> "Breaking the myth of homogeneous group preferences: A triangle model of ethno-political orientations"<br>Discussant: Jordi Muñoz                                   |
| 11:00 | <b>Coffee break</b>  |
| 11:30 | <b>Maria José Hierro and Aina Gallego</b> "Seeing both sides: Democratic conflict and identity change in multicultural states"<br>Discussant: Kanchan Chandra                              |
| 12:15 | <b>Raúl Tormos, Jordi Muñoz, Maria José Hierro</b> "Endogenous identities? How the Independence debate is re-shaping Catalans' national identification"<br>Discussant: Peter Stamatov      |
| 13:00 | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| 14:00 | <b>Anwen Elias, Edina Szöcsik, and Christina Isabel Zuber</b> "Position, Salience and Framing: Conceptualising party strategies in two-dimensional space"<br>Discussant: Maria José Hierro |
| 14:45 | <b>Francesc Amat</b> , "The Redistributive Effects of the Legislative Salience of the Territorial Dimension"<br>Discussant: Daniel Bochsler  |
| 15:30 | <b>The current state of identity politics research: Kanchan Chandra</b>  |