

# Political Actors and Behaviour I

## Schedule

- Week 1:
  - Unit 1. Political parties: definitions and historical evolution. Party models and democracy; from cadre to cartel and movement-parties.
- Weeks 2-4:
  - Unit 2. The functions of political parties regarding institutions and society.
- Weeks 5-7:
  - Unit 3. The organization and structure of political parties: ideology, members, resources and faces of parties; dominant coalition and territorial structure. The finances of political parties.
  - Unit 4. Democracy in political parties: the making of political platforms and the selection of party officials and electoral candidates.
- Weeks 8-9:
  - Unit 5. Democracy and party systems: definition and typologies. Stability and change.
- Week 10:
  - Unit 6. Political leadership.
- Week 11:
  - Unit 7. The (new) social movements: evolution, traits, mobilization patterns and interaction with the political system. New social movements and social networks.
- Week 12:
  - Unit 8. Mass media.
- Week 13:
  - Unit 9. Interest groups.