

CSD lecture announcement:

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The electoral connection between citizens and parties still is the backbone of democratic legitimacy despite recent challenges to the traditional processes of representative democracy. With the debate on adapting a proportional system of voting in the UK, the effect of electoral systems is also high up on the political agenda again. In his talk, Lawrence Ezrow will discuss how electoral systems affect the vital link between citizens and political parties. He will argue that electoral systems affect mainstream and niche parties in different ways. In particular, electoral systems do have an influence on the level of competition of niche parties.

The lecture takes place on Friday, **22 October, 12.30-13.30**, in the VIP room in the Ravelijn building at the University of Twente. The talk and subsequent discussion will in English.