Contents

Part I Institutions

Demand for Wealth-Reducing Institutional Change: The Role of Ideas and Interests ................................................................. 3
Thráinn Eggertsson

Cultural Legacies: Persistence and Transmission ......................... 21
Leonid Peisakhin

Desiree A. Desierto

Comparative Analysis of Institutional Incentives and Organisational Adjustment of Social Actors in Eight European Countries ................................................................. 59
Rosa Nonell and Iván Medina

The Historical Origins of Regional Economic Inequality in Spain: The Cultural Legacy of Political Institutions ......................... 79
David Soto-Oñate

Institutional Change in Spain from Francoism to Democracy: The Effects of the Great Recession .................................................. 113
Gonzalo Caballero and Marcos Álvarez-Díaz

Institutional Determinants: A Case Study of IMF Programme and Non-programme Countries ...................................................... 141
Omer Javed

xv
Part II  Democracy

An Experimental Study of Jury Voting Behavior ........................................... 157
Lisa R. Anderson, Charles A. Holt, Katri K. Sieberg, and Allison L. Oldham

Trading Portfolios: The Stability of Coalition Governments ....................... 179
Betul Demirkaya and Norman Schofield

A Median Activist Theorem for Two-Stage Spatial Models .......................... 193
Daniel M. Kselman

No Polarization in Spite of Primaries: A Median Voter Theorem with Competitive Nominations ................................................................. 211
Gilles Serra

Downsian Competition with Assembly Democracy .................................... 231
María del Pino Ramos-Sosa and M. Socorro Puy

Rent Seeking and the Size of Parliamentary Majorities ........................... 251
Jan Klingelhöfer

A Comment on Choice Rules and Median Outcomes .................................. 261
Jon X. Eguia and Francesco Giovannoni

How Should Votes Be Weighted to Reflect the Existing and “Calculated” Distribution of Voting Power of Weighted Voting Organizations Integrating Different Majority Requirements? ....... 267
Michèle Khouri-Hagot and Bertrand Lemennicier

Part III  Elections

Party Activists in the 2009 German Federal Elections .............................. 293
Norman Schofield and Anna-Sophie Kurella

Application of the Variable Choice Logit Model to the British General Election of 2010 ................................................................. 313
Elena Labzina and Norman Schofield

Turnout and Polarization Under Alternative Electoral Systems ............... 335
Konstantinos Matakos, Orestis Troumpounis, and Dimitrios Xefteris

Fiscal Deficits and Type of Government: A Study of Spanish Local Elections ................................................................. 363
Joaquín Artés and Ignacio Jurado

Jose M. Pavía and Fernando Toboso