

HarDIS

Harmony in the Democratic Ideological Space



HarDIS creates a community-based, sustainable, scalable, and FAIR linkage key database. With PolPaL, the newly developed linkage key database inspired by Party Facts, researchers will be able to link data on parties across time and for different constellations. HarDIS will also harmonise data on left-right positions, streamline access for researchers, and ensure long-term collaboration in democracy studies.



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Challenge

In contemporary democracies, understanding the relationship between political parties and voters is paramount, but long-term research on this interaction is hindered by the fragmented and short-lived nature of many data harmonisation projects.

Solution

HarDIS will create a scalable and community-driven framework for sustainable linkage key databases. To do so, it will reach out to providers of other community-based data projects, and analyse their experiences and needs systematically. Consequently, we will publish PolPaL, our community-based linkage key database for political parties.

Scientific Impact

HarDIS will significantly reduce the burden of data preparation for democracy researchers, allowing them to focus on their core analyses. Its scalable and sustainable model for linkage key databases will enhance long-term collaboration and data reuse in the Social Sciences.

Partners

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