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Voting Advice Applications

The rise of Voting Advice Applications (VAA) is a compelling new phenomenon in the global political landscape. Their advance in recent years is strongly connected to the digitalization of politics and the transformative process of the internet in Western democracies.

VAA's are designed to help potential voters to select candidates and parties reflecting and promoting preferred policy choices. Designed as digital tools with the purpose to bring policy preferences of voters and political positions of candidates together, they are often meant to furthermore improve political awareness and interest in the political process. By answering specific policy questions, users are provided with feedback about their own political position, their concordance with party manifestos and candidates available in their region as well as additional information about their preferred choices.

Several VAA's have become increasingly popular and widespread in many developed countries with millions of active users prior to elections and increasing attention and coverage in all types of media. The international Vote Compass, the Wahl-O-Mat in Germany, Vote Match in the UK or Vote&Vous in France are just some examples of the active platforms available for voters today. New applications like the debat-o-meter offer advices after political debates.

Topics of interest

Statistics, Politics and Policy seeks contributions related to Voting Advice Applications including, but not limited to, the following topics:

- Frameworks or designs of VAA's
- New tools and applications to assist and measure voter preference.
- Influence of VAA's on voting behavior
- Political or social implications of digital voting assistance
- Adaptation of political actors and parties to VAA designs
- Media coverage and perception of VAA's

Submissions might cover a wide range of statistical or analytical research methods.

Furthermore, theoretical papers evaluating and reflecting on VAA and their social, cultural and political impact are equally accepted.

Submission Instructions

Both quantitative or qualitative works are welcome. Please note that contribution length is flexible for contributions of 10 to 25 pages (including references, not exceeding 60.000 signs in total). Contributions with new and innovative approaches are highly encouraged.

Submissions are due on 30.06.2018.

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<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/dgspp> and must have correct formatting to be considered ready for reviewing and publication. For author guidelines and further information on Statistics, Politics and Policy visit the website at **<https://www.degruyter.com/view/j/spp>**.

You may also contact the Editor-in-Chief Uwe Wagschal (uwe.wagschal@politik.uni-freiburg.de) with questions. Manuscripts will be subject to a double-blind peer-review process. Accepted papers will be published in Statistics, Politics and Policy in mid-2018.

Kind regards,

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