

SUBNATIONAL POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE BRAZILIAN ESTATES

New Post-Doctoral Position Search

The Center of Politics and Economics of the Public Sector - CEPESP of the Getulio Vargas Foundation - FGV - is seeking candidates for a postdoctoral position to perform research on electoral coordination in Brazil. This research is associated with the research project entitled "The Subnational Political Institutions: A Comparative Study of the Brazilian States", funded by the Foundation for Research Support of the State of São Paulo - FAPESP.

The main objective of the project is to investigate the relationship between the different federative levels in the electoral coordination carried out by the political parties. Understanding this relationship allows us to better understand how the Brazilian political system is organized and how party decisions are made in a multilevel game. Speaking in the singular, in a Brazilian partisan or electoral system, literature often forgets a fundamental factor, already pointed out by Olavo Brasil de Lima Jr. (1983), which is the fact that in Brazil there are in fact multiple systems Partisans and voters in action.

The formation of electoral coalitions is the instrument, par excellence, that allows for the most evident coordination among political parties. Parties with no chance of launching a viable candidacy to a given state government may prefer to support a candidate from another legend in exchange for a place in the electoral coalitions for deputy (see Soares, 1964, Lavareda 1991, Souza 1996, Schmitt 1999). Which, of course, could explain why large parties agree to be adversely affected by agreeing to have small parties in their electoral coalitions for legislative office. In this way, understanding how voter coalitions are formed, their characteristics, and their role in elections is a crucial task.

The FAPESP post-doc fellowship runs for 12 consecutive months, with a monthly payment of R\$ 6.819,30 Reais/ about US\$ 2150,00 (free of tax) and, it can be renewed until it reaches a total limit of 48 months. The selected candidate is expected to participate in the research activities of the thematic project, such as:

- Conceptualize and carry out statistical analyses of cross-sectional and panel databases;
- Prepare analytic/integrative summaries of findings;
- Collaborate with the research team on analysis of findings;
- Collaborate with the research team on write-up of findings for publications;
- Prepare individual reports and manuscripts for publication;
- Participate in conference presentations;
- Participate in other collective activities of the research project.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter clearly stating a three-to-five pages' work proposal, a curriculum vitae, and the name of two references to the FGV-CEPESP, Rua Itapeva 286, 10º. andar, São Paulo-SP 01332-000. Applications could also be sent by e-mail to (cepesp@fgv.br). The application deadline is **February 24, 2017**. The selected candidates will be eventually interviewed personally or electronically.