

Bridging the divide

Riccardo Pelizzo, Zim Nwokora

Graduate School of Public Policy

Abstract

Party systems research has proceeded along two parallel lines of inquiry, one predominantly “qualitative” and the other “quantitative.” This article attempts to bridge this divide in two ways. First, by showing that qualitative information can be valuable in the construction of quantitative measures. Second, by showing that the results from applying theoretically- sensitive measurement tools can be useful for qualitative classification. These analyses are performed using an original dataset of party system changes in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Original language	English
Journal	Politics and Policy
Volume	44
Issue number	6
State	Published - Dec 2016

Pelizzo, R., & Nwokora, Z. (2016). *Bridging the divide*. *Politics and Policy*, 44(6).