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ICS-ULisboa | *Revisiting the Politicisation of the EU in light of citizen attitudes*

This article's fundamental goal is to present a framework to understand the ways in which Europe has emerged in national political debates (both at the media and parliamentary level), and with what consequences for national democracy, in terms of citizen attitudes and political behavior. In order to fulfil this goal we draw on the literature on politicization of Europe, as well as on the Eurozone crisis and its likely significance for perceptions of Europe by citizens. Politicisation has been widely studied in recent years, although normally from the perspective of how it may contribute to the creation of a European demos, and seldom from the perspective of national democracy. In addition, the Eurozone crisis has specificities which may have altered the nature of the debate on what constitutes the EU at the national level. We therefore approach these two concepts first, discussing how they have been addressed in the literature to get a handle on how we will operationalize the measurement of the growing importance of Europe in national democracies both in media and parliamentary debates. Concretely, we aim to create an index of the politicization of the EU for each of the countries analysed (Belgium, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Spain) which will then be used as context to answer questions on the importance of the EU for citizen attitudes and behaviours in the online panel surveys to be carried out. In this way, we try to integrate dimensions of politicization of Europe (media and parliamentary debates) and its impact on citizens' political attitudes and voting behavior.