Thursday December 2, 2010

13.00 Arrival of participants (sandwiches and drinks at the Centre)

14.00 Introduction
Hans Keman (VU Amsterdam, Netherlands) and Ferdinand Müller-Rommel (Leuphana University Lüneburg)

14.30 Part 1: Features of democratic party government in Europe
Party Government and Parliamentary Democracy in the New Europe
Ian Budge (University of Essex, GB) and Michael McDonald (SUNY Binghamton, USA).

15.30 Coalition Politics and Institutions: Bringing in Central and Eastern Europe
Torben Bergman and Svante Ersson (both University of Umeå, Sweden).

16.30 Coffee break

17.00 Dimensions of Government Decision-Making Structures in OECD Countries
Detlef Jahn (University of Greifswald, Germany)

19.00 Dinner (Restaurant Kunsthotel)

Friday December 3, 2010

9.00 Part 2: Parties, party systems and the life of party government
How Institutionalized are the Post-Communist Party Systems?
Fernando Casal Bertoa (University of Leiden, Netherlands) and Peter Mair (European University Institute, Florence, Italy).

10.00 The institutional variations of Party Government in the New Europe.
Hans Keman (VU Amsterdam, Netherlands) and Ferdinand Müller-Rommel (Leuphana University Lüneburg).

11.00 Coffee Break

12.00 Part 3: What Party Governments do and achieve in office
Political Parties and the Welfare State in Western and Post-Communist Democracies
Manfred Schmidt (University of Heidelberg, Germany)

13.00 Lunch break (incl. coffee!)

14.00 Party Government and Welfare State Reforms: A Configurational Approach
Paul Pennings (VU Amsterdam, Netherlands)

15.00 The Impact of Political Parties on Labour Relations: European Post-Communist Democracies in Comparative Perspective
Klaus Armingeon (University of Berne, Switzerland)

16.00 Coffee break

16.30 Part 4: Quo Vadis: Assessing the empirical and analytical results and how to proceed from here – towards a research agenda

Enhancing and Improving Data on Party Government: a critical but constructive inventory
Jaap Woldendorp (VU Amsterdam, Netherlands).

17.30 Concluding remarks
Hans Keman and Ferdinand Müller-Rommel

19.00 Dinner in town (Italian restaurant Am Stint)

Saturday December 4, 2010
Departure of participants after breakfast