

# Greek National Election Studies

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# History of Electoral Research in Greece

## **1<sup>st</sup> period: the birth of electoral studies**

- \* 1985-1990: Pre-election studies conducted by the National Centre for Social Research (EKKE)
  - \* 1985 national election: 'Comparative Study of Political Culture in South Europe', supervised by Prof. Ilias Nikolakopoulos
  - \* 1989a, 1989b, 1990 national elections: 'Observatory of elections' (Ministry of Interior), supervised by Prof. Ilias Nikolakopoulos

## **2<sup>nd</sup> period : stagnation with little academic research**

- \* Surveys conducted by private opinion poll institutions (OPINION 1993; MRB 2000)

## **3<sup>rd</sup> period: Panel surveys**

Comparative National Elections Project (CNEP)

- \* 1996: CNEP I, conducted by EKKE, supervised by Prof. Nikiforos Diamandouros
- \* 2004: CNEP II, conducted by EKKE, supervised by Prof. Christos Lyrintzis

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## 4<sup>th</sup> period: inauguration of a NES under the auspices of Aristotle University, Department of Political Sciences, Laboratory of Applied Political Research

- \* **2009:** post-electoral voter study and an elite study
  - Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES III)
  - Comparative Candidate Survey (CCS) 2009
  
- \* **2012:** post-electoral voter study, elite study and voting advice application
  - **First Hellenic National Election Study (ELNES)** - includes CSES Module IV
  - Comparative Candidate Survey (CCS) 2012-2013
  - Voting advice application HelpmeVote 2012

# Overview of the Greek National Election Studies 1985-2012

Survey	Timing	Mode	Sample	Institution
1985	16/5/1985 31/5/1985	Pre-election	1998	EKKE
1989a	1/6/1989 16/6/1989	Pre-election	1996	EKKE
1989b	19/10/1989 3/11/1989	Pre-election	1200	EKKE
1990	22/3/1990 6/4/1990	Pre-election	1200	EKKE

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1993	23/9/1993 8/10/1993	Pre-electoral	2009	OPINION
1996	September- October 1996	panel	1196 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 966 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	EKKE (CNEP I)
2000	February 2000	Pre-electoral	1000	MRB Trends
2004	March-April 2004	panel	2000 (1 <sup>st</sup> ) 1307 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	EKKE (CNEP II)
2007	July-August 2007	Pre-electoral	1000	MRB Trends
2009	10-18 December 2009	Post-electoral (CSES module III)	1022	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (CSES III)
2012	19 October 2012 -5 January 2013	Post-electoral, including CSES module IV	1029	Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (ELNES)

# CSES Module III

## post-electoral survey 2009

- \* **Voter Study Data Collection Organization:** Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH), Dept. of Political Sciences, Laboratory of Applied Political Research in collaboration with OPINION S.A and CMR Ltd
- \* **Voter Study Funding Organization(s):** Dept. of Political Sciences AUTH
- \* **Archiving Organization:** Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research <http://www.openicpsr.org/repoEntity/show/9496>. Deposited August 2014
- \* **Principal Investigator(s)** : Ioannis Andreadis; Theodore Chadjipadelis and Eftichia Teperoglou
- \* **Sample:** 1022; **Mode of interview:** telephone
  - \* Representative of the Greek population aged 18-89 years old with voting rights, Greek nationality, covering all regions of Greece (mainland and Greek islands). Appropriate software was used to randomly select the sample from the data base telephone list by area proportional to total population
  - \* Geographic stratification: Attica, Thessaloniki, rest of Greece
  - \* QUOTA: by sex and age

# ELNES 2012

[www.elines.gr](http://www.elines.gr)

- \* **Voter Study Data Collection Organization:** Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Dept. of Political Sciences, Laboratory of Applied Political Research in collaboration with To The Point Research Consulting Communication S.A.
- \* **Voter Study Funding Organization(s):** Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Dept. of Political Sciences; University of Western Macedonia, Dept. of Balkan Studies and Public Power Corporation S.A (ΔΕΗ)
- \* **Archiving Organization:** Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research <http://www.openicpsr.org/repoEntity/show/10762> . Deposited August 2014
- \* **Principal Investigator(s) :** Ioannis Andreadis; Theodore Chadjipadelis and Eftichia Teperoglou
- \* **Advisory Board:** Hermann Schmitt; David Howell
- \* **PhD Students:** Anastasios Varellas, Angeliki Konstantinidou, Evangelia Kartsounidou
- \* Collaboration with Pedro Magalhães for the battery of questions on the economic crisis

# Study design ELNES 2012

<b>Fieldwork</b>	Post-Election Study (19 October 2012 -5 January 2013)
<b>Mode</b>	Mixed mode survey (in person, face-to-face & internet)
<b>Sample</b>	Web survey: 529 respondents face-to-face interviews: 500 respondents
<b>Questionnaire</b>	CSES Module IV; 20 questions on voting behaviour, economic crisis, value orientations; 4 questions on HelpmeVote; 7 questions on energy and environment; 3 questions about cooperation among the Balkan countries
<b>Focus of ELNES 2012</b>	Economic crisis



# Sample Selection Procedures

## ELNES 2012

**Online survey sample:** it was selected randomly (using RDD) by area proportional to total population. The selected respondents were called on the phone and they were asked to provide their email address if they wanted to participate in a web survey. These email addresses have been used into the [epolls.gr](http://epolls.gr) web survey system (Andreadis 2010).

**Face-to-face interviews sample:**

Firstly, geographical cluster sampling was used, but the regions of Attiki and Thessaloniki have been excluded from the selection of the clusters. Then in each selected cluster, systematic sampling was used, i.e. the interviewers selected the first house randomly and they continued in the cluster selecting every kth house. Secondly, quota sampling for age was used (i.e. when people aged <55 reached 30% of the sample they have stopped collecting any more responses from people of this age group).

\***Weights** were constructed using the method of raking on gender, age, education, region and valid votes in 2012 elections. A detailed report is available at: Andreadis, Ioannis. Hellenic Voter Study 2012: Weights for the Hellenic Voter Study 2012. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2014-08-16. <http://doi.org/10.3886/E13045V1>

# Scholarly output ELNES 2012

- Presentation of the results at a “Balkan meeting” in Florina, April 2013 (as a follow up of the meeting in Belgrade “Supporting Election Studies in the Balkans”)
- \* Collaboration with the research team of the project “Elections, Leadership and Accountability: Political Representation in Portugal in a Longitudinal and Comparative Perspective” (CIES-IUL)
- \* Special issue in *South European Society & Politics* “Political Representation in times of Crisis: Evidence from Portugal and Greece” (forthcoming, end of 2014)
- \* Around 15 conference papers (“Economic Crisis, Austerity Policies and Political Representation” and “Political representation and participation in crisis Europe” Portuguese Parliament, July 2013 and July 2014, ECPR 2013 Bordeaux, IPSA Montreal 2014, ECPR 2014 Glasgow, PSA 2014 Edinburgh, 2<sup>nd</sup> European Conference on Comparative Electoral Research-Rhodes 2013, True European Voter final conference-Thessaloniki 2014, VII Conference Portuguese Political Science Association –Coimbra 2014)
- \* Panel in the forthcoming General Conference of the Greek Political Science Association (Athens, Dec 2014) organized by Theodore Chadjipadelis and Eftichia Teperoglou) titled “From the double earthquake elections of 2012 to the 2014 European elections: dimensions of continuity and discontinuity of the party system and of electoral behavior”



**Thank you for your attention!**

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