Dutch Parliamentary Election Study

- Since 1971, around each parliamentary election
- Basis: probability sample; face-to-face interviews
- Short-term panel and some long-term panels
- Parallel studies: e.g. nonresponse, media use
- In 1989-94 and 2006-12 part of Statistics Netherlands social database
- Rotating leadership
  - 1998: University of Twente
  - 2002-3: Leiden University
  - 2006-10: University of Twente
  - 2012: University of Amsterdam/University of Twente
Challenges in the conduct of the study

- Declining response rates (measures taken)
- Cost of face-to-face interviewing, mixed mode designs, choice of mode (being discussed)
- Long term prospects for funding
Intellectual directions

- *Time series*: addressing questions about medium- to long-term developments in electorate and its relationships with media, parties and institutions of government
- *Cross-national comparisons*: CSES, and Michigan heritage
- Impact of *changing circumstances and context* of elections and voting, e.g.
  - Polls
  - Conduct of elections (electronic voting)
  - Voting advice applications
  - Immigration, social integration, and political identity
Intellectual challenges

- National elections and multilevel governance: impact of Europeanization and decentralization on media, parties and electorate
- Impact of changes in political communication (e.g. social media)
- Party system stability, electoral volatility and their effects on legitimacy
Does it make a difference who is in power?

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## Election Studies and CSES Modules

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CSES in Dutch Parliamentary Election Study

- Priority component
- Quality of survey questions
  - Meaning of concepts and their operationalizations for respondents in different countries needs continuous attention
  - Single-item measurement
- Length of the survey questions