lenge facing the world. This includes flaws in the conduct of elections, raising issues of transparency, accountability, accuracy, and ethical standards. Problems of integrity can influence all stages of the electoral process, from voting procedures, boundary delimitation, voter education and registration, party/ candidate registration, campaigns, media, financing, voting, and vote counting to the declaration of the results. A growing body of research by scholars and policy analysts is starting to conceptualize the notion of ethical standards of electoral integrity and to examine techniques commonly used to manipulate electoral processes. Little is known, however, about the consequences of these practices for citizen activism and voting behavior, for feelings of political legitimacy, and thus for democracy.

The workshop is cosponsored by International IDEA, RC17 Comparative Public Opinion, and the Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES).

Information about the workshop theme is available at http://www.IPSA-ECP.com.

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