Editorial

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Welcome to the third issue in the tenth volume of *British Politics*. In our opening contribution, Jonathan Wheatley utilises opinion data from the 2014 European parliamentary elections to demonstrate that the mapping of policy space in the United Kingdom needs to move beyond a simple left-right spectrum. Focussing on support for UKIP, the article suggests that a communitarian-cosmopolitan dimension provides a more coherent scale for understanding voter alignment than traditional matrices. Our second contribution, from Henrik Bang, sets out to counter some of the recent work on democracy and governance by Gerry Stoker and Colin Hay. Here, the author argues that new forms of political participation should not be dismissed as individualistic and depoliticising, but provide new ways of problematising how policy risks and dilemmas are handled by a network of globally interconnected policy elites.

Our third contribution comes from Felicity Matthews and presents an in-depth analysis of the 2010–2015 Coalition Government's record on the constitution. Focusing on the gap between rhetoric and reform, the article argues that the Coalition's record can be explained by a clash of constitutional philosophies, the dilemmas facing the Liberal Democrats, and the inhibiting effects of constitutional norms. Our fourth original article, from Richard Beresford, examines New Labour's approach to small business and enterprise policy. Assessing attitudes to enterprise expressed in general election manifestos, the article highlights areas of broad continuities with periods before the 1980's and finds evidence of a distinct 'Labour' approach to building and sustaining small business led regional economies. This is followed by a series of papers from Michael Kenny, Chris Gifford, Emma Vines and Ben Wellings, forming a round-table discussion on the subject of Wellings' *English Nationalism and Euroscepticism*. Together these authors discuss some of the links between Eurosceptic attitudes and English nationalism, populism, party de-alignment and the British Political Tradition. Our final piece for this issue is for our Forward Thinking section, and comes from Matia Vannoni. Here, the author examines the state of the discipline on interest group influence, focusing in particular on issues of what, when and how influence is exerted.

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