

STUDIES ON PARTY ORGANIZATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL
COMPARATIVE POLITICAL PARTIES PROJECT

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Two articles using ICPP data are especially relevant to this Roundtable. "Cross-National Measures of Party Organizations and Organizational Theory" and "Formalizing and Testing Duverger's Theories on Political Parties" have been reproduced and attached to this cover page. Other publications and papers analyzing data from the project may also interest the participants. They are listed in the following bibliography.

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