

Laudation

For the Stein Rokkan Prize 2025

The Jury has this year chosen to award the prize to Vicente Valentim of IE School of Politics, Economics & Global Affairs for the book *The Normalization of the Radical Right: A Norms Theory of Political Supply and Demand* (Oxford University Press, 2024).

The jury had the following to say:

This volume offers a lucid, rigorous, and timely contribution to the study of contemporary politics, speaking directly to core debates in comparative politics. With very high standard of argumentation and empirical execution, it provides a powerful framework for understanding how radical-right actors move from the margins to the political mainstream.

The analysis is theoretically ambitious yet empirically grounded, speaking to scholars across comparative politics and related disciplines. The book successfully challenges assumptions about normalisation while clearly outlining its mechanisms.

It sets a new benchmark for research on radical-right politics and will remain essential reading for anyone seeking to understand its growth.

Shane Martin

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