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# Η Μεταμόρφωση των Εθνικών Διοικήσεων την Περίοδο της Κρίσης

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# OBJECTIVES

S. Ragone (ed.), *Managing the Euro Crisis: National EU policy coordination in the debtor countries*, Routledge



- Background: Constitutional Effects of the Financial Crisis and EU Coordination
- Comparative Analysis of 5 Case Studies from the Eurozone:  
**Cyprus, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal**
- Main Findings: Winners and Losers within Domestic Executives



# The Project: How Did it Start...



- **Project at the CEPC (2012-2015)**

Role of Domestic Executives in the Coordination of Europeanized Policies  
(conference 2014)

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- **Parallel Project: Constitutional Effects of the Financial Crisis**

At the EU and at the domestic level





Combination of the 2 perspectives to understand the response of domestic executives to the crisis...

### **Why is this relevant?**

- Role of governments in European integration
- Good perspective on the Europeanization of national administrations
- Explanation of internal dynamics and the equilibrium between different members of the core executive

### **Why is this original?**

- Combination of the constitutional effects of the crisis and EU coordination
- Selection of the Case Studies
- Multidisciplinarity + COMPARATIVE



# CASE STUDIES

## •Greece (2010 -...)

3 MoUs with the international creditors.

**Starting point:** Decentralized, fragmented and (mainly) informal coordination MFA

**Crisis:** MF-led centralized, positive, and selective coordination



## •Ireland (2010-2013)

**Starting point:** Centralized coordination with 3 main actors: MFA, MF and Office of the PM

**Crisis:** Economic Management Council: PM, vice PM, New Ministry of Public Expenditure, MF



• **Portugal** (2011-2014)

**Starting point:** Centralized and selective MFA-led coordination

**Crisis:** temporary task-force (ESAME) working with the MF and the PM



• **Cyprus** (2012-2016)

**Starting Point:** No coordination mechanism

**Crisis:** specific coordination mechanism under the supervision of the MF



+ **Italy**

**Starting point:** decentralized and comprehensive

**Crisis:** growing importance of the CIAE



# Main Findings:

- 1) **Adaptation** of pre-existing models
- 2) **Temporary changes** at the domestic level
- 3) **Centralization** of EU coordination in domestic executives

**BUT...**





## ...(Internal) Asymmetrical centralization

### Winners

*PMs*

*Ministers of Finance/Economy*



### Losers

*Ministers of Foreign Affairs*



**....Ευχαριστώ πολύ**

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