Special Issue on "Election Forecasting Techniques"

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- integration of mixed-model fieldwork in pre-election polling
- exit polls
- ecological inference methods and applications
- explanatory statistical models based on structural variables (economic trends, government approval ratings, etc.)
- prediction markets
- social media-based election forecasting
- the web as a means to collect data on voting preferences
- regulation and communication of election forecasts
- challenges implied by likely voting and/or early voting
- challenges implied by new political actors
- data-weighting procedures and criteria for choosing among alternative options
- election forecasts' effect on voter behaviour
- measures of forecast accuracy

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