

# From Mitterrand to Macron: On the Collapse of the French Party System

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The 2017 elections saw the party system of the Fifth Republic implode: Gaullists and Socialists suffered dramatic losses as Le Pen, Mélenchon, and Macron with his *En Marche!* movement, dominated. In his lecture, Bruno Amable argues that some of the responsibility for that lies with the “governing left”: After the failure of the ambitious reforms at the beginning of Mitterrand’s presidency, the Socialists had neglected their traditional base and, in the hope that a new “bourgeois bloc” could be forged in the center, pledged themselves to neoliberal policies. While Macron governs with the remaining “modernists,” dissenting “sovereigntist” voices are getting louder.

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## Selected Publications

- Amable, Bruno. 2017. *Structural Crisis and Institutional Change in Modern Capitalism: French Capitalism in Transition*. Oxford University Press.
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- Amable, Bruno. 2016. "The Political Economy of Neoliberal Interventionism in French Industrial Relations." *ILR Review*.
- Amable, Bruno, and Stefano Palombarini. 2009. "Neorealist Approach to Institutional Change and the Diversity of Capitalism." *Socio-Economic Review* 7 (1), 123-143.

- Amable, Bruno. 2003. *The Diversity of Modern Capitalism*. Oxford University Press.

## Preparatory Reading

- Amable, Bruno, and Stefano Palombarini. 2017. "The Emergence of an Anti-Bourgeois Bloc in France." In: H. Magara and B. Amable (eds.), *Growth, Crisis, Democracy: The Political Economy of Social Coalitions and Policy Regime Change*. London: Routledge.

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