Dataset of Presidential powers and Regime Types

Summary information

Coverage : The classification of government systems covers 119 democracies. The measures of presidential powers cover a total of 79 democratic polities. The dataset provides valid observations for older democracies from the 1950s/1960s up to mid-2010s, and since the 1980s/1990s for Third Wave democracies.

Utilized in:

Borges, André; Ribeiro, Pedro Floriano. "Presidents, Prime Ministers and Legislative Behaviour: The Conditional Effect of Presidential Legislative Powers on Party Unity". *Government and Opposition*, 1-22, (forthcoming).

Description: This dataset substantially expands Shugart and Carey's (1992) data on presidential powers and revises it according to the coding rules proposed by Metcalf (2000).

In addition to the ten dimensions of presidential powers proposed by Shugart and Carey (1992), the dataset classifies a large number of countries according to regime type. It relies on the four-category classification proposed by Shugart and Carey (1992) and Shugart (2005), which divides semi-presidentialism into two sub-types.

The dataset on presidential powers and regime types was utilized in my article with Pedro F. Ribeiro, forthcoming in Government and Opposition. Note, however, that this is a subset of the data used to run regression models. You will find replication data for the G & O article on a separate link below.