**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Majority voting is divisive, primitive and manipulable;**

**first-past-the-post is also Orwellian; and governance?**

**Covid-19 and Climate Change are saying that every democracy should have**

**an all-party**

**Government of National Unity.**

**ELECTIONS** PR-STV\* prompts parties to nominate only as many candidates as they think will get elected… which is *good*.

**DECISIONS** The MBC† encourages every MP to state, not only their favourite, but also their compromise option(s)… which is *great*.

**GOVERNANCE** And the matrix vote§ dissuades any aspiring personality cult leader… which is only *BRILLIANT*!

After the people elect the Parliament, Parliament could *elect* the Government

A matrix vote would allow every MP to choose, in order of preference,

both those whom they want to be in cabinet,

and the portfolio in which they wish each nominee to serve.

On Monday 4th October, this colour-blind voting methodology, the matrix vote, will be role-played, on-line, care of IFAMD {*Institut für Angewandtes (Applied) Mechanism Design*} [www.ifamd.org](http://www.ifamd.org) in Munich, as part of this season’s Adam Smith lectures in the Centre for Conflict Resolution [ccr-munich.de](http://ccr-munich.de/)  More details on www.deborda.org

\* Proportional Representation – Single Transferable Vote

† Modified Borda Count

§ The two-dimensional ballot based on the MBC.

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