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**POWER, POLITICS AND THE STATE IN THE AUTOMOBILE SECTOR**

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The aim of this paper is twofold: on the one hand, to introduce my own doctoral research about the history of European integration in the automobile sector between 1945 and 1981, on the other hand, to suggest research avenues to create a stable working group on the role of the State in the automobile sector. It is structured into four parts. First, I will briefly present in general lines my own research objectives and the partial conclusions reached. A second part reviews synthetically the different forms in which classical and recent research on the automobile industry have understood the role of the State in the development of this industry. A third part analyses my personal view on the GERPISA's treatment of this topic. In a fourth part a range of possible research agendas will be suggested for discussion by the GERPISA network. A general discussion will be privileged and the text will be kept concise, short and light of footnotes, the aim of the exercise being to start a debate for future possible developments, without any claim of exhaustiveness.