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HATE SPEECH  
AT THE CROSSROADS OF  
AGGRESSION, ANXIETY, AND RESONANCE:  
FROM LINGUISTICS TO POLITICS  
AND BEYOND

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Nowadays, prototypical instances of hate speech originating in extremist circles coexist with many other more implicit messages that spread through mainstream media and actors. Since these resonate with various groups in society, they often end up being shared by many different users in social networks. This has led to the trivialization of verbal aggression and exclusionary discourses, and promotes an underlying atmosphere of anxiety and insecurity that has an impact on everyday life. This symposium aims to create an interdisciplinary venue for discussion to explore more closely the relations between aggressively exclusionary discourses with a special focus on hate speech and perceptions of insecurity accompanied by feelings of anxiety and alienation.

### **Scientific Committee**

Fabienne Baider (University of Cyprus, Republic of Cyprus)

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09:00- 09:50 - (M06)

**Plenary Session 1. *Dismantling democracy:  
Insecurity, emotions and authoritarian populism***

**Keynote Speaker: Catarina Kinnvall**

Department of Political Science  
Lund University, Sweden



**PARALLEL SESSIONS I. 10:00 - 11:15**

**Panel 1A. Hate Speech: Definitions and Approaches (M06)**

**Ruth Breeze (Chair)**

University of Navarra

**Stavros Assimakopoulos**

University of Malta, Malta

*Varieties of hate speech and their potential to sway attitudes*

**Veronika Bajt**

Peace Institute, Slovenia

*Sociological definition of hate speech: Uncoupling intersectional exclusions*

**Jo Katambwe**

Université du Québec, Canada

*On becoming a hate speech: A dialogical approach*

**Panel 1B. Hate Speech in Power I (M07)**

**Melike Akkaraca Köse (Chair)**

University of Navarra

**Soraya Afzali**

Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

*A contributing paradox: identity and politico-religious charismatic authority*

**Sybille Reinke de Buitrago**

Institute for Crime and Security Research (IKriS) & Institute for Peace and Security  
Research (IFSH), Germany

*Hate speech of a different type: visual representations and discourse –Russia, Ukraine, and  
the West*

**Darya Shangina & Gabrieli Gaio**

University of Lisbon, Portugal

*The intensification of othering discourse targeting Donbas inhabitants: Transmuting the  
discursively constructed adversary into a tangible foe*

**11:15-11:35 Coffee Break**

**Panel 2A. Hate Speech: Law and Policies (M06)**

**Dámaso Izquierdo Alegría (Chair)**

University of Navarra

**Andrea Cocchini**

University of Navarra, Spain

*Hate Speech under International Law and the challenging task of striking a balance between a legitimate and a forbidden opinion*

**Gergely Ferenc Lendvai**

Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary

*But where is the fine line?" – a comprehensive overview of the legal concepts of hate speech with a particular attention to the limitation of online freedom of expression*

**Eleonora Esposito**

University of Navarra, Spain & EIGE, European Institute for Gender Equality, Lithuania

*Current status of definitions, legislations and policies on cyber violence across the EU-27*

**Panel 2B. Hate Speech and Morality (M07)**

**Stavros Assimakopoulos (Chair)**

University of Malta

**Ina Weber**

University of Antwerp, Belgium

*Controversial debates - A study of intolerant uncivil participation in online discussions*

**Debao Xiang & Lu Jin**

Shanghai International Studies University, China

*Moral foundation and information virality: A case study of Twitter's Anti-Asian hate speech*

**Siti Nurnadilla Mohamad Jamil**

International Islamic University, Malaysia

*Beyond defensiveness: The linguistic strategies of hate speech in Malaysian online comments*

13.00-14:45 Lunch Break

14:45- 15:35 - (M06)

Plenary Session 2. *Dismantling the hate-advocating speaker's intended meaning*

**Keynote Speaker: Victoria Guillén Nieto**

Department of English Philology

University of Alicante, Spain



PARALLEL SESSIONS III. 15:45 - 17:00

**Panel 3A. Gender-based Hate Speech I (M06)**

**Umut Korkut (Chair)**

Glasgow Caledonian University

**Elcin Yilmaz**

Mersin University, Turkiye

*Conceptualization of LGBT+ in the Turkish Newspaper interviews conducted with the Turkish Muslim LGBT+ people*

**Saskia Schäfer**

Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany

*Political Homophobia: the rise of anti-queer rhetoric in Indonesia and Turkey*

**Anastasia Dimou**

University of Cyprus, Republic of Cyprus

*Hate and sexist speech on social media in the EU: A case study of hate & sexist speech on Twitter, with the occasion of the COE summit for the Ukrainian human rights and Russia's war crimes*

**Panel 3B. Hate Speech in Political Discourse (M07)**

**Andrea Cocchini (Chair)**

University of Navarra

**Raluca Levonian**

University of Bucharest, Romania

*No more Viennese waltz: hostility in Romanian online comments about Austria*

**Adriana Ștefănel**

University of Bucharest, Romania

*Populism, hate speech and aggressivity on Facebook. The case of Austria's veto against Romania's application to join the Schengen Agreement*

**Isaiah Agbo**

University of Nigeria, Nigeria

*A critical discourse analysis of hate speech in an Online WhatsApp Platform during the 2023 Presidential election in Nigeria*

17:00-17:15 Coffee Break

**Panel 4A. Hate Speech in Power II (M06)**

**Javier Gil Guerrero (Chair)**

University of Navarra

**Asma Hedi Nairi**

International Detention Coalition, African Foundation

*Investigating the construction and impact of hate speech in the Tunisian President's anti-immigrant discourse*

**Louis-Marie Kakdeu**

University of Maroua, Cameroon

*The expression of violence in African political discourse from 2002 to 2022: Case study of Ivory Coast and Cameroon*

**Muhammad Tarique**

Utrecht University, The Netherlands

*Divesting hate speech through peace journalism and critical discourse analysis: Political propaganda through WhatsApp during Prime Minister Imran Khan's no confidence*

**Begum Burak**

Independent Researcher, Türkiye

*Demonizing the "Other": Hate speech in Turkish political discourse*

**Panel 4B. Hate Speech and Political Elites (M07)**

**Melike Akkaraca Köse (Chair)**

University of Navarra

**Sezgi Erdogan**

Istanbul University, Türkiye

*Hate speech and ontological security in the case of the discursive construction of Turkish identity in the European Parliament*

**Yonca Özer & Fatmanur Kaçar-Aşçı**

Marmara University & Kahramanmaraş Sutcu Imam University, Türkiye

*Right-Wing populism and hate speech: Women representation in AfD Party campaign visuals*

**Veli Özdemir**

Marmara University, Türkiye

*Populism, Social Media and Hate Speech: The Case of PvV*

**Mustafa Gökcan Kösen & Melike Akkaraca Köse**

TU Chemnitz, Germany and Istanbul Bilgi University, Türkiye & University of Navarra, Spain

*Emotional Narratives of Hate Speech: Anxiety and Ontological Security*

09:00- 09:50 - (M06)

**Plenary Session 3. Are conspiracy theories covert hate speech?  
Anti-Semitic and Islamophobic in anti- migration discourses**

**Keynote Speaker: Fabienne H. Baider**

School of Humanities

University of Cyprus, Republic of Cyprus



**PARALLEL SESSIONS V. 10:00 - 11:15**

**Panel 5A. Antisemitism, xenophobia and self-hate (M06)**

**Victoria Guillén Nieto (Chair)**

University of Alicante

**Dámaso Izquierdo Alegría**

University of Navarra, Spain

*Antisemitism in search of new audiences: how extreme hate speech evolves into mainstream fake news*

**Jonathan Sitbon**

ADARR, Tel Aviv University, Israel

*“Yes, I’m a Jew”: The rhetoric of honor in counter-discourses to Anti-Semitism in Dreyfus-Affair France*

**Bianca Naude**

University of the Free State, South Africa

*“Out damned spot; out!” Self-hate, identification reaction, and catharsis in intergroup conflict*

**Panel 5B. Hate Speech in War and Conflict (M07)**

**Melike Akkaraca Kose (Chair)**

University of Navarra

**Nataliia Steblyna**

Vasul Stus Donetsk National University, Ukraine

*The dynamics of hate speech spreading on the Telegram-channels of the popular Kremlin propagandists during the full-scaled Russian invasion*

**Tetiana Kuznietsova**

Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University, Ukraine - Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Germany

*Mass media hate speech: How the media constructs a new reality of hate*

**Katica Kulavkova & Ganka Cvetanova**

Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts & Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Republic of Northern Macedonia

*Macedonian question in the context of political hate speech*

**11:15-11:35 Coffee Break**

PARALLEL SESSIONS VI. 11:45 - 13:00

**Panel 6A. Hate Speech, Ontological Security and Polarization (M06)**

**Catarina Kinnvall (Chair)**

Lund University

**Pasko Kisić-Merino**

Karlstad University, Sweden

*'Helg Seger!': The political psychology of the right-wing 'rhetoric of victory' in the 2022 Swedish general elections*

**Marcus Nicolson & Isabel Holmes**

Glasgow Caledonian University, UK & Brunel University London, UK

*Polarisation in Twitter debates: an exploration of ontological security online*

**Monika Kopytowska**

University of Lodz, Poland

*Axiological urgency, national security and hate speech: tackling crisis in cyberspace*

**Panel 6B. Media, New Media and Hate Speech (M07)**

**Ruth Breeze (Chair)**

University of Navarra

**Roncesvalles Labiano, Ana Azurmendi & María Fernanda Novoa**

University of Navarra, Spain

*The constructive role of the media in hate speech controversies: the Valtònyc and Hasél cases*

**Sara Vilar-Iluch**

University of Nottingham, UK

*Understanding and appraising 'hate speech'*

**Caio Dayrell Santos**

Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil

*"Smoke Curtain": Environmental denialism and colonial imaginary in Brazil*

13.00-14:45 Lunch Break



14:45- 15:35 - (M06)

**Plenary Session 4. State actors led hate speech and the problem of truth**

**Keynote Speaker: Umut Korkut**

Department of Economics and Law

Glasgow Caledonian University, United Kingdom



**PARALLEL SESSIONS VII. 15:45 - 17:00**

**Panel 7A. Gender-based Hate Speech II (M06)**

**Fabienne H. Baider (Chair)**

University of Cyprus

**Jéssica Neves Caetano Ribeiro, Maria João Silveirinha & Rita Basílio de Simões**

University of Coimbra, Portugal

*Hate speech and social media: An analysis of Twitter reactions to Dilma Rousseff's election as head of the New Development Bank*

**Lexi Webster**

University of Southampton, UK

*"Failure by design?": Transvestigations – hate speech, humour, or hybrid?*

**Apoorva Juneja & Surbhi Saraswat**

Amity University, India

*Comedy masking misogynist hate speech: Representation of women post #MeToo in Bollywood*

**Panel 7B. Hate in unexpected places (M07)**

**Jo Katambwe (Chair)**

Université du Québec

**Elżbieta Foltyniak**

Jagiellonian University, Poland

*Love or hate? The case of "love jihad" in the English-language media discourse*

**Dimitra Filippou**

National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

*Hate speech in social media and ordinary people's interactions: a case study of hate speech directed at the victim of a fatal attack in Greece*

**Chante Barnwell**

York University, Toronto, Canada

*Hate in the digital sphere: Zoom bombing educational settings and the implications for black communities in Toronto*

**17:00-17:15 Coffee Break**

**Panel 8A. Big Data and Hate Speech (M06)**

**Dámaso Izquierdo Alegría (Chair)**

University of Navarra

**Thomas Hestermann**

Macromedia University, Germany

*Can anyone become a troll? Findings from the dark side of the web*

**Giacomo Buoncompagni**

University of Florence, Italy

*Mapping Italian information and the hidden dimension of political and religious hate speech in digital platforms*

**Ari Ofengenden & Michael Ofengenden**

Tulane University & UC, Berkeley, USA

*What can we learn about hate speech from hate speech detection systems?*

**Panel 8B. Hate Speech in Social Media (M07)**

**Veronika Bajt (Chair)**

Peace Institute

**Irene Latorre**

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain

*A discursive analysis of Santiago Abascal and Vox's tweets about the historical memory laws in Spain*

**Ricardo Connett & Silvia Peterssen**

Universidad de Zaragoza & Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain

*Hate speech and immigration: A corpus-based analysis of the tweets of the Spanish populist radical right party Vox*

**Ana Albalat-Mascarell**

Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain

*Hate speech on social media about Chinese people: analysis of the emotions conveyed by Twitter users in pandemic times*