

Conference Program

From the extremes to the centre and back again? Radicalisation, mainstreaming and reconciliation in local, national and global context

Keynote Speakers

Prof. Dr. Teun A. van Dijk

Centre of Discourse Studies, Barcelona

Prof. Dr. Umut Korkut

Glasgow Caledonian University

Prof. Dr. Artur Lipiński

Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań

University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain

June 5-7, 2025

DAY 1 - Thursday, June 5

9:15 - 9:30

Opening Ceremony

Location: Amigos-M07

Panel 1A: Affective Polarization and Populism

9:30 - 11:10

Chair: Dr. Ruth Breeze | Location: Amigos M07

Maria Fernanda Novoa-Jaso & Sierra Aurken

Spain's Amnesty Law: Anger, conflict, and political polarization

Leonardo Sánchez-Ferrer & Xavier Coller

Affective polarisation in advanced democracies: the impact of political elites on citizens in Spain

Dr. Viktorija Mažeikienė

The language of manipulation: linguistic manifestations of (inter)subjectivity and affect in distorted communication in the Lithuanian political discourse

Mustafa Gokcan Kosen

Emotions and Social Representations in Foreign Policy Narratives: The Case of Turkey-Greece Relations

Panel 1B: Social Media: Dissent, Disinformation and Regulation

9:30 - 11:10

Chair: Dr. Dámaso Izquierdo Alegría | Location: Amigos M06

Pauline Dupret & Julie Abbou

Reconfiguring the discourses of dissent: between mainstreaming, political recuperation and washing

Deborah Phares

Ex-Muslim's Digital Dissent Conveying Influence on X

Merve Erguney & Charo Sadaba

Regulating Disinformation: A Comparative Analysis of Legal Frameworks in Turkey and the European Union

Teo Peter

Pathologizing and Commodifying Ageing: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Social Media Videos on Older People

11:10 - 11:30 | Coffee Break - ICS

DAY 1 - Thursday, June 5

11:30 - 13:00

Keynote Speech

Prof. Dr. Artur Lipiński

Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań

Right wing populist communication, affective politics and the discursive constructions of the others. Insights from the Polish case

Location: ICS Aula

13:00 - 15:00 | Lunch Break

DAY 1 - Thursday, June 5

Panel 2A: Pathways to Radicalization and Reconciliation

15:00 - 16:50

Chair: Dr. E. Hidalgo Tenorio | Location: Amigos M06

María Jiménez Ramos & Lucía Gastón

Assessing Radicalisation and the Impact of Educational Programmes on Students' Perceptions of Political Violence

Sergio García-Magariño

A theory to explain radicalization and deradicalization: moral structure and community

Arantxa Azqueta

Análisis crítico del discurso del currículo de Educación Católica e Islámica en España: Propuesta holística de inclusión para prevenir la radicalización

E. Hidalgo Tenorio

The Language of Extremism: The Radicalisation Process Behind the 17-A Terrorist Cell

Panel 2B: Navigating Russian Influence

15:00 - 16:50

Chair: Dr. Maria Fernanda Novoa-Jaso | Location: Amigos M07

Tuğçe E. Tasdan Dogan

Transnational Politics or Translational Politics?: Translation as a Discursive Tool for Changing and Reflecting the Mainstream

Aleksei Chumakov

Media Strategies of the Russian Opposition in Exile: Values, Visibility, and Virtual Mobilisation

Adeliya Bissenbayeva

Manipulation and rhetorical strategies in Vladimir Putin's discourse: A case study of the period before and after the annexation of Crimea

Alina Kamalova

Reimagining Sovereignty: Contemporary Resemiotization of Kazakh Opposition Leaders Online in the Shadow of Russian Expansionism

16:50 - 17:20 | Coffee Break - Amigos

DAY 1 - Thursday, June 5

Panel 3A: Green Politics, Activism and Civil Society

17:20 - 19:00

Chair: Dr. Marta Kosińska | Location: Amigos M07

Ruben Garcia Diez

Civic Organizations in Defense of Liberal Democracy: Mobilization, Frames, and Constitutional Challenges (online)

Marta Kosińska

Between Europeization and National Interests: Navigating the Green Transition – The Doublespeak in Polish Environmental Policies (2015–2023)

Anapaula Folha & Mehmet Ali Üzelgün

Youth climate activism in Portugal: Shifting protest repertoires and multimodal journalistic choices (online)

Kübra Yılmaztürk Yıldırım

Faces of Violence: Reflections of Psychological Traumas on Social Radicalization and Reconciliation Processes through Family Dynamics

Panel 3B: Aggressive Populism

17:20 - 19:00

Chair: Dr. Melike A. Kose | Location: Amigos M06

Ceren Uysal

Aggressive Populism in the Age of Post-Truth

Senem Atvur

Securitization of Environmental Social Movements Through the Populist Discourse

A.Gün Gunes Gulal & Sanem Özer

Slow Violence in the World and Turkey: Environmental Degradation, Social Injustice and Conflict

Mustafa Gokcan Kosen & Melike Akkaraca Kose

Aggressive Populism in Media Discourse and Emotions: Misdirecting Anger; Hate and Love

DAY 2 - Friday, June 6

9:30 - 11:00

Keynote Speech

Prof. Dr. Teun A. van Dijk
Centre of Discourse Studies, Barcelona

Ideologies of the Radical Right

Location: ICS Aula

11:00 - 11:20 | Coffee Break - ICS

DAY 2 - Friday, June 6

Panel 4A: Far-right Dynamics and Mainstreaming

11:20 - 13:00

Chair: Dr. Artur Lipiński | Location: Amigos M07

Natalie-Anne Hall & Naoto Higuchi

Why do some far-right narratives penetrate the mainstream? Far-right mainstreaming in Japan and a new framework of information laundering

Adriana Ștefănel

The Price of Moderation: How Discourse Shifts Reshape Political Landscapes: A Case Study of George Simion and Călin Georgescu in the Romanian Presidential Elections 2024

Dámaso Izquierdo Alegría

The mainstreaming of Voicing the enemy: Recontextualization and political discrediting in French populist rhetoric

Moritz Wullenkord

Right-Wing Populism and the Lack of Political Alternatives

Panel 4B: Rhetorical Strategies: Manipulation and Resistance in Diverse Contexts

11:20 - 13:00

Chair: Dr. Umut Korkut | Location: Amigos M06

Edurne Garde-Eransus

From the Mainstream to the Margins: How Pseudo-Media Manipulate Readers Through Language

Mikel Gaztañaga Cinto

Bridging Divides: How Think Tanks Can Address Social Fragmentation and Polarization – The Case of Gipuzkoa

Igor Marko Gligorić

Discourse Based Polarization Regarding the Migrants in Croatia

Arsenii Platonov

Constructing AI: Analyzing Elon Musk's Discourse through Laclau and Mouffe

13:00 - 15:00 | Lunch Break

DAY 2 - Friday, June 6

Panel 5A: An In-depth Look at Far-Right Discourse Across National Boundaries

15:00 - 16:40

Chair: Dr. Natalie-Anne Hall | Location: Amigos M07

David Bordon

Discourse Analysis of Fringe Parties in Slovenian Parliamentary Debates

Cláudia Araújo

Populisms on the National and International Stage: A Comparative Analysis of Bolsonaro and Milei's Speeches

Cecilia Berti

A critical discourse analysis of populist women leaders of radical right parties between 2012-2021 with Marine Le Pen, Alice Weidel, Frauke Petry and Giorgia Meloni as case studies

Siti Nurnadilla M. Jamil

Mainstreaming Extremes: Threatic on TikTok and the Radicalization of Racial-Religious Narratives in Malaysia's 2022 Election (online)

Panel 5B: Consensus and Conflict Across Policy and Value Spheres

15:00 - 16:40

Chair: Dr. Ruth Breeze | Location: Amigos M06

F. Martínez Rodríguez & F. Xavier Coller

Political Agreement Across Policy Types: Evidence from the Parliaments of Navarra and Valencia

Jenni Räikkönen

Politicization of expert statements in news articles about the COVID-19 pandemic

Ildiko Otova

The Populist Consensus on the Fate of Bulgarian Jews During the Second World War

16:40 - 17:00 | Coffee Break - ICS

DAY 2 - Friday, June 6

17:00 - 18:30

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Prof. Dr. Umut Korkut
Glasgow Caledonian University

The Language of Power: Survival and Dissidence Against Populist Discursive Governance

Location: ICS Aula

DAY 3 - Saturday, June 7

Panel 6A: Radicalization, Identities and International Conflicts

10:00 - 12:00

Chair: Dr. Melike Akkaraca Kose |
Location: Amigos M05

Elizabeth Kaufmann

What's in a name? Epistemic mental models and '(Un-)American' identity construction on the far-right

Nataliia Steblyna & Vladyslav Borysych

Kremlin's Nuclear Rhetorics and Russian full-scale invasion (computer assisted analysis of propagandists' Telegram channels)

Ari Ofengenden

Post-October 7th Radicalization in Israel: Discursive Dynamics and Pathways to Reconciliation

Jessica Hamdan

Moving to the Extremes: Drivers of Radicalization in the Middle East

Idil Soyseckin

Familialism and Disputes in Turkish Politics: A Discourse Analysis of Family Policies

Panel 6B: Terrorism, Militarism and Political Turmoil

10:00 - 12:00

Chair: Dr. Dámaso Izquierdo Alegria |
Location: Online - Amigos M07

Alta Grobbelaar

International vs Continental understandings of Terrorism: the value of context

Paula María Núñez Guerra

The reinforcement of terrorist radicalisation in the digital age

Alina Ali Durrani

Mil-tablism: Media, Public Discourse, and Political Power in Pakistan

Ecaterina-Elena Mațoi & Marius I. Lazăr

From Fragmentation to Cohesion: Ideological Convergence and Military Restructuring in Post-Assad Syria

Panel 6C: Methods and Approaches: Authoritarianism and Polarization

10:00 - 12:00

Chair: Dr. Ruth Breeze | Location:
Online - Amigos M06

Gergely F Lendvai

LGBTQ+ research in authoritarian settings – a comprehensive scientometric overview

Hasan Turgut

From Choice to Necessity: Polarization Strategies of AKP Populism

Denisa-Maria Bălci

Truth or Sensationalism? A Comparative Analysis of Romanian Mainstream and Tabloid Media in Covering the Russian-Ukrainian Conflict

Gergely Gosztonyi

Public Figures and Social Media from a Freedom of Expression Viewpoint in the recent U.S. and EU jurisdiction

Christopher A. Smith

Neo-Iconoclasm of national identity in Canadian passports – a multimodal critical discourse study

End of Program - 12:00