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The Second Helsinki Conference on Emotions, Populism, and Polarisation

Tuesday, 4 May 2021 - Saturday, 8 May 2021

All times are Eastern European Summer Time (EEST) - UTC+03:00

Tuesday, 4 May 2021

1000 – 1130 Opening/keynote 1
        Welcome: Juha Herkman (University of Helsinki)
        HEPP2 Organising Committee Chair

        Keynote session 1
        Katja Valaskivi and Johanna Sumiala (University of Helsinki): *Covid-19, QAnon and epistemic instability: the circulation of conspiracy theories in the hybrid media environment*

        Chair: Juha Herkman

1145 – 1315 Panels 1

1.1 IAMCR's Crisis, Security and Conflict Communication Working Group special panel: Inequality, crisis and technology at a crossroads
Chair: Virpi Salojärvi

        Maria Avraamidou (University of Cyprus): *Migrant racialisation on Twitter during a border and a pandemic crisis*

        Irina Milutinovic (Institute of European Studies Belgrade): *The role of media in the political polarisation of the public within the unconsolidated democracy regime*

        Ionut Chiruta (University of Tartu): *Covid-19: Performing control through sedimented discursive norms on mainstream media in Romania*

        Ssu-Han Yu (London School of Economics and Political Science): *Mediating polarisation and populism: An inter-generational analysis*

1.2 From Yellow Vests to public debate
Chair: Tuula Vaarakallio

Gwenaëlle Bauvois (University of Helsinki): *Are the Yellow Vests populists? A definitional exploration of the Yellow Vests movement*

Ingeborg Misje Bergem (University of Oslo): *Covid-19's effect on the Yellow Vest Movement in France*

Salla Tuomola (Tampere University): *The emotions in the people's imagery of the Finnish-language anti-immigrant alternative media*

Minna-Kerttu Kekki (University of Oulu): *Public debate as increasing or decreasing polarisation: a philosophical analysis of learning by discussion*

1400 – 1530 Panels 2

2.1 Emotions and performance
Chair: Dario Quattromani

Lone Sorensen (University of Leeds): *Populist representation: ideology and performance*

Ivan Tranfić & Maja Gergorić (Scuola Normale Superiore): *Shiny happy people laughing: The far-right's mobilisation of emotions through visual repertoires of the march for life*

Joshua Roose (Deakin University): *The new demagogues: Masculinity, emotion and the populist epoch*

Brendan Humphreys (Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki): *White House blues: Self-pity, resentment, and empathy as political emotions*

2.2 Pop culture and propaganda
Chair: Urpo Kovala

Rebecca Carr (Trinity College Dublin): *Polarising mythology in the films of Clint Eastwood and Emir Kusturica*

Outi Hakola (university of Helsinki): *Trumpwave videos: Popular culture, nostalgia and social hierarchies as tools for mobilisation of Trump supporters*

Lorenz Klumpp (University of Passau): *Populism by or through the media? Visual representations of politicians on magazine covers of "Der Spiegel" and "Compact"*

Emilia Barna & Ágnes Patakfalvi-Czirják (Budapest University of Technology and Economics): *The system of national cooperation hit factory: The populist aesthetic of Hungarian propaganda songs between 2010-2020*

1545 – 1715 Panels 3

3.1 Hegemony and democracy
Chair: Sabine Volk

Francesco Melito (Jagiellonian University): *Finding the roots of neo-traditionalist populism in Poland: "Cultural displacement" and European integration*

Dario Quattromani & Roberto de Rosa (Tuscia University of Viterbo & Niccolò Cusano University): *Individuals, society and culture in the populist age*

Niko Hatakka (University of Birmingham): *Hegemonic meanings of populism: A comparative analysis of populism as a floating signifier in the prestige newspapers of six countries 2000-2018*

Michał Nawrocki (University of Warsaw): *Populist Community of Knowledge. From the Discursive to the Cognitive Turn in Populism Studies*

3.2 Education through populist aspects
Chair: Sirkku Kupiainen

Reja Wyss (University of Oxford): *(Populist) politics and science: The case of post-doctoral researchers in Poland*

Jitka Wirthová (Czech Academy of Sciences): *Anti-state populism in Czech educational governance: Relations among state, expertise, and civil society*

Bezen Coskun (TED University): *Syrian refugees in the eyes of the second generation of exchangee (Mubadil) families in Izmir*

3.3 Internal and cross-border mobilisations
Chair: Ionut Chiruta

Cristina Pradillo Caimari (University of Barcelona): *Mobilising the (national) people: A psycho-political approach to the Catalan crisis*

Ingrid Ríos-Rivera (Universidad Casa Grande/Universidad de Chile): *Populism across borders? Exploring the role of populist discourses in Bolivian and Ecuadorian electoral campaigns abroad*

Andreea-Roxana Gușă (University of Bucharest): *Corruption as a rhetorical strategy of populist parties. Case study: The 2020 electoral campaign for the Romanian Parliament of The Alliance for the Unity of Romanians*

Sara Schmitt (University of Stuttgart): *Does social media make everyone a populist? Policy contagion of right-wing parties on Members of the European Parliament's Twitter discourse, 2014-2019*

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4.1 Protests and populism
Chair: Teivo Teivainen

David Ramírez Plascencia (University of Guadalajara): *Tropical populism and the pandemic: A comparative study of presidential discourse in Mexico and Brazil*

Courtney Blackington (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill): *In defence of liberal democracy: Who protests against populists and why?*

Emma Connolly (Open University UK): *#JeSuisCharlie and #TheyAreUs: Populist politics as affective performance*

Eoin Devereux, James Carr, and Martin Power, University of Limerick (Ireland): *Let's go fly a kite: Performing populism in the Republic Of Ireland*

4.2 Roundtable 1: Political polarisation in Twitter campaigns of the 2019 EP elections
Chair: Juha Herkman

The panel discusses results of the study made by scholars from two projects funde by the Academy of Finland: Whirl of Knowledge: Cultural Populism in Polarized European Politics and Societies (WhiKnow, 2019–2022, PI Emilia Palonen) and Mainstreaming Populism in the Twenty-First Century (MAPO, 2017–2021, PI Juha Herkman). The study explores the different dynamics of populism and possible polarizations of political discourses in Twitter campaigns of the 2019 EP elections. The data for the study was collected real-time on May 2019 during a month period from hashtag basis, thus the roles and relations of various actors in the campaigns could be explored. The analysis contains eight countries: Finland, the Netherlands, the UK, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Germany and Poland. The methods used were basic data analysis of Twitter logs, computerized and manual word frequency analysis, topic modelling and network analysis. The data and methodology are used a kind of pinata to crash what is out there in the EP 2019 elections. We aim to answer to the questions: What particular topics and themes different political actors distributed in Twitter during the 2019 EU elections, how various topics and actors were linked to each other, and how our results of Twitter analysis look in relation to other analyses of political actors and their developments? In the panel discussion analyses from Finland, the Netherlands, Italy, Spain and Poland are introduced.

Participants: Roberto de Rosa, Dolors Palau, Reeta Pöyhtäri, Dario Quattromani, Saija Räsänen, Virpi Salojärvi, Tuija Saresma, Carola Schoor, Laura Sibinescu

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5.1 Challenges of Democracy
Chair: Laura Sibinescu

Dario Mazzola (University of Bergen): *Populism and the radicalisation of democracy: The frontiers of democratisation*

Paulina Lenik (University College London): *Trusting the untrustworthy: An exploration of attitudes towards populist government in Poland using survey data*

Máté Mátyás (Corvinus University of Budapest & University of Tartu): *Media systems, party systems, and populism: The case of Hungary (1990-2020)*

Vitalijus Leibenka (Gen. J. Žemaitis Lithuanian Military Academy): *The State's response to lies in hybrid media*

5.2 Hybrid, pseudo, and social media
Chair: Niko Hatakka

Dolors Palau-Sampio (University of València): *Conspiracy theories of the pandemic in the Spanish pseudo media*

Mette Marie Roslyng (Aalborg University): *Climate change as left populist discourse: The circulation of facts and knowledge on social media*

Neringa Mataityte (Vilnius University): *The role of emotions in the mobilisation of society to fight climate change: Constructing emotional states to inspire mass movement*

Andrzej Meler & Radosław Sojak (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń): *Compensation or supplementation? The patterns of new and traditional media usage by Polish politicians*

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Bice Maiguashca (University of Exeter): *Resisting the populist hype: A feminist critique*
Chair: Emilia Palonen

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6.1 Media and morality
Chair: Niko Hatakka

Joonas Koivukoski & Salla-Maaria Laaksonen (University of Helsinki): *Clowning around a polarised issue: Rhetorical strategies and communicative outcomes of a political parody performance by Loldiers of Odin*

Anniina Hyttinen (University of Helsinki): *Possibilities and limits of humour and satire: A visual study of resistance of the illiberal rule in Hungary*

Marina Vahter (Tallinn University): *Morality and moral emotions as a predictor of populist success? The case of the Swedish Democrats*

6.2 Populism redefined
Chair: Urpo Kovala

Marina Vulovic & Emilia Palonen (University of Helsinki): *Debating the ontological and ontic dimension of populism*

Ben Jack Nash: *Is populism made from plastic?*

Yonathan Listik (University of Amsterdam): *A case for political stupidity*

6.3 Contesting Gender
Chair: Bice Maiguashca

Tuija Saresma (University of Jyväskylä): *Gendered violence online: Hate speech as an intersection of misogyny and racism*

Katja Kahlina (University of Helsinki): *Anti-gender mobilisation and strategic deployment of populism: The case of Croatia*

Hande Eslen-Ziya (University of Stavanger): *Establishing networked misogyny: An analysis of the online anti-Istanbul Convention presence*

Pavol Hardos & Zuzana Madarova (Comenius University): *The conservative people vs liberal elites: How gender ideology actors pursued a new hegemonic frontier*

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7.1 Covid-19 and populism
Chair: Ilana Hartikainen

Artur Lipiński (Adam Mickiewicz University): *Populism, presidential elections and Covid-19: The case of Poland*

Sara García Santamaría (Universitat Jaume I): *Politicians at home: Left-wing populism and performances of the intimate self during the Covid-19 pandemic*

Ilana Hartikainen (University of Helsinki): *The visible virus: Andrej Babiš' response to Covid-19 reflected in Prague*

Inias Laureys (KU Leuven): *Loneliness and populism: Why Covid-19 could threaten modern-day democracy*

7.2 Sovereignty and polarisation
Chair: Marina Vulovic

Emmy Eklundh (Cardiff University): *Performing sovereignty: Populism as the European condition*

Martina Insero (University of Rome): *Affective dimension of political polarisation: The role of empathy*

Anam Kuraishi (University of Essex): *Insights from South Asia: A case of "post-truth" electoral discourse in Pakistan*

Thibault Biscahie (York University): *The democratic limits of "Anti-Populism": Perspectives from France and Italy*

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8.1 Far-right and populism
Chair: Niko Pyrhönen

Emre Metin Bilginer (Istanbul Aydın University): *The impact of the evolution of nationalism on the recent rise of the radical right within the European context: The case of Golden Dawn*

Sophie Schmalenberger (Aarhus University): *Populism as affective dissent: The AfD, memory and the orchestration of far-right affects in Germany*

Sabine Volk (Jagiellonian University): *Resisting leftist dictatorship? Memory politics and collective action framing in the far-right populist PEGIDA movement*

8.2 Hegemony and polarisation
Chair: Halil Gurhanli

Timothy Appleton (Camilo Jose Cela University): *Populism vs. hegemony: Towards a populism of singularities*

Julius Schneider (University of Essex): *Demanding change: Representation and identities in the Essex School of Discourse Analysis*

Luke Collison (Kingston University London): *The political "energy" of Georges Sorel*

Ybiskay Gonzalez (University of Newcastle): *Political polarisation: A revisited concept*

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9.1 Roundtable 2: *"Performing Control" of the Covid-19 Crisis*
Chair: Emilia Palonen

Participants: Dolors Palau, Dario Quattromani, Virpi Salojärvi (Topic Editors) and authors from the upcoming Frontiers Research Topic *"Performing Control" of the Covid-19 Crisis*

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10.1 Affects and narratives
Chair: Marina Vulovic

Liv Sunnercrantz (University of Stavanger): *Mainstreaming the fringe: Populism, affect, and expertise in two Swedish crises*

Daniele Valentini (University of Osnabrück): *Memetic mind invasion: Alt-right affective practices*

Florian Spissinger (Leipzig University): *Affects and narratives of the future: The appeal of far-right populism*

Ivan Kislenko (HSE University & Ghent University): *Emotions of "Dignity" and "Humiliation" in southern theory: An analysis of narratives*

10.2 Populism and security
Chair: Halil Gurhanli

Ugo Gaudino (University of Kent): *Securitisation of Islam from the right to the left: ideological translations and populism in Italian politics*

Osman Sahin (Glasgow Caledonian University): *How populists securitise elections to win them: The 2015 double elections in Turkey*

J Matias Kivikangas (University of Helsinki): *Emotions and affect in political science: Examples of fear and threat processing in securitisation*

Furkan Cay & Murat Deregözü (University of Szeged): *Early Turkish populism*

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11.1 Thinking with Chantal Mouffe
Chair: Emilia Palonen

Simona Guerra (University of Surrey): *It takes two to tango: The anti-populist narrative that strengthens the Eurosceptic discourse*

Tuukka Brunila (University of Helsinki): *Populism and the limits of politics*

Joshua Makalintal (University of Innsbruck): *Neglecting sentiments of resentment: An assessment of postcolonial liberalism's blindness to the political*

Lasse Thomassen (University of Copenhagen): *The "populist" constitution of liberal democracy*

11.2 Constructing "Authentic" populism on social media: Visual and discursive approaches
Chair: Virpi Salojärvi

Participants: Sara Garcia Santamaria (Universitat Jaume I), Marianna Iya Zummo (Università degli Studi di Palermo), Michael Cole (University of Tartu)

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Silvio Waisbord (George Washington University): *Pandemic under populism: cultural wars and the collapse of the communication commons*
Chair: Virpi Salojärvi

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12.1 Polarising discourses
Chair: Katja Valaskivi

Mihnea Stoica & Ioan Hosu (Babeș-Bolyai University): *Altering political perceptions: A comparative study on Romanian elections before and during the pandemic*

Reece Peck (College of Staten Island, CUNY) & Matthew Dewey (Loyola Maymount University, LA): *The Young Turks of left media: The rise of progressive populism online*

Mark Reiff (University of California at Davis): *The unbearable resilience of illiberalism*

12.2 Populism and Gender
Chair: Tuija Saresma

> Diana Vallejo-Robalino (Casa Grande University): *Characterising the Ecuadorian pueblo: Towards the construction of a populist discourse by the hands of Afro-Ecuadorian women*

> Brian Charles (National University of Singapore): *"The Sham(e) of Democracy": Contemporary Populism and the Politics of Shame*

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13.1 Roundtable 3: Appealing to the people: The importance of being bana(na)l
Discussion with the Banana Populism blog founders
Chair: Ilana Hartikainen

> **Participants:** Ilana Hartikainen (University of Helsinki), Zea Szebeni (University of Helsinki), Mike Cole (University of Tartu), Sophie Schmalenberger (Aarhus University)

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14.1 Johnson and the EU
Chair: Atif Abdellatif

> Meljana Bregu (University of Tirana): *The impact of Covid-19 and populism on the future of the European Union*

> Carola Schoor (Maastricht University): *Populist and non-populist political styles and corona*

> Sam Page: *Boris Johnson and Populism*

> Alexander Alekseev & Ivan Fomin (Higher School of Economics, Moscow & Russian Academy of Sciences): *Sovereignty in the political discourse of the populist radical right: The right of the people and the right of the peoples*

14.2 Political communication and crisis
Chair: Joonas Koivukoski

> Ambar Kumar Ghosh (Observer Research Foundation, Kolkata): *Locating populism through political communication in India during Covid-19: A case study of Modi's political messaging in response to the pandemic*

> Maxim Alyukov (University of Tyumen, University of Helsinki, & Centre for Independent Social Research, Saint-Petersburg): *News, heuristics, and media credibility under a nondemocratic regime*

Vladimír Naxera & Ondřej Stulík (University of West Bohemia): *The communication of the Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babiš in the times of Covid-19: Between populism and neo-patrimonialism*

Murat Aktas (Mus Alparslan University): *Far-right and the populist coalition in Austria*

1400 – 1530 Panels 15

15.1 Global spotlight: India
Chair: Zea Szebeni

P Muhammed Afzal (Birla Institute of Technology and Science): *Melodrama and the "People's Hero": Visual imagery and populist politics in Kerala, South India*

Silvia Tieri (King's College London): *Reinforcing discrimination: Media and the Covid-19 crisis in India*

Ayan Das (University of Gour Banga) & Debajit Goswami (Netaji Subhas Open University): *How to identify a populist political party? Understanding the mode of governance of populist parties: A study of Left Front & Trinamool congress regimes in West Bengal, India*

15.2 Pandemic and populism
Chair: Roberto de Rosa

Eszter Farkas, Balázs Böcskei & Andrea Szabó (Central European University, Hungarian Academy of Sciences Centre of Excellence): *Partisan polarisation in measurement evaluation and science scepticism in Hungary related to the Covid-19 crisis*

Daniel Keil (University of Cologne): *Covid-19, the crisis of the European Union and the far right in Europe: The importance of the far right's imagination of Europe before and after the Covid-19 crisis*

Filipa Figueira (University College London): *The two-sided effect of Covid-19 on populism: A bounded rationality analysis*

Hristina Runcheva Tasev (Ss. Cyril and Methodius University): *Populism in a pandemic world: An analysis of populist leaders' responses to Covid-19*

15.3 Rhetoric, social media and politicians
Chair: Saija Räsänen

Marianna Saartio-Itkonen & Taina Kalliokoski (University of Helsinki): *Rhetoric of evil in the social media debate during the immigration crisis*

Matteo Mastracci (Koç University): *Oy ve Ötesi: The role of a civil society movement ahead of the 2019 Istanbul mayoral election rerun as a genuine populist response*

Abdellatif Atif (Free University of Bolzano): *The ideological dimension in the electoral Labour discourse on education*

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16.1 Facebook under study
Chair: Ilana Hartikainen

Laura-Elena Sibinescu (University of Helsinki): *Debating the family: Online civic mobilisation in Romania's 2018 constitutional referendum*

Márton Bene (Hungarian Academy of Sciences Centre of Excellence): *Populism in context: A cross-country investigation of the Facebook usage of populist appeals during the 2019 EP elections*

Elisa Kannasto (Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences & University of Vaasa): *Non-professional political movements on Facebook: Supporting "The Master"*

Xénia Farkas (Corvinus University): *Visual populism in the 2019 European parliamentary campaign on party Facebook pages: a 28-country comparative analysis*

16.2 Emotions and attitudes
Chair: Mikko Salmela

Tereza Capelos (University of Birmingham): *Hot reaction: Resentment, values, and reactionary orientations in populist times*

Veronika Dostálová (Masaryk University): *Widespread or exclusive to particular subgroups within society? Measurement equivalence of the CSES populist attitudes scale at the within-country level*

Monika Verbalyte (Europa-Universität Flensburg): *Populist anger vs. anger about populists: Discourse network analysis of the European election campaign 2019 in Germany*

16.3 Misinformation and leadership
Chair: Silvio Waisbord

Lorenzo Viviani (University of Pisa): *"I'm (not) one of you": Populist personalisation and charismatic leadership*

Patrick Sawyer (Higher School of Economics): *Populism and Conspiracy Theories: The Missionary Politics of Donald Trump*

Tianhao Yang (Berkshire School): *How media misinformation worsens political polarisation*

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17.1 Authoritarianism and the people
Chair: Sara García

Sergio Schargel (São Paulo University): *A Brazil of two Brazils: How populism and fascism enlightens integralism and Bolsonarism*

Michele Luz & Letícia Baron (Universidade Federal de Pelotas): *The role of nostalgia in the populist far-right discourse in Brazil*

Svitlana Shcherbak (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine): *Anti-nationalist populism in Ukraine*

Georgia Dimari (University of Crete): *The desecuritisation of migration in Greece: Towards a "Flexicuritization" Approach*

17.2 Affective polarisation
Chair: Emilia Palonen

Jennifer McCoy, Ozlem Tuncel & Juan Gomez Cruces (Georgia State University): *Reducing partisan inter-group conflict through shared common humanity and perspective-taking: Using holistic content analysis to examine null experimental results, compliance, and breakdown of the mechanisms*

Arto Kekkonen (University of Helsinki): *Affective blocs: Understanding affective polarisation in multiparty systems*

Daniel Kawecki (University of Helsinki): *Affectively polarised voters, partisanship and ideology: The case of the Finnish multiparty system*

Mikko Salmela (University of Helsinki & University of Copenhagen) and Tereza Capelos (University of Birmingham): *Ressentiment, collective narcissism, and conservation values: Understanding the psychological determinants of reactionary orientation"*

Saturday, 8 May 2021

1000 – 1130 Panel 18

18.1 Trust, polarisation, and identity
Chair: Ilana Hartikainen

Dechun Zhang (Leiden University): *Media use, media trust and nationalism in China during the Covid-19 pandemic*

Marcela Lins (Federal University of Minas Gerais): *For a genealogy of suspension: Biopolitics and health crises in Brazil in three moments*

Beata Królicka (Nicolaus Copernicus University): *A "Staunch Ally" or a "Useful Tool"? Politicians and collective identity in media discourse regarding the Polish-American relationship*

Jorge Hardisson Martín (University of Salamanca): *Affection in postmodern identity*

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19.1 Conspiracy, trust, and the pandemic
Chair: Katja Valaskivi

Alina Mozolevska (Petro Mohyla Black Sea National University): *Responses to the Covid-19 crisis of the new Ukrainian populism: Main narratives in Volodymyr Zelensky's discourse*

Carolina Plaza Colodro and Nicolás Miranda Olivares (University of Salamanca): *Populism and the pandemia: The case of Spain*

Eliana Regina Lopes Loureiro (UFABC): *Fake news, populism, polarisation and emotions in Covid-19 narratives in Brazil*

19.2 Populism and polarisation
Chair: Dolors Palau

Jorge Ramos-González & Pablo Ortíz (University of Salamanca): *Radicalism and populism: do they always go hand in hand? A comparative analysis of the ideology of the radical left and the radical right in Spain*

Katrina Koppel (Tallinn University): *Who's the "worst" immigrant? Discursive trans formations of the antagonist in populist radical right rhetoric*

Yoav Peled (Tel Aviv University): *The ascendance of right-wing populism: Israel in comparative perspective*

Carlo Moll (University of Cambridge): *Notes on the history of democratic populism in Italy: The case of La Voce, 1909-1914*

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20.1 Ideology and identity
Chair: Emilia Lounela

Dominykas Kaminskas (Vilnius University): *Populism as an identity-building practice*

Samer Alnasir (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia): *Forging identity by demonising others: The populist epistemes in the Spanish imaginary*

Alberto Stefanelli (KU Leuven): *The nature of radical belief systems: Exploring the ontological and ontic components of radical ideologies*

Michał Kozłowski (University of Warsaw): *Authoritarian populism and the falling rate of patriarchal dividend*

20.2 Fake news and the State
Chair: Joonas Koivukoski

Karolina Wiśniowska (Jagiellonian University): *Free speech and the spread of fake news: Moral aspects of appeals to scientific and philosophical discussions in the public debate*

Tuğçe Erçetin & Emre Erdogan (Istanbul Bilgi University): *Reproduction of fear in populist discourse: Analysis of electoral speeches (2015-2018) by the AKP*

Gerly Elbrecht (Tallinn University): *The concept of democracy as a tool for populist visionaries: Populist legitimation as a tactic for state reform*

Attila Kustán Magyari (Tampere University): *Defending our authentic way of life: How populist and conspiratorial discourses intertwine*

1545 – 1715 Panel 21 and closing words

21.1 Final panel: Approaches to polarisation
Chair: Juha Herkman

Saija Räsänen (University of Milan): *Polarising media populism during government crises in Finland and in Italy*

Rosemarie Calleja (MCAST Institute for the Creative Arts): *Political communication and media in times of crisis and polarisation*

Hakan Ovunc Ongur (TOBB University of Economics and Technology): *Swinging between cultural populisms: How Turkey's tradition of populist politics has resulted in extreme social polarisation*

Emre Erdogan & Pınar Uyan Semerci (Istanbul Bilgi University): *Emotions: The hidden link between populism and polarisation*

Closing words: Juha Herkman and Emilia Palonen

Conference ends