

Midterm Conference ESA Political Sociology 2022

Across and Beyond Covid-19. The Future of European Political Sociology

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Political Sociology Research Network 32

Convener: Institute of Political Studies, University of Lausanne,
Switzerland

PROGRAMME

Thursday 10.11.2022

12:00-14:00 Welcome and Conference Registration

14:00 – 15:30 Online/hybrid Panels

1. European Political Structures between Neo- and Quasi-Militant Democracies

Chairs: Roman Bäcker, Nicolaus Copernicus University; Joanna Rak, Adam Mickiewicz University (joanna.rak@amu.edu.pl)

- Neo-militant Democracy Measures in Ukraine during the War: Are They Sufficient for Victory and Safe for Further Democracy - *Mykola Polovyi*
- A Trap of a Technocratic Illiberalism: Czech Republic's Experiences - *Maciej Skrzypek*
- Tensions between Neo- and Quasi-Militant Democracy in Poland and Hungary - *Roman Bäcker*
- The Baltic States in Anti-democratic Jeopardy? - *Joanna Rak*
- Limiting Fundamental Rights during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Illiberal Poland - *Agnieszka Bień-Kacała*

2. **Attending to the Transformations and Foresight of Disability** – part 1

Chair: Philippa Mullins, American University of Armenia (phmullins@aua.am)

- Electoral Reforms and Electoral Participation of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in Nigeria - *Afeez Kolawole Shittu*
 - “Is There More to All of This? Exploring Notions of Co-operation and Co-optation in European Civil Society” - *Claudia Coveney*
 - Disability and the Sociology of the Group - *Philippa Mullins*
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15:45 – 17:15 Online/hybrid panels

1. **Attending to the Transformations and Foresight of Disability** – part 2

Chair: Philippa Mullins, American University of Armenia (phmullins@aua.am)

- Sizing the Opportunities for Social Justice Created by the Pandemic? – Exploring Disability Transformation in the Context of Higher Education in Sweden and the US - *Marie S epulchre*
- Conceptualising the Future of UK Disability Activism through Utopian, Retrotopian, and Heterotopian Configurations - *Miro Griffiths*
- New Materialist Perspective on the Politics of Disability and Disability Activism in Japan - *Akihito Kato*
- Same Worldviews but Different Action? How the Organization of Experience Shapes Minority Activism – *Baptiste Dufournet*

17:30 – 19:00 Keynotes

(GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 1612)

[Pauline Cullen](#) - Associate Professor of Sociology at Maynooth University

[Stefania Milan](#) - Associate Professor of New Media and Digital Culture at the University of Amsterdam

Friday 11.11.2022

09:00 – 10:30 Parallel hybrid panels

1. Political Behaviour, Engagement and Disengagement (GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 2121)

Chair: Louisa Parks, University of Trento (louisa.parks@unitn.it)

- Political Behaviour among Youth. The Importance of Class Origin, Cultural Capital and Social Context - *Patrick Lie Andersen*
- Shifting Patterns of Prejudice? Religion, Far-Right Extremism and Victimization in Pandemic-impacted Europe, an Analysis Informed by a UK-Austrian Survey - *David Herbert*
- The Causal Effects of Having Politically Engaged Peers on Youths' Political Engagement and Participation. Are Variations in the Effects Depending on Geographic Setting and the Covid19-Situation? - *Patrick Lie Andersen & Mira Aaboen Sletten*

2. Gender as a Political Variable in Pandemic Times: Style of Leadership, New Inequalities, Growing Violence – part 1 (GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 2137)

Chairs: Flaminia Sacca', Università della Tuscia (sacca@unitus.it), Luca Massidda, Università della Tuscia (luca.massidda@unitus.it)

- The Strong Man Fighting the Virus. Viktor Orbán's Masculine Narrative during the Covid-19 First Wave - *Luca Massidda*
- The Pandemic in "Dusty Municipalities" in a Southern Italian Region: the Role of Leadership and the Possible Impact of Gender Issues - *Maria Mirabelli, Lucia Montesanti, Francesca Veltri*
- The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on LGBT+ Communities - *Fabio Mostaccio*
- Populism's Imaginary of Gender Issues during Pandemic Time in Italy - *Antonio Tramontana*

10:45 – 12:15 Parallel hybrid panels

1. **Leaders, Professionals and Ideas in the EU** (GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 2121)

Chair: Monika De Frantz, University of Vienna (monika.defrantz@univie.ac.at)

- Boundary Crossers: Political and Business Career Trajectories of EU Civil Society Leaders - *Laura Landorff, Anders Uhlin, Malin Arvidson*
- “Our Shared Values”: Identity and Values in the EU - *Maria Cristina Marchetti*
- Culture and the Arts as a Source of Social Resilience in Societal Crises: An Ethnographic Case Study of Activist Art in Latvia - *Liene Ozoliņa*

2. **Climate Change Issues between Citizens, Media, Parties, and Social Movements: Toward an Integrated Research Agenda** - part 1 (GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 2129)

Chairs: Cecilia Biancalana, University of Turin (cecilia.biancalana@unito.it), Riccardo Ladini, University of Milan (riccardo.ladini@unimi.it)

- “This Is the Bet”: Frames, Strategies and Theories of Change in Climate Justice Action - *Lorenzo Zamponi, Marco Deseriis, Diego Ceccobelli*
- “If it Weren’t for COVID-19...”: The Effects of Communication on the Economic Consequences of Climate Change Policies - *Mauro Bertolotti, Luca Valla, Patrizia Catellani*
- Together Against Climate Change? Public Attitudes Towards Solidarity for a Greener European Union - *Alessandro Pellegata, Ann-Kathrin Reinl*
- It Is Now Time to Get to Work: Experts and UE Regulation of Sustainable Finance - *Tiziana Nupieri*

3. **Gender as a Political Variable in Pandemic Times: Style of Leadership, New Inequalities, Growing Violence** – part 2 (GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 2137)

Chairs: Flaminia Saccà, University of Tuscia (sacca@unitus.it); Luca Massidda, University of Tuscia (luca.massidda@unitus.it)

- The Journalistic Representation of Domestic Violence in Pandemic Times - *Rosalba Belmonte*
- Practices and Strategies of Anti-violence Centres in Italy in the Covid Era: The Political Dimension of Violence Against Women - *Milena Meo, Valentina Raffa*

- Gender as a Political Variable in Pandemic Times: Style of Leadership, New Inequalities, Growing Violence - Michele Negri
- Gender and Leadership Styles in Pandemic Governance: a Lesson from Jacinda Ardern and Angela Merkel's Representation of the Covid-19 Crisis - *Flaminia Saccà*

Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30 Parallel hybrid panels

1. The Impacts of the Pandemic (GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 2121)

Chair: Roberto Scaramuzzino, University of Lund (roberto.scaramuzzino@soch.lu.se)

- Engaging in Classification Struggles: A Reflexive Sociology of Pandemic Othering and Polarization - *Barbara Rothmüller*
- Interplay between Science and Politics in Spain during COVID-19 Pandemic - *Livi-Catalin Mara*

2. Climate Change Issues between Citizens, Media, Parties, and Social Movements: Toward an Integrated Research Agenda - part 2 (GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 2129)

Chairs: Cecilia Biancalana, University of Turin (cecilia.biancalana@unito.it), Riccardo Ladini, University of Milan (riccardo.ladini@unimi.it)

- “Litigious Politics” and the Repertoire of Climate Activism - *Louisa Parks*
 - From Big Farms to Big Pharma? “New” Lines of Conflict among Environmental Activism - *Niccolò Bertuzzi, Elisa Lello*
 - The Dynamics of Climate Change and Environmental Attitudes in Italy: Exploring Political and Social Polarisation - *Cecilia Biancalana, Riccardo Ladini*
 - Towards a Methodology for Co-creating Just Transitions: Combining Policy Analysis, Discourse Analysis, Participatory Action Research, and Documentary Film-Making - *Liv Sunnercrantz, Kristiane Marie Fjaer Lindland*
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15:45 – 17:15 Parallel hybrid panels

1. **Migration, Politics, and the Legal Framework** (GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 2121) *Chair: Alberta Giorgi, University of Bergamo (alberta.giorgi@unibg.it)*

- Living in Legal Limbo: Challenges and Opportunities to live in a "Refuge City" for Undocumented migrants - *Gulce Safak Ozdemir*
 - From Deindividualization to Political Individualism. Growth of Multi-dimensional and Extra-party Political Consciousness among Rojhelat Kurdish Immigrants with Left Political Backgrounds in Western Europe - *Sabah Mofidi*
 - Struggling for Legality in a Time of Pandemic: (De-)politicisation Avenues and Dilemmas in Legal Support for Migrants - *Paola Bonizzoni, Minke Hajer*
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2. **The Role of Space: Urban Governance and Environment** (GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 2129)

Chair: Monika De Frantz, University of Vienna (monika.defrantz@univie.ac.at)

- The Party and the Town. PRR in Local Government and Social Polarisation - *Elisa Bellè*
 - The Urban Governance of AI: Policies and Practices of the Italian Municipalities – *Ernesto d’Albergo, Tommaso Fasciani, Giorgio Giovanelli*
 - The Right to the City and Inclusive Urban Development - *Michele Grigolo*
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3. **Democracies on the Move. Rights, Political Actors, New Movements in the Transition from Party Democracies to Democracies of the Public** (GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 2137)

Chair: Andrea Millefiorini, Università della Campania “Luigi Vanvitelli” (andrea.millefiorini@outlook.com)

- From Inclusive Policymaking to Private Rule-Making? Discussing the Role of Corporatized Multi-Stakeholder Processes in the Transition to Sustainability - *Edoardo Esposito*
- Politicizing Care “To Cure” Democracy: A Feminist Proposal - *Sara Fariello*

- Reassessing Human Rights vs Democracy of the Public: A Necessary Challenge? - *Laura Guercio*
- Social Movements, Collective Action and Democratic Change - *Antonio Putini*

17:30 – 19:00 Roundtable on Academic Freedom

(GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 1612)

Alexander Dmitriev, [Andrea Petó](#), [Daniel A. Smith](#)

(Chair: [Alberta Giorgi](#))

Saturday 12.11.2022

09:00 – 10:30 Parallel hybrid panels

1. **Conspiracy Myths and Antisemitism in Vaccine-Related Protests** (GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 2121)

Chair: Anja Schmidt-Kleinert, University of Potsdam (anja.schmidt-kleinert@uni-potsdam.de)

- Resistance during Lockdown: Fake News and Conspiracies as a Form of Political Protest - *Hans-Joerg Trezn*
- Covid-19 and the Extreme Right. The Extremist Side of the Pandemic Protests in Germany - *Andrea Grippo*
- “Conspiracy” or “Counter-Hegemonic Project”? Vaccine Hesitancy, Protests and Boundary Work - *Maria Francesca Murru, Alberta Giorgi*

2. **Populism, Anti-Populism and The Rule of Law** (GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 2137)

Chairs: Carlo Ruzza, School of International Studies, University of Trento (carlo.ruzza@unitn.it), Carlo Berti, School of International Studies, University of Trento (carlo.berti-1@unitn.it)

- Gender Rights and Opposition to Populism - *Milena Meo, Valentina Raffa*
- Populism, Constitutional Politics, and (Un-)civil Society - *Paul Blokker*
- Democracies Under Pressure in Pandemic Times. The Relationship between State of Emergency and Rule of Law in Angela Merkel and Victor Orbán’s Political Communication - *Flaminia Saccà, Luca Massidda*
- The Debate on the Rule of Law in the European Parliament - *Carlo Ruzza, Carlo Berti*

10:45 – 12:15 Parallel hybrid panels

1. **Rethinking Leadership and Elites in the Populist Phase of Democracy** (GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 2121)

Chairs: Manuel Anselmi, University of Bergamo, (manuel.anselmi@unibg.it); Fabio De Nardis, University of Foggia, (fabio.denardis@unifg.it); Lorenzo Viviani, University of Pisa, (lorenzo.viviani@unipi.it)

- “The Paradox of Elites in Civil Society: A Comparative Study on Civil Society Leaders’ Satisfaction with Democracy in the UK and Sweden” - *Megan K. Baxter, Jayeon Lindellee, Minja Odai, Roberto Scaramuzzino*

- Charismatic Leadership and Populist Leadership: Beyond the Similarities - *Lorenzo Viviani*
 - Recruiting Civil Society Elites: Comparing Recruitment Actors, Practices and Criteria in Sweden, UK and Poland - *Håkan Johansson, Milka Ivanovska Hadjievska, Niklas Altermark*
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2. Supply- and Demand-Side of the European Radical Right-Wing Populism. Insights from Socio-Economic Perspectives (GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 2137)

Chair: Oscar Mazzoleni, University of Lausanne (oscar.mazzoleni@unil.ch)

- Producerism at Home, Protection from Outside, Populism throughout: The (Non-Welfare) Socio-Economic Agenda of the Populist Radical Right - *Koen Abts, Emmanuel Dalle Mulle, Caterina Froio, Stijn van Kessel*
- Producerist Attitudes and Right-Wing Populist Support in the United States and Western Europe - *Gilles Ivaldi, Oscar Mazzoleni*
- Divergence in the Populist Radical Right: The Socioeconomic Programs of Marine Le Pen and Eric Zemmour - *Elie Michel*

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch-Break/Book launch

(GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 1612)

[Populism and Science in Europe](#), edited by Hande Eslen-Ziya and Alberta Giorgi - Palgrave MacMillan 2022.

14:00 –14:30 ESA RN32 Meeting and Conclusions

(GEOPOLIS BUILDING, Room 1612)

Everybody welcome!

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