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Populism, Autocratization and Global Challenges

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Program Schedule Overview

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Program Tracks

	Track	Track Chairs
T1	Threats and Erosions	Elisa Chelle, Magdalena Musiał-Karg
T2	Information, Media, and Technology	Elisa Chelle, Luís de Sousa
T3	Citizenship, Participation, and Identity	Laurence Piper, Hasret Dikici Bilgin
T4	Institutional and Policy Innovations	Luís de Sousa, Piotr Sula
T5	Global and Environmental Challenges	Hasret Dikici Bilgin
T6	Local Organizing Committee (LOC)	Magdalena Musiał-Karg, Piotr Sula

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P-063 [T1] **Hollow Institutions: Capture, Constraint, and the Limits of Democratic Form**

14 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | *Room:* 2.02 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Discussant(s) **Joshua Lake**, University of Western Australia, Australia

Brazilian Case: Protecting the 2022 Electoral Process as a Form of Resistance to Autocratization
Izabela Pereira, University of Lisbon, Portugal

Can “Local Politics” Survive under Competitive Authoritarian Regimes? Intergovernmental Relations under Competitive Authoritarianism through the Case of Turkey
Şeyma Koç, Sabancı University, Türkiye

India’s Democratic Backsliding is Powered by an ‘Ineffectual’ Judiciary
Niranjana Sahoo, Observer Research Foundation, India

Political Imprisonment Under Competitive Authoritarianism: The Case of Turkey
Türkü Çebi, University of Turku, Finland

P-080 [T2] **Political Media Exposure and Digital Mobilization**

14 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | *Room:* 2.03 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Emilia Palonen**, University of Helsinki, Finland

Affective Depolarization and Democratic Resilience in Anonymous Cross-Partisan Conversations
Liane Weintraub, Pepperdine University, United States
Eric Hamilton, Pepperdine University, United States
Denny Mitchell, Pepperdine University, United States

Dose-Response Associations of Political Media Exposure with Collective Action in the Indian and Turkish Diasporas
Nicholas Morieson, Deakin University, Australia
Matthew Belanger, University of Stirling, United Kingdom
Ana-Maria Bliuc, University of Dundee, United Kingdom
Ihsan Yilmaz, Deakin University, Australia

Media Consumption Among Young Adults in Early 21st Century and Their Implications for the Level of Socio-Political Engagement
Michał Kus, University of Wrocław, Poland
Kamil Błaszczyński, University of Wrocław, Poland
Piotr Sula, University of Wrocław, Poland

The Making of a President, the Making of an Opponent: Discursive Constructions of Karol Nawrocki in Left-Liberal Online Commentary
Marcin Kosman, VIZJA University, Poland

The Relationship Between Social Media Use and Electoral Behavior in Generation Z: An Empirical Analysis Among University Students in the United States
Emilia Zakrzewska, University of Warsaw, Poland

P-093 [T3] **Polarization and Political Participation**

14 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | *Room:* 2.04 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Coty Martin**, West Virginia Wesleyan College, United States

Discussant(s) **Julia Evangelina Velisone**, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France

Affective Polarization as a Predictor of Revolutionary Mobilization: Evidence from a Quantitative Perspective

Daniil Goncharenko, HSE University, Russia
Dmitrii Semichev, Konstanz University, Germany
Vadim Ustyuzhanin, HSE University, Russia

Polarization of Society and Political Participation: The Differentiated Influence of Affective, Ideological and Cultural Cleavages
Antonino Castaldo, University of Molise, Italy
Vincenzo Memoli, University of Catania, Italy

The Impact of the Migration Crisis in Europe in 2015 on the Increase in Support for Far-right Parties in Poland
Gawel Strzadala, Państwowa Akademia Nauk Stosowanych w Nysie, Poland

The Practical Wisdom of Angry Crowds: From the Irrational Individual to the Prudent Collective
Laurence Piper, University West, Sweden

P-112 [T5] **Growth, Degrowth and the Political Economy of Sustainability**

14 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | *Room*: 2.05 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Tomasz Kamiński**, University of Lodz, Poland

Discussant(s) **Max Povse**, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

A World with Few Humans and More Natural Spaces? Socio-Ecological Sociology Reconsidering Conservation and Racketeering Political Scientists and Historians in the Empires
Haimo Schulz Meinen, University of Hannover, Germany

Beyond Decoupling: Ecological Embedding, Metabolic Rift and the Political Economy of Degrowth
Ke-Wei Wu, Research Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan

Coffee Confidential: The Politics of Food and Agricultural Governance
Iván Ruiz-Hernández, Johns Hopkins University, United States

Revisiting Multilateralism as a Global Public Good: The Case of the International Monetary System
Carla Guapo Costa, School of Social and Political Sciences - University of Lisbon, Portugal

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P-061 [T1] **From Discontent to Politics: Economic Shock, Affect, and Delivery**

14 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | *Room*: 2.02 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Paweł Charasz**, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, China

Economic Dislocation and Political Discontent: Does Manufacturing Decline Drive Populism in Japan?
Mo Gasmí, Princeton University, United States

Fragile Legitimacy: Affective Polarization and the Limits of Agonistic Democracy
Monika Mazur-Bubak, Krakow University of Economics, Poland

Political Polarization and Electoral Disputes in Brazil: A Comparative Analysis of the 2026 Presidential Elections
Fernanda Barros dos Santos, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Private Welfare Populism and Its Limitations - The Supermarket Welfare Model of Twenty20 Party in Keralam, India
Irene Baby, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

P-034 [T5] **Contested Solidarity: Global Responses, Strategic Ambiguities, and the Future of International Order after Russia's War against Ukraine**

14 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | *Room*: 2.2 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Vladimir Rouvinski**, Icesi University, Colombia

Discussant(s) **Sören Brinkmann**, University of Wrocław, Poland
Sergei Medvedev, Charles University, Czechia

Between Counter-Hegemony and the World Market: China's Strategic Ambiguity in Russia's War Against Ukraine
Sebastian Hoppe, Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOIS), Germany

Germany's "Zeitenwende": Foreign Policy Transformation under Pressure
Sören Brinkmann, University of Wrocław, Poland

Hungary: A Sting in European Unity?

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Maciej Olejnik, University of Wrocław, Poland

Spain: Strategic Reassessment, Hybrid Threats and War Fatigue

Alberto Bueno, University of Granada, Spain

War in Ukraine and Latin America: Between Strategic Ambiguity and Contested Solidarity

Vladimir Rouvinski, Icesi University, Colombia

P-059 [T1] Elected Autocrats: Populist Governance and the Undoing of Constraint

14 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.04 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Marceli Burdelski**, AsiaPacific Society, Poland

Discussant(s) **Shahzaib Ali Naik**, Jamia Millia Islamia, India

From Democracy to Resignation: The Return of Authoritarian Legacies in Tunisia

Bosco Govantes, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Spain

From Electoral Populism to Competitive Authoritarianism: Pathways of Democratic Backsliding

Mehmt Ali Ozcobanlar, University of Warsaw, Poland

From Integration to Polarization: Old and New Populisms and the Challenges to Democracy in Latin America

Hans-Jürgen Puhle, Goethe Universität Frankfurt, Germany

The Cultural War and the Decline of the Democratic Consensus: Javier Milei and the Discursive Resignification of the New Right-Wing in Argentina

Julia Evangelina Velisone, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France

Threat Culture and Erosion of Institutional Legitimacy: Case Study of India

Pratip Chattopadhyay, University of Kalyani, India

P-109 [T5] Environmental and Energy Governance in India

14 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.4 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Raj Kumar Kothari**, Diamond Harbour Women's University, West Bengal, India

Discussant(s) **Shofwan Al Banna Choiruzzad**, Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia

Decarbonisation and the Centralisation Paradox: Energy Democracy in India's Renewable Transition

Kannan Karmachandran, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, India

Medha Ajayan Sathi, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, India

India's Trajectory to Environmental Governance: Focus on Ecological Justice

Raj Kumar Kothari, Diamond Harbour Women's University, West Bengal, India

The Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act 2023 and Politics of Conservation in India: Reflections on Environmental and Social Justice Concerns of Indigenous Communities

Rehnamol P R, O.P.Jindal Global University, India

Kamal Kumar, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi, India

Dr Ravi, Shivaji College, University of Delhi, India

The Green Paradox of Digital Democracy: Data Centres, Environmental Governance and Democratic Accountability in the Global South

Ajith Kunhunni, University of Hyderabad, India

P-115 [T5] Populism, War, and Democratic Backsliding in Europe

14 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.05 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Diana Shendrikova**, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Discussant(s) **Tomasz Kamiński**, University of Lodz, Poland

Hard Borders and Authoritarian Closure

Julie Mostov, New York University, United States

Hungary, Serbia, and Trumpism: Ideological Recognition and Pragmatic Partnership in US Relations

Marko Mandić, Institute of Social Sciences, Serbia

Pavle Nedić, Institute of International Politics and Economics, Serbia

The Impact of Populist Authoritarianism in Orbán's Hungary on Geopolitical Balances and Its Legacy for the Post-Orbán Period

Bariş Hasan, Mudanya University, Türkiye

Towards New Type(s) of Paramilitarism and Their Impact on Autocratization in Central-Eastern Europe

Maciej Skrzypek, University of Wrocław, Poland

War, Votes and Cues: How Government Transitions Shape Foreign Policy Attitudes in Italy
Claudio Cozzi Fucile, University of Siena, Italy

P-011 [T1] **Democratic Resilience and the Stability of Political Systems**

14 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.5 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Lukasz Perlikowski**, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun, Poland

Discussant(s) **Radu Carp**, University of Bucharest, Romania
Jan Holzer, Masaryk University in Brno, Czechia

Bifurcation of Russian Political Regime
Roman Bäcker, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland

Can Exiles Be Considered as Actors of Democratisation? The Case of Russian Emigration in the European Union.
Daria Krasovskaia, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland

Constitutional Stability Between Integration and Entrenchment: The German Basic Law from a Systems-Theoretical Perspective
Lukasz Świącicki, University of Siedlce, Poland

Mobilizing and Repulsive Polarization: Presidential Elections in France and Poland
Geoffrey Lefebvre, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun, Poland

Patchwork Stability in Ukraine's Hybrid Political System (2014–2021)
Maryana Prokop, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland

The Illusion of Stability: Hybrid Regimes and Permanent Crises in the Western Balkans
Marko Krtolica, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia

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P-095 [T3] **Populism, Polarization and Democratic Decline**

14 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.02 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Marek Mazurkiewicz**, Opole University, Poland

Discussant(s) **Poorva Bhardawaj**, Kanoria PG Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India

"Africa as Scapegoat" - Affective Narratives and the Weaponization of African Migration: Poland in the Context of the European Union
Katarzyna Jędrzejczyk-Kuliniak, University of Wrocław, Portugal

Africa Reframed: Comparing Narratives in Old and New EU Member States
Maciej Herbut, University of Wrocław, Poland
Renata Kunert-Milcarz, University of Wrocław, Poland

Exploring the Relationship Between Political Polarization and Academic Freedom
John Ishiyama, University of North Texas, United States

Mapping the Populism-Euroscepticism Nexus: A Symmetric Index Approach Using CHES 2024
Piotr Sula, University of Wrocław, Poland
Denis Ivanov, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary
Andreas C. Goldberg, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway

State-Nation or Nation-State? A Field-Based Analysis of Identity Politics and Federalism in Nepal
Bhoj Bikram Budha Magar, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

P-077 [T2] **Digital Surveillance, Platform Power, and Democratic Authority**

14 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.2 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Justyna Arendarska**, University of Wrocław, Poland

Discussant(s) **Vladimir Rouvinski**, Icesi University, Colombia

AI and the New Digital Divide: Discourses, Power and Global Asymmetries
Bárbara Maria Farias Mota, Freie Universität Berlin (FU-Berlin), Germany

Fact-Checking the Narrative: Media Representations of Migrant Criminality and Corresponding National Crime Statistics in Central Europe
Natalia Pietruszka, University of Wrocław, Poland

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Małgorzata Kocierz, University of Wrocław, Poland
Magdalena Ratajczak, University of Wrocław, Poland

Resisting Authoritarian Surveillance in a Democracy: A Case Study from Brazil
Haerin Lee, Seoul National University, South Korea
Minje Park, Seoul National University, South Korea

The Judicial Bulwark: Regulating Big Tech as a Strategy for Democratic Resilience
Ronin Crespeigne, University of Northern British Columbia, Canada
Jaspreet Singh, University of Northern British Columbia, Canada

R-049 [T6] **LOC | Media, dezinformacja i technologie cyfrowe w polskiej sferze publicznej**

14 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | *Room*: 2.03 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Teresa Sasińska-Klas**, University of Information Technology and Management, Poland

Co-Chair(s) **Ewa Marciniak**, University of Warsaw, Poland

Roundtable Participant(s) **Mariusz Kolczyński**, University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland
Lucyna Szot, University of Wrocław, Institute of Political Science, Poland
Szymon Ossowski, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland
Agnieszka Łukasik-Turecka, Katolicki Uniwersytet Lubelski Jana Pawła II, Poland
Grzegorz Janusz, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland

P-089 [T3] **Democratic Resilience and Decline in International Context**

14 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | *Room*: 2.04 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Sofie Bedford**, Uppsala University, Sweden

Discussant(s) **Biswanath Chakraborty**, Rabindra Bharati University, India

Cinematic Diplomacy and Security: Transnational Collective Memory as a Strategic Asset for Democratic Resilience
Cathy Kang, Plovdiv University, Bulgaria

Moral Victories and Universal Freedoms: Pius XII, Roosevelt, and International Order (1940–1941)
Madalena Meyer Resende, Instituto Português de Relações Internacionais Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal

Poland's Foreign Policy in the Opinion of Contemporary Polish Nationalists: Between Traditional and Innovative Approaches
Bartosz Smolik, Institute of Political Science at the University of Wrocław, Poland

Pre-Emptive Taxation for Wars: Approaches and Historical Consistency in European Initiatives
Sam van der Vlugt, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands

P-103 [T4] **Digital Transformation and Local Democracy**

14 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | *Room*: 2.4 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Kamil Glinka**, University of Wrocław, Poland

Discussant(s) **Sergiu Gherghina**, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom

Digital Democracy without Democratic Trust? E-voting, Political Disengagement and Democratic Resilience in Portugal
Cristina Aragao Seia, CEJIEA/ Universidade Lusíada - Faculdade de Direito, Portugal

Gender and the Persistence of Local Power: Factors of Female Mayoral Re-election in Poland
Blazej Choros, Opole University, Poland
Małgorzata Gałęcka, Wrocław University of Economics and Business, Poland
Krzysztof Biegun, Wrocław University of Economics and Business, Poland

Models and Reforms of Public Administration in Europe in the Context of Digital Transformation: A Comparative Analysis of Five Traditions and Implications for Serbia
Aleksandar Kovačević, University of Belgrade - Faculty of Political Sciences, Serbia

Redistributing Power or Signalling Openness? The Practice of Youth Participatory Budgeting in Finland and Poland
Katarzyna Radzik-Maruszak, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland
Elżbieta Szulc-Wałęcka, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland
Anna Kołomycew, University of Rzeszów, Poland

P-120 [T5] **Sovereignty and Environmental Governance in the Global South**

14 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.05 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Max Povse**, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Discussant(s) **Raj Kumar Kothari**, Diamond Harbour Women's University, West Bengal, India

BRICS and the Amazonian Socio-biodiversity Bioeconomy: Asymmetric Adaptation or Structural Contestation in Global Environmental Governance (2020–2024)

Leandro Rodrigues Lopes, Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), Brazil

Julia Saint Martin R. da Silva, Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil

Critical Minerals as a Security Issue: Navigating Brazil's Geoeconomic Strategy in the Rare Earths Sector

Alex Rosa da Silva, School of Social and Political Sciences - University of Lisbon, Portugal

Fábio Colombo, School of Social and Political Sciences - University of Lisbon, Portugal

Carla Guapo Costa, School of Social and Political Sciences - University of Lisbon, Portugal

Gabrieli Fernandes Fickelscherer Gaio, CESA, ISEG and CAPP-ISCSP- University of Lisbon, Portugal

Designed to Endure: Pathways of Climate Institutional Resilience in Latin America

Tailma Venceslau, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil

Territorial Governance and Local Resistance under Global Market Pressures: Ribeirinho Communities in the Abaetetuba Islands (Pará, Brazilian Amazon)

Mayany Soares Salgado, Federal University of Pará (UFPA), Brazil

Leandro Rodrigues Lopes, Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), Brazil

P-062 [T1] Governing Through Fear: Threat Construction and Authoritarian Durability

14 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.5 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Agnieszka Kuszewska-Bohnert**, Jagiellonian University, Poland

Discussant(s) **Marceli Burdelski**, AsiaPacific Society, Poland

Brothers in Arms: Post-Coup Authoritarian Legitimation between Myanmar and Thai Militaries

Yatana Yamahata, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, Japan

The Enemy Within: The Fear, Anxiety and the Threat Construction in Australian Politics

Łukasz Fijałkowski, University of Wrocław, Poland

Trading Paris for Washington? The Nordic Countries and the Nuclear Deterrence Credibility Dilemma

Franck Orban, Østfold University College, Norway

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P-097 [T3] The Contentious Repertoire in Comparative Perspective

14 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.02 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Małgorzata Madej**, University of Wrocław, Poland

Discussant(s) **Cathy Kang**, Plovdiv University, Bulgaria

Elusive Popular and Democratic Protests: A Study of Bangladesh from Shahbag to Anti-Quota Movement (2013-2024)

Srimanti Sarkar, West Bengal State University, India

From Agrarian Protest to Policy Reform: The Role of Peasant Movements in India's Democratic Governance

Poorva Bhardwaj, Kanoria PG Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Jaipur, Rajasthan, India

Growth Without Security: Youth Protest, Democratic Rupture and the Fragility of Pseudo-Rentier Development in South Asia

Rudabeh Shahid, Wesleyan University, United States

Nischal Dhungel, University of Utah, United States

Signe Meyer, University of Sussex, United Kingdom

Shakthi De Silva, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Songs of Resistance: Protest Songs and Political Communication in the Polish Women's Strike (2020–2022)

Aleksandra Drobnica, University of Wrocław, Poland

P-085 [T3] Civic Education and Democratic Citizenship

14 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.2 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Laura Welty**, The Australian National University, Australia

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Comparing Cultures across Classrooms: Understanding Civics Education and Discussions of Democracy in Brazil, Ecuador and Japan
Coty Martin, West Virginia Wesleyan College, United States

Dialogue in the Contemporary Polarized World: Opportunities and Challenges
Małgorzata Borkowska, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland

Identity of Trade Union Members
Nicole Tęcza, University of Warsaw, Poland

State-Led Enlightenment: Bureaucratic Civic Education and the Local Governance of Post-WWII Japan (1950–1954)
Haruhisa Ueda, Ibaraki University, Japan

R-047 [T6] LOC | Odporność demokracji w Polsce w warunkach polaryzacji i presji populistycznej

14 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.03 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Jolanta Itrich-Drabarek**, University of Warsaw, Poland

Co-Chair(s) **Artur Laska**, Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland

Roundtable Participant(s) **Andrzej Stelmach**, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland
Robert Alberski, University of Wrocław, Poland
Andrzej Antoszewski, University of Wrocław, Poland
Teresa Sasińska-Klas, University of Information Technology and Management, Poland
Alicja Stępień-Kuczyńska, University of Łódź, Poland

P-105 [T4] Party Organization and Internal Dynamics

14 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.04 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Luis de Sousa**, Instituto de Ciências Sociais da Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal

Discussant(s) **Krisztina Arato**, ELTE Faculty of Law, Institute of Political Science, Hungary

Beyond the Rice Index: Discovering Intra-Party Factions in the Spanish Congress of Deputies Using Deep Autoencoders and the Leiden Algorithm
Antoni Fritz, University of Wrocław, Poland

New Political Parties and Democratic Innovations: Comparing Eastern and Western Europe
Sergiu Gherghina, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom
Bettina Mitru, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

Party Ethics Self-Regulation in Latin America
Joris Alberdingk Thijm, Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon, Portugal
Pedro Pedrosa dos Santos, NOVA University Lisbon, Portugal
Gustavo Gouveia Maciel, University Beira Interior and Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon, Portugal

The Partitocracy of Campaigns: Political Parties and Electoral Activity in Poland
Maciej Hartliński, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland

P-056 [T1] Constructing the People: Discourse, Epistemics, and Contested Legitimacy

14 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.4 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Aleksandra Moroska-Bonkiewicz**, University of Wrocław, Poland

Discussant(s) **Fabio Enrico Traverso**, TU Darmstadt, Germany

Preventive Destruction: How Liberal Elites Undermine Liberal Democracy as a Way to Pre-empt Alleged Right-wing Assaults at the System. Examples from Germany, Britain and Canada
Jens Boysen, Civitas University, Poland

The Epistemic Crisis of Democracy and the Rise of Populism
Marcin Polakowski, Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland

The Grammar of Grievance: Constructing “the People” in Contemporary Populist Discourse
Shahzaib Ali Naik, Jamia Millia Islamia, India

The Polarising Rhetoric of Lithuanian Populist Politicians on Social Media
Ingrida Unikaitė-Jakuntavičienė, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

P-108 [T5] **Diplomacy Challenges and the War in Ukraine**

14 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | *Room:* 2.05 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Discussant(s) **Filippo Marinoni**, University of Urbino, Italy

“Glocal” Military Support: Local Government Cooperation with Prominent NATO Air Force Bases in the USA and UK
Glen Duerr, Cedarville University, United States

Bridging High and Low Politics? Redefining Polish State Strategy Toward Polish-Ukrainian Paradiplomacy after 2022
Małgorzata Kocierz, University of Wrocław, Poland

Geopolitical Challenges and Regional Paradiplomacy: The Case of the Warmia and Mazury Region
Arkadiusz Żukowski, Institute of Political Science, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland
Wojciech T. Modzelewski, Institute of Political Science, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland

Polish Paradiplomacy Between Germany and Ukraine: Dynamics of Change
Igor Ksenicz, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland

Private Hosting of Ukrainian Displaced Migrants and Public Policy: Comparing the Cases of Poland and the United Kingdom
Aleksandra Grzymala-Kazłowska, University of Warsaw, Poland
Renata Stefańska, University of Warsaw, Poland

P-074 [T1] **Whose Bodies, Whose Democracy? Gender Regimes and Institutional Failure**

14 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | *Room:* 2.5 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Haimo Schulz Meinen**, University of Hannover, Germany

Discussant(s) **Ekkart Zimmermann**, Dresden University of Technology, Germany

Gender Regimes, Fragmented Governance and Democratic Resilience: Violence Against Women and State Capacity in Lebanon
Sarah Hasbini, York University, Canada

Pink But Not Purple: From State Feminism to the Era of Tradwives
Hasret Dikici Bilgin, Istanbul Bilgi University, Türkiye

Protecting Children and Poaching Votes: Anti-LGBTQ+ Policies as a Vote-Seeking Tool in Hungary
Vivien Horvath, Concordia University, Canada

The Broken Pulse: How the Gap Between Democratic Institutions and Women’s Lived Realities Threatens Global Stability
Ruchika Arora, Researcher, India
Vibhuti Singh Shekhawat, Malaviya National Institute of Technology Jaipur, India

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14 October 2026 | 16:45-18:15 | *Room:* Lecture Hall | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 1

Speaker(s) **Manuela Caiani**, Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy

14 October 2026 | 18:30-19:30

Welcome Reception

14 October 2026 | 18:30-19:30 | *Room:* Oratorium Marianum

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Registration

15 October 2026 | 08:30-17:00 | *Room:* Coat Check | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Ground Floor

15 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30

P-072 [T1] What Citizens Will Trade: Evidence on Democratic Commitment

15 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | *Room:* 2.02 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Berk Esen**, Sabanci University, Türkiye

Discussant(s) **Lukasz Perlikowski**, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun, Poland

Green, Pink and Red: Affective Polarization and Demographic Cleavages in the Philippines' Personality-Based Democracy
Marco Angelo Zaplan, London School of Economics and Political Science, Philippines

Modeling Affective Political Polarization and Depolarization with Epistemic Network Analysis

Eric Hamilton, Pepperdine University, United States

Jacqueline Johnson, Pepperdine University, United States

Katina Lopez-Ventura, Pepperdine University, United States

Liane Weintraub, Pepperdine University, United States

Perceptions of Economic Inequality and Support for Democracy: Experimental Evidence from Germany

Lion Merten, Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz, Germany

The Politics of Vaccine Mandates: Partisanship, Political Trust, and Information Sources in Australia, France and Italy

Joshua Lake, University of Western Australia, Australia

Whatever It Takes to Get the Job Done? Evidence from a Cross-National Experiment

Paweł Charasz, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, China

Jozef Mintal, Matej Bel University, Slovakia

Ilker Kalin, Matej Bel University, Slovakia

Anil Menon, University of California, Merced, United States

P-091 [T3] Minorities and Diasporas in Nationalist Politics

15 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | *Room:* 2.2 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Ashot Aleksanyan**, Yerevan State University, Armenia

Discussant(s) **Amarnath Paswan**, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India

Border Regions as Spaces of (In)Security

Elżbieta Opiłowska, University of Wrocław, Poland

Marcus Nicolson, Eurac Research, Institute for Minority Rights, Italy

Digital Nations: Affective Communities, Diaspora Mobilization and the Limits of State Sovereignty

Laura Welty, The Australian National University, Australia

National Identity and Institutional Trust Among Indigenous Respondents in Canada

Ante Zrile, Faculty of Political Science, Croatia

The Politicization of Identity in a Cultural Borderland: Disputes and the Instrumentalization of Narratives about Upper Silesia

Marek Mazurkiewicz, Opole University, Poland

Who Voted for Poland? Elite Linkage, Mass Mobilization and Territorial Preference

Anna Yorozyu, Yale University, United States

P-021 [T6] LOC | Democratic Resilience and Processes of Autocratization in Central and Eastern Europe and Beyond - I. Political Trust, Distrust, and Conspiracies [CEPSA]

15 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | Room: 2.03 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Boglarka Koller**, Ludovika University, ELTE CERS Institute of World Economics, Hungary

Discussant(s) **Agnieszka Kasińska-Metryka**, Jan Kochanowski University Kielce, Poland

Emotions and Affective Polarization: Evidence from Five Multiparty Democracies

Zsolt Boda, ELTE Centre for Social Sciences, Hungary

Bendegúz Plesz, ELTE Centre for Social Sciences, Hungary

Mabelle Kretchner, Bar Ilan University, Israel

From Participation to Agency: When Does Deliberation Build Political Trust?

Kornelia Batko, University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland

Dawid Tatarczyk, University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland

Institutional Distrust, Conspiracy Worldviews and Political Discourse. Conceptualizing the Dynamic between Conspiracy Narratives and Worldviews

Karin Liebhart, Institute for Conflict Research Vienna, Austria

Stefanie Mayer, Institute for Conflict Research Vienna, Austria

Philipp Pflegerl, University of Innsbruck, Austria

The "Dark Triad" of Alienation: System Aversion, Political Distrust and Conspiracy Beliefs

Agnieszka Turska-Kawa, University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland

Boglarka Koller, Ludovika University, ELTE CERS Institute of World Economics, Hungary

Christian Welzel, Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany

P-036 [T3] Forms and Limitations of Participation

15 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | Room: 2.04 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Małgorzata Madej**, University of Wrocław, Poland

Discussant(s) **Marzena Cichosz**, University of Wrocław, Poland

From Democratic Innovation to Institutional Routine: Participatory Budgeting in Poland

Karolina Tybuchowska-Hartlińska, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland

Moving from Networked to Patchworked Society: Polarization and Radicalization in European Politics

Anna Siewierska, University of Rzeszów, Poland

The Deliberative Remedy: Addressing the Deficit of Representation through Citizens' Assemblies in Poland and Germany

Marlena Piotrowska, University of Wrocław, Poland

The Political Participation of Nonhuman Beings

Edyta B. Pietrzak, Lodz University of Technology, Poland

P-121 [T5] Structural Power and Dependency in the Green Transition

15 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | Room: 2.4 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Stefan Schirm**, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

Discussant(s) **Diana Shendrikova**, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Geoeconomics in Constructive-Structural Mode: The Global Gateway and the Acquisition of Structural Power

Fábio Colombo, School of Social and Political Sciences - University of Lisbon, Portugal

Green Strategic Autonomy: Climate Governance and Strategic Resilience in the European Union

Rachida Roukiaoui, University of Szeged, Hungary

Leapfrogging into Dependency: Chinese Green Technology and the Politics of Infrastructure Control

Destiny Sibehatu Kassa, University of Toronto, Canada

Who Bears the Costs of the Energy Transition? Geopolitical Race for Critical Minerals and its Challenges to Democracies in the Global South

Amanda Matos, Federal University of Bahia, Brazil

Felipe Vargas, Federal University of Bahia, Brazil

P-064 [T1] Is Populism a Style? Measurement, Framing, and the Corrosion of Reason

15 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | Room: 2.05 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Bosco Govantes**, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Spain

Discussant(s) **Anjali Yogi**, Delhi University, India

Between Solidarity and National Interest: Populism in the Polish Parliamentary Debate on Aid to Ukraine. The Case of the Law and Justice Party
Jadwiga Nadolska, University of Warsaw, Poland
Marta Jas-Koziarkiewicz, University of Warsaw, Poland

Beyond Ideology: A New Classification of Resilient Populism
Abraham Pina Vera, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

Framing Autocratization Through Post-Truth Populism: Discursive Strategies of Regime Transition in Global Politics
Oğuz Ufuk Haksever, Near East University, Cyprus

The Level of Populism in Exposé Speeches – The Case of Poland (1989–2023)
Jakub Krupa, Jagiellonian University, Poland

The Psychology of Power Impulse: An Analysis of Populism and Democratic Erosion in the Thought of Bertrand Russell
Wanda Kondracka, University of Warsaw, Poland

P-113 [T5] Limits of Peace-building and Security Cooperation

15 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | Room: 2.5 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Esra Eroğuz Çoban**, Bartın University, Türkiye

Discussant(s) **Magdalena Kumelska-Koniecko**, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland

Advocacy Coalitions in the EU's Democracy Promotion: Explaining Inconsistent Policy Responses to Protest Crackdowns in Cuba and Venezuela
Max Povse, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Human Security Diplomacy - Using Non-Traditional Security in Resolving Conflict: The Case of Canada and China
Kenneth Christie, Royal Roads University, Canada

Toothless Tigers? Why Regional Organisations Struggle to Defend Democracy
Brigitte Weiffen, The Open University, United Kingdom

Türkiye's Security Cooperation in Sub-Saharan Africa: Implications for Peacebuilding and Democratic Resilience
Murat Özey Taşkın, University of Wrocław, Poland

When Peace Empowers Violence: Autonomy, Accountability and Clan Feud in Muslim Mindanao
Kuan-Wu Chen, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

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P-028 [T1] Populism, Polarization, Autocratization and Democratic Resilience

15 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.02 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Pablo Onate**, University of Valencia, Spain

Discussant(s) **Hasret Dikici Bilgin**, Istanbul Bilgi University, Türkiye

Direct Democracy Integrity Index and the 2022 Referendum in Hungary
Norbert Kersting, Münster University, Germany

From Strategic to Systemic Misuse: Referendums as Instruments of Populist Polarization in Poland and Hungary
Magdalena Musiał-Karg, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland

Opposition Coordination under Competitive Authoritarianism: Pre-Electoral Alliances in Turkey
Berk Esen, Sabancı University, Türkiye

Polarization (as a Populist Strategy) and Democratic Erosion: The Case of Spain
Pablo Onate, University of Valencia, Spain
Carmen Ortega, University of Granada, Spain

Populism, Sovereignty, and Migration Policy in Global Politics
Francesca Longo, University of Catania, Italy

P-092 [T3] Opportunity Structures and Democratic Resilience

15 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.2 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Kenneth Christie**, Royal Roads University, Canada

Discussant(s) **Elżbieta Opiłowska**, University of Wrocław, Poland

Descriptive Representation of Persons with Disabilities in Legislative Bodies as a Fundamental Right: Insights from the African Disability Protocol
Yohannes Zewale, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

Discursive Change and Institutional Continuity under Autocratization: Women's Rights in Iran after the 2022 Mahsa Amini Events
Fatemeh Shahrabi Farahani, University of Catania, Italy

Framing Care: Discursive Pathways to Women's Party Success in Iceland
Jun Shiota, University of the Ryukyus, Japan

Problems of Democratic Resilience: CSOs and Political Parties in Southeast Asia
M Faishal Aminuddin, Universitas Brawijaya, Indonesia

P-022 [T6] LOC | Democratic Resilience and Processes of Autocratization in Central and Eastern Europe and Beyond - II. Democratic Resilience, Innovations and Populism [CEPSA]

15 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.03 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Krisztina Arato**, ELTE Faculty of Law, Institute of Political Science, Hungary

Discussant(s) **Agnieszka Kasińska-Metryka**, Jan Kochanowski University Kielce, Poland

Anger as a Determinant of Changes in Democratic Systems: New Models of Communication - Poland and Hungary Case Studies
Agnieszka Kasińska-Metryka, Jan Kochanowski University Kielce, Poland

Countering Resource Asymmetry in HungaryTISZA's Mobilization Toolkit, 2024-26
Boglarka Koller, Ludovika University, ELTE CERS Institute of World Economics, Hungary
Krisztina Arato, ELTE Faculty of Law, Institute of Political Science, Hungary

Defending Democracy from Below: Findings from Metropolitan Democratic Innovations in V4 countries
Kamil Glinka, University of Wrocław, Poland

Deliberative Innovations and Democratic Resilience in Central and Eastern Europe: Countering Autocratization from Within
Paulina Pospieszna, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland

Framing Populists in Power: Competing Narratives of Political Opponents and Populist Self-justification in The New York Times' Coverage of the Trump Administration (2025)
Aleksandra Moroska-Bonkiewicz, University of Wrocław, Poland
Michał Jacuński, University of Wrocław, Poland

P-039 [T1] New Approaches to Authoritarian Appeal, Illiberal Hegemony and Their Challenges from Transnational Networks to Hungarian and European Politics

15 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.04 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Emilia Palonen**, University of Helsinki, Finland

Discussant(s) **Wojciech Ufel**, University of Wrocław, Poland

Euroscepticism as Hegemony Challenging: An AC/DT Approach to the 2024 European Parliament Elections
Kleber Carrilho, University of Helsinki, Finland
Alexander Alekseev, University of Helsinki, Finland
Emilia Palonen, University of Helsinki, Finland

Hegemonic Politics of Illiberal Authoritarianism in Hungary
Emilia Palonen, University of Helsinki, Finland
Katinka Linnamäki, University of Helsinki, Finland
Szilvia Horváth, University of Helsinki, Finland

Mirroring Hegemony: Countering Illiberal Politics in the 2026 Hungarian Parliamentary Elections
Katinka Linnamäki, University of Helsinki, Finland
Emilia Palonen, University of Helsinki, Finland
Anniina Hyttinen, University of Helsinki, Finland
Szilvia Horváth, University of Helsinki, Finland

Together, Against the EU? Exploring the Transnational Illiberal Right-Wing Movement Through International Conferences
Alexander Alekseev, University of Helsinki, Finland

P-114 [T5] Political Economy of War and Defense

15 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.4 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Tulika Chakravorty**, Bangabasi Morning College, University of Calcutta, India

Resilience of Democracy in a Polarized World: Populism, Autocratization, and Global Challenges
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Authoritarian Capital and the Erosion of Democracy: The Case of China in the Global South

Atsuji Ohara, Waseda University, Japan

Embeddedness and Divergence in Defense Industrial Development: A Comparative Study of Air Defense Systems in South Korea, Israel, Taiwan, and India.

Utkarsh Verma, National ChengChi University, Taiwan

From Crisis to Clarity: Entrepreneurial Resilience in the Aftermath of October 7

Chen Sharony, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Liran Maymoni, The College of Management Academic Studies, Israel

Lihi Lahat, Sapir Academic College, Israel

Securitizing Supply Chains: Economic Security and Democratic Accountability in South Korea

Jisoo Hyun, Seoul National University, South Korea

P-119 [T5] Security, Peace and Conflict in the Middle East

15 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.5 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Destiny Sibehatu Kassa**, University of Toronto, Canada

Discussant(s) **Esra Eroğuz Çoban**, Bartın University, Türkiye

Between Identity and Geopolitics: Iran's Nuclear Paradox

Batuhan Tumer, University of Warsaw, Poland

Between the Interwar Period and the Post-Cold War Era: Democracy, Legitimacy, and Dejuridification as Challenges to the Contemporary International Order

Daniel Campos de Carvalho, Federal University of São Paulo, Brazil

Leticia Rizzotti Lima, Mauá Institute of Technology, Brazil

Market Power Europe as a Dependent Variable: US Foreign Policy Alignment and the Conditional Deployment of EU Economic Leverage

Angelo Biazus Marin Kramer, University of Wrocław, Poland

Reordering the Middle East: Power, Alliances and Regional Order After Gaza and Iran

Francisco Daniel Abundis Mejia, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico

15 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45

P-068 [T1] Speaking in the Name of Civilization: Belonging, Hierarchy, and the Limits of Universalism

15 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.02 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Lukasz Perlikowski**, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun, Poland

Conflict-Driven Democratic Erosion: Tracing Mobilization, Coercion and Coherence in India-Pakistan Rivalry Narratives

Agnieszka Kuszewska-Bohnert, Jagiellonian University, Poland

From Domestic Normative Order to Transnational Norm Entrepreneurship: The Christian Europe Discourse and the Formation of the Patriots for Europe Coalition

Anita Szűcs, Budapesti Corvinus Egyetem, Hungary

The Role of Marja al-Taqlid in Iranian Foreign Policy: The Syrian Civil War

Şeyma Altunkaya, İnönü University, Türkiye

Whose Lives Matter? Selective Empathy and the Erosion of Democratic Legitimacy in EU Foreign Policy

Jennifer Badr-Wagrowska, University of Opole, Poland

P-088 [T3] Democratic Resilience and Breakdown

15 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.2 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Nil Dikmengil**, Izmir University of Economics, Türkiye

Discussant(s) **Łukasz Zakrzewski**, University of Wrocław, Poland

Contesting Democratic Legitimacy: Peripheral Mobilisation and Democratic Resilience in Contemporary Europe

Maciej Nowakowski, The Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland

Democracy, Media and Civil Society in Mizoram: An Analytical Study

Lalzuithangi Hringgen, Govt Hrangbana College, India

Foundations of Democratic Resilience: Networks of Constitutional Identity in Hybrid Political Regimes
Kavyanjali Kaushik, Charles University, Czechia

Resilient but Fragile: Democracy's Deep Structures in the United States and the European Union
Karol Szulc, University of Wrocław, Poland

R-048 [T6] LOC | Polska wobec kryzysów porządku międzynarodowego i europejskiego

15 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.03 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Tadeusz Wallas**, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland

Co-Chair(s) **Grzegorz Janusz**, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland

Roundtable Participant(s) **Andrzej Mania**, Jagiellonian University, Poland
Marek Pietraś, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland
Elżbieta Lesiewicz, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland
Stanisław Sulowski, University of Warsaw, Poland
Zbigniew Czachór, University of Warsaw, Poland

P-101 [T4] Comparative and Global Governance

15 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.04 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Karolina Boronska Hryniewiecka**, Institute of Political Science, University of Wrocław, Poland

Discussant(s) **Bartłomiej Toszek**, University of Szczecin, Poland

Federalizing EU Fiscal Policy: Has a Hamiltonian Moment Come and Gone?
Tomasz P. Wozniakowski, University of Wrocław, Poland

From Planned Economy to Planned Governance: The Transformation of China's Socialist Planning System
Jie Gao, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore, Singapore
Jielu Yao, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Is Democracy a Merely National Affair? The Need for a New Global Democracy Index (GDI)
Filippo Marinoni, University of Urbino, Italy
Filippo Grisolia, University of Antwerp, Belgium

P-104 [T4] Elections, Opposition and Political Contestation

15 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.4 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Krisztina Arato**, ELTE Faculty of Law, Institute of Political Science, Hungary

Discussant(s) **Joris Alberdingk Thijm**, Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon, Portugal

Euroscepticism Revisited: How Insecurity, Social Cohesion and Uncertainty Shape Public Opinion
Matthew Wetsel, Clemson University, United States

New Players, New Messages: Campaign Framing in a Changing Romanian Party System
Claudiu Marian, Babes-Bolyai University Cluj, Romania
Paul Tap, Babes-Bolyai University Cluj, Romania

One Nation, One Election: Implications in Indian Federation
Biswanath Chakraborty, Rabindra Bharati University, India

Resilience of Democracy and Artificial Intelligence: Testing Democracy Frontiers
Lukasz Wordliczek, Jagiellonian University, Poland

P-069 [T1] The Captured State: Violence, Patronage, and the Currencies of Corruption

15 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.05 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Jakub Krupa**, Jagiellonian University, Poland

Discussant(s) **Katarzyna Metelska-Szaniawska**, University of Warsaw, Poland

Public Recruitment as a Site of Contestation between Populist and Institutional Political Logics in Turkey
Onur Yildiz, Yalova University, Türkiye

The Emergence, Consolidation or Fall of Sultanistic Democracy: The United States, Russia, Hungary, the Philippines, Poland, South Korea and Argentina in Comparative Perspective

Henry (Chip) Carey, Georgia State University, United States

The Political Economy of Autocratic Transitions: The Role of Delegation of Violence

Fabio Enrico Traverso, TU Darmstadt, Germany

Mariadolores Schiavone, Bocconi, Italy

Thierry Verdier, Paris School of Economics, France

Alberto Bisin, New York University, United States

The Price of Corruption: How Systemic Scandals Eroded Democratic Legitimacy in Spain (2008–2024)

Leyre Becerra Sanz, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain

P-098 [T3] **Young People, Democratic Disillusion and Disengagement**

15 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.5 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Bettina Mitru**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

Discussant(s) **Yohannes Zewale**, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

'A Wicked Problem': Generational Replacement and Youth Disengagement in South Africa's Electoral Democracy

Collette Schulz Herzenberg, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Political Instability and Migration Intentions among Bangladeshi University Students: The Mediating Role of Perceived Career Opportunities

Shosunth Chandra Sarker, Techno India University, India, Bangladesh

Anup Kumar Ghosh, Techno India University, India

So What's Next After Democracy? Young Adults' Vision of the Expected Governance Model in Poland

Anna Pięta-Szawara, University of Rzeszow, Poland

Anna Kołomycew, University of Rzeszow, Poland

Katarzyna M. Cwynar, University of Rzeszow, Poland

The Spiral of Partisan Disillusionment Model

Rosemarie Calleja, University of Malta, Malta

Mary Grace Vella, University of Malta, Malta

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P-051 [T1] **Autocrats without Borders: Alignments, Narratives, and the International Sources of Erosion**

15 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.02 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Antonino Castaldo**, University of Molise, Italy

Discussant(s) **Francesca Longo**, University of Catania, Italy

Authoritarian Convergences and the International Order: Soft Power, Revisionism and the Democratic Dilemma

Bittu Patel, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, India

Uday Bhan Singh, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, India

Narinder Kumar, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, India

Nationally Yours: The Tactical Adaptation of the Russian FIMI Narratives in the 2024 European Elections' Campaign

Agnieszka Cianiara, Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

The International Dimensions of Autocratization: External Constraints and International Opportunity Structures

Yetkin Başkavak, Yildiz Technical University, Türkiye

The Rise of the Far Right and the Reinterpretation of Strategic Autonomy in France

Pranjal Kashyap, Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

P-081 [T2] **Standards, Metrics, and Frames in Digital Politics**

15 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.2 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Justyna Ziobrowska-Sztuczka**, University of Wrocław, Poland

Discussant(s) **Maciej Nowakowski**, The Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland

Examining the Impact of Social Media on Democratic Resilience in Emerging Democracies: A Comparative Study of Nigeria and South Africa

Jachin Marcel, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State, Nigeria

How Do Journalists Label Female Leaders of European Populist Parties in the Pre-Election, Election and Post-Election Periods? The Case of the 2024 European Parliament Elections

Paulina Barczyszyn-Madziarz, University of Wrocław, Poland
Róża Norström, University of Wrocław, Poland

Standard Setters as Sovereign Actors: AI Governance Standards and the Erosion of State Authority
Atilla Arda Beşen, University of Warsaw, Poland

P-023 [T4] European Policymaking in the Multi-Level System: Domestic Foundations and Governance Dynamics

15 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.03 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Iryna Nesterenko**, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

Discussant(s) **Iryna Nesterenko**, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

From EU Climate Governance to Domestic Contestation: Varieties of Decarbonization Conflict across Member States

Iryna Nesterenko, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

Paradigm Shifts in EU Industrial Policy: Explaining Patterns of Change in a Multi-level Environment

Robert Kaiser, University of Siegen, Germany

Sticking Together: Historical and Political Aspects of the EU–Mercosur Interregional Partnership

Marek Rewizorski, University of Gdańsk, Poland

The EU's Multi-Level Path to Turnberry: Societal Influences, Member State Preferences, and the Commission's Leeway

Stefan Schirm, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

P-090 [T3] Digitalization and Political Consciousness

15 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.04 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Anna Kołomycew**, University of Rzeszów, Poland

Discussant(s) **Pratip Chattopadhyay**, University of Kalyani, India

Democracy Under Watch: Digital Surveillance, Self-Censorship and Political Participation

Gamze Turgaylı Zengin, Cappadocia University, Türkiye

Digital Vulnerability, Social Media Addiction and Democratic Governance in the Era of AI

Andra Seceleanu, Andrei Saguna University, Romania

Adrian Cristian Papari, Andrei Saguna University, Romania

Bianca Garabet, Andrei Saguna University, Romania

Irina Sunda, Andrei Saguna University, Romania

Multilayered Hybrid Civic Ecologies and Gen Z Democratic Resilience

Nancy Pathak, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi, India

Pakhi Dhokariya, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi, India

Political Engagement in the Digital Age: Asymmetry of Participation and Catalytic Effects within the African Diaspora in Canada

Charlie Mballa, University of Alberta, Canada

P-073 [T1] Who Governs Difference? Courts, Councils, and Local Power

15 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.4 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Niranjan Sahoo**, Observer Research Foundation, India

Discussant(s) **Barbara Panciszko-Szweda**, Kazimierz Wielki University, Bydgoszcz, Poland

Judicialisation of Conflict Governance in India's Borderlands: The Case of Manipur

Melody Hmangaimawi, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, India

Pluralism or Puissance? Threat to Democracy in Minority Communities: The Case of Ethnic Hungarians in Serbia

Tibor Purger, Rutgers University, United States

Power, Legitimacy, and Political Transition in Myanmar's 2025 Election

Aung Khant Min, University of Wrocław, Poland

Subsidiarity as a Shield Against Autocratization: Lessons in Institutional Resilience from the Guarani Republic

Jan Janoś, University of Warsaw, Poland

P-058 [T1] Democracy from Below: Performance, Resistance, and Renewal

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Chair(s) **Anjali Yogi**, Delhi University, India

Discussant(s) **Bosco Govantes**, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Spain

Depolarize or Repolarize Democracies to Defeat Decay? Theory and Evidence

Murat Somer, Ozyegin University Istanbul, Türkiye

From Civic Mobilization to Party-Mediated Resilience: Intra-Party Democracy and Post-Crisis Institutionalization in South Korea.

Dongjun Lee, The University of Kitakyushu, Japan

How Do People Perceive Constitutional Violations?

Katarzyna Metelska-Szaniawska, University of Warsaw, Poland

Jarosław Kantorowicz, Leiden University, Netherlands

Wim Voermans, Leiden University, Netherlands

Performance of Subnational Electoral Democracy in Czech and Slovak Regional Cities: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis

Pavel Maškarinec, Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem, Czechia

Petr Bláha, Jan Evangelista Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem, Czechia

P-106 [T5] Climate Challenges: Humanitarian and Political Aspects

15 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | *Room:* 2.5 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Tommaso Rossotti**, KU Leuven, Belgium

Discussant(s) **Destiny Sibehatu Kassa**, University of Toronto, Canada

Populism, Climate Crisis, and Human Rights: An Analysis of Political Discourse

Gülayşe Ülgen Türedi, Kırklareli University, Türkiye

Sezin İba Gürsoy, Kırklareli University, Türkiye

The Role of Regional Organizations as Peacebuilders in Climate-Related Conflicts: The Case of the African Union

Lucie Calleja, Universidade Catolica Portuguesa, Portugal

Francisco Proença Garcia, Universidade Catolica Portuguesa, Portugal

Raquel Duque, Universidade Catolica Portuguesa, Portugal

When Climate Hits Health: Regime Type, State Capacity, and the Democratic Governance of Climate-Sensitive Health Crises

Júlio César Farias de Oliveira Júnior, University of Brasília, Brazil

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P-057 [T1] Contesting Cooperation: The Evolution of International Relations under the Presidency of Donald J. Trump, Populist Entrepreneurs, and the European Order

15 October 2026 | 16:45-18:15 | *Room:* 2.02 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Francesca Longo**, University of Catania, Italy

Discussant(s) **Frederic Hofmann**, University of Stuttgart, Germany

After Orbán: European Union Disintegration Revisited

Tamas Ziegler, Eötvös Lorand University, Hungary

How Populists Stay or Fall: The AKP's Electoral Success versus the Defeat of PiS and Fidesz

Gokhan Yildiz, University of Opole, Poland

Populist Entrepreneurs and the Politicization of International Cooperation in Europe

Carolin Müller, Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany

P-096 [T3] Prospects and Limits of Institutions in Democratization

15 October 2026 | 16:45-18:15 | *Room:* 2.2 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Denny Mitchell**, Pepperdine University, United States

Discussant(s) **Mahnoushsadat Moossavi**, University of Warsaw, Poland

Labelled Foreign, Acting Georgian: NGO Identity and Survival Under Georgia's 2024 Transparency Law

Nato Khasaya, Hamburg Universität, Germany

Opposition in an Era of Democratic Erosion: The Polish Parliament as a Case of Institutional Contestation (2015–2023)

Dominik Szczepański, University of Rzeszow, Poland

Political Dynamics in Nepal: Myth or Reality?

Umesh Joshi, Tribhuvan University, Nepal

Strategic Openness or Genuine Belief? Political Parties and Deliberative Democracy

Bettina Mitru, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

The Failure of “Democracy Through Law”: The Ill Fate of Turkish Constitutional Reform of 2000’s

Diğer Demirkent, Ankara University, Türkiye

The Prospect of Democratic Confucianism in Contemporary China: How Revolutionary Socialism, Constitutionalism and Confucian Civilization Reconcile and Incorporate into a New National Identity

David Z. Lee, Independent, Spain

P-027 [T4] European Governance in the Multi-Level System: Actors, Coordination, and Policy Dynamics

15 October 2026 | 16:45-18:15 | Room: 2.03 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Iryna Nesterenko**, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

Stefan Schirm, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

Discussant(s) **Stefan Schirm**, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

Iryna Nesterenko, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

Cities as Missing Actors? Multi-Level Coordination in EU Development Cooperation

Tomasz Kamiński, University of Lodz, Poland

Natalia Matiaszczyk, University of Lodz, Poland

Common Pressures, Divergent Transitions: The Political Economy of RePowerEU Implementation

Iryna Nesterenko, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

Responsibility For and Ownership of EU Democracy: Unravelling the Discursive Dynamics of Interparliamentary Relations

Karolina Boronska Hryniewicz, Institute of Political Science, University of Wrocław, Poland

The Arctic Policy of the European Union in the Time of International Turmoil

Przemysław Piotr Damski, University of Lodz, Poland

P-076 [T2] Digital Governance, Inequality, and Democratic Legitimacy

15 October 2026 | 16:45-18:15 | Room: 2.04 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Agnieszka Bielewska**, University of Wrocław, Poland

Discussant(s) **Nancy Pathak**, Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi, India

Digital Governance and the Politics of Democratic Legitimacy in India

Aman Bora, SSJDWSSS Government PG College Ranikhet / Soban Singh Jeena University Almora, India

ICT as Tools of Migrants’ Integration

Agnieszka Bielewska, University of Wrocław, Poland

Ewa Ślęzak-Belowska, Krakow University of Economics, Poland

Marie Jelínková, Charles University, Czechia

Karin Amit, Ruppiner Academic Center, Israel

Populism in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Exploring the Link Between Populist Sentiment and AI Anxiety

Mihnea Simion Stoica, Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

Teodor Cosma, Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

Jessica Eke, Independent researcher, Romania

Technology and Identity: A Glocal Comparative Agenda Addressing the Digital Divide in India and Beyond with Perspectives from New Zealand, Ireland and Sweden

Kailash Nath, Yale University and Kasar Foundation, India

Terry Quilty, Manukau Institute of Technology, New Zealand

Noble Bosco, Uppsala University, Sweden

Ankit Mishra, University College Dublin, Ireland

P-044 [T1] Resilience at the Local and Global Level: Challenges and Management Instruments in Times of Crisis

15 October 2026 | 16:45-18:15 | Room: 2.4 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Resilience of Democracy in a Polarized World: Populism, Autocratization, and Global Challenges
14-16 October 2026 | Wrocław, Poland

Chair(s) **Barbara Panciszko-Szweda**, Kazimierz Wielki University, Bydgoszcz, Poland

Discussant(s) **Krzysztof Urbaniak**, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań, Poland
Rafał Reczek, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań, Poland

Civic Education as a Foundation for Democratic Resilience
Marcin Rachwał, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland

Democracy in Crisis: Between Information Disorder and the Erosion of Political Agency
Joanna Wieczorek-Orlikowska, Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland

Engaging Young Citizens as a Way to Strengthen the Resilience of Local Democracy
Natasza Lubik-Reczek, Faculty of Political Science and Journalism Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań, Poland

Shared Challenges and Resilience Mechanisms of Cities and Rural Areas: Local Responses to Global Threats
Barbara Panciszko-Szweda, Kazimierz Wielki University, Bydgoszcz, Poland
Alina Kaszukur, Kazimierz Wielki University, Bydgoszcz, Poland

P-102 [T4] Designing and Scaling Democratic Innovations

15 October 2026 | 16:45-18:15 | Room: 2.05 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Sergiu Gherghina**, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom

Discussant(s) **Chen Sharony**, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Governance as a Determinant of Regional Innovation in the European Union: Evidence from EU Regions
Michał Niebylski, University of Opole, Poland

Scaling Democratic Innovations in Europe: An Exploratory Study Using Qualitative Comparative Analysis
Ildar Daminov, Central European University, Austria
Max Povse, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Taming the Beast or Feeding It? How Deliberative Arenas Reproduce the Populisms They Claim to Counter
Wojciech Ufel, University of Wrocław, Poland

The Scaling In of Democratic Innovations: Engaging with Trade-Offs in the Enhancement of Process Quality of Participation and Deliberation
Liza Lecocq, UCLouvain, Belgium
Cecilia Baglietto, UCLouvain, Belgium
Stefano Camatarri, UCLouvain, Belgium
Antoine Vergne, Mission Publiques, France

P-026 [T1] Comparative Perspectives on Democratic Resilience in Government Organizations

15 October 2026 | 16:45-18:15 | Room: 2.5 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Michael Ibrahim**, German University of the Police, Germany

Discussant(s) **Eckhard Schroeter**, German University of the Police, Germany
Nina Felgendreher, Helmut-Schmidt-Universität, Germany

Administrative Professionalism and Democratic Erosion: A Stage-Conditional Escalation Model
Arif Kutsal Yesilkagit, Leiden University, Netherlands
B. Guy Peters, University of Pittsburgh, United States
Jon Pierre, University of Gothenburg, Netherlands

Democratic Resilience of Public Sector Organizations: An Analytical Toolbox
Michael Ibrahim, German University of the Police, Germany
Eckhard Schroeter, German University of the Police, Germany

Institutional Structures and Democratic Resilience: Federalism, Hierarchy, and Civil Service Resistance
Nina Felgendreher, Helmut-Schmidt-Universität, Germany

Political Interference in Independent Economic Regulation: Democratic Widening or Erosion?
Martin Lodge, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom
Christel Koop, King's College London, United Kingdom

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P-070 [T1] The Trust Deficit: Why Formal Access Fails to Persuade

16 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | Room: 2.02 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Ekkart Zimmermann**, Dresden University of Technology, Germany

Discussant(s) **Ezekiel Clottey**, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana

Between Responsibility and Erosion: Trust in Ways of Reporting Child Rights Violations on the Websites of Children's Ombudsmen in Selected European Countries

Robert Radek, University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland

Investigating the Drivers of Electoral Corruption in African Hybrid Regimes: Evidence from the East African Community

Tuseku Dieudonne Tumba, Thabo Mbeki African School of Public and International Affairs, South Africa

The Resilience of Democracy in Poland Under Conditions of Polarization and Populist Pressure

Teresa Sasińska-Klas, University of Information Technology and Management, Poland

Unequal Societies, Unfair Elections? Economic Perceptions and Democratic Legitimacy

Mi-son Kim, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, United States

Dongkyu Kim, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, United States

P-071 [T1] Thresholds of Tolerance: Publics, Regions, and Institutions Facing Illiberalism

16 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | Room: 2.2 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Barbara Panciszko-Szweda**, Kazimierz Wielki University, Bydgoszcz, Poland

Discussant(s) **Jialu Wang**, Hubei University, China

Authoritarian Drift in Poland and Hungary: A Comparative Analysis

Tomasz Litwin, Ignatianum University in Cracow, Poland

Democracy's Slow Burn: Electoral Majoritarianism and Institutional Resilience in the Visegrád Group

Barbara Balicka, University of Wrocław, Poland

Diffusion, Contestation and Resistance: A Comparative Study of Regional Trajectories of Right-Wing Populism in Europe

Sagheer Ahmad Khan, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Pakistan

Polarization, Threat, and Insecurity: Configurations of Illiberal Tolerance

Guadalupe Martinez Fuentes, Universidad de Granada, Spain

Francisco Javier Robles Sánchez, Universidad de Granada, Spain

What Saves Democracies from their Governments? Causes for Effectiveness and Ineffectiveness of Accountability Actions to Halt Democratic Backsliding in Israel and Hungary

Frederic Hofmann, University of Stuttgart, Germany

P-082 [T2] State Communication, Information Resilience, and Media Power

16 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | Room: 2.03 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Norbert Merkovity**, University of Szeged, Hungary

Discussant(s) **Lalzuithangi Hringngen**, Govt Hrangbana College, India

Adapting to Polarization and Conflict: The Evolving Role of the Polish Press Agency in a Changing Democracy

Julia Trzcińska, University of Wrocław, Poland

Róża Norström, University of Wrocław, Poland

Building Information Resilience in Poland after 2022: Strategic Communication and Cognitive Security in the Context of the Russian-Ukrainian War

Anna Łączyńska-Reigstad, University of Wrocław, Poland

Justyna Arendarska, University of Wrocław, Poland

Digital Resilience and Democratic Governance in Times of Information Pressure

Izabela Kapsa, Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland

Kamila Maria Sierżputowska, Uniwersytet Kazimierza Wielkiego, Poland

Media Visibility Throughout the Electoral Cycle: The Impact of Traditional and New Media on Electoral Outcomes

Jarosław Flis, Jagiellonian University, Poland

Katarzyna Lorenc-Wilamowska, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland

Agnieszka Walecka-Rynduch, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland

Selective Normative Invocation: TRT World and Turkey's Contestation of Liberal Norms

Lungta Seki, Koç University, Türkiye

P-117 [T5] Security and Alliance Politics Under Recent Challenges

16 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | Room: 2.04 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Leandro Rodrigues Lopes**, Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), Brazil

Discussant(s) **Andrzej Polus**, University of Wrocław, Poland

Acceleration Without Alignment: Internal Differentiated Integration in EU Defence After 2022

Maciej Maślanka, University of Wrocław, Poland

Maintaining European Union Agency during Russia's War against Ukraine: Sanctions, the Ukraine Facility and the Conditional Role of Narrative Competition

Izabela Anna Predko, University of Szczecin, Poland

Securing Democracy Through Integration: The Evolution of EU-NATO Cooperation as a Response to Russian Revisionism and Geopolitical Polarization

Mateusz Ptaszek, Institute of Political Science and Public Administration, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland

Securitization, Collective Security, and Internal Security Dilemmas in Democratic Alliances

Bharath Kumar, Rashtriya Raksha University, India

Siddhardha Kollbhatani, Assistant Professor, Defence and Strategic Studies, Rashtriya Raksha University, India

The European Union's International Identity and Role in External Actions and Security Policy under Conditions of Crisis and Eurosceptic Contestation

Filip Tereszkievicz, Opole University, Poland

P-099 [T3] Youth and Anti-democratic Politics

16 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | Room: 2.05 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Ewa Włodyka**, Koszalin University of Technology, Poland

Discussant(s) **Prof. Gopal Prasad**, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur, India

Democratic Resilience under Sustained External Authoritarian Pressure: Youth Perceptions in Taiwan and South Korea

Hsiu-Chi Pai, National Taiwan University, Taiwan

Generational Othering and Informational Autocracy: Youth, Protest and State Narratives in Georgia

Ani Nikabadze, University of Milan, Italy

Left Lane Closed Ahead, Merge Right: The Pandemic and the Socioeconomic Origins of the Regressive Politics of Young Men in South Korea

Sunil Kim, Kyung Hee University, South Korea

Social Media, Conspiratorial Distrust, and Attitudes toward Democracy

Franciszek Czech, Jagiellonian University, Poland

Why do Young Poles Turn Away from Democracy? Reasons Behind Their Critical Attitudes Toward Democracy

Anna Kołomycew, University of Rzeszow, Poland

Anna Pięta-Szawara, University of Rzeszow, Poland

Katarzyna M. Cwynar, University of Rzeszow, Poland

P-079 [T2] Disinformation, Fact-Checking, and Contested Political Truths

16 October 2026 | 09:00-10:30 | Room: 2.5 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Paulina Barczynszyn-Madziarz**, University of Wrocław, Poland

Discussant(s) **Monika Banaś**, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland

Correcting Misinformation or Deepening Divides? A Survey Experiment on Fact-Checking and Affective Polarization

Greta Kyriakidou-Schoolmann, Institute of Management, Economics and Law, Technical University of Clausthal, Germany

Digital Populism and Democratic Resilience in Emerging Democracies: Challenges of Political Polarization in the 21st Century

Pawan Kumar, Kurukshetra University, India

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Disinformation and Foreign Policy: Strategies, Impacts and Challenges

Vladimir Rouvinski, Icesi University, Colombia

Social Media and Self-Expression Values: Attitudes Toward Diversity in Brazil and the United States

Everton Santos, Feevale University, Brazil

Rodrigo González, UFRGS University, Brazil

Francieli Ludwig, Feevale University, Brazil

Myllena Bica, Feevale University, Brazil

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P-075 [T1] Working the System: How Parties Shape Parliaments, Careers, and Local Power

16 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.02 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Mehmt Ali Ozcobanlar**, University of Warsaw, Poland

Discussant(s) **Madalena Meyer Resende**, Instituto Português de Relações Internacionais Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal

A Vicious Cycle of Antagonistic Polarization: The Case of South Korea's Party Politics

Kyung Hoon Leem, Seoul National University, South Korea

Sun-Woo Lee, Jeonbuk National University, South Korea

Criticize the System, Benefit From It: How So-called Anti-Establishment Parties in Poland and the Czech Republic Use the System for Their Political Gain

Gabriela Rzepka, University of Wrocław, Poland

Democratic Centralization and the Limits of Subnational Democracy in Ghana: Party Control, Fiscal Dependence and the Constriction of Local Governance

Ezekiel Clotey, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana

Socialization or Formatting? Mechanisms of the Professionalization of Parliamentary Elites in Poland in the Shadow of Research on Rookie Members of Parliament

Dawid Pieniężny, University of Wrocław, Poland

Arkadiusz Lewandowski, Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland

The Contagion Effect of the Radical Right? Immigration in Polish Parliamentary Debates, 2013–2024

Renata Stefańska, University of Warsaw, Poland

P-055 [T1] Constitutional Courts between Democratic Erosion and Resilience

16 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.2 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Katarzyna Metelska-Szaniawska**, University of Warsaw, Poland

Discussant(s) **Tomasz Litwin**, Ignatianum University in Cracow, Poland

Judicial Capture and the Transformation of Political Regimes: A Comparative Analysis of Poland, El Salvador and Mexico

Paula Natalia Espinosa Armendariz, Universidad de Guanajuato, Mexico

Judicial Elections Revisited: Intensity in the U.S. and Apathy in Japan

Yoshiaki Haraguchi, Toyo University Faculty of Law, Japan

Judicial Repentance and Constitutional Resilience: Reclaiming Legitimacy After Democratic Erosion in Indonesia

Mei Susanto, Constitutional Law Department, Faculty of Law, Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia

Moch. Rasyid Gumilar, Constitutional Law Department, Faculty of Law, Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia

I Nyoman Sauca Wisesa Pinton, Constitutional Law Department, Faculty of Law, Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia

Revisiting the 'Kelsenian' Model of Constitutional Court and Parliamentary Democracy

Ryosuke Amiya-Nakada, Tsuda University, Japan

Resilience of Democracy in a Polarized World: Populism, Autocratization, and Global Challenges
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The Taiwan Constitutional Court in an Age of Democratic Backsliding: From Militant Democracy to the Democratic Self-Defence of Constitutional Courts

Ren-Jyun Huang, Center for General Education, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan

P-084 [T3] Cities and Citizenship

16 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.03 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Mi-son Kim**, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, United States

Discussant(s) **Jens Boysen**, Civitas University, Poland

Cities as Arenas of Democratic Resilience: Grassroots Mobilization in Polarized Contexts

Anna Domaradzka, University of Warsaw, Poland

Modern, Tech-Driven Restore? A Preliminary Model for the Implementation of Local Public Administration in Ukraine from the Perspective of Ukrainian Migrants

Ewa Włodyka, Koszalin University of Technology, Poland

Poland's New Civic Education Mandate: An Examination of Classroom-Level Implementation in Local Communities

John Forren, Miami University, United States

Hanna Achremowicz, University of Wrocław, Poland

Thomas Misco, Miami University, United States

Lena Lee, Miami University, United States

Who Counts in the City? Democracy, Migration and Spatial Exclusion in Bangkok

Priya Singh, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok, Thailand

P-107 [T5] Contemporary Issues in Climate Governance

16 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.04 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Andrzej Polus**, University of Wrocław, Poland

Democratic Resilience or Symbolic Participation? NGOs in Global Climate Governance

Esra Eroğuz Çoban, Bartın University, Türkiye

Governing Long-Term Risks in Short-Term Democracies: Environmental Policy Capacity and Sustainable Governance in Poland

Katarzyna Dośpiiał-Borysiak, University of Łódź, Poland

Mapping Co-Governance Regimes against Contextual Factors in the EU Mission for Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities

Tommaso Rossotti, KU Leuven, Belgium

Political Barriers to Climate Governance: A Case Study of Poland and the European Green Deal

Aayushi Yadav, Centre for European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

P-053 [T1] Beyond Ideology: Emotion, Expertise, and Delivery in Populist Politics

16 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.4 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Hans-Jürgen Puhle**, Goethe Universität Frankfurt, Germany

How Populism Exposes the Anti-Intellectual Nature of Democracy

Bohdan Szklarski, American Studies Center, University of Warsaw, Poland

Political Emotions in Times of Climate Backsliding

Paola Coletti, University of Bergamo, Italy

Martino Mazzoleni, Catholic University of Milan, Italy

Post-Ideological Politics: The Case of Opposition in Hungary 2024-2026

Attila Molnar, Ludovika University, Hungary

When Dependence Does Not Predict: Heterogeneous Populism Profiles Among Small States

Sandhya Nepal, University of Warsaw, Poland

P-031 [T5] International Strategies of Autocracies in a Polarized World

16 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.05 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Adrian Brona**, Jagiellonian University, Poland

Discussant(s) **Agata Karbowska**, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland

Authoritarian Soft Power After Democratic Backsliding: Türkiye's Education Diplomacy in Africa as Regime Internationalization
Agata Karbowska, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland

Externalizing Internal Security: The Ministry of Public Security in China's International Strategy
Adrian Brona, Jagiellonian University, Poland

From Cultural Invasion to Soft War: The Evolution of Iran's Ideological Framework for Information Conflict
Lukasz Fyderek, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland

Lawfare and Weaponization of Trade: The 2025 Revision of China's Foreign Trade Law as Geopolitical Tool
Claudio Mancini, Roma Tre University, Italy

P-066 [T1] New Parties, Old Systems: Competition and Administration Under Polarization

16 October 2026 | 10:45-12:15 | Room: 2.5 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Pawan Kumar**, Kurukshetra University, India

Discussant(s) **Şeyma Koç**, Sabancı University, Türkiye

Polarization as a Stress Test for Electoral Administration: Party-Nominated Poll Workers and Administrative Impartiality in Poland, 2023–2025
Tomasz Czapiewski, University of Szczecin, Poland

Quantifying Party Newness in a Three-Faces Framework: A Replicable Computational Approach with Application to Splinter Parties in Turkey
Melike Gale, Abdullah Gül University, Türkiye

Same Accommodation, Different Outcomes: How Far-Right Integration Trajectories Condition Issue Ownership Transfer in Denmark and Sweden, 2001-2022

Jinwook Lee, Seoul National University, South Korea

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P-094 [T3] Political Polarization and Ideological Consolidation

16 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.02 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **John Forren**, Miami University, United States

Discussant(s) **Tatsiana Chulitskaya**, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University, Lithuania

Islamist Populism and the Construction of the "Desired Citizen": A Comparative Study of the AKP in Turkey and the PJD in Morocco
Lalla Amina Drhimeur, Triangle, France

Orthodoxy, National Identity and Political Loyalty: The Instrumentalization of Religious Nationalism in Contemporary Georgia
Giorgi Pareishvili, Associate Professor, Caucasus International University, Georgia

Recalling the "Great Recall": Contested Identity Politics and Nationalist Polarization in Taiwan
Kuan-Ting Wang, Graduate Institute of Development Studies, National ChengChi University, Taiwan

P-033 [T5] War, Authoritarian Resilience and Political Contestation in the Contemporary Middle East

16 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.2 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Özlem Tür**, Middle East Technical University, Türkiye

Discussant(s) **Nur Koprulu**, Near East University, Cyprus

Opportunities and Constraints of Consociationalism in Divided Societies Revisited: Lessons from Lebanon Amid the Post-2023 Escalation in the Middle

Gülay Umaner Duba, Eastern Mediterranean University, Cyprus

Opposition Learning and Dynamics in the Kingdom of Jordan During Pre and Post-October 2023 Era
Nur Koprulu, Near East University, Cyprus

Securitization and Authoritarian Resilience in Iran under Conditions of War
Özüm Sezin Uzun, Rauf Denktaş University, Cyprus

Syria After Assad: Old and New Pillars of Authoritarian Control
Özlem Tür, Middle East Technical University, Türkiye

P-086 [T3] Civil Society and Grassroots Politics

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Chair(s) **Laurence Piper**, University West, Sweden

Discussant(s) **Rudabeh Shahid**, Wesleyan University, United States

Civil Society and the Divergent Trajectories of Stateless Nationalism: A Comparative Analysis of Catalonia and the Basque Country
Bernardo Sainz Martínez, IPADE Business School, Mexico

How Emotionally Driven Citizenship Outweighs Patronage in Hybrid Regimes
Rai Mansoor Imtiaz, Elizabeth School of London, United Kingdom

The French Radical Left and Working-Class Neighborhoods
petithomme mathieu, Marie and Louis Pasteur University, France

The Right to the City or the Right to the District? Urban Citizenship and Local Patriotism in Warsaw
Łukasz Zakrzewski, University of Wrocław, Poland

P-065 [T1] Manufacturing Consent: Concepts, Myths, and Conspiracies

16 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.04 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Franciszek Czech**, Jagiellonian University, Poland

Discussant(s) **Pawan Kumar**, Kurukshetra University, India

Beyond Violence: Operationalizing Non-Violent Radicalization in Polish Far-Right Online Discourse
Ida Rogalska, University of Warsaw, Poland

Shadows of Empire: Media Capture, Ontological Securitization, and Democratic Decline in CEE
Jialu Wang, Hubei University, China
Youlan Cheng, Independent Researcher, Poland

Use and Abuse of Academic Concepts as Legitimation Strategies in Indonesia's Democratic Regression
Shofwan Al Banna Choiruzzad, Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia
Nandito Oktaviano, Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia

WhatsApp Democracy? Digital Networks, Electoral Conspiracies and Democratic Resilience in India
Anjali Yogi, Delhi University, India

P-067 [T1] Polarization and the Foundations of Democratic Cooperation

16 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.4 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Przemysław Biskup**, SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Poland

Distrusting the Out-Party: Partisan Disbelief and Biased Information Processing
Yuko Kasuya, Waseda University, Japan
Shinnosuke Kikuchi, University of California San Diego, United States
Daiki Kishishita, Hitotsubashi University, Japan
Yesola Kweon, Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea

Eroding Cement of Society? The Effect of Polarization on Trust and Solidarity in a Behavioral Experiment
Dirk Stierand, Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany
Jan Sauermann, Carl von Ossietzky University Oldenburg, Germany

Polarized White American Attitudes Toward Black Lives: Did The Party Do It?
McKenzie Bennett, University of Notre Dame, United States

P-110 [T5] Gender, Migration and Climate Justice in the Global South

16 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.05 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Julie Mostov**, New York University, United States

Arguing Injustice: How Small Island Developing States Invoke Colonialism and Capitalism Before International Courts
Neha Dayma, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Climate Change, Gendered Vulnerability and Livelihood Impacts: Women in Fishing Communities of West Bengal
Tulika Chakravorty, Bangabasi Morning College, University of Calcutta, India

Climate-Induced Migration and Governance Vulnerability in Bangladesh's Coastal Zone: A Case Study of the Sundarbans Region
Bibi Hazera, Dhaka university, Bangladesh
Abdullah Ali Masum, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Hossain Mohamed Babu, Patuakhali science and Technolgy, Bangladesh

Migration Governance and Democratic Resilience in Morocco: Challenges Facing Sub-Saharan African Women

Hajar El Yahiaoui Idrissi, Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah, Morocco

P-078 [T2] Digital Visibility, Electoral Communication, and Democratic Resilience

16 October 2026 | 13:15-14:45 | Room: 2.5 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Izabela Kapsa**, Kazimierz Wielki University, Poland

Discussant(s) **Mihnea Simion Stoica**, Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania

AI, Electoral Communication and Democratic Accountability: The Case of Sweden

Monika Banaś, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland

Feed-Dependent Citizenship: News-Finds-Me Perception and the Governance of Political Attention

Sara Burchert, University of Warsaw, Poland

Platformised Legitimacy and Democratic Resilience in Attention-Based Politics

Norbert Merkovity, University of Szeged, Hungary

Social Media, Political Polarization and Democratic Resilience in India: The Role of Fake News and Digital Campaigns in Electoral Politics

Amarnath Paswan, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India

Prof. Gopal Prasad, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur, India

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P-118 [T5] Security and Diplomacy in Asia-Pacific

16 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.02 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Beata Bochorodycz**, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland

Asia-Pacific: Between Cooperation and Rivalry of Great Powers between Cold War 1.0 and 2.0

Stanislaw Czeslaw Kozlowski, University SWPS, Poland

Have International Institutions Promoting Liberal and Open Values Hit a Snag? : A Case Study of the Failure to Reach Agreements at APEC Meetings

Hiromi Kabashima, Fukuoka University, Japan

Japan's Response to Global and Regional Challenges: Strategic Autonomy in Historical and Contemporary Contexts

Beata Bochorodycz, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland

Securitization or Normalization? A Polarized U.S. Discourse on North Korea

Seongwon Yoon, Hanyang University, South Korea

Semiconductor Issue Linkage, Small-State Diplomacy and the Material Limits of Democratic Resilience: Taiwan as a Case of Small-State Geo-Technological Diplomacy

Yu Sheng Wang, Chung-Hua Institution for Economic Research (CIER), Taiwan

P-060 [T1] Executive Aggrandisement by Legal Means: Decrees, Doctrines, and Constitutional Redesign

16 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.2 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Tomasz Litwin**, Ignatianum University in Cracow, Poland

Discussant(s) **Aleksandra Moroska-Bonkiewicz**, University of Wrocław, Poland

Institutional Adaptation and Outsourced Repression in Democratic Polities

J. Nathaniel Porteux, International Christian University, Japan

President's Ambition and Constitutional Retrogression: The Uncertain Future of Indonesia's Capital Relocation

Mei Susanto, Constitutional Law Department, Faculty of Law, Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia

I Nyoman Sauca Wisesa Pinton, Constitutional Law Department, Faculty of Law, Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia

Moch. Rasyid Gumilar, Constitutional Law Department, Faculty of Law, Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia

The Impact of Presidential Decrees on the Functioning of the Turkish Parliament

Seda Dunbay, Başkent University, Türkiye

Ömer Faruk Gençkaya, İstanbul Medipol University, Türkiye

Unchecked and Unbalanced: The Unitary Executive Theory, the U.S. President, and American Democracy

Resilience of Democracy in a Polarized World: Populism, Autocratization, and Global Challenges
14-16 October 2026 | Wrocław, Poland

Graham Dodds, Concordia University, Canada

P-087 [T3] Civil Society and Hegemonic Struggle

16 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.03 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Eleanor Francis Bindman**, Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom

Civil Society in Russia's Hybrid Intervention in Post-War Armenia's European Integration: Civilian Democracy versus Hybrid Barbarism
Ashot Aleksanyan, Yerevan State University, Armenia

Civil Society Responses to Democratic Backsliding in Central and Eastern Europe
Vanja Mladineo, European University Institute, Centre for Democracy and Law Miko Tripalo, Croatia

Digital Natives in Global Civil Society: Rethinking Agency and Transnational Advocacy in the Age of Digitalization
Nil Dikmengil, Izmir University of Economics, Türkiye

Faith and the "(Un)civil Society": Religious Organizations as Agents of Far-Right Mobilization in Brazil and India
Guilherme Gusson, Graduate Program in International Relations "San Tiago Dantas" (UNESP, UNICAMP, PUC-SP), Brazil

P-054 [T1] Competition Under Strain: Measuring, Manipulating, and Surviving Elections

16 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.04 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Madalena Meyer Resende**, Instituto Português de Relações Internacionais Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal

Discussant(s) **Oğuz Ufuk Haksever**, Near East University, Cyprus

Electoral Shocks and Reactive Hardening: The Illustrative Studies from Turkey and Hungary
Rodi Yilmaz, SOAS, University of London, United Kingdom

Form Without Function? Government-Sponsored Digital Manipulation and the Decoupling of Electoral Integrity
Youlan Cheng, Independent Researcher, Poland

The Polarization Gamble of Mobilization and Alienation: How Georgia's Fragile Democracy Fails (The Case of the Georgian Dream Rule)
David Matsaberidze, Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia
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Tug of War: a Tool for Analysing Political Competition
Jaroslav Flis, Jagiellonian University, Poland
Michał Kotnarowski, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland
Jakub Krupa, Jagiellonian University, Poland

P-038 [T5] Democratic Cohesion, Sovereignty, and Security: Regionalisation Beyond Territory in the Contemporary Anglosphere

16 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.4 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Jarosław Szczepański**, University of Warsaw, Poland

Discussant(s) **Bartłomiej Toszek**, University of Szczecin, Poland

Exceptionalism, Kinship, and Post-Imperial Identity in the Contemporary Anglosphere
Mahnoushsadat Moossavi, University of Warsaw, Poland

Legal Convergence and Functional Regionalisation in the Anglosphere
Angelina Stokłosa, Academy of Justice, Poland
Katarzyna Gruszka, University of Wrocław, Poland

Political Culture and Democratic Cohesion in the CANZUK Space
Paulina Szczepańska, University of Warsaw, Poland

Post-Brexit Britain, AUKUS, and Sovereignty-Preserving Regionalisation
Przemysław Biskup, SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Poland

The Anglosphere as a Non-Contiguous Region
Jarosław Szczepański, University of Warsaw, Poland

P-111 [T5] Governance and Humanitarian Crises

16 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.05 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Magdalena Kumelska-Koniecko**, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland

Discussant(s) **Bibi Hazera**, Dhaka university, Bangladesh

Crises-driven Development Cooperation: Is There Still Space for Combating Extreme Poverty, Supporting Healthcare Systems and Promoting Education?

Mateusz Smolaga, University of Szczecin, Poland

Human Rights Beyond the Classical Paradigm: Civil Society and the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Conflicts

Carmelo Cattafi, Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico

Sanctioning Individuals over States: Speed of Diffusing Punishments in Response to Abducting Children in the Russian-Ukrainian War

Zhenya Farrington, San Francisco State University, United States

The States of Emergency: Global Human Rights Backsliding and the Role of International Crises

Jayden Salter, Trinity University, United States

P-020 [T4] The Roles and Influence of Heads of State: A Case Study Approach

16 October 2026 | 15:00-16:30 | Room: 2.5 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Héctor Calleros**, University of Warsaw, Poland

Discussant(s) **Alicja Fijałkowska-Myszyńska**, University of Warsaw, Poland

An Arbiter with Ambitions? The Role of the Polish President under the 1997 Constitution

Tomasz Jagielski, Institute of Political Science and Public Administration, University of Opole, Poland

Challenging the Paradigm: The Pope as Head of State and Transnational Agency

Alicja Fijałkowska-Myszyńska, University of Warsaw, Poland

Female Heads of State and Institutional Continuity in South and Central America (2005-2026)

Natalia Korycka, Doctoral School of Social Sciences, University of Warsaw, Poland

From Instability to Hyperpresidentialism: The Evolution of the Head of State in Argentina (20th-21st Centuries)

Magdalena Lisińska, Jagiellonian University, Poland

Monarchy and Democratic Legitimacy in Britain

Héctor Calleros, University of Warsaw, Poland

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P-083 [T3] Avenues of Democratic Resilience Beyond Elections

16 October 2026 | 16:45-18:15 | Room: 2.02 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Discussant(s) **Nana Owusu-Nti**, Albany Law School, United States

Authoritarian Inclusion from Below: Female Leadership, Spending Priorities and Local Governance Evaluation

So Morikawa, The University of Tokyo, Japan

Xiao Liu, The University of Tokyo, Japan

Leading From Behind: Indigenous Women, Identity and Democratic Cohesion

Nana Owusu-Nti, Albany Law School, United States

Esther Nti-Gyamfua, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana

When Universal Healthcare Becomes Unequal: Maternal Care, Kurdish Women and Local Scarcity Regimes in Turkey

Eylül Arslan, Koç University, Türkiye

P-100 [T4] Coercion, Clientelism and Contested State Power

16 October 2026 | 16:45-18:15 | Room: 2.2 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Jie Gao**, Department of Political Science, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Discussant(s) **Ömer Faruk Gençkaya**, İstanbul Medipol University, Türkiye

Clientelism and Organized Crime in Mexico: Relations of Reciprocity, Criminal Governance and Territorial Control

Elizabeth Cristina Cobilt Cruz, Universidad de Guanajuato, Mexico

Patron Innovation and the Hardware Turn: How Autocratic Sponsors Respond to Client Defiance

Gülşay Umaner Duba, Eastern Mediterranean University, Cyprus

Erol Kaymak, Eastern Mediterranean University, Cyprus

Policing Politics: The Role of Politicized Law Enforcement in South Korea's Democratic Crisis

Resilience of Democracy in a Polarized World: Populism, Autocratization, and Global Challenges
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Kyong Jun Choi, Konkuk University, South Korea
J. Nathaniel Porteux, International Christian University, Japan

The Guardian of Democracy? Regional Organizations, Democratic Norms and Military Coups in Africa
Akiko Sugiki, Keio University, Japan

P-025 [T3] **Bottom-up Mobilisation in a Consolidated Autocracy: Individual and Collective Voices of the 2020 Belarusian Protests**

16 October 2026 | 16:45-18:15 | Room: 2.03 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Eleanor Francis Bindman**, Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom

Discussant(s) **Anton Saifullayev**, University of Warsaw, Poland

Authoritarian Vulnerability as Political Opportunity Structure: 2020 Mobilisation in Belarus
Sofie Bedford, Uppsala University, Sweden

Belarus's Outlook in the Future: Potential for Collective Action in a Consolidated Autocracy
Tatsiana Chulitskaya, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University, Lithuania

Identity and Framing in the Belarusian Protests of 2020
Eleanor Francis Bindman, Manchester Metropolitan University, United Kingdom

P-052 [T1] **Between Partnership and Influence: External Actors and Domestic Political Trajectories**

16 October 2026 | 16:45-18:15 | Room: 2.04 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Marek Pietraś**, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland

European Union Relations with Zambia: Between the Rhetoric of a Partnership of Equals and Competition for Access to Minerals
Andrzej Polus, University of Wrocław, Poland

How Serbia's Populist Foreign Policy Shapes Its European Integration Trajectory
Natasza Styczyńska, Jagiellonian University, Poland

Russian Political Financial Influence in the Western Balkans
Emma Niewald, The Fulbright Program, United States

Selectorate Theory and International Borders of Regime Ideology, Trade Patterns, Geo-Strategical Location: Patterns of Cooperation and Distrust
Ekkart Zimmermann, Dresden University of Technology, Germany

P-116 [T5] **Regionalism, Security and Legitimation in Central Asia**

16 October 2026 | 16:45-18:15 | Room: 2.4 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Rachida Roukiaoui**, University of Szeged, Hungary

Discussant(s) **Leandro Rodrigues Lopes**, Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC), Brazil

Central Asia in a Multiplex World: Advent of a Regional Multi-vectorism?
Emilbek Dzhuraev, OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Going Regional the Russian Way? The Eurasian Economic Union between Instrumentalism and Social Appropriateness
Diana Shendrikova, Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Instrumentalisation of International Status Anxiety: Authoritarian Legitimation Through Foreign Policy in Tokayev's Kazakhstan since 2022
Pijus Domantas Petrošius, Vilnius University, Lithuania

Regime Complexity and Norm Contestation in Security Governance: The Case of Counter-Terrorism in Central Asia
Sebastian Mayer, OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Security and the Reconfiguration of Authoritarian Legitimation: Evidence from Russian Official Discourse
Shuhei Mizoguchi, Hosei University, Japan

P-030 [T5] **The Evolution of International Relations under the Presidency of Donald J. Trump**

16 October 2026 | 16:45-18:15 | Room: 2.05 | Faculty of Law, Administration & Economics (Building D) | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Magdalena Kumelska-Konieczko**, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland

Discussant(s) **Oleksandra Werbowia**, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland
Justyna Ziobrowska-Sztuczka, University of Wrocław, Poland

America First as a Strategy of State Competitiveness: Reinforcement or Erosion of U.S. Global Leadership?

Oleksandra Werbowa, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland

From Globalization to Fragmentation: The Impact of Trump-Era Foreign Policy on the Development of the Subscription Economy

Justyna Ziobrowska-Sztuczka, University of Wrocław, Poland

The Trump Presidency and the Transformation of the Transatlantic Alliance: From Hegemonic Stability to Adaptive Security

Magdalena Kumelska-Koniecko, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland

The United States Toward Belarus After 2020: Between Isolation and Pragmatism

Sylwia Zakrzewska, University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland

P-050 [T1] Afterlives of Mobilization: Reform, Rupture, and Failure

16 October 2026 | 16:45-18:15 | *Room:* 2.5 | Institute of Romance Languages | Floor 2

Chair(s) **Oğuz Ufuk Haksever**, Near East University, Cyprus

Discussant(s) **Franciszek Czech**, Jagiellonian University, Poland

People's Movements and Political Change: The Dynamics of Protest-Driven Regime Transformation in Nepal

Amar Kumar, central university of himachal pradesh, India

Chandra Shekhar, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, India

Populist Discourse After Political Disruption: The Case of Nepal's Gen-Z Revolt

Shobhana Sharma, University of Helsinki, Finland

Saroj Koirala, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

Unified in Opposition: British Trade Unions and Post-War Polish Immigration to the United Kingdom

Paul McNamara, University of Technology, Koszalin, Poland

When Rage Becomes Political Theology: Affective Polarization, Mass Propaganda, and the January 6th Insurrection

Iván Garzón, Universidad Autonoma de Chile, Chile

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