

1st Conference on European Polarisation
February 15, 2023 – Virtual Conference

Programme

The CIVICA European Polarisation Observatory (EPO) – an initiative founded by Sciences Po, the London School of Economics, Bocconi University and Central European University – is hosting the 1st Conference on European Polarisation. The EPO is an interdisciplinary computational social sciences initiative founded to tackle the methodological and conceptual challenges surrounding research on the impact of polarisation in European settings. The 1st Conference on European Polarisation presents a selection of works analysing polarisation at the intersection of cultural and political transformation, with a focus on computational advances and methods. The aim of this collection of works is that of broadening the understanding of polarisation in multi-party, multi-issue, and multi-national settings such as those of Europe, but also relevant elsewhere.

Registration is mandatory to receive the link of the zoom webinar hosting the conference. Please register [here](#).

Morning

9:40-10am	Welcoming address
10-10:30am	Keynote: Polarisation and the challenges to democracy <i>Vanessa Rubio-Márquez</i> <i>Associate Dean, School of Public Policy, London School of Economics</i>
10:30am-12:30pm	Polarisation and culture session 6 presentations of 15min + 5min for QA (20min total each)

Lunch break

Afternoon

1:15-1:45pm	European Polarisation Observatory: understanding multidimensional polarisation in France online social networks <i>Pedro Ramaciotti Morales (médialab, Sciences Po)</i> <i>Antonio Fernandez Peralta (Dept. of Network and Data Sciences, CEU)</i>
1:45-4:05pm	Data driven approaches for polarisation session 7 presentations of 15min + 5min for questions (20min total each)
4:05-5:25pm	Polarisation and democracy session 4 presentations of 15min + 5min for questions (20min total each)
5:25-5:45pm	10min closing remarks

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10am	Keynote: Polarisation and the challenges to democracy <i>Vanessa Rubio-Márquez</i> <i>Associate Dean, School of Public Policy, London School of Economics</i>
	Polarisation and culture session chaired by <i>Pedro Ramaciotti Morales (médialab, Sciences Po)</i>
10:30am	Comparing French voters' beliefs and belief structures <i>Felix Lennert (CREST-ENSAE-École Polytechnique)</i>
10:50am	Polarisation, populism, and democratic backsliding <i>April Reber (Brigham Young University)</i>
11:10am	Trends in structural polarisation in attitudes towards immigration and the European Union in Germany: the role of occupational classes <i>Stephan Dochow-Sondershaus & Céline Tenet (Freie Universität Berlin)</i>
11:30am	How polarised is Europe? Public opinion disagreement, issue alignment, and sorting across European countries <i>Anna Pless, Yassine Khoudja, & Daniela Grunow</i> <i>(Goethe-University Frankfurt am Main)</i>
11:50am	Cultural divide(s) in Europe - A single ideological conflict? <i>Ines Schäfer (Goethe-Universität)</i>
12:10pm	Emoji, language games and political polarisation <i>Sara Luxmoore (Bocconi University)</i>

Afternoon (13:15 – 17:45)

1:15pm	The European Polarisation Observatory <i>Pedro Ramaciotti Morales (médialab, Sciences Po)</i>
1:30pm	Multidimensional political polarisation in French online social networks <i>Antonio Fernández Peralta (Department of Network and Data Sciences, CEU)</i>
	Data driven approaches for polarisation session chaired by <i>Gerardo Iniguez (Department of Network and Data Sciences, CEU)</i>
1:45pm	Cluster Polarisation in Controversy Mapping, or How Dimensionality Reduction Systematises Public Debates <i>Dario Rodighiero (University of Groningen)</i> <i>Jean Danielou (École de Mines Paris)</i>

2:05pm	The Ukraine/Russia Schism: Measuring Polarisation in Europe through AI/ML Applications <i>Allie Wong (Columbia University)</i> <i>Clara Broekaert (University of Glasgow, Università di Trento, Univerzita Karlova)</i>
2:25pm	Forms of Media Source Sharing in Polarised Environments: Computational Evidence from French Immigration-Related Twitter Discourse <i>Katharina Tittel (médiablab, Sciences Po), William L. Allen (Oxford)</i> <i>P. Ramaciotti (Sciences Po)</i>
2:45pm	Polarisation identification using representation learning on temporal graphs in Eulerian description <i>Victor Chomel, Nathanaël Cuvelle-Magar, Mazyar Panahi, David Chavalarias (Complex Systems Institute of Paris, ISC-PIF)</i>
3:05pm	Voter-like dynamics with conflicting preferences on homophilic networks <i>Filippo Zimmaro (Dept. of Comp. Sciences of University of Pisa, Dept. of Mathematics of University of Bologna, and Dept. of Network and Data Sciences of CEU)</i>
3:25pm	Popular Conspiracy Theories about COVID-19 Origin on YouTube: Sources and Political Agendas <i>Yuxi Wang (Bocconi University), Vytenis Juozas Deimantas, (Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences)</i>
3:45pm	Pro, Anti or Neutral? The unfolding of COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy on Reddit <i>D. Balsamo, J. Schlierf, A. Melegaro (Bocconi University)</i>
	Polarisation and democracy session chaired by <i>Nicolò Cavalli</i> <i>(Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University)</i>
4:05pm	Corporate investment and populism: the role of the electoral system <i>Alfonso Carballo (Bocconi University)& Margherita Corina (NEOMA Business School)</i>
4:25pm	Speech is Silver, Silence is Gold: Trade-offs Between Local and Collective Representation <i>Oda Nedregard (Norwegian Business School)</i>
4:45pm	Immigration drives affective polarisation as a cultural issue and an economic issue: Evidence from a ten-country experiment <i>James F. Adams (University of California San Diego), Noam Gidron (The Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem), Will Horne (Georgia State University), Thomas Tichelbaecker (Princeton University)</i>

5:05pm	Partisanship and Microfoundation of Echo chambers: Causal effects of partisanship on preferential social tie formation <i>Mohsen Mosleh (University Exeter Business School, MIT Sloan School of Management, and Alan Turing Institute for Data Science and AI) Cameron Martel, Dean Eckles, David G. Rand (MIT Sloan School of Management)</i>
5:25pm	Closing remarks: towards an European Polarisation Observatory <i>Nicolò Cavalli (Department of Social and Political Sciences, Bocconi University)</i>