

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

THE ROAD AHEAD: CHARTING A COURSE FOR THE FUTURE OF POPULISM STUDIES

The first OPUS virtual workshop for emerging scholars of populism organized in collaboration with Team Populism

SUB-THEMES

Including, but not limited to:

- ✓ Populism and Democracy
- ✓ Populism and Crises
- ✓ Populism of the Privileged
- ✓ Mitigating Populism
- ✓ Transnational Populism
- ✓ Anti-Populism
- ✓ Populism and Gender

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Bruno Castanho Silva (Free University of Berlin)
Cas Mudde (University of Georgia)
Kirk Hawkins (Brigham Young University)
Levente Littvay (Hungarian Academy of Science)
Nina Wiesehomeier (IE University)
Paul Taggart (Sussex University)

*The workshop is free of charge.

IMPORTANT DATES

9TH JUNE, 2023	30TH JUNE, 2023	28TH JULY, 2023	1ST SEPTEMBER, 2023	19-20TH SEPTEMBER, 2023
Application deadline	Acceptance notification	Registration deadline	Paper Submissions	Workshop

SUBMISSION

 <https://bit.ly/opusworkshop2023>



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OPUS | Young Scholars Initiative on Populism is thrilled to announce its first Emerging Scholars Workshop, "The Road Ahead: Charting a Course for the Future of Populism." The workshop will be held in a virtual setting to align with OPUS's inclusive and diversified nature and is scheduled to take place on September 19-20, 2023, with participants joining from various locations around the globe. It aims to bring together early-career researchers (PhDs and post-docs as well as advanced Masters students) who have extensive experience with populism as a subject. We encourage applicants from all backgrounds and regions to apply.

FOCUS

Over the past two decades, the rise of populist movements in many parts of the world, particularly in Europe and the Americas, has attracted scholars from various disciplines. As scholars have delved deeper into the study of populism, they have developed new definitions of the concept, adopted various theoretical approaches emphasizing the role of culture and identity or economic and institutional factors, and expanded their focus to include more actors, parties, countries, and regions. A great deal has been said about populism's complex relationship to democracy, radicalism, nationalism, migration, globalization, and more. Additionally, new areas of interest have emerged in the post-pandemic era, including the study of crises, disinformation, and conspiracy theories, and scholars even started debating the end of "populism" following the electoral defeats of populists, for instance, in the US, France, and Brazil. As such, the study of populism has become a diverse and multidisciplinary field with an immense body of literature, offering a wide range of avenues for research and exploration.

So where do populism studies go from here? As exciting as it is, this oversaturation has led to a complex and cacophonous landscape that can be difficult to navigate. This workshop will focus on the future of populism in light of these developments and how emerging scholars can navigate this complex landscape to develop new and innovative research approaches. In addition to the traditional panel sessions with presentations and discussions, the workshop will offer "Populism Masterclasses" in an interactive World-Café style. Participants will get the unique opportunity to engage with some of the most prominent scholars in the field, share their insights in a small-group setting, and have their questions answered.

By the end of the workshop, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the most current academic debates surrounding the phenomenon of populism, gain exposure to a range of novel research ideas about its future trajectories, be equipped with the tools and knowledge to contribute to this important and rapidly-evolving field of study, and network with not only with other emerging scholars but also established academics.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the workshop, interested individuals must submit a 250-word abstract that includes the research topic, as well as the theoretical and methodological approach of their proposed paper, by June 9th. Additionally, a short bio of a maximum of 250 words is required, including the author's affiliation, research interests, and remarks on how their research aligns with that of OPUS.

The workshop participants are required to submit an original research article with a maximum of 8000 words, including references, by September 1st at the latest. The article should be on a topic that aligns with the focus of the workshop. Co-authored articles are accepted, but the presentation of the paper at the workshop must be given by the early-career researcher. For your questions, please reach out to us at initiativeopus@gmail.com.

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The application should be submitted using the following link or the QR code by June 9, 2023:

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