

International Conference

Cultural Backlash, Digital Extremism and Transnational Networks: Unpacking the Global Surge of the 'New Far-Right'

January 23-24, 2025

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

09:30 · Reception

10:00-11:00 · KEYNOTE ADDRESS 1 · THE DARK SIDE OF THE FIELD. STUDYING FAR-RIGHT MOVEMENTS CLOSE-UP

- Speaker: **Emanuele Toscano** (Università degli Studi Guglielmo Marconi)
- Chair: **Benjamín Tejerina** (Universidad del País Vasco/Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea, UPV-EHU)

11:00-11:30 · Coffee Break

11:30-14:00 · SESSION 1 · IDEOLOGICAL SHIFTS AND YOUTH ACTIVISM: FAR-RIGHT MOBILIZATION AND THE POWER OF CULTURAL NARRATIVES

Chair: **Ignacia Perugorría** (UPV/EHU)

- **Rubén Díez García** (Universidad Complutense de Madrid) · Youth on the Edge: Ideological Shifts, Explanatory Factors, and Civic Engagement in Spain
- **Antonio Álvarez Benavides** (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia) · Voices of Discontent: The Rise of Vox Among Spain's Youth in a Time of Crisis and Uncertainty
- **Francisco Jiménez Aguilar** (Universidad de Alicante) · Is There a Spanish Identitarian Movement? Locating Cultural Associations of National Aid in Global Indentitarianism
- **Barry Cannon** (Maynooth University) · We're Not Right-Wing or Racist but...: Far-Right Myth and Distributive Conflict in Asylum Seeker-Related Protest in the Republic of Ireland, November 2022–July 2023

14:00-15:30 · Lunch

15:30-18:00 · SESSION 2 · FAITH, ECOLOGY, AND IDENTITY: MORAL AGENDAS SHAPING THE FAR-RIGHT'S APPEAL

Chair: **Gavin Hart** (Liverpool Hope University)

- **Joseba García Martín, Ignacia Perugorría & Benjamín Tejerina** (UPV/EHU) · The Spanish Anti-rights Field. Cycle of Protest and Networks of Catholic-Inspired Neoconservative Organizations (1978-2023)
- **Víctor Albert Blanco** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) · Islamophobia: The Common Cause Between the (New) Spanish And Catalan Far Right Parties? Insights From Medium-Sized Cities
- **Mónica Cornejo** (Universidad Complutense de Madrid) · The Green Walk of the Far Right: From "Culture of Life" to "True Ecology"
- **Mar Griera** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona) · Disentangling Religion: Cultural, Pious, and Moral Dimensions in the Growth of the Far Right in Europe

20:00 · Drinks & dinner

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

10:00-11:00 · KEYNOTE ADDRESS 2 · RIGHT- AND LEFT-WING VIOLENT EXTREMIST ABUSE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES IN SOUTH AMERICA, AFRICA AND ASIA

- Speaker: **Ottavia Galuzzi** (United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, UNICRI)
- Chair: **Camilo Tamayo Gómez** (University of Huddersfield)

11:00-11:30 · Coffee Break

11:30-14:00 · SESSION 3 · RADICALIZATION IN THE DIGITAL ERA: FAR-RIGHT HEGEMONY, ONLINE NETWORKS, AND GLOBAL TRENDS

Chair: **Joseba García Martín** (UPV/EHU)

- **Keith Spiller** (University of Southampton) · Uneasy Alliances and Journeys of Legitimation
- **Gavin Hart** (Liverpool Hope University) · Incels and the Alt-right: A comparison of racialized discourse in extreme forums
- **Andrea Grippo** (Akademie der bildenden Künste) · Weaponizing Expressive Culture: Far-Right Fashion and the Struggle for Cultural Hegemony
- **Camila Ponce Lara** (University of Ostrava) · From Dictatorship to Digital Age: Understanding Youth Engagement with Far-Right Politics in Post-Authoritarian Chile
- **Melina Vázquez** (Universidad de Buenos Aires) · The Role of 'New Right' Militant Youth in Javier Milei's Path to Power in Argentina (2022-2024)

14:00-15:30 · Lunch

15:30-17:00 · SESSION 4 · FUTURE PROJECTS

Chair: **Camilo Tamayo Gómez** (University of Huddersfield)

17:00-17:15 · Farewell

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VENUE

The conference will take place at the **Bizkaia Aretoa building** of the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), a 5-minute walk from the Guggenheim Museum in downtown Bilbao. For a virtual tour of the Bizkaia Aretoa building, click [here](#). For directions, click [here](#).