

WVS Conference: (De)polarisation in values, attitudes & beliefs: comparative perspectives

Programme

Time	Event	Location
9:00 – 10:00	Arrival and registration	8 th Floor, South Side
10:00 – 10:30	Welcome & opening remarks from Prof. Bobby Duffy <i>The UK in the World Values Survey: examining values polarisation in Britain.</i>	8 th Floor, North Side
10:30 – 11:20	Keynote from Prof. Christian Welzel (Hybrid link) <i>Mass Polarization, Institutional Distrust and the Breakdown of Democracy? Debunking a Commonplace Dystopia</i>	8 th Floor, North Side
11:20 – 11:45	Break	8 th Floor, South Side
11:45 – 13:00	Parallel panel sessions P.1 – Identity Politics P.2 – New Approaches to the Study of Polarisation (1) P.3 – Partisanship and Polarisation (Hybrid link)	P1: BH SE 2.12 P2: BH SE 2.09 P3: BH SE 1.05
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	8 th Floor, South Side
14:00 – 15:15	Parallel panel sessions P.4 – Religion & Polarisation (Hybrid link) P.5 – European Perspectives on Polarisation P.6 – New Approaches to the Study of Polarisation (2)	P4: BH SE 1.05 P5: BH SE 2.09 P6: BH SE 2.12
15:15 – 15:45	Break	8 th Floor, South Side
15:45 – 17:00	Parallel panel sessions P.7 – Global Perspectives on Polarisation P.8 – Issue Domains and Polarisation (Hybrid link) P.9 – Media and Polarisation	P7: BH SE 2.12 P8: BH SE 1.05 P9: BH SE 2.09
17:00 – 17:15	Break	8 th Floor, South Side
17:15 – 18:25	Keynote from Prof. Pippa Norris , with panel discussion (Hybrid link) <i>“Things fall apart, the center cannot hold”: fractionalized and polarized party systems in Western democracies</i> Panel including David Halpern, Prof. Paula Surridge, Prof. Anand Menon, and Prof. Bobby Duffy	8 th Floor, North Side
18:25 – 18:30	Closing remarks from Prof. Bobby Duffy	8 th Floor, North Side
18:30 – Close	Drinks reception	8 th Floor, South Side

Panel chairs

Session code	Session name	Chair
P.1	Identity Politics	Dr Vera Lomazzi
P.2	New Approaches to the Study of Polarisation (1)	Kamil Bernaerts
P.3	Partisanship and Polarisation	Dr Roberto Foa
P.4	Religion and Polarisation	Prof. David Voas
P.5	European Perspectives on Polarisation	Dr Yevgenya Jenny Paturyan
P.6	New Approaches to the Study of Polarisation (2)	Prof. Helen Mason
P.7	Global Perspectives on Polarisation	Domenica Avila
P.8	Issue Domains and Polarisation	Dr Eva Aizpurua
P.9	Media and Polarisation	Johnny Runge

Panel sessions

P.1 – Identity Politics

11:45 – 13:00 | BH SE 2.12

Chair: Dr Vera Lomazzi

Acceptance of LGBT rights – attitudinal or conditional?

James Wright – the Policy Institute, King’s College London
Abigail Worrell – the Policy Institute, King’s College London

Follow the (de)polarisers: anthropological notes on the global culture wars

John Postil – RMIT University

Where I Stand and What I Stand For: Subjective Social Status and Attitudes Towards Redistribution

Giacomo Melli – University of Oxford
Leo Azzollini – University of Oxford

P.2 – New Approaches to the Study of Polarisation (1)

11:45 – 13:00 | BH SE 2.09

Chair: Kamil Bernaerts

Exploring plurality or polarisation using Q methodology

Helen Mason – Glasgow Caledonian University
Rachel Baker – Glasgow Caledonian University
Jack Randall – Glasgow Caledonian University
Neil McHugh – Glasgow Caledonian University

How Mode of Presentation Affects and Corrects (Mis)Perceptions of Polarization

JonRobert Tartaglione – University of Cambridge
Lee de Wit – University of Cambridge

Global rural-urban polarisation in political support: a re-examination using night-time light data

Lawrence McKay – University of Southampton

The Relationship Between Bias Perceptions and Belief Polarisation: Longitudinal Evidence from the UK

David Young – University of Cambridge
Lee de Wit – University of Cambridge

P.3 – Partisanship and Polarisation

11:45 – 13:00 | BH SE 1.05 (Hybrid)

Chair: Dr Roberto Foa

Populist Storytelling and Negative Affective Polarisation. Social Media Evidence from Mexico

Rodolfo Sarsfield – Fundación Carolina, Autonomous University of Queretaro
Zacarias Abuchanab – Universidad Austral

A Dividing Nation? Elections, Referenda and Affective Partisan Sorting in the UK

Ugur Ozdemir – University of Edinburgh

Divided by fear: Exploring the political impact of fear on polarization

Miaofang Guan – King's College London, University of São Paulo

Lowering Polarization by resisting right-wing populism in power? A comparative analysis of UK and US civil society counterpopulist strategies and their effects on the level of polarization

Nicolò Pennucci – Scuola Normale Superiore

P.4 – Religion and Polarisation

14:00 – 15:15 | BH SE 1.05 (Hybrid)

Chair: Prof. David Voas

Between God and State: The Dynamics of Religious and Secular Polarization in Poland and Turkey

Batuhan Sarp Tumer – University of Warsaw
Ahmet Furkan Cihangiroglu – University of Warsaw

Religious Polarization in Europe

Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme – University of Waterloo
David Voas – University College London
Kirstie Hewlett – the Policy Institute, King’s College London

Religion in Red and Blue: The Impact of Age, Period, and Cohort on Religious and Political Affiliations

Josh Gaghan – Duke University
David Eagle – Duke University
Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme – University of Waterloo

Can we talk about growing religious polarization in European countries?

Riccardo Ladini – University of Milan
Francesco Molteni – University of Milan
Ferruccio Biolcati – University of Milan

P.5 – European Perspectives on Polarisation

14:00 – 15.15 | BH SE 2.09

Chair: Dr Yevgenya Jenny Paturyan

The landscape of political moralisation in the EU and the US

Mario Scharfbillig – JRC (Joint Research Centre)

Ideological polarization on gender roles in Europe

Edurne Bartolomé – University of Deusto
Bogdan Voicu – Romanian Academy, ICCV

Polarization of gender role attitudes across Europe

Vera Lomazzi – University of Bergamo
Natalia Soboleva – HSE Uninvestity

Gender Differences on the Justifiability of Prostitution: Insights from the European Values Study

Eva Aizpurua – National Centre for Social Research
Carmen Leon – University of Castilla-La Mancha

P.6 – New Approaches to the Study of Polarisation (2)

14:00 – 15:15 | BH SE 2.12

Chair: Prof. Helen Mason

Underneath the divide: which forms of polarisation fuel democratic antagonism

Kamil Bernaerts – Vrije Universiteit Brussel & University of Warwick

Opinion Polarization in the World Values Survey: Detecting Distributions to Understand Individuals

Davide Morselli – University of Lausanne

Maite Beramendi – University of Lausanne

Fatemeh Dini – University of Lausanne

Towards a Clustering-Based Measure of Issue Polarisation

Lee de Wit – University of Cambridge

David Young – University of Cambridge

James Ackland – University of Cambridge

Andreas Kapounek – University of Cambridge

Divided times, difficult places and imperfect conditions: The potential and limits of deliberative democracy in polarised societies

Ceri Davies – National Centre for Social Research

Suzanne Hall – the Policy Institute, King's College London

Kirstie Hewlett – the Policy Institute, King's College London

P.7 – Global Perspectives on Polarisation

15:45 – 17:00 | BH SE 2.12

Chair: Domenica Avila

Generations and Attitudes Towards Society and Democracy

James Wright – the Policy Institute, King's College London

Bobby Duffy – the Policy Institute, King's College London

Paul Stoneman – Anglia Ruskin University

Small States Within Polarity and Polarization: The Case of Armenia

Alen Shadunts – American University of Armenia

Poles Apart? The Impact of actual and perceived Polarization on Political Dynamics and Attitudes in Chile

Stéphanie Alenda – Andrés Bello National University

Rodrigo Medel – Andrés Bello National University

Ideological polarization and political trust

Kristian Ellengard – Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

Anders Todal Jenssen – Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

P.8 – Issue Domains and Polarisation

15:45 – 17:00 | BH SE 1.05 (Hybrid)

Chair: Dr Eva Aizpurua

The effect of polarization on perceptions of welfare deservingness

Gal Bitton – Tel Aviv University
Clareta Tregar – University Of Toronto

Polarisation in Armenia: Democracy vs Security, West vs Russia?

Yevgenya Jenny Paturyan – American University of Armenia

Political polarization in the willingness to make sacrifices for the environment: A cross-national analysis

Dimitri Gugushvili – KU Leuven

Gender, labour force participation and political attitudes

Minna Cowper-Coles – Global Institute for Women’s Leadership, King’s College London
Rosie Campbell – Global Institute for Women’s Leadership, King’s College London

P.9 – Media and Polarisation

15:45 – 17:00 | BH SE 2.09

Chair: Johnny Runge

Mapping populism, polarisation and trust in news: a cross-national analysis of eleven developed democracies

Veronica-Nicolle Hera – University of Cambridge

Geopolitical Polarisation and the Values Divide

Roberto Stefan Foa – University of Cambridge

Polarisation on TikTok: An exploratory study investigating the way users react to news content and how this may affect polarisation

Emma Burgess – University of Wolverhampton
James Rees – University of Wolverhampton

Claire Jones – University of Wolverhampton

Breaking the News: How the Pandemic Short-Circuited Media Polarization

Omar Hammoud-Gallego – The London School of Economics
Roberto Stefan Foa – University of Cambridge
Xavier Romero Vidal – University Carlos III Madrid

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