

Theorizing Publics and the Far-Right: Pushing the Field Forward

International Conference-Workshop

July 20-22, 2023

Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society,
Hardenbergstraße 32, 10623 Berlin

Convened by:

- Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania
- Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life (CITAP), UNC Chapel Hill
- European New School of Digital Studies (ENS)
- Freie Universität Berlin, Center for International Cooperation
- John F. Kennedy Institute, Freie U Berlin
- Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society Berlin (WI)

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- Daniel Kreiss (UNC)
- Annett Heft (Weizenbaum Institute)
- Ulrike Klinger (ENS)
- Barbara Pfetsch (Freie U Berlin)

Program & Timetable

Thursday, July 20, 2023

15:30 – 16:00

Arrival + Meet and Greet with Coffee

16:00 – 17:00

Introductory Remarks: „Far-right Publics and their Relationship to the Center – A Call for New Concepts“

Sarah J. Jackson (U of Pennsylvania); Curd Knüpfer (Freie U Berlin); Daniel Kreiss (UNC Chapel Hill)

Lightning round of intros; Overview of schedule and workshop goals

17:00 – 18:30

Session 1

Far-right Publics and Political Institutions

Ulrike Klinger (ENS)

Mike Cowburn (ENS)

Yunkang Yang (Texas A&M)

Andrea Pirro (U of Bologna)

19:00

Conference Reception / Dinner

Friday, July 21, 2023

9:30 – 10:00

Coffee and morning meet & greet

10:00 – 11:30

Session 2

The Dynamics of the Far Right and Public Spheres

Silvio Waisbord (GWU)

Karoline Andrea Ihlebaek (Oslo U)

Tine Ustad Figenschou (Oslo U)

TJ Billard (Northwestern U)

11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 13:30	Session 3 The Dialectics of Far-right Publics Barbara Pfetsch (Freie U Berlin) A.J. Bauer (U Alabama) Risto Kunelius (Helsinki U) Srirupa Roy (U Göttingen)
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 16:30	Session 4 Race, Social Difference, and Power in Public Spheres Bruce Mutsvairo (Utrecht U) Cindy Ma (OII) Jiyeon Kang (U Iowa) Robert Asen (U Wisconsin-Madison)
16:30 – 17:00	Coffee break
17:00 – 17:30	Structured discussion round: Defining problems
18:00 – 21:00	Book Launch Reception (hosted by ENS) “Platforms, Power, and Politics: An Introduction to Political Communication in the Digital Age” WI Rooftop terrace

Saturday, July 22, 2023

9:30 – 10:00	Coffee and morning meet & greet
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10:00 – 11:30

Session 5

Global Dimensions of the Right and Public Spheres

Swen Hutter (Freie U Berlin, WZB)

Teresa Völker (WZB Berlin)

Jen Schradie (Science Po)

Lisbeth Zimmermann / Alex Thoki (WZB)

11:30 – 12:00

Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30

Session 6

Transnational Far-right Connectivity

Annett Heft (Freie U Berlin, WI)

Priscilla Layne (UNC)

Guido Zurstiege (U Tübingen)

Katrin Herms (HU Berlin)

13:30 – 15:00

Lunch

15:00 – 16:00

Session 7

Structured discussion round: Condensing concepts

16:00 /

Wrap-up & farewell
