

DISCOURSE THEORY: WAYS FORWARD, 2nd EDITION

Day 1 (Thursday 23 March)

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8:45 – 9:30: **Registration**

9:30 – 10:00: **Introduction** by the organising committee [Albert II Auditorium]

10:00 – 11:00: **Opening Keynote by Emmy Eklundh (Cardiff University): Europe's Populist Condition and the Desire for Mastery** [Albert II auditorium]

11.00 – 11.30: **Coffee Break** [Marmenzaal]

11:30 – 13:00: **Parallel Session 1**

Room: Albert II Auditorium

1a. THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF PROGRESSIVE POLITICS 1

Chair: *Yannis Stavrakakis*

Salome letter (Queen Mary University of London): The populism of the French 'Gilets jaunes': back to class? On populist and anti-capitalist (in)compatibilities

Jacopo Custodi (Scuola Normale Superiore): Is There a Left Case for National Pride? The Patriotic Discourse of the Communist Party in Portugal

Samuele Mazzolini (Università Ca' Foscari Venezia): Left populism and institutions: lessons from Ecuador on Laclau's antinomies

Adam Dinsmore (University of York): Reasons to be cheerful? Competing left futures in England's 'Red Wall'

Room: Rubenszaal

1b. THE POLITICS OF SEX, GENDER AND THE BODY 1

Chair: *Théo Aiolfi*

Jenny Gunnarsson Payne (Södertörn University): Why does kinship matter to politics? A discourse theoretical approach to the study of kinship

Aino Koskeniemi (University of Helsinki): Extremely intimate and incredibly public – Free menstrual products and the problem of menstruation in the Finnish public discourse

Mark Wilkinson (Lancaster University): 'Spreading', 'trending' and 'soaring': How the sedimentation of LGBTQ representation in The Times between 1957-2017 discursively constructed the queer subject as a social pathogen

Nadia Feshari (Södertörn University): Frames of (unborn) human life - Imaginaries of unborn human life in Swedish abortion politics 1935-2021

Room: Stevinzaal

1c. DIGITAL TRANSFORMATIONS

Chair: *Nico Carpentier*

Michael Lithgow (Athabasca University): Aesthetic discourses & digital resistance: Using discourse analysis to map early interventions into algorithmic cultures

Gian Hernandez and Emma van Bijnen (University of Amsterdam): Outreaching inclusion/exclusion: Trends start here? A Comparative Analysis of Museum TikTok Accounts

Outi Puukko (University of Helsinki): Productive Power in Digital Constitutionalism: Analyzing Civil Society Actors' Definitions of Digital Rights

Room: Albert I-zaal

1d. THEORETICAL ADVANCES

Chair: *Jason Glynos*

Allan Dreyer Hansen (Roskilde University): Re-articulating radical negativity in discourse theory: from ontological primacy to hauntological effects

Nikola Venkov (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences): Enter the discursive social actor: extending Post-Foundational Discourse Theory

Adria Porta Caballe (University of Barcelona): The Void in Psychoanalysis from Freud to Lacan and beyond: towards the "Institutionalisation of Lack"

Carola Schoor (Leiden University): Clusters of political concepts: bridging the gap of meaning

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13.00 – 14.00: **Lunch** [Marmenzaal]

14.00 – 15.30: **Parallel Session 2**

Room: Albert II Auditorium

2a. THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF PROGRESSIVE POLITICS 2

Chair: Yannis Stavrakakis

Thomas Jacobs (Université Saint-Louis - Bruxelles): ¡Hasta la victoria siempre! A discourse-theoretical typology of left-wing political strategy

Freddie Larden (Queen Mary University of London): La Fanfichon: humour and identification amongst supporters of Jean-Luc Mélenchon in the 2022 French elections

Jonathan Dean (University of Leeds): ‘You’ve Read Karl Marx and You’ve Taught Yourself to Dance’: Mapping the Intersections of Neoliberalism, Left Politics and Social Media Influencer Culture from a Post-Marxist Perspective

Room: Rubenzaal

2b. THE POLITICS OF SEX, GENDER AND THE BODY 2

Chair: Jenny Gunnarsson Payne

Anne Steinhoff and Rebecca Warren (University of Essex): Building agonistic solidarity: campaigning against misogyny

Aylon Cohen (University of Chicago): Discourse, the Body, and the Historiographies of Radical Democracy: Towards a Queer Political Theory of Praxis

Michael Chisnall (University of Canberra): Rethinking Political Antagonism in an “Unhinged” Age

Room: Stevinzaal

2c. THE DISCURSIVE AND THE MATERIAL

Chair: Savvas Voutyras

Nico Carpentier and Vaia Doudaki (Charles University): European border assemblages: The entanglement of the discursive and the material in the Dutch VPRO documentary ‘Along the Borders of Turkey’ and its YouTube comments

Paul Sambre (University of Leuven): A Calabrian public company’s response to mafia threats: from discursive plans to multimodal material and community exaptation

Eva De Smedt (Erasmus Brussels University of Applied Sciences and Arts): ‘Would it make a cute ruin?’: Exploring discursive images of the futures for KANAL-Centre Pompidou in 2042

Room: Albert I-zaal

2d. POLICY, HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Chair: Jason Glynos

Tuomas Tervasmäki (Tampere University): Anticipatory policy rhetoric: exploring ideological fantasies of Finnish higher education

Lars Ørjan Kråkenes (Volda University College): The Political Dimension of Democratic Education in Norway

Ewen Speed and Konstantinos Roussos (University of Essex): Problematizing participatory practice in service and policy design: identifying barriers and opportunities

Ellen Russell (Wilfrid Laurier University): Uncertainty and the Justificatory Attributes of Expert Economic Texts: an Austerity Case Study

15.30 – 16.00: **Coffee Break** [Marmenzaal]

16.00 – 17.30: Parallel Session 3

Room: Albert II Auditorium

3a. DISCOURSE THEORY AND POLITICAL ORGANISATION*Chair: Samuele Mazzolini***Martin Nonhoff, Lazaros Karavasilis, and Seongcheol Kim (University of Bremen):**

Using discourse theory to study political organisation: Social movements and political parties at the intersection of radical democracy, populism, and hegemony

Seongcheol Kim (University of Bremen):

Movement Parties of the Left, Right, and Center: A Discursive-Organizational Approach

Emmy Eklundh (Cardiff University):

Questioning European democracy? Versions of representation in the 15M movement and Podemos

Room: Rubenszaal

3b. JOURNALISM AND THE FAR RIGHT*Chair: Jana Goyvaerts***Kinga Polynczuk-Alenius (Polish Academy of Sciences):**

Thinking beyond 'junk news': Right-wing 'identity journalism' as a power/knowledge system

Maximilian Grönegräs (Vrije Universiteit Brussel):

The adoption of journalistic genre elements in political communication: A scoping review

Sabri Derinöz, Elena Louazon, and Lise Ménalque (Université Libre de Bruxelles):

A journalistic construction of racism, race and "the other" in the midst of a denunciation of racism in francophone Belgium

Kait Bolongaro (Vrije Universiteit Brussel):

The Brussels Press Corps' Coverage of Populist Radical Right Parties in the Italian Election in 2022

Room: Stevinzaal

3c. DISCOURSE THEORY AND METHODS*Chair: Eva De Smedt***Katy Brown (University of Bath):** Towards a methodological tree: combining Discourse Theory, Critical Discourse Studies and Corpus Linguistics**Théo Aiolfi (CY Cergy Paris University):**

Analysing Discourse Beyond Text: The Political Performance Analysis Questionnaire as an Interdisciplinary Methodological Tool to Study Politics in Motion

Craig Love (University of Essex): Exploring the Accents of Discourse – Q Methodology and Discourse Analysis**Cristóbal Sandoval (Universidad Diego Portales):** Articulating political discourse analysis and network ethnography: New Possibilities for Discourse Theory

Room: Albert I-zaal

3d. CRITICAL FANTASY STUDIES*Chair: Jan Zienkowski***Thomás Zicman de Barros (Sciences Po Paris) and Sebastián Ronderos (Fundação Getulio Vargas):** Critical Fantasy Methods, or how to study the role of desire in populism**Joshua Hurtado Hurtado (University of Helsinki) and Jason Glynos (University of Essex):** The grip of degrowth: Inquiring into the psychic dimension of the degrowth uptake**Konstantinos Roussos (University of Essex), Jimena Vazquez (Anglia Ruskin University), and Savvas Voutyras (Vrije Universiteit Brussel):** Surviving crises by prefiguring futures of solidarity: reflections from grassroots healthcare provisioning in Greece**Claudia Mohor Valentino (University of Essex):** From subject of demand to subject of desire: a Lacanian contribution to the study of political organization in times of new mobilisations

17:30: End of Day 1

19:30: Conference Drinks [Chateau Moderne]

Day 2 (Friday 24 March)

9:00 – 10:30: Parallel Session 4

Room: Albert II Auditorium

4a. DEMOCRACY AND AUTHORITARIANISM

Chair: Savvas Voutyras

Giorgos Katsambekis (National Centre for Social Research, Greece): Advancing a discursive understanding of (mainstream) authoritarianism: preliminary insights from the Greek case

Emilia Palonen (University of Helsinki): Beyond disinformation: Lying and Belief in community building

Dana Trif (Babes-Bolyai University): Protests, Social Movements, and the Visual Turn: Reinventing “the People” in Romania’s 2017 Pro-Democracy Protests

Aurélien Mondon (University of Bath) and Seongcheol Kim (University of Bremen): From objectivist bias to positivist bias: A constructivist critique of the ‘populist attitudes’ literature

Room: Rubenszaal

4b. NATIONALISM, RACISM AND THE (POPULIST) FAR RIGHT 1: NORMALIZATION AND CHANGE

Chair: Maria Avraamidou

Pedro Camelo and Michał Krzyżanowski (Uppsala University): Independence or else: Normalization of Authoritarian Neoliberalism and Right-Wing Populism in Brazil

Omran Shroufi (Vrije Universiteit Brussel): Continuity and change in far-right discourse: The case of far-right support for Israel

Alexander Alekseev (University of Helsinki): Democracy in Populist Radical Right Discourses: What Helps the Populist Radical Right Normalise Its Conceptions of Democracy

Room: Stevinzaal

4c. ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE AND NATURE 1

Chair: Andreja Vezovnik

Liv Sunnercrantz (University of Stavanger): Spectres of The Climate Crisis

Alina Bychkova (Nottingham Trent University): Climate change discourses in Central Asia: economic interests, image concerns, and the traces of Soviet legacies’

Ben Glasson (Monash University): Capitalist contradictions individually managed: Exploiting the resilience of the fragmented subject

Room: Albert I-zaal

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10.30 – 11.00: **Coffee Break** [Marmenzaal]

11.00 – 12.30: **Parallel Session 5**

Room: Albert II Auditorium

5a. BLIND SPOTS IN POPULISM RESEARCH*Chair: Emmy Eklundh*

Lazaros Karavasilis (University of Bremen): What we talk about when we talk about 'the elite': theoretical and empirical understandings of an often-neglected term in populism studies

Benjamin De Cleen (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) and Juan Alberto Ruiz Casado (Academia Sinica Taipei): Populism of the privileged: the use of underdog identities by comparatively privileged groups

Yannis Stavrakakis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki): Populist Discourse: The Psycho-social Horizon

Room: Rubenszaal

5b. NATIONALISM, RACISM AND THE (POPULIST) FAR RIGHT 2: IDENTITY AND EXCLUSION*Chair: Maximilian Grönegräs*

Kristina Vasic (Central European University): Discursive construction of the Other – the case of Slovenia under Janez Janša

Maria Avraamidou (Erasmus University Rotterdam) and Maria Ioannou (University of Groningen): Antimigrant debates on Twitter and their affinity to European border politics and Discourses: #IStandWithGreece

Tilemachos Iatridis (University of Crete), Theofilos Gkinopoulos (University of Crete), and Irimi Kadianaki (University of Cyprus): Who plays the populist card? 'Diversity' in right-wing parliamentary discourse in Greece and Cyprus over the past 20 years

Room: Stevinzaal

5c. ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE AND NATURE 2*Chair: Jenny Gunnarsson Payne*

Andreja Vezovnik (University of Ljubljana): Discourses on Meat in the Age of Biocapitalism: Risky Meat, Clean Meat Fix, and Green Governmentality

Kirill Filimonov (Uppsala University) and Nico Carpentier (Charles University): Can the material speak? Nature as an object and subject of discursive regulation in a Swedish TV documentary

Dora Matejak (University of Ljubljana): Constructing organic farming through political governance: evidence from EU and Slovenia

Room: Albert I-zaal

5d. DISCOURSE THEORY, CRITIQUE AND PRACTICE*Chair: Jason Glynos*

Penny Panagiota Koutrolikou (National Technical University of Athens): Constructing European 'Souths' through crises: reflections of the case of Greece

Thomas Siomos (Aristotle University Thessaloniki): Crisis Discourse, from dislocation to opportunity?

Reid Kleinberg (University of Essex): Traversing Laclau: the Challenge of Fantasy to the Discursive Theory of Populism

Julius Schneider, Rebecca Warren, Anne Steinhoff, and Jason Glynos (University of Essex): Community Organising from a radical democratic point of view

12.30 – 13.30: **Lunch** [Marmmerzaal]

13.30 – 15.00: **Parallel Session 6**

Room: Albert II Auditorium

6a. ANTI-POPULISM: IDEOLOGY AND BEYOND

Chair: Yannis Stavrakakis

Savvas Voutyras (Vrije Universiteit Brussel): From liberalism to anti-populism: a rhetorical approach to an ideological transformation

Sebastián Ronderos (Fundação Getulio Vargas) and Jason Glynos (University of Essex): Anti-populist fantasies: interrogating Veja's discursive constructions, from Lula to Bolsonaro

Jana Goyvaerts (Vrije Universiteit Brussel): Journalism, Populism and Democracy: Conceptualizing the Public Debate and Discourses about Populism

Raylene Abdilla (University of Malta): The Fantasy of European Governmentality: The EU's Response to 'Grexit' and 'Brexit'

Room: Rubenszaal

6b. NATIONALISM, RACISM AND THE (POPULIST) FAR RIGHT 3: CULTURE WARS

Chair: Maria Avraamidou

Ferruh Yilmaz (Tulane University): Critical Race Theory, Gender instruction, and "culture wars"

Jan Zienkowski and Laura Calabrese (Université Libre de Bruxelles): Articulations of 'Cultural Warfare': analyzing the metapolitical implications of right wing culture war discourse for civil society actors in Flanders, Belgium

Archibald Gustin (Université de Liège): The gender politics of the far right. The case of Vlaams Belang

Susan de Groot Heupner (Griffith University): Fantasies of hatred in far right and islamist politics: A relational approach to studies of discourse

Room: Stevinzaal

6c. FANTASIES, DISCOURSES AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS

Chair: Aysem Mert

Julia Maria Charlotte Feine (Stockholm University): The role of fantasies in reaching "the Oceans We Want"

Jelle Behagel (Wageningen University): Fantasizing about the world and nature

Elise Remling (University of Canberra): Putting the world back on track: political fantasies of "recovering" the SGDs in the face of multiple crisis"

Room: Albert I-zaal

6d. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, CONFLICT AND WAR

Chair: Vaia Doudaki

Mazlum Kemal Dagdelen (Charles University): Little Mujahideen and Militarised Childhood: A Discourse-Theoretical Analysis of the Militarist Discourse in Turkish Cypriot Children's Magazines

Olga Baysha (National Research University Higher School of Economics): Silencing Oppositional Voices: Ukraine's War on Two Fronts

Roumaissa Nora Sayoud (University of Limerick): Legitimizing a "humanitarian" military intervention: a critical discourse analysis of the political discourse of David Cameron (the 2011 Libyan Arab Spring rebellion as a case study)

Fani Giannousi (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki): Warrior, victim, monster. Gendered identity construction in conflict

15.00 – 15.30: **Coffee Break** [Marmmerzaal]

15:30 – 16:30: **Closing Keynote by Alan Finlayson (University of East Anglia): The Rhetoric of Reactionary Digital Politics** [Albert II auditorium]

16:30 – 17:00: **Closing** [Albert II auditorium]