

A Century of Radical Right Extremism: New Approaches

Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right

Inaugural Conference Programme

Richmond, The American International University in London, 15 – 17 May 2019

Wednesday, 15th May

12:45-13:45: ECR publishing workshop with Craig Fowlie (Routledge) and Professor Cas Mudde (University of Georgia) [Moderator: Eviane Cheng Leidig (CARR)]

12:30-14:00: Registration/exhibitions

- Dr Barbara Warnock, Wiener Library
- Dr Serena Katt, Richmond University

14:00-14:45: Welcome & launches

- Welcome remarks, Professor Matthew Feldman (CARR)
- Sara Khan (Commissioner for Countering Extremism, UK)
- Cas Mudde Award for Early Career Scholarship [with Eviane Cheng Leidig (CARR), Professor Cynthia Miller-Idriss (CARR), and Professor Cas Mudde (University of Georgia)]
- Launch of Anti-Muslim Prejudice Report
- Launch of CARR Yearbook

14:45-15:45: Keynote 1: Mark Potok (Southern Poverty Law Center) [Chair: Professor Tamir Bar-On (Tecnologico de Monterrey)]

15:45-16:15: Coffee break

16:15-17:45: Plenary A: Home Office Extremism Analysis Unit (EAU) and Building A Stronger Britain Together (BSBT) [Chair: Dr William Allchorn (CARR)]

17:45-19:30: Parallel sessions x3 [Chairs: Professor Matthew Feldman (CARR) / Dr Archie Henderson (CARR) / Dr Nick Thurston (University of Leeds) & Maik Fielitz (University of Hamburg)]

Fascism in Central and Eastern Europe in the inter-war years:

- Kristina Deskar, “The Role of the Catholic Church in the Independent State of Croatia” (University of Liverpool)

- Blasco Sciarrino, “Radical-Right Romanian Great War Veterans and their Transnational Influences, 1920-1939” (Central European University)
- Dr Roland Clark, “Images of Crisis in Right-Wing Discourses of Interwar Romania” (University of Liverpool)
- David Swoboda “The Ideology of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists” (Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes)

Religion, celebrity and the radical right:

- Professor Dominic Alessio and Dr Robert Wallis, “The Appropriation of Norse Religion by the New Right” (Richmond University)
- Dr Catherine Baker, “When is a black football shirt not a black football shirt?: the aesthetic politics of celebrity and the Croatian radical right” (University of Hull)
- Peter Paine, “The Fashion of Faith in the Ukrainian Far Right” (King’s College London)

Post-Digital Cultures of the Far Right. Online Actions and Offline Consequences:

- Cynthia Miller-Idriss, “What Makes a Symbol Far Right? Co-Opted and Missed Meanings in Far-Right Iconography” (CARR)
- Dr Marc Tuters, “LARPing & Liberal Tears. Irony, Belief and Idiocy in the Deep Vernacular Web” (University of Amsterdam)
- Kaja Marczevska, “Zine Publishing and the Polish Far Right” (University of Coventry)
- Julia Ebner, “Counter-Creativity. Innovative Ways to Counter Far-Right Communication” Tactics (Institute for Strategic Dialogue)

19:45: Self-catered dinner

Thursday, 16th May

9:30-10:30: Keynote 2: Professor Cas Mudde (University of Georgia) [Chair: Professor Cynthia Miller-Idriss (CARR)]

10.30-11:00: Coffee break

11:00-12:30: Parallel sessions x3 [Chairs: Professor Tamir Bar-On (Tecnologico de Monterrey) / Dr William Allchorn (CARR) / Professor Matthew Feldman (CARR)]

The Italian radical right:

- Dr Cinzia Padovani, “The significance of Gender within Fascist social movements: an Ethnographical approach” (University of Loughborough)
- Federica Frazzetta, “Not only populist parties: a comparative analysis on *CasaPound Italia* and *Forza Nuova* in Italy” (University of Catania)

- Dr Elisabetta Cassina-Wolff, “Ideological continuity and political camouflage. The ‘new’ party *CasaPound Italia*’s fascist origins” (University of Oslo)

Does migration spur the rise of the radical right?:

- Dr Maureen Eger, “‘Last Night in Sweden’: Explaining Perceptions of Immigrants and Crime” (Umeå University)
- Dr James Downes, “Strategic Positioning: Center Right and Radical Right Party Competition over Immigration during the 2015-2018 European Refugee Crisis” (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- Dr Mette Wiggen, “Whatever happened to equality, solidarity and tolerance in Scandinavia?” (University of Leeds)

Offline/Online: from hate crimes to memes:

- Sadie Chana, “Anti-Muslim hate: The wider experience” (University of Kent)
- Brian Hughes, “Opposing ‘Alt-Tech’: An Analysis of the Forces Shaping Extremist Alternative Communication Networks, and Strategies of Resistance” (American University)
- Dr Louie Dean Valencia-Garcia, “Refreshing and Reloading the ‘Reconquest’: The Radical Right, El Cid, and Alternative and Cyclical History in the Digital Age” (Texas State University)

12:30-14:00: Lunch

12:45-13:45: ECR ‘working lunch’ media workshop with Sunny Hundal and Rosemary Belcher (openDemocracy) [Chair: Eviane Cheng Leidig (CARR)]

14:00-15:30: Parallel session x3 [Chairs: Professor Cynthia Miller-Idriss (CARR) / Eviane Cheng Leidig (CARR) / Dr Archie Henderson (CARR)]

Radical right, social liberalism? From feminism to eco-fascism:

- Dr Miranda Christou, “The benign feminism of an extreme right-wing party” (University of Cyprus)
- Dr Bernhard Forchtner, “Struggling over the climate: mapping articulations of climate change by the Austrian far right” (University of Leicester)
- Balsa Lubarda, “Towards a ‘Green kingdom’: radical right environmentalism in Hungary” (Central European University)

The radical right in post-Soviet Europe:

- Julian Göppfarth, “Activating the socialist past for a nationalist future: Far-right intellectuals and the prefigurative power of multidirectional nostalgia in Dresden” (London School of Economics and Political Science)
- Dr Valery Engel, “Right-wing radicalism in post-Soviet countries” (European Center for Democracy Development, Latvia)
- Katherine Kondor, “Activists with nothing to protest? Shifts in Hungarian radical right organisations under a radical right government” (University of Huddersfield)

From the Archives: Searchlight and The Historical Radical Right

- Daniel Jones (University of Northampton), Dr Paul Jackson (University of Northampton), Siobahn Hyland (University of Northampton), Searchlight Archive

15:30-16:00: Coffee break

16:00-17:30: Parallel sessions x3 [Chairs: Professor Tamir Bar-On (Tecnologico de Monterrey) / Dr William Allchorn (CARR) / Professor Matthew Feldman (CARR)]

Radical right mobilisation on social media:

- Dr Marc Tuters, “From Brown to Green Hate: The ‘A. Wyatt Mann’ Pseudonym & the American Alternative Right” (University of Amsterdam)
- Greta Jasser, “Mapping out the Alt-Right” (Leuphana University)
- Emillie V. de Keulenaar (OI Lab) and Ivan Kisjes (University of Amsterdam) “Tracing intellectual exchanges in the right-wing communities of 4chan/pol/”

Assessing the role of discourses in the radical and extreme right milieu:

- Liam Liburd, “Among the ‘Drawing-room Fascists’: The career of A.K. Chesterton, 1938-1954” (University of Sheffield)
- Marta Lorimer, “Building legitimacy through European discourses: the case of the Front National/Rassemblement National”(London School of Economics and Political Science)
- Professor Tamir Bar-On, “Are the Alt Right and French New Right kindred movements?” (Tecnologico de Monterrey)
- Dr Carmen Aguilera-Carnerero, “Competing Legitimation Strategies: A Critical Discourse Analysis of discourse of the radical right in Spain in 2018” (University of Granada)

Masculinity and the radical right:

- Alex DiBranco, “Misogynist Frames and Glorification of Violence in Contemporary Male Supremacist Mobilizations” (Yale University)
- Professor Robert Tobin, “Early Twentieth-Century Masculinism and The Roots of the New Right” (Clark University)
- Dr Ov Cristian Norocel, “Who’s the Angry Snowflake? For an Intersectional Perspective in the Study of Radical Right Populism” (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

19:30: Conference dinner

Friday, 17th May

9:30-10:00: Coffee

10:00-11:00: Keynote 3: Professor Cynthia Miller-Idriss (CARR) [Chair: Eviane Cheng Leidig (CARR)]

11:00-11:30: Coffee break

11:30-13:00: Parallel sessions x3 [Chairs: Professor Cynthia Miller-Idriss (CARR) / Dr William Allchorn (CARR) / Professor Tamir Bar-On (Tecnologico de Monterrey)]

A spectrum of harms? From political violence to the mainstreaming of the radical right:

- Katherine Parsons, “Ideology and Support for Political Violence” (American University)
- Marc Schwietring, “The significance of ancillary suit. The NSU trial at Higher Regional Court of Munich as an example of current deficits in Germany’s response to far-right terrorism” (Hans Boeckler Foundation, Research Group on the NSU Trial at Munich Higher Regional Court)
- Maximilian Kreter, “The White Power Music (WPM) Scene and Right-Wing Terrorism (RWT): The Case of the National Socialist Underground (NSU)” (Hannah Arendt Institute, University of Technology, Dresden)
- Dr David Renton, “The New Authoritarians: Convergence on the right” (Historian and Barrister, Garden Court chambers)

Media and the rise of the radical right:

- Dr Julia Rone, “Why talking about ‘fake news’ misses the point? The sources, topics, and news-sharing patterns of radical right media in Europe” (Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society)
- Sebastian Schneider, “‘100% identity – 0% racism’? A semiotic analysis of the German Identitarian Movement’s visual language” (University of Hildesheim)
- Maik Fielitz (University of Hamburg) and Holger Marcks (Institute for Peace Research and Security Studies), “Digital Fascism. A Challenge for Academia and the Open Society”

The radical right: Direct democracy or threats to democracy?:

- Professor Ralph Schroeder, “The Radical Right: Globalizing Democracy from Below” (University of Oxford)
- Dr Sebastien Lazardeux, “Radical-Right Populist Movements and the Electoral Dilemma” (St. John Fisher College)
- Manès Weisskircher, “The Radical Right in Subnational Government – Radical or Tamed? Evidence from Austria.” (TU Dresden and European University Institute)
- Georg Plattner, “Frame Appeasement by Governing Parties in the Face of Populist Radical Right Frame Contestation” (University of Vienna)

13:15-14.45: Lunch

14:45-15:45: Plenary B: Formers and practitioners [Chair: Professor Matthew Feldman (CARR)]

- Southern Poverty Law Center
- Brad Galloway (Organization on Prevention on Violence)
- Nigel Bromage (Small Steps)

15:45-16:30: Concluding remarks

16:30: Conference end