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***Interdisciplinary Conference on
Social Norms, Cohesion, and
(De)Polarization***



PROGRAM

Utrecht

May 22 + 23, 2025



Thursday, May 22, 2025

		Room: Jan van Scorel		
08.00-09.00 registration				
09.00-10.30	sessions	Group Dynamics, Belief Systems, and Social Networks as Drivers of Polarization		
		Name	Discipline	Title
		Chantal D'Amore	Social Psychology	How Group Interactions Moralize Political Attitudes: Contextual (Normative) Effects of Group Attitudes and Emotions on Moralization
		Adrian Lüders	Social Psychology	Attitude networks as intergroup realities: Using network-modelling to research attitude-identity relationships in polarized political contexts
		Zhiyi Jin	social cohesion, inequality and network	Regional Impact on Socioeconomic Assortativity of Acquaintanceship Ties
		Cristina Chueca Del Cerro	Social Media Research	The Echoes from Social Media Platforms: an Agent-Based Model of Echo Chambers' Emergence
10.30-11.00 break				
11.00-12.45	sessions	Political Behavior, Identity, and Polarization		
		Alejandro Plaza	Sociology	From Cohesion to Division: Macrostructural Factors Driving Class Homogeneity
		Miaofang Guan	Political Science	Exploring the Dual Roots of Patriotism: How Political Satisfaction and Threat Perception Shape National Pride Across Democratic Contexts
		Anna Potoczek	Social Psychology	Extreme Political Candidates Mobilize Supporters (and Opponents) More than Moderates Particularly in a Polarized Society
		Jona de Jong	Sociology	How Segregation Fuels the Far Right: Cross-Class Relationships Buffer the Politically Radicalizing Effect of Economic Insecurity
		Paulina Górská	Psychology	On the quadratic relationship between political significance and affective polarization
12.45-13.45 lunch				
13.45-15.30	sessions	Understanding the Disconnect Between Equality Ideals and Actions		
		Hanna Szekeres	Social Psychology	The aversive bystander effect whereby egalitarian bystanders overestimate the confrontation of prejudice
		Dominika Gurbisz	Psychology	Mind the Gap: Equality-based Respect Norms and the General vs. Specific Divide in Tolerance
		Xinyao Zhang	Communication Science	Tolerant Group Norm Mitigates Biased Political Information Sharing on Social Media
		Thomas Kessler	Social Psychology	The Social Architecture of Prejudice: How Shared Norms Drive Both Consensus and Polarization
15.30-15.45 break				
15.45-17.00	keynote	Cristina Bicchieri	Philosophy	Norms and Trust: Exploring poverty roots in the US
17.00-18.00 drinks/snacks				

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09.00-10.30	sessions	Examining Partisan Engagement in Shared Political Spaces	
		Name	Discipline
		Title	
		Laima Baldina	Sociology
		Corrosion of Common Ground: Dynamics of Partisan Division in Shared Political Spaces	
		Elena Candellone	Network Science, Computational Social Science
		Negative Ties Highlight Hidden Extremes in Social Media Polarization	
		Namkje Koudenburg	Social Psychology
		Talking in Polarized Contexts: a Social Dynamics Approach to (mediated) communication	
		Mathijs Kros	Sociology
		Discussions with whom or how? Considering the quality of online cross-partisan chats in relation to affective polarization	
10.30-11.00	break		
11.00-12.45	sessions	Dialogue, Media Narratives and Social Norms	
		Nicole Tausch	Psychology
		The Causal Effect of an Intergroup Contact Intervention on Affective Polarization around Brexit: A Randomized Controlled Trial	
		Anina Schwarzenbach	Sociology
		Framing Social Threats: Analysing Topics and Sentiments in 30 Years of Swiss Media Coverage of Extremism	
		Lise-Lore Steeman	Communication Science
		Unmasking Implicit Bias: Examining News Media's Role in Shaping Covert Discrimination through a Conjoint Experiment	
		Jil Ullenboom	Social Psychology
		The Role of Social Norms in Shaping Attitudes Toward Gender-Fair Language	
		Carla Anne Roos	Communication Science
		Mitigating Perceived Polarization and Stimulating Constructive Dialogue by Acknowledging Subjectivity in Online News Discussions	
12.45-13.45	lunch		
13.45-15.30	sessions	Social change, threat and collective behavior	
		Bronagh Dunne	Philosophy
		Universalisation and Group Agency: Distinguishing Kantian Optimisation from Team Reasoning	
		Pascal Gelfort	Social Psychology
		When do we claim free speech to justify our prejudices? Expressive Threat and the reactance to social norms	
		Fabian Hess	Social Psychology
		Threat to personal control as a reinforcer of conformity to radical climate protest norms	
		Olga Kochubeinyk	Social Psychology
		Russian-Ukrainian War: Moral Oral Hibernation as a tool for (De)Polarization of Society	
		Maaïke Homan	Social and Political Psychology
		Blood, Sweat and Talking: A Field Study on Physiological Responses during Conversations with Representatives of Societal Change	
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15.45-17.00	keynote	Cristina Bicchieri	Philosophy
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09.00-10.30	sessions	The Role of Youth and Intergroup Dynamics in Shaping Divides		
		Name	Discipline	Title
		Sebastian Lutterbach	Psychology	Youth Norm Deviation and Intolerance: Pathways to Polarized Political Attitudes and Behavioral Intentions
		Tom Nijs	Political psychology	The Social Roots of Perceived Polarization: How Attitudinal Extremity in Social Networks Relates to Perceptions of Polarization
		Roberto González	Social Psychology	Group norms and Affective (De)Polarization: Political and intergroup outcomes
10.30-11.00	break	Alla Loseva	Sociology	Simulating Downward Spirals of Outgroup Dislike in Empirical School Networks
		Unity and Group Identity in Political Contexts		
11.00-12.45	sessions	Julia Elad-Strenger	Political psychology	How our ideological out-group norms shape our emotional response to our shared socio-political reality
		Tara Pouryahya	Social Psychology	Identifying as Other in Northern Ireland: Defiance, belonging, and perceptions in the presence of division
		Marijn Keijzer	Sociology	Unpacking the consolidation of beliefs and identities: A macro-experiment
		Lukas Wolf	Psychology	When Young People Discover Their Shared Values: Effects on Social Connection, Hope, and Environmental Action
12.45-13.45 lunch				
13.45-15.30	sessions	Social Norms, Collective Action and Trust		
		Béla Janky	Sociology	Oppression/inclusion: Norms, social structure and bargaining power
		Joana Cidades Madeira Nunes	Psychology	Understanding the Role of Descriptive Norms for Participation in Collective Action: The Case of the Housing Movement in Portugal
		Ula Nikolaja Ratajec	Sociology	How do normative views and expectations affect social trust? An empirical test of the moralistic and rationalistic theories of social trust on the case of Covid-19 distancing norms
		Fernando Sanantonio	Sociology	Vegetarianism as a Norm-Governed Social Practice: Conflicting Norms and Commitment Dynamics
15.30-15.45 break				
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Friday, May 23, 2025

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08.30-09.00 registration				
09.00-11.00	sessions	Youth, Social Norms, and Intergroup Contact		
		Name	Discipline	Title
		Danielle Blaylock	Social Psychology	Divided Communities: The Impact of PEACE4Youth on Marginalised Young People's Personal Development, Good Relations, and Citizenship
		Lena Bergs & Seyma Parlack	Psychology	To be a social Referent - Listening to the Perspectives of Students within the Framework of a qualitative exploratory Approach
		Alexander S Van Leuven	Anthropology	Voices of Anger & Hope: Researching Urban Youth's Grievances and Hopes to Foster Depolarisation and Social Cohesion
		Jocelyn Dautel	Psychology	Poles Apart? Effects of Group Membership on the Consumption and Transmission of Polarized Information Among Youth in a Divided Society
		Mia Stenbro Lorenzen	Sociology	Pathways to Involvement: How Culture, Naturalization, and Sense of Belonging Shape Immigrant Integration into Associational Life Across Generations
11.00-11.30 break				
11.30-12.45	keynote	David Garcia	Social and Behavioral Date Science	Polarization and coordination: between online discussions and AI agents
12.45-13.45 lunch				
13.45-15.30	sessions	Social Cohesion, Trust, and Collective Action		
		Eduardo Campbell-Bethancourt	Interdisciplinary Social Science	Converging Ethnicity and Class: A Strategy for Fostering Interethnic Solidarity and Mitigating Income Inequality
		Sylvie Graf & Roman Koky	Psychology	The Effects of Different Types of Social Norms in Highly Strained Intergroup Relations
		Laura Silva	Sociology	Deindustrialization and the decay of social infrastructure
		Patrick Kotzur	Psychology	Intergroup contact with refugees shapes levels of social fear of crime
		Anne Eichholtzer	Social & Environmental Psychology	Rebuilding trust: the impact of citizen assemblies on citizen-government relations
15.30-16.00 break				
16.00-17.30	plenary	Inclusivity project		Inclusivity norms to counter Polarization in European Societies - presentation and discussion of project results

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09.00-11.00	sessions	How to Intervene: Peer Influence and Social Networks		
		Name	Discipline	Title
		Wilma Middendorf & Anna Adamczyk	Psychology	Can We Be Friends? Examining Adolescents' Friendships and Peer Influence Regarding Opinions on Highly Debated Topics Through Longitudinal Social Network Analysis
		Jan-Willem Simons	Sociology	Choosing Wisely: An Agent-Based Model on How Actor Selection Shapes the Efficacy of a Social Norm Intervention for Increasing Interethnic Cooperation through Tolerance
		Tibor Zingora	Psychology	The Identification of Influential Adolescents Using Empirically-Anchored Simulations
		Bleen Abraham	Social Psychology	The Strength of Being Marginal - The Role of Marginal Group Members in Network Integration and Norm Divergence
		Shpend Voca	Social Psychology	The Link Between Social Norms and Reconciliation and Behavioral Intentions in Post-Conflict Societies
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13.45-15.30	sessions	Value Alignment and Perspective-Taking		
		Ayşe Gül İÇİN	Social Psychology	Polarization Through Partisan Lenses: Representations of Democracy, Values, and Economy in Contemporary Türkiye
		Vera Vogel	Cross-cultural social and Personality Psychology	Polarizing political orientations, well-being, and societal harmony
		Leah Henderson	Philosophy	Different reliability expectations as a driver for belief polarisation
		Paul Hanel	Psychology	Why it matters that actual polarisation in values is small
		Ronja Demel	Psychology	Bridging the Divide: Can Perspective-Taking Reduce Affective Polarization in Germany's 2025 National Election?
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09.00-11.00	sessions	Norm Violations and Social Responses		
		Name	Discipline	Title
		Eszter Vit	Sociology	Social Networks and the Emergence of Informal Norms and Metanorms in Transient Working Groups
		Özgen Yalçın	Social Psychology	Cultural Attributions of Norm Violations: Implications for Intergroup Perceptions and Polarization
		Annika Karinen	Social Psychology	Emotions and behavioral intentions in response to norm violations
		Clemens Lindner	Social Psychology	How the Political Climate Shapes Right-Wing Attitudes and Anti-Immigrant Prejudice: Examining Individual and Contextual Effects on Right-Wing Authoritarianism and Prejudice
11.00-11.30 break				
11.30-12.45	keynote	David Garcia	Social and Behavioral Data Science	Polarization and coordination: between online discussions and AI agents
12.45-13.45 lunch				
13.45-15.30	sessions	Legal Changes, Gender Norms, and Social Pressures		
		Sylvia Xu	Morality; Organizational Behavior; Social Psychology	Navigating Workplace Polarization: Employing Deontological and Utilitarian Moral Appeals to Tackle Disparaging Humor
		Annelie Brüning	Sociology	How to Measure Gender Norms: Examining the Need for Social Norm Items and the Impact of Item Sequence
		Vilma Razauskiene	Sociology	Motherhood, Gender Ideologies, and Social Cohesion: Beyond Dichotomies
		Hans-Peter Y. Qvist	Sociology	Cultural Legacies and Gender Gaps in Association Participation among Children of Immigrants
15.30-16.00 break				
16.00-17.30	plenary	Inclusivity project		Inclusivity norms to counter Polarization in European Societies - presentation and discussion of project results

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