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AND NEW MEDIA**

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Conference Program

Friday
January 11

09:00 – 10:00

Opening Session

10:30 – 12:30

Session 1

Interactive Dynamics between New Media & Populist Extremist Discourses.

14:30 – 16:30

Session 2

Religious Extremism, New Media & New Patterns of Religiosity.

17:00 – 19:00

Session 3

The Far-Right Wing & Digital Culture: The Instrumentalization of Social Media Networks for the Spreading of Populism & Hate Speech.

Saturday
January 12

09:00 – 11:00

Session 4

Extremism, Populism and the Crisis of Democracy, Migration & Diversity.

11:30 – 13:30

Round Table

New Media, Populism and Radicalization: Crisis of Contemporary Societies & Challenges of Co-existence.

13:30 - 14:00

Closing Session

Outcome & Recommendations.

Friday, January 11

09:00 – 10:00

Opening Session

Rosario Rizzuto, Rector of the University of Padua, Italy.

Emanuela Claudia Del Re, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy.

Stefano Allievi, Director of Master's Program in "Religion, Politics and Citizenship", University of Padua, Italy.

Mohammed Bensalah, Director of Institute of Research and Higher Studies of Granada, Spain.

Vincenzo Milanese, Director of Department of Philosophy, Sociology, Education and Applied Psychology (FISPPA), University of Padua, Italy.

Mohammed El Ani, General Director of Mominoun without Borders Foundation for Studies and Research, Rabat, Morocco.

Roberto Mazzola, Director of The Interuniversity Center for Culture, Law and Religions -FIDR, Italy.

10:00 – 10:30: Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:30

Session 1

Interactive Dynamics between New Media & Populist / Extremist Discourses.

Moderator: **Renzo Guolo**, Vice Rector of the university of Padua, Italy.

Heidi Campbell, Texas A&M University, USA.

"When Muslim Memes are Mean: Memetic Virality as Religious Microaggressions"

El Mostafa Rezrazi, Policy Center for the New South, Rabat, Morocco.

"Extremist discourse and New Media: Dynamics of Impact and Influence"

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Stefan Weidner, German Orientalist, Goethe-Institute, Germany.

“Echo Chambers of Islamophobia. How Social Media And ‘High’ Culture in Germany Have Interacted to Stigmatize the Muslim Other”

Mustafa Ceric, Higher Ulama Council of the Balkans, Grand Mufti, Bosnia.

“Evolution of the Phenomenon of Extremism and Populism in the Balkans”

Debate

12:30 – 14:30: Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:30

Session 2

Religious Extremism, New Media & New Patterns of Religiosity.

Moderator: Stefan Weidner, German Orientalist, Goethe-Institute, Germany.

Enzo Pace, International Society for the Sociology of Religion/ Padua University, Italy.

“New Catechism for the Laity. Populism and Religion within the Right-wing Movements in Western Societies”

Thijl Sunier, Free University Amsterdam, Editor-in-chief of the Journal of Muslims in Europe, Netherlands.

“Muslims in the Netherlands. Opposing trends”

Abdellatif Kidai, Mohamed V University, Rabat, Morocco.

“Extremist Discourse on Women in New Media”

Khalid Mayar Elidrissi, Moulay Smail University, Meknes, Morocco.

“The future of «Digital Extremism»: Formations and implications in the new media”

Debate

16:30 – 17:00: Coffee break

17:00 – 19:00

Session 3

The Far-Right Wing & Digital Culture: The Instrumentalization of Social Media Networks for the Spreading of Populism & Hate Speech.

Moderator: **Heidi Campbell**, Texas A&M University, USA.

Jean-Yves Camus, Expert on European Extremism, Institute for International and Strategic Affairs, France.

“The Place and Use of Social Media in the Activities of Populists and Right-Wing Extremists in France”

Ignacio Gutierrez de Teran, University of Autónoma-Madrid, Spain.

“Populism and Social Media in Spain: Towards a New perspective for the Role of Media in Establishing Objectivity”

Mustafa Chagdali, HEM Tangier, Morocco.

“Social and Digital Education and its Role in Inculcating Populism in Social and Political Communication: A Socio-psychological Approach”

Vincenzo Romania, University of Padua, Italy.

“Mystified agency: Hate Speech and the Populist Repertory in News Commentary on Refugees”

Saif Benabdennour, Mohamed I University (UMP), Forum Abraham for Dialogue, Madrid, Spain.

“Populism and Digital Culture: A comparative study of Spain, India and Brazil”

Debate

Saturday, January 12

09:00 – 11:00

Session 4

Extremism, Populism and the Crisis of Democracy, Migration & Diversity.

Moderator: El Mostafa Rezrazi, Senior Fellow at the Policy Center for the New South, Rabat, Morocco.

Stefano Allievi, University of Padua, Italy.

“Cultural Conflicts on Religious Symbols:
The Role of Muslim minorities”

Alessandra vitullo, Center for Religious Studies, Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento, Italy.

“Online Extremism: Islamophobia, Populism
and Hate Speech on the Web”

Egdunas Raciuis, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Reviews Editor of the Journal of Muslims in Europe, Lithuania.

“Othering of Muslims
in Eastern European public discourse”

Mohammed Bensalah, Graduate school of Economics and Governance (EGE) Rabat, Morocco.

“Multiculturalism and the Crisis
of Contemporary societies”

Debate

11:00 – 11:30: Coffee break

11:30 – 13:30 **Round Table**

New Media, Populism and Radicalization: Crisis of Contemporary Societies & Challenges of Co-existence.

Moderator: Mohammed Khalid Razali, Fidr/ University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

- **Paolo Branca**, Catholic University of Milan, Italy.

- **Hassan Alamri**, Saudi Arabia, Master's program in "Religion, Politics and Citizenship".

- **Meryem Lagha**, Tunisia, Master's program in "Religion, Politics and Citizenship".

- **Vincenzo Romania**, University of Padua, Italy.

- **Mustafa Chagdali**, HEM Tangier, Morocco.

Debate

13:30 - 14:00 **Closing Session**

Outcome & Recommendations.

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