

CALL FOR PAPERS

Populist Challenges to Constitutional Democracies

A workshop of the Civic Constellation III project co-organised with the Pluralism, Democracy and Justice Research Group, UiT The Arctic University of Norway

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Along with the scholarly interest in the study of populisms there is a growing political concern about their practical consequences. True, some theoretical approaches argue the revitalizing effects of populist politics on the performance of democratic regimes, such as for example Laclau's and Mouffe's defence of populism in, especially though not only, Latin American democracies. Others, instead, such as the accounts of Müller or Moffitt, critically assess the impact of populist politics on the functioning of democratic institutions.

In line with the latter, although acknowledging the contributions of the former, this workshop focuses on the scholarly debates around the populist challenges to constitutional democracies. The main distinctive feature of populism, namely, its inversion of the principle of democratic representation, affects the practice of democratic procedures. Significantly, it can reach the point of presenting the basic tenets of constitutionalism and the rule of law as principles that can be left aside when governing real democracies.

We invite paper proposals dealing with any of the aspects related to the populist challenges to constitutional democracy from conceptual to historical approaches in the humanities and the social sciences. Please **send your paper proposals** of ca. 200 words (including your position, affiliation, and contact details) **before Wednesday, 8 June 2022**, to the three conveners: Jan Harald Alnes (jan.harald.ales@uit.no), Rosario López (rosariols@uma.es), and Manuel Toscano (mtoscano@uma.es).

By the end of June participants will be notified of acceptance.
Optional extended abstracts of up to 2,000 words are expected by Monday, 12 September.

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