

Call for Papers

Liberalism and Conservatism as Ideological Counterparts

Third Research Workshop of Working Group 2: *Languages and Ideologies*
COST Action CA 16211
Reappraising Intellectual Debates on Civic Rights and Democracy in Europe (RECAST)

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University of Málaga

This workshop builds up on the trajectories and results of our two previous workshops. The first one, *Re-inventing Liberal Universalisms* (2018), was devoted to the study of liberalism and the tensions between particularism and universalism in their diverse historical and contemporary manifestations. The second workshop, *Critiques of Liberalism and Challenges to Democracy: Understanding the Conservative Standpoint* (2019) explored conservatism as a thread connecting critical reactions towards liberalism.

This third and last workshop aims at exploring both liberalism and conservatism as historical and normative counterparts, that is, as they function like ideological mirrors to each other. The emphasis is on how ideological moves and re-descriptions consider and reformulate opposition, on dialogical strategies and adversarial rhetorics –all key features in the interplay of liberalism and conservatism.

The existing dynamics between ideologies in general, and between liberalism and conservatism specifically, are taken as a starting point in the account of Michael Freeden's morphological approach, which has been widely adopted in the last few decades. Ideologies are fluid and constantly evolving narratives, while they also possess identifiable and stable elements. Yet the specific rhetorical strategies by which agents define their political imaginaries as contrasting discourses deserve more attention. Particularly interesting are conceptual overlaps, clashing, and the blurring of boundaries.

Participants are encouraged to present papers on case studies to address, illustrate, and reflect on these issues. As in the previous editions, this workshop takes on board both historical and normative perspectives, in an attempt to make political theorists, political philosophers, intellectual historians, and scholars from neighbouring disciplines meet.

This publication-oriented workshop will serve as a follow up from our two previous meetings. We would like to continue, revise, and bring together the main conversations and research outputs that originated in previous events.



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Timeline

Kindly submit your proposal (title, abstract of up to 200 words) to ideologicalcounterparts@gmail.com by 16 April

Participants will be notified of acceptance by 19 April.

Draft papers (4000 to 8000 words) will be required for circulation among workshop participants by 7 June.

Due to the covid-19 pandemic, the workshop will be held as an online event.

Organisers

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