

Trust and Distrust in Governance: Exploring the Impact of Social and Political Dynamics

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– CONFERENCE PROGRAMME –

September 28, Thursday

08:30 - 09:00 | Registration

09:00 – 09:30 | Welcome / Opening Remarks

09:30 – 11:00 | Paper Presentations: Parallel Session (1 & 2)

Session One: The Realm of Bureaucracy, Local Institutions and the Creation of Dis/Trust

- 1) Kollmann, Laura: “Exploring the role of dis/trust for the work of employees in the Public Employment Service in Sweden and Germany”
- 2) Theiss, Maria; Zschache, Ulrike: “How (dis)trusting the clients can matter. Insights from social assistance”
- 3) Donat, Elisabeth; Lenhart, Simon: “Closeness to citizens as a way to increase political trust? An analysis in EUs multilevel system”

Session Two: The European Union as a Source and Target of Trust and Distrust

- 1) Henriques, João; Nunes, Nuno; Botelho, Maria do Carmo: “Social Cohesion in the European Union: the role of trust in institutions and its factors”
- 2) Ciornei, Irina; Maman, Libby: “Can Policy Framing Repair Trust in the EU? Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Spain”
- 3) Najmowicz, Alexandrina: “Strengthening democratic resilience and legitimacy through policies and deliberative processes”

11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 | Paper Presentations: Parallel Session (3 & 4)

Session Three: Science, Expert Knowledge, and the Complex Landscape of Trust

- 1) Cena, Lorenzo; Roccato, Michele: “A paradox of trust: Trust in institutions and in science as predictors of support for democratic, authoritarian and technocratic government”
- 2) Sojak, Radosław; Królicka, Beata: “COVID-19 as black box opening exercise”
- 3) Fiket, Irena; Ilic, Vujo; Padoan, Enrico: “Social movements’ trust, distrust, and use of experts’ knowledge”

Session Four: Regulatory Agencies and Processes of Trust

- 1) Maggetti, Martino: “Does independence increase trust in regulatory agencies?”
- 2) Levi-Faur, David: “More Regulation, Less Trust? A Study of Democratic Backsliding”
- 3) Verhoest, Koen; Redert, Bastiaan: “Trust and interactions between stakeholders in European regulatory regimes”

13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 | Paper Presentations: Parallel Session (5 & 6)

Session Five: Trust and Distrust in the Context of Migration and Refugees

- 1) Engel, Daniel: “Trust in Institutions among Young Refugees in Germany”
- 2) Ait-el-caid, Hamid: “An immigrant’s narrative: the dynamics of “political trust” among Maghrebi immigrants’ in France and Spain”
- 3) Kanellopoulos, Kostas; Sotiropoulos, Dimitri A.: “Exploring the impact of recent migration and refugee waves on democratic attitudes and trust: A cross-national comparison”

Session Six: Perspectives on Childhood and Adolescence

- 1) Gvozdanović, Anja; Stanojević, Dragan: “Political Trust of Youth in Southeast Europe”
- 2) Sestini, Elena; Muscillo, Alessio: “Trust measurement: evidence from a randomized survey experiment on adolescents”
- 3) Brus, Anne; Sand Madsen, Frederik; Hjulmand Wiberg, Marie: “Trust in Governance. An age variable Perspective on Children and Young People’s Lived Citizenship in Denmark during the Pandemic”

15:30 – 16:00 | Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 | Paper Presentations: Parallel Session (7 & 8)

Session Seven: Trust in Transition: Lifespan Dynamics

- 1) Đorđević Ana et al.: “Constructing Interpersonal and Political Trust Across Life Span: Emotional and Rational Dimension”
- 2) Masling, Anna; Möbert, Anne: “Development of a questionnaire to measure trust and distrust in institutions”
- 3) Šerek, Jan et al.: “How the Actions of Authorities Affect Their Perceived Legitimacy: A Developmental Perspective”

Session Eight: Navigating Trust and Distrust in the Era of the COVID-19 Pandemic

- 1) Loukakis, Angelos: “Contestation about covid management in Greece: Looking for unusual suspects”
- 2) Shariati, Shamsoddin: “Building and Breaking Trust in Government during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Comparative Analysis of Trust and Distrust Dynamics in Europe”
- 3) Demertzis, Nicolas; Yfanti, Aggeliki: “The Janus face of trust and the pandemic”

17:30 – 18:30 | Keynote (Virtual Presentation)

by Pippa Norris (Harvard University):
“Trust in Government Worldwide: The role of information environments and cognitive skills”

19:30 | Joint Dinner

September 29, Friday

09:00 – 10:00 | Keynote

by Tereza Capelos (University of Birmingham):
“Hot Emotionality and the Fracture of Trust in the Era of Grievance Politics”

10:00 – 10:30 | Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:30 | Paper Presentations: Parallel Session (9 & 10)

Session Nine: Protest, Political Contestation, and the Formation of Dis/Trust

- 1) Vasiljević, Jelena; Theiss, Maria; Brus, Anne: “Cooperation of social movements with governmental institutions and non-governmental organisations, and the effects of such co-operation on citizens` trust in social movements: preliminary thoughts on comparative findings”
- 2) Reggiardo, Anna: “Changes of public and institutional trust in civil society organizations in Italy”
- 3) Šerek, Jan; Pudar Draško, Gazela; Albrecht, Andrea: “Is Trust Always Good?”

Session Ten: Trust under Siege: Populism and Authoritarian Tendencies

- 1) Balunovic, Filip: “Skeptical and Cynical Mistrust in the context of COVID 19 Pandemic”
- 2) Sosnowski, Sebastian; Petrović, Dalibor: “Government-originated disinformation and its influence on trust – comparison of Poland and Serbia”
- 3) Georgiadou, Vasiliki; Makropoulos, Iakovos; Rori, Lamprini: “‘Mirror mirror on the wall who is the rightest of them all?’ Evidence from the European Social Survey in 28 countries from 2002 to 2022”
- 4) Tsatsanis, Emmanouil; Georgiadou, Vasiliki; Kafe, Anastasia et al.: “Cynics, Skeptics and Pragmatists: The Antecedents and Consequences of Different Types of Political Distrust”

12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 | Keynote

by Martin Hartmann (University of Lucerne):
“The conflictual potential of trust. Introducing a new perspective”

14:30 – 16:00 | Paper Presentations: Parallel Session (11 & 12)

Session Eleven: The Role of Media and Social Networks in Dis/Trust Contestations

- 1) Viola, Lorella: “In disinformation we trust. Why we trust strangers online”
- 2) Sorci, Giuliana; Sojka, Aleksandra: “Conspirational media or conspiracy on media? Usage of media and belief in conspiracy theories”
- 3) Trenz, Hans-Jörg; Zschache, Ulrike: “A crisis of trust? Contesting the trustworthiness of government and science during the Covid-19-pandemic”

Session Twelve: Public Deliberations, Participatory Citizenship and Institutional Trust

- 1) Matteucci, Ivana: “Sporting events as a laboratory engendering trust or distrust in institutions and the exercise of democracy”
- 2) Brinkman, Anne: “Fostering trust on the borders of Europe - public dialogue and participative action from the peoples’ perspective”
- 3) Marangoni, Francesco; Padoan, Enrico: “Deliberative Democracy and (Dis)Trust: How Individual Patterns of Participation in Deliberative Democracy Experiments Affects Trust in Institutions”

16:00 | Closing Colloquy: Project Presentations, Posters and Coffee Chats

Interactive Closing Session:

Short Presentations by current and new projects on dis/trust and networking over drinks and snacks

Projects involved in the closing session:

PLEDGE (Tereza Capelos)

PROTEMO (Tereza Capelos)

TIGRE (Koen Verhoest)

REDIRECT (Francesco Marangoni/Luca Verzichelli)

TRUEDEM (Kostas Kanellopoulos)

GOVTRUST (Koen Verhoest)

PERITIA (Maria Baghramian)

ERC project “Intermediation and Trust in the Regulatory State” (David Levi-Faur)

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