



Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik, don Frana Bulića 4, Dubrovnik
Divided Societies XXV: Polarisation and the Politics of Division
 6 – 12 May 2024

About the Course

The course, which is entering its twenty-sixth year in 2024, is an interdisciplinary workshop that combines conference-oriented presentation of scholarly research with an intensive and rigorous academic programme for advanced graduate and postgraduate students. In addition, the course offers personal intercultural experience of students and faculty from other contexts in the unforgettable setting of a city that was itself the target of a destructive societal conflict.

Preliminary Programme

Please note that this list of dates and presenters is tentative and may change, though not without notice.

Monday May 6	09:45 – 10:00	Saša Božić	Introduction to the course	
	10:00 – 11:20	Lecture Niall Ó Dochartaigh	Political Polarisation in the Information Age	
	11:40 – 13:00	Lecture Srđan Vučetić	The Geopolitical Consequences of Polarisation	
	13:00 – 15:00	Break		
	15:00 – 16:00	Presentations and discussion Thomas Blanchet	The European Real Deal Process to accompany the Green Deal of the European Union	
			Hans Liudger Dienel	The Climate Assembly in Skopje: A Citizens' Assembly in a Divided Society
16:20 – 17:20	Presentations and discussion Angela Jain	Dealing with Disinformation - What Citizens Suggest		
		Marco Wedel	AI & Society: Who is in Charge?	
Tuesday May 7	10:00 – 11:20	Lecture Reynolds Scott-Childress	Becoming Who Our Opposite Is Not: A Schismogenetic Comparison of Political-Racial Division in the United States in the Late 19th and Early 21st Century	
	11:40 – 13:00	Lecture Mojca Pajnik	Media Monopolies: Affinity with Populist Antagonisms	
	13:00 – 15:00	Break		
	15:00 – 16:20	Lecture Mostafa Khalili	Inter-Minority Polarization in Iran's Ethnic Peripheries	
	16:30 – 17:00	Highlights of the day	Joint discussion	
Wednesday May 8	10:00 – 11:20	Lecture Daphne Winland	Polarization in a Borderless World: The Divisive Role of Diasporas in Homeland Politics	
	11:40 – 13:00	Lecture Nikola Petrović	How Does Polarization on EU Issues Develop and What Constrains It?	
	13:00 – 15:00	Break		
	15:00 – 16:20	Lecture Emilio Cocco	TBC	
	16:30 – 17:00	Highlights of the day	Joint discussion	
Thursday May 9	10:00 – 17:00	- Optional excursion to Cavtat	- Local bus ride to Cavtat, sightseeing	

Friday May 10	10:00 – 11:20	Lecture Brad Roth	Resurgent Authoritarianism's Challenge to Democracy's Status as an International Norm
	11:40 – 13:00	Lecture Mitja Žagar	Is a New Social Contract possible? Polarisation vs. Open Inclusive Public Dialogue
	13:00 – 15:00	Break	
	15:00 – 16:20	Lecture and workshop Saša Božić, Margareta Gregurović and Simona Kuti	Migration, Polarisation and Methodological Nationalism in the Social Sciences
	16:30 – 17:00	Highlights of the day	Joint discussion
Saturday May 11	10:00 – 11:20	PhD, MA, and Graduate Students' Presentations	Maximum 15 minutes per presentation
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	13:00 – 15:00	Break	
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	16:30 – 17:00	Evaluation and wrap up	Certificate awarding
Sunday May 12	10:00 – 12:00	Course directors' meeting	Planning for the next year