A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE NEWSLETTER

In this Newsletter, you will find:

- Our members’ latest publications.
- Information about the 27th World Congress of Political Science, including panels organized by CPS (IPSA RC06).
This book analyzes the impact of the Fukushima disaster on civil society in Japan with particular attention to the anti-nuclear movement, focusing on its development, repertoire of action, mobilization strategies, modes of operation, and impact on the state’s energy policy.

Combining social movement theory and civil society theory, the author draws on extensive fieldwork in Japan to explore the context of the sociopolitical situation in Japan up to the Fukushima accident and to offer a typological description and analysis of the anti-nuclear movement that emerged after the disaster. Through an analysis of the relationship between the power elite and the anti-nuclear movement organizations, this volume considers the influences exercised by the ruling elites on civil society and vice versa, thus assessing the effects of the anti-nuclear movement on the state policy and the society. A comprehensive account of the anti-nuclear movement in post-Fukushima Japan, embedded within a broader perspective of the movement’s historical development, contemporary political structures, and opportunities, *Fukushima and Civil Society* will appeal to scholars of sociology and politics with an interest in social movements.

You can buy this book [here](#).

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PAPERS AND BOOK CHAPTERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michael Briguglio & Maria Brown

*Repoliticising Movements: The Case of Pro-LGBTIQ Rights in Malta (2022)*, in Meike Schmidt-Gleim, Ruzha Smilova, and Claudia Wiesner (eds), *Democratic Crisis Revisited The Dialectics of Politicisation and Depoliticisation*. Nomos.

Simon Susen

- [https://doi.org/10.1080/2158379X.2022.2055279](https://doi.org/10.1080/2158379X.2022.2055279)


Contemporary Social Theory (2022). In Karim Murji, Sarah Neal, and John Solomos (eds.): *An Introduction to Sociology*. SAGE.

- [https://doi.org/10.1177/1468795X211051514](https://doi.org/10.1177/1468795X211051514)

Nayia Kamenou

- [https://doi.org/10.1177/13505068221145412](https://doi.org/10.1177/13505068221145412)

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Convenor: Dr. Lucia Miranda Leibe; Format: In Person.
Chair: Dr. Lucía Miranda Leibe; Co-chair: Dr. Stéphanie Alenda; Discussant: Dr. Michelangelo Vercesi.

Description

Far right politics is an umbrella concept that embraces both radical (i.e., illiberal) and extreme (i.e., anti-democratic) forms of right-wing politics. Empirically, far-right politics is on the rise. In recent years, far right politicians and parties have gained executive power in several presidential and parliamentary countries, and their leadership style can pose serious threats to liberal democracy. In reaction to this phenomenon, new social movements challenging the authoritarian aspects of far-right politics in government have developed.

Often, far right chief executives advocate policies that negatively affect traditionally excluded groups, such as women, LGTBQIA+ communities, sexual dissidences, and indigenous peoples. In some Latin American countries, for example, the rise of far-right politics has implied the diffusion of conservative discourses and policy concerning social, sexual, and reproductive rights; Jair Bolsonaro’s Brazil is a case in point. In Europe, Mateusz Morawiecki cabinet in Poland or Viktor Orbán leadership in Hungary are further examples. The recent electoral success of Meloni’s Brothers of Italy in Italy is a further call to think about the effects — or the absence thereof — of far-right politics on the institutional facet of the relevant political systems and on policy.

This research committee encourages interested scholars to reflect on these issues. In particular, contributions could answer questions such as: under what social, political and economic conditions is far right politics strong and when are far right politicians and parties less likely to succeed? Does extensive political participation foster or undermine
far right politics? What impact can mandatory vote have on the success of extremist political ideologies? When are democratic social movements successful in preserving liberal democracy against illiberal and anti-democratic politicians and parties?
PANEL: RC06.02 Direct and Deliberative Democracy and Its Integrity

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Discussant
Ms. Kusumika Ghosh

Papers
Citizens’ Assemblies and Direct Democracy
Author: Prof. Nenad Stojanovic

Connecting Citizens’ Assembly with Citizens’ Initiative: A Proposal
Author: Prof. Robert Podolnjak

Direct Democracy and Integrity. Referendums in Turkey, Russia, Italy and Chile
Author: Prof. Norbert Kersting

Online Voting as Direct Democracy: Assessing the Effect on Open Government in Chile and Colombia
Author: Dr. Dmytro Khutkyy

Co-Author(s): Mr. Eduardo Astudillo Laureda

PANEL: RC06.01 Far Right Politics, Political Executives’ Radical Leadership Styles, and Anti-far Right Social Movements

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Papers
Futures of Anti-racism: Comparative Perspectives
Author: Dr. Nikolay Zakharov
Is There Bolsonarism after Bolsonaro? An Ethnographic Approach on Far-Right Networks in Contemporary Brazil  
**Author:** Mr. Bruno Luiz de Souza Ronchi

Spreading Hate, Xenophobia and Anti-Democratic Authoritarianism: The Populist-Nationalist Tenor in Trump and Bolsonaro Speeches  
**Author:** Mr. Gabriel Santos

The Political Economy of Radical Right Populism in Government: The Israeli Case  
**Author:** Prof. Dani Filc  
**Co-Author(s):** Dr. Amit Avigur-Eshel

**PANEL:** RC06.04 Social Movements and illiberalism: Challenges and Backlash in the Battle Pro Democracy

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**Discussant**  
Dr. Nathalia Da Costa

**Papers**

An Inquiry into the Conditions for Political Participation in Current Democracies  
**Author:** Prof. Ricardo Angel Minetti

Confronting Coloniality from the Perspective of the Buen Vivir  
**Author:** Dr. Nathalia Da Costa

Feminist Chilean Movement: Impasses and Continuities of a Battle against Totalitarianism  
**Author:** Dr. Lucía Miranda Leibe

Movimientos contra el género o backlash en las campañas comunicacionales del plebiscito del proceso constituyente chileno en 2022: mensajes clave predominantes en la agenda pública  
**Author:** Mr. Magdalena Provis Ramírez
PANEL: RC06.03 The Far Right in Europe and Latin America: Elements in Discussion

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Political Culture and Democratic Resilience: El Salvador in the Mirror of Chile
Author: Mr. Guillermo Miranda

Right-Wing Intellectuals in Chile: Origins of a New Humanist Intelligentsia That Challenged the Expert’s Hegemony
Author: Dr. Sebastian Rumie

The Double-Game of Demarcation and Adaptation of the Republican Party in Chile
Author: Dr. Stéphanie Alenda
Co-Author(s): Dr. Simón Escoffier

The Geopolitical Imaginary of the Brazilian Ultra-Right
Author: Dr. Jorge Chaloub