
RESEARCH COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL SOCIOLOGY

NEWSLETTER

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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).

BOOK ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Fukushima and Civil Society. The Japanese Anti-Nuclear Movement from a Socio-Political Perspective.* Beata Bochorodycz, Routledge, 2022**

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

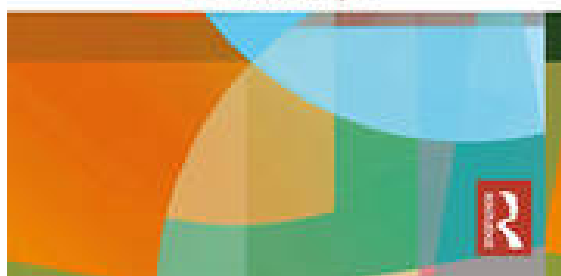
political structures, and opportunities, *Fukushima and Civil Society* will appeal to scholars of sociology and politics with an interest in social movements.



FUKUSHIMA AND CIVIL SOCIETY

**THE JAPANESE ANTI-NUCLEAR MOVEMENT FROM A
SOCIOPOLITICAL PERSPECTIVE**

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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.

- <https://www.um.edu.mt/newspoint/news/2022/09/repoliticising-movements-the-case-of-pro-lgbtqi-rights-in-malta>

Simon Susen

Between Forms of Life and Immanent Criticism: Towards a New Critical Theory? (2022). *Journal of Political Power*, Volume 15, Issue 2.

- <https://doi.org/10.1080/2158379X.2022.2055279>

'The Case for a Critical Hermeneutics: From the Understanding of Power to the Power of Understanding (2022). In Ein Ľubomír Dunaj and Kurt C. M. Mertel (eds.), *Hans-Herbert Kögler's Critical Hermeneutics*. Bloomsbury.

- https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4012066

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

- <https://uk.sagepub.com/en-gb/eur/an-introduction-to-sociology/book268648#contents>

Critical Remarks on Existence Theory: Between Existentialism and Phenomenology (2022). *Journal of Classical Sociology*, Volume 22, Issue 1.

- <https://doi.org/10.1177/1468795X211051514>

Nayia Kamenou

Feminism Ccontested and Co-opted: Women, Agency and Politics of Gender in the Greek and Greek-Cypriot Far Right. *European Journal of Women's Studies*, Volume 30, Issue 1.

- <https://doi.org/10.1177/13505068221145412>



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CPS SESSION

27TH WORLD CONGRESS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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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, LGBTQIA+ 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

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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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Prof. Norbert Kersting

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