

Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties (EPOP) Research Cluster

Launch Workshop

University of Glasgow, 6th June 2025

Gilbert Scott Building, room 256 FORE HALL

9:00-9:15 – Arrival and coffee

9:15-9:30 – Welcome

9:30-10:15 – Maria Sobolewska (University of Manchester): “Ideological Colourblindness in UK politics: colourblind racism?”

10:15-11:15 – Political behaviour

Stefanie Reher (University of Strathclyde): “Ableism at the ballot box? Disabled candidates in an open-list PR system”

Robert Mattes (University of Strathclyde): “Anti-Democratic Parties and Autocratic Voters”

Michael Heaney (University of Glasgow): "Deliberative Democracy and Agonism Among Protesters."

11:15-11:30 – Coffee break

11:30-12:30 – Propaganda and social media

Aykut Ozturk (University of Glasgow): “Does Anti-Western Propaganda Help Authoritarian Incumbents? Evidence from Turkey”

Patricia Rossini (University of Glasgow): “Fake News, Real Consequences: Electoral Misinformation and Political Intolerance in Brazil's 2022 Presidential Election”

Anja Neundorff (University of Glasgow): “Mobilizing for Democracy Under Authoritarianism: The Power of Social Media Campaigns”

12:30-13:15 – Lunch

13:15-14:00 – Grigore Pop-Eleches (Princeton University) “Empathy, Threat Perceptions and Support for Ukraine at War: Cross-National Evidence from Eastern Europe.”

14:00-14:40 – Political nostalgia

Fred Paxton (University of Glasgow): “The electoral effect of nostalgic rhetoric: group interest representation and policy commitment signalling”

Christopher Claassen (University of Glasgow): "The politics of imperial nostalgia"

14:40-15:00 – Coffee break

15:00-16:00 – Culture clash

Georgios Karyotis (University of Glasgow): "The Secret Code: Affective Polarisation, Culture Wars and Electoral Behaviour in Greece"

Myrto Tsakatika (University of Glasgow): "Anti-wokeism' in the Radical Left: Continuity and Change"

Anna Dekalchuk (University of Glasgow): "Popular Conservatisms and the Structure of Russian Society"

16:00-16:45 – Nick Vivyan (Durham University): "The Political Polarisation of Climate Policy-Relevant Attitudes in Britain"

17:00-18:30 – Social gathering at Grosvenor Café

18:30-21:30 – Dinner at The Bothy