

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019

## 3<sup>rd</sup> WASEDA BRUSSELS CONFERENCE

### Democracy at the Crossroads: Populism and its Consequences on Political Trust



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***There*** is a growing concern today that the increasing adoption of populist messages and styles by politicians may be undermining the quality of democracy. Has the diffusion of populist messages led to a decay in trust in politics? Is this phenomenon global and applicable - beyond Europe and the US - to Asian countries such as Japan? The Waseda Brussels Conference this year will focus on how the rise of populism has affected the ways in which politics works and citizens perceive politics in the contemporary world. The Conference will gather together experts in the study of electoral campaigning, political attitudes and behavior, public opinion surveys, social media data analysis, and not to mention of populism, both from EU countries and Japan.

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## PROGRAM

9.00 - 9:30 REGISTRATION

9:30 - 10.00 OPENING SESSION

CHAIR

PROF. FRANÇOIS FORET (UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES)

WELCOME NOTE

PROF. MASAHIKO GEMMA (VICE PRESIDENT FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, WASEDA UNIVERSITY)

PROF. JUDITH LE MAIRE (VICE RECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION, UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES)

GUEST SPEECH

H.E. AMBASSADOR KAZUO KODAMA (MISSION OF JAPAN TO THE EU)

10.00 - 10.40 KEYNOTE SPEECH: *title tbc*

PROF. CEES VAN DER EIJK (UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM)

10:40 - 10:50 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

10:50 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 - 12:00 PRESENTATION SESSION 1: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON NEGATIVE CAMPAIGNING

CHAIR

PROF. FRANÇOIS FORET (UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES)

PRESENTATION 1 - ***The fall of the Berlin Wall & the rise of populist rhetoric: a possible linkage***

PROF. LUIGI CURINI (UNIVERSITY OF MILAN)

PRESENTATION 2 - ***Funny attacks? Three experiments on political humour & the effectiveness of negative campaigning***

PROF. ALESSANDRO NAI (UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM)

PRESENTATION 3 - ***Cross-national differences in seeking of political information & the role of media trust***

MS. LING LIU (WASEDA UNIVERSITY AND OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY)

12:10 NETWORKING LUNCH

13:30 - 14:30

**PANEL DISCUSSION: NEGATIVE CAMPAIGNS & TRUST IN POLITICS**

MODERATOR

PROF. ALESSANDRO NAI (UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM)

PANELISTS

PROF. CEES VAN DER EIJK (UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM)

PROF. LUIGI CURINI (UNIVERSITY OF MILAN)

MS. LING LIU (WASEDA UNIVERSITY)

14:30 - 15:30

**PRESENTATION SESSION 2: POPULISM & POLITICAL TRUST IN EUROPE & JAPAN**

CHAIR

PROF. REGIS DANDROY (UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES & WASEDA UNIVERSITY)

PRESENTATION 4 - **Populist voters & political trust in Europe & Japan**

PROF. AIRO HINO (WASEDA UNIVERSITY)

MR. ROBERT FAHEY (WASEDA UNIVERSITY)

MR. SEBASTIAN JUNGKUNZ (UNIVERSITY OF BAMBERG)

PRESENTATION 5 - **EMERGENCE & SPREAD OF CONSERVATIVE IDEAS IN POLAND FROM THE 80's ONWARD**

DR. VALENTIN BEHR (UNIVERSITÉ LIBRE DE BRUXELLES)

PRESENTATION 6 - **Populist dynamics: Interplay between parties' rhetoric & voters' attitudes in shaping electoral results**

DR. STEFANO CAMATARRI (WASEDA UNIVERSITY & UCLouvain)

PROF. AIRO HINO (WASEDA UNIVERSITY)

15:30

**COFFEE BREAK**

16:00 - 17:20

**ROUNDTABLE: CHALLENGES & FUTURE AGENDA IN SOCIAL SCIENCE & HUMANITIES:  
HOW RESEARCH ON POPULISM & DEMOCRATIC TRUST CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

MODERATOR

DR. OLGA GRITSAI (UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM)

PANELISTS

CYRIL ROBIN-CHAMPIGNEUL (EUROPEAN COMMISSION DG-RESEARCH: DEMOCRACY & EUROPEAN VALUES)

PROF. CEES VAN DER EIJK (UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM)

PROF. AIRO HINO (WASEDA UNIVERSITY)

PROF. FRANÇOIS FORET (UNIVERSITE LIBRE DE BRUXELLES)

17:20 - 17:30

**CLOSING REMARKS**

MRS. MARIA CRISTINA RUSSO (DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR RESEARCH AT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION)

17:30

**Farewell cocktail**

## Access and Contact for the Palais des Academies

Rue Ducale, 1 – 1000 Brussels

We recommend that you use public transportation to the venue for the conference



### PLAN D'ACCÈS

- PARKING › PARC ROYAL  
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LIGNES 2 ET 6 (TRÔNE)
- BUS › LIGNES 21, 27, 38, 54, 71, 95 (DUCALE)  
LIGNES 34, 64, 80 (TRÔNE)
- TRAIN › GARE BRUXELLES/LUXEMBOURG  
GARE CENTRALE

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