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INVESTIGATING POLARIZATION IN HYBRID MEDIA SYSTEMS

Final Symposium of the Research Project
I-POLHYS Investigating POLarization in HYbrid media Systems

OPENING REMARKS

11.00 – 11.30 am

Augusto Valeriani, Università di Bologna, Associate Investigator I-POLHYS**Cristopher Cepernich**, Università di Torino, President AssoComPol**JOURNALISM AND POLARIZATION
(METHODOLOGICAL CHALLENGES)**

11.30 am – 1.30 pm

Chair: **Paolo Mancini**, Università di Perugia*Navigating Political Polarization in News Production. The Case of Italy***Sergio Splendore**, Università di Milano, Associate Investigator I-POLHYS**Arianna Piacentini**, Università di Milano*Has News Audience Polarization Increased Overtime?***Richard Fletcher**, Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism at University of Oxford*Is (News) Partisan Sorting Equally Prevalent across the Two Sides of the Atlantic?***Ana S. Cardenal**, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya*Computational Analysis of Media Political Partisanship and Polarization in Italy***Fabio Giglietto**, Università di Urbino**Nicola Righetti**, Università di Urbino**Anna Stanziano**, Università di Urbino**INTERSECTIONS BETWEEN ÉLITE POLARIZATION
AND THE POLITICS OF GENDER**

3.00 – 5.00 pm

Chair: **Donatella Campus**, Università di Bergamo*Gender Dimensions of Communication Governance. Polarization Intersecting Perspectives, Principles and Practices***Claudia Padovani**, Università di Padova*Weaponizing Exclusion. Polarized Intersectionality in Online Debates***Antonio Martella**, Università di Torino**Elena Pavan**, Università di Trento, Associate Investigator I-POLHYS*Alliances and Opportunity Structures of Gender Contestations in Germany***Annett Heft**, Freie Universität Berlin*When Populist Radical Right Parties Govern: the Backlash against Women's and LGBT+ Rights in post-2022 Italy***Alessia Donà**, Università di Trento**KEYNOTE SPEECH**

5.30 – 6.30 pm

**IDENTIFYING THE SYMPTOMS
OF DESTRUCTIVE POLARIZATION****Axel Bruns**, Queensland University of Technology

POLARIZATION, FAKE NEWS, INCIVILITY

9.30 – 11.30 am

Chair: **Sara Bentivegna**, La Sapienza, Università di Roma*Investigating the Relationships between Problematic Information and Mass-polarization in Italy***Laura Iannelli**, Università di Sassari, Principal Investigator I-POLHYS**Giada Marino**, Università di Urbino*Visual Misinformation in Global Perspective: How Images and Emotions affect Believing, Sharing, and Verifying Misinformation***Cristian Vaccari**, University of Edinburgh*If Incivility is in the Eye of the Beholder, How do Citizens See it?***Rossella Rega**, Università di Siena*Dismantling Dichotomies: A Multilabel Approach to Understanding Uncivil and Intolerant Online Discourse***Patricia Rossini**, University of Glasgow**Coffee Break**

11.30 – 12.00 am

PARTIES, PARTISANS, POLARIZATION, AND THE MEDIA

12.00 am – 1.30 pm

Chair: **Gianpietro Mazzoleni**, Università di Milano*Citizens' Attitudes toward the EU in Italy during the Age of Crisis (2020-2022)***Giuliano Bobba**, Università di Torino*Affective Polarization, Political Distrust, and Populist Attitudes: Longitudinal Evidence from Italy***Danilo Serani**, Universidad de Salamanca*Framing and (de-)Polarizing Effects of Media Encounters with Partisan Outgroups***Sergio Martini**, Università di Siena**Augusto Valeriani**, Università di Bologna, Associate Investigator I-POLHYS**MEDIA CONTENT, MEDIA REPRESENTATIONS, AND POLARIZATION**

3.00 – 4.30 pm

Chair: **Giovanni Boccia Artieri**, Università di Urbino*Exploring Bias and Polarization in the Qatargate Case: Insights from Social Media***Rita Marchetti**, Università di Perugia*The Politicization of Tangentopoli. At the Origins of Media Populism***Marco Mazzoni**, Università di Perugia*Struggling for the Narrative: Digital Media and Affective Polarization in the Non-democratic Context (the Case of Russia)***Aidar Zinnatullin**, The University of Kaiserslautern-Landau, RPTU**CONCLUDING REMARKS**

4.30 – 5.00 pm

Laura Iannelli, Università di Sassari, Principal Investigator I-POLHYS

The conference aims to disseminate the main results of the **I-POLHYS research project** by sharing them with the national and international scientific community, and a broader audience. Additionally, it aims to involve Italian and International researchers who explore various dimensions of political communication dynamics that intersect with the theme of polarization.

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