

# Populism Post-truth Pandemic

Challenges to Democracy or Democratic Challenges?

**23 September 2022**

Lecture hall, Department of Political Sciences,  
Università di Pisa, Via Serafini 3

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## 09:00 - 09:30 | Institutional greetings

- Carmelo Calabrò (Università di Pisa)
- Elena Dundovich (Università di Pisa)

## 09:30 - 11:00 | Keynote speech [online]

- Yannis Stavrakakis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)  
*Anti-Populism as a Truth Regime*

Discussant: Lorenzo Viviani (Università di Pisa)

## 11:00 - 11:30 | Coffee break

## 11:30 - 13:30 | Session 1: Populism & Post-truth

- Matteo De Toffoli (Università di Pisa)  
*Who is "the people" of post-truth? An analysis of the Italian public debate*
- Kirill Filimonov (Uppsala Universitet)  
*Technocracy and truth: understanding Sweden's "deviant" response to Covid-19 through populism/anti-populism dialectic*
- Antonis Galanopoulos (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)  
*Reflections on populism and post-truth: from the double shock of 2016 to the pandemic*

## 13:30 - 15:00 | Lunch break

## 15:00 - 17:00 | Session 2: Populism & Pandemic

- Beatrice Carella (Scuola Normale Superiore)  
*Populists in government during the Coronavirus crisis: the cases of Italy and Spain in comparative perspective*
- Dominykas Kaminskas (Vilnius University)  
*The fantasmatic logics of populist discourse during the pandemic: the case of Lithuania*
- Panos Panayotu (Loughborough University)  
*Thoughts on the Eve of Post-pandemic Austerity. What can Left populism do differently this time?*

## 17:00 - 19:00 | Round table

- Paolo Gerbaudo (Scuola Normale Superiore)
- Giampietro Gobo (Università degli Studi di Milano)
- Damiano Palano (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore)
- Lorenzo Viviani (Università di Pisa)
- Matteo De Toffoli (Università di Pisa)

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