



RELIGION AND POPULISM(s) WORKSHOP

HOSTED BY: POPREU PROJECT

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PROGRAM

Thursday, 08 May, 2025 | 1st day of the workshop

Central Library Amphitheater, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Campus

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

4:00PM – 4:30PM

Ioannis Papageorgiou, (President of the Department of Political Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Konstantinos Papastathis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, POPREU Project Lead Investigator)

FIRST SESSION: POPULISM, RELIGION, AND DELIBERATION: THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES AND CRITIQUES

4:30PM – 6:00PM

“Contemporary Populism Studies: Definitions, Criteria, Typologies, Implications”

Yannis Stavrakakis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, POPREU Team)

“Can Populism deliberate?: A critique of Ernesto Laclau’s conceptualization of populism”

Murat Akan (Boğaziçi University)

“The Missing Link between Populism and Religion?: The Global Transformation of Conservatism and the Role of Religion”

Angelos Chryssoyelos (London Metropolitan University)

Q&A Session

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COFFEE BREAK

6:00PM – 6:15 PM

KEYNOTE SPEECH

6:15 PM – 7:15 PM

*“Populism, religion and democracy:
morphological similarities and significant
differences”*

Dani Filc (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

CLOSING

DINNER

7:30 PM

Place to be announced

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Friday, 09 May, 2025 | 2nd day of the workshop

Central Library Amphitheater, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki Campus

GATHERING

8:45 AM - 9:00 AM

SECOND SESSION: RELIGION, POPULISM, AND ANTI-WESTERN NARRATIVES IN GREECE: DIGITAL AND IDEOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATIONS

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

"Orthodox Anti-Westernism and Populism: Interconnections, Transformations and Implications"

Vasileios Makridis (University of Erfurt)

"E-Faith, e-narcissism, e-populism or fundamentalism online? A reflection on the current debate in Greece"

Christos Tsironis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

"Exclusionary populism and Islamophobia in the Greek political sphere: The extreme-right milieu and the dehumanization of Muslims"

Alexandros Sakellariou (National and Kapodistrian University)

Q&A Session

THIRD SESSION: RELIGION, IDENTITIES, AND THE POLITICS OF EXCLUSION

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

"From the Constitution of the people to the Constitution of identities and the role of religion"

Lina Papadopoulou (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

"The tension between religious commitment and populist politics-Religious politics and populism in Israel"

Aviad Rubin (University of Haifa)

"Religion(s) and far-right populist discourse: the normalization of gendered exclusions"

Chara Karagianopoulou (Panteion University) & Niki Papageorgiou (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Q&A Session

COFFEE BREAK

12:00 PM – 12:15 PM

KEYNOTE SPEECH

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM

"Populism and Religion in Italy: from the Lega to Brothers of Italy"

Luca Ozzano (University of Turin)

LUNCH BREAK

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM

FOURTH SESSION: RELIGION, INSTITUTIONS, AND POPULISM

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

“Religion, populism, and the law: How the Greek judiciary adopted the exclusionary populist constitutional discourse of the Church of Greece”

Akritas Kaidatzis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

“Religion and Populism in Greece, 2018–2022: Three Case Studies”

Sotiris Mitralaxis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, POPREU Team)

“The political “moment of the people” in the liberation theology of Enrique Dussel”

Angelos Gounopoulos (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Q&A Session

COFFEE BREAK

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM

FIFTH SESSION: SECULARIZATION, DE-SECULARIZATION AND POPULISM

3:45 PM – 5:15 PM

“Politics and Religion in Secular Societies: The Role of Religion in the Nordic Countries”

Jakob Schwörer (Leuphana University of Lüneburg)

“The People of the Bazaar (Bazaari): Religious Populism in Post-revolutionary Iran”

Stavroula Koskina (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, POPREU Team)

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“Religiosity and Civilizationist Voting in the EU”
Anastasia Litina (University of Macedonia, POPREU Team), Konstantinos Papastathis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, POPREU Team) & Ioannis Patios (University of Macedonia, POPREU Team)

Q&A Session

CLOSING REMARKS

5:15 PM – 6:00 PM

CLOSING

DINNER

7:30 PM

Place to be announced

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