

PNRR - Missione 4, Componente 2, Investimento 1.1 - Bando Prin 2022 - Decreto Direttoriale n. 104 del 02-02-2022
Progetto **Post-truth politics and the resilience of the public sphere in Europe (POPSPHERE)**

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

2th February 2024

Location: University of Catania

Department of Political and Social Sciences

Via Vittorio Emanuele II, 8



Public sphere in Europe between communication and disinformation

The conference aims to examine European communication policy responses to post-truth politics, taking into account the risks of disinformation and emerging communicative practices in the European Union's public sphere. Various risks (pandemics, conflicts, disinformation) have emerged, intersecting with new challenges such as digital transition, migratory flows, and democratic participation. This has repercussions on the system of values and ideologies associated with the integration project (EU principles, fundamental rights), including in relation to generational changes. The issues arising in the public sphere related to the European elections will be investigated, particularly regarding the transformative effects of digitalization and the primary challenge for journalism.

09.30-10.00 CONFERENCE OPENING

Giuseppa Di Gregorio, Director Department of Political and Social Sciences

10.00– 13:00 Communicating European elections

Chair: **Rossana Sampugnaro**, University of Catania

Marinella Belluati e Sara Pane, University of Turin
European Elections and Institutional Communication. The role of EU

Luca Raffini, University of Genova
Voting for what? What citizens know about the EU and what is being discussed in the election campaign

Giuliana Sorci, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence
Post-truth politics and the resilience of the public sphere in Europe

Discussant: **Hans-Jörg Trenz**, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence

13.00-15,00 lunch break



15.00-15.30 *The Horizon project: Reclaiming Liberal Democracy in the Postfactual Age* - Maximilian Conrad (University of Island, RECLAIM Principal Investigator)

Tómas Joensen (University of Island, RECLAIM Program Manager)



15.30-17.30 Roundtable

Journalism and the Challenges of Disinformation: experiences and countermeasures

Chair: **Lucia D'Ambrosi**, Sapienza University of Rome, **Mariaeugenia Parito**, University of Messina

Hrvoje Butković, Institute for Development and International Relations, Zagreb

Martin Moland, ARENA Centre for European Studies, University of Oslo

Joanna Orzechowska-Wańkowska, Jagiellonian University, Krakow

Luis Bouza Garcia, Autonomous University of Madrid

Jacopo Custodi, Scuola Normale Superiore

Discussant: **Rolando Marini**, University for Foreigners, Perugia



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