

**3rd Joint Meetings and 1st Action Conference of COST Action IS1308
26–28 March, 2015**

National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece

Agenda

Thursday 26 March: MC Meeting and Joint Working Group Meeting

Location: National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, Alkis Argyriadis Auditorium, Historical Central Building, 30 Panepistimiou Ave, 106 79 Athens; Entrance via Panepistimou street. Alternative entrance: Riga Fereou street (<http://maps.uoa.gr/en/>)

- 13.30-14.00 Registration
- 14.00-16.00 COST MC meeting
- 16.00-16.30 Coffee break
- 16.30-19.00 Joint Working Groups meeting (chapter discussions from aprx 17.00 at Acadimias 48)
- 19.00 COST dinner (Kapodistriakon-Kostis Palamas, Acadimias 48)

Friday 27 March: Action Conference

Location: National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, Alkis Argyriadis Auditorium, Historical Central Building, 30 Panepistimiou Ave, 106 79 Athens; Entrance via Riga Fereou street

- 09.00-09.30 Registration
- 09.30-11.00 Keynote by Dr. Cas Mudde, University of Georgia:
“The conceptual development of populism and its use in empirical research”
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-13.00 Keynote by Dr. Linda Bos, University of Amsterdam:
“Dissecting the role of the media in populist success”
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch (Kapodistriakon-Kostis Palamas, Acadimias 48)
- 14.00-15.30 Keynote by Prof. Frank Esser, University of Zurich:
“The appeal of populist ideas and messages”
- 15.30-16.00 Coffee break
- 16.00-18.00 Roundtable/panel: Journalism, Politics and Populism
Participants: Stakeholders from Media and Politics.

Saturday 28 March: WG Meeting(s)

Location: Kapodistriakon-Kostis Palamas, Acadimias 48

- 09.30-11.30 Working Group meetings
- 11.30-12.00 Coffee break
- 12.00-13.00 Joint Working Group meetings / Summary discussion & Wrap Up

3rd Management Committee (MC) Meeting

Thursday 26 March, 14.00–16.00

Agenda

1. Welcome to participants (Toril Aalberg and Stylianos Papathanassopoulos)
2. Adoption of the agenda (Toril Aalberg)
3. Approval of minutes
4. Presentation of the delegations
5. Status of the COST Action (Toril Aalberg & Karin Ekberg)
6. General orientation of the Work and Budget Plan (Toril Aalberg)
7. Communication strategy and work (Nicolas Hubé)
8. STSMs (Peter van Aelst)
9. ESR Think Thank (Sven Engesser)
10. Odense 2015 (David Hopman)
11. Book & future work in the action. (Frank Esser, Carsten Reinemann & James Stanyer)
12. Place and date of future meetings (Toril Aalberg)
13. AOB (Toril Aalberg)
14. Closing

Action Conference:

Populist Political Communication in Europe:

Conceptual Developments, Empirical Research and Real Life Experiences

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Friday 27 March:

09.00-09.30 Registration

09.30-11.00 **Keynote by Dr. Cas Mudde, University of Georgia:**
“The conceptual development of populism and its use in empirical research”



Dr. Mudde is an expert on European politics and the foremost scholar on the far right populism in western democracies. Among his most recent books is the co-edited volume *Populism in Europe and the Americas: Threat or Corrective for Democracy?* (Cambridge University Press, 2012).

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-13.00 **Keynote by Dr. Linda Bos, University of Amsterdam:**
“Dissecting the role of the media in populist success”



Dr. Bos is an expert on populist political communication. She defended her PhD theses “Public Images of Right-Wing Populist Leaders: the Role of the Mass Media” in May 2012.

13.00-14.00 Lunch (Kapodistriakon-Kostis Palamas, Acadimias 48)

14.00-15.30 **Keynote by Dr. Frank Esser, University of Zurich:**
“The appeal of populist ideas and messages”



Prof. Esser is an expert on cross-national studies of news journalism and political communication. He is currently one of the co-directors of the international research project “The Appeal of Populist Ideas and Messages. Understanding Populism in the Context of Denationalization and Mediatization”.

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-18.00 Roundtable/panel: **Journalism, Politics and Populism.**

Confirmed Participants: Mr. Pavlos Tzimas (Senior Journalist, SKAI TV), Mr. Nicos Konstantaras (columnist and managing editor at Kathimerini, a Greek daily), Mr. Elias Siakantaris (Journalist, Alpha TV), Mr. Nicos Malkoutzis (Deputy Editor of Greek daily Kathimerini English Edition).

A limited number of places at the One Day Conference are available to Stakeholders/non-Action members. There will be no conference fee, but a conference lunch will be available for 20 € based on registration.

Joint & Parallel Working Groups Meeting in Athens

Thursday 26 March, 16.30–19.00

Saturday 28 March, 09.30–11.30

Saturday 28 March, 12.00–13.00

Preliminary Agenda

1. Joint Session: Welcome to new affiliated working group members (Toril Aalberg)
2. Joint Session: Book chapters, challenges and presentations (Frank Esser, Carsten Reinemann & James Stanyer)
3. Joint Session: Book chapters, key question & main conclusion (Everybody)
4. Joint Session/ Parallel groups: Book chapters, individual chapter feedback (in 3 Groups)

Country placement for chapter feedback & discussion		
Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
Sweden	Switzerland	Germany
Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria
Finland	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Croatia
fYR Macedonia	Czech Republic	Greece
Hungary	Denmark	Iceland
Italy	France	Israel
Poland	Ireland	Lithuania
Romania	Norway	Netherlands
United Kingdom	Slovenia	Portugal
		Spain

5. Parallel WG Meetings: Chapters on WG topics
6. Parallel WG Meetings: Next steps for WGs
7. Joint Session: Summary, discussion & the next steps (Frank Esser, Carsten Reinemann & James Stanyer)