

17th Conference “Social Monitoring and Reporting in Europe”

Rising Conflicts and Polarisation in European Societies? Indicators, Empirical Evidence, and Future Prospect

Villa Vigoni
9-11/2023



PROGRAMME

Monday, October 9, 2023

Afternoon - Arrival of Participants

19:00 Reception & Dinner

Tuesday, Morning, October 10, 2023

9:00 – 10:45 Session 1

Chair: Christian Suter (University of Neuchâtel)

Rising Conflicts and Polarisation in European Societies? Empirical Evidence, Conceptualizations, Measurements

Christian Suter (University of Neuchâtel)
Welcome and Introduction to the Conference

Maik Herold (TU Dresden)
Affective polarization in Europe

Marcus Gercke & Jan Delhey (Otto-von-Guericke University Magdeburg)
Perspectives on societal polarisation

Jeroen Boelhouwer (The Netherlands Institute for Social Research, The Hague)
Increasing polarization in the Netherlands: perceived or factual?

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:45 Session 2

Chair: Heinz-Herbert Noll (formerly GESIS, Mannheim)

Economic Polarisation

Carlos Vacas-Soriano (Eurofound)

Income inequalities and the changing middle class in the EU

Stefano Filauro & Zachary Parolin (Bocconi University)

Within-country differences in income and housing costs: their impact on poverty

Loukas Stemitsiotis & Jakub Caisl (European Commission, Brussels)

The uneven impacts of high inflation

13:00 Lunch

Tuesday, Afternoon, October 10, 2023

14:30 – 16:00 Session 3

Chair: Laura Kestilä (Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, Helsinki)

Spatial Polarisation

Marie Hyland, Eleonora Peruffo, Marta Anzillotti, Garance Hingre & Massimiliano Mascherini (Eurofound)
Rural-urban divide – analysing trends and drivers across income, opportunity and values

Dirk Konietzka & Yevgeniy Martynovych (TU Braunschweig)

Spatial polarization and social inequality in Germany. Are social class differentials in place of residence increasing?

Oliver Nahkur, Helina Maasing, Ave Kovaljov & Mare Ainsaar (University of Tartu)

Measuring the risk of immigration related conflicts

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00 Session 4

Chair: István Toth (Tarki, Budapest)

Political and Social Polarisation

Paulina Pankowska (Utrecht University), Davide Morselli (University of Lausanne), and Ruben Bach (Mannheim University)

Can online behavior predict political attitudes?

Sakari Karvonen, Jukka Sivonen & Laura Kestilä (Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare, Helsinki)

Cleavages of trust in a high trusting country – Level of trust and attitudes towards climate change in Finland

Jean-Yves Gerlitz, Nils Teichler, Carina Cornesse, Clara Dilger, Olaf Groh-Samberg, Holger Lengfeld, Eric Nissen, Jost Reinecke, Stephan Skolarski, Richard Traunmüller & Lena Verneuer-Emre (Research Institute Social Cohesion, RISC)

Network homogeneity, network segregation and social cohesion in Germany

19:30 Dinner

Wednesday, Morning, October 11, 2023

9:15 – 11:00 Session 5

Chair: Peter Farago (formerly FORS, Lausanne)

Recent Developments in European Social Monitoring, Reporting, and Indicator Construction

Thomas Eichhorn, Christina Boll, Harald Eichhorn, Ortrud Leßmann & Claudia Zerle-Elsäßer (German Youth Institute, DJI)

An index of relative deprivation for children under 14 years of age

Jeroen Boelhouwer (The Netherlands Institute for Social Research, The Hague)

New Dutch social report: Social and cultural developments. The state of the country

Monica Budowski (University of Fribourg) & Christian Suter (University of Neuchâtel)

A Panorama of Swiss Society: The forthcoming 2024 report on ageing

István Toth (Tarki, Budapest)

The Hungarian Social Report 2022

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30 Business Meeting

Chair: Christian Suter (University of Neuchâtel)

Future Plans

13:00 Lunch and Departure



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