

## [CfP Beyond the Populist Hype workshop](#)

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**Workshop, Thu, 14 - Fri, 15 January 2021**

**Deadline for abstracts: Sun, 12 July 2020**

This workshop seeks to bring together scholars working on populism or related themes to reflect on their own work and its relation to populist hype. Following Glynos and Mondon ([2016](#)), the term refers to an inflationary use of the label populism, across scholarly, mass media and political arenas, simplifying and homogenizing an array of politicians, parties, and movements, whether as populist or anti-populist. In light of the recent populist hype surrounding the surprise elections of Trump, Duterte, and Brexit to name but a few, we invite critical reflections on the way populism is utilized in politics, media, and academia.

We suggest three sets of questions for the workshop, but welcome any other proposals:

- How can we justify our particular scholarly uses of “populism” in the light of the hype surrounding it? Can populism still be a productive analytical concept especially compared to related concepts such as democracy, technocracy, and liberalism?
- What impact has the populist hype had on both academic debate and political discourse? For example, has the populist hype led scholars and other commentators to rally around the political status quo? Did it distract attention from other political projects such as the climate movement, feminism or decolonization?
- What happens after the hype subsides? Does populism become normalized and fundamentally change politics? Or does the political system instead tame populism?

**Keynotes will include:** [Aurelien Mondon](#) (University of Bath), [Bice Maiguashca](#) (University of Exeter), [Christopher Bickerton](#) (University of Cambridge)

The workshop will be hosted by the inter-disciplinary [Centre for Citizenship, Civil Society and Rule of Law](#), which studies political concepts in the world. We consider how these concepts have been fostered historically, debated philosophically and in politics, fought over by social movements, codified in law, transmitted through education and the media, and lived out in everyday life.

Abstracts of 200-400 words should be submitted to [politico@abdn.ac.uk](mailto:politico@abdn.ac.uk) by **12 July 2020**. Accommodation will be provided. Applicants from outside Europe may request a contribution toward

their travel expenses. Online presentations will be considered but in-person participation is preferred.

A collaboration around these and other populist themes could result in the production of joint publication, for example.

We invite scholars of all disciplines and backgrounds to participate, as a prerequisite to the kind of interdisciplinary, diverse conversation required to advance any deeper understanding of populism.

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