

II SYMPOSIUM OF THE CENTRE OF DISCOURSE STUDIES

**discourses of power, resistance, and reaction
in the global era**

**19, 20, 21 MAY 2026
ONLINE**

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Centre of Discourse Studies

1ST CIRCULAR - II SYMPOSIUM OF THE CENTRE OF DISCOURSE STUDIES

DESCRIPTION

The II International Symposium of the Centre of Discourse Studies, “Discourses of Power, Resistance, and Reaction in the Global Era,” will take place online, from May 19th to the 21st, 2026. The purpose of the symposium is to offer an interdisciplinary and international platform for dialogue and exchange around the ideological and discursive tensions shaping today’s polarized world.

The symposium will be structured in three thematic days, focusing on:

1. Discourses of far-right political groups and reactionary movements, with sub-topics including enemy construction, discursive victimization, and (digital) radicalization
2. Discourses of movements for social justice and equality, highlighting discursive strategies of resistance, rearticulation, and intersectionality
3. Human rights as a discursive field in dispute, considering resignifications, structural exclusions, and emerging counter-discourses

The program will include daily keynote lectures, roundtable discussions, and sessions featuring selected paper presentations, fostering the exchange of critical research on contemporary discourses across diverse geographical, linguistic, and sociopolitical contexts.

The official languages of the event are English and Spanish.

PARTICIPATION

We invite presentation proposals of papers aligned with one of the three thematic lines of the symposium specified above.

Proposal submission form for thematic line 1: <https://forms.gle/Km5otHxgoVxZ19VG6>

Proposal submission form for thematic line 2: <https://forms.gle/RMcHr6HsbrSQrLNi7>

Proposal submission form for thematic line 3: <https://forms.gle/vbYG4WjeKQ4oZQd77>

All proposals will be reviewed by the organizing and scientific committees.

You do not need to be a member of the Centre of Discourse Studies to submit your proposal. However, all accepted presenters must complete CentreDS membership registration to participate. Attendance is free for members and €30 for non-members. The yearly CentreDS membership subscription is €30/year for Global Membership and €60/year for Local Membership.

You can find more details about membership and become a 2026 CentreDS Member through the following link: <https://forms.gle/jDG7vPsVy1mhsRzy8>

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for proposal submissions: 12 January 2026

Notification of proposal acceptance: 1 March 2026

Deadline for confirmation and early registration of participants with accepted papers: 15 March 2026

General inscription period: 1 April - 11 May 2026

Dates of the symposium: 19, 20, & 21 May 2026

PROGRAM

DAY 1 - 19 MAY 2026

Discourses of far-right political groups and reactionary movements: construction of the enemy, victimization, and radicalization

Keynote:

Ruth Wodak (Lancaster University)

Roundtable:

Manuela Caiani (Centre on Social Movement Studies, Università di Firenze)

Michał Krzyzanowski (Uppsala)

Simon Goodman (De Montfort University)

Presentations of a maximum of 4 selected submissions

Form for submitting proposals for Day 1: <https://forms.gle/Km5otHxgoVxZ19VG6>

DAY 2 - 20 MAY 2026

Social movement discourses: strategies of resistance, rearticulation, and construction of the commons

Keynote:

Óscar García Agustín (Aalborg University)

Roundtable:

Daniel N. Silva (Universidade Federal de Santa Catarina)

Manuela Romano (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

Paolo Gerbaudo (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

Presentations of a maximum of 4 selected submissions

Form for submitting proposals for Day 2: <https://forms.gle/RMcHr6HsbrSQrLNi7>

DAY 3 - 21 MAY 2026

Human rights as a discursive field in dispute: resignifications, appropriations, and exclusions

Keynote:

Michelle Lazar (National University of Singapore)

Roundtable:

Karina Ochoa (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Azcapotzalco)

María Martínez Lirola (Universidad de Alicante)

Mirta Antonelli (Universidad Nacional de Córdoba)

Presentations of a maximum of 4 selected submissions

Form for submitting proposals for Day 3: <https://forms.gle/vbYG4WjeKQ4oZQd77>

Closing Keynote:

Ariadna Estévez (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México)

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