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## Call for Papers

### The Journal of Populism and Politics

*“The Interplay Between Migration and Populist Politics  
Across Europe Ahead of European Parliament Elections”*

*The Journal of Populism and Politics (P&P) cordially invites submissions for  
“The Interplay Between Migration and Populist Politics Across Europe”  
workshop scheduled for 16 May 2024 in Brussels.*

#### Key Dates

**Paper abstract submission:** November 29, 2023.

**Decision about abstract acceptance:** December 8, 2023

**Submission of draft papers:** April 2, 2024

**Workshop:** May 16, 2024

P&P is a digital journal dedicated to advancing the study and understanding of populism-related phenomena and populist challenges in historical and contemporary contexts.

Migration, with its multifaceted socio-economic and political implications on voting behavior, stands at the nexus of the factors that have fueled the demand for populism in Europe and beyond. As the 2024 European Parliamentary elections approach, comprehending the trends in voting behavior and the role of immigration-related populism necessitates an interdisciplinary approach. To this end, P&P invites scholars, researchers, policymakers, and civil rights advocates to engage in a workshop looking into the interplay between populism and migration.

The central theme of the workshop revolves around elections and anti-immigration populism in the European context. Suggested topics include but are not limited to:



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- **Impact of Migration on Voter Behavior:** Examine the influence of refugee flows and migrant populations in the EU member countries on voting patterns, party preferences, and electoral results. Case studies from both individual EU countries and groups of countries are encouraged.
  - **Integration Policies and Political Effects:** Investigate the relationship between different approaches to immigrant integration (e.g., multiculturalism vs. assimilation) and their political consequences, including support for populist radical right (PRR) parties.
  - **The Role of (Social) Media in Shaping Migration Politics:** Examine how media coverage and political/populist discourse on migration issues influence public opinion and political decision-making, particularly in the context of populism.
  - **Migrant Political Participation:** Explore the political engagement and participation of migrants, including their involvement in local politics, voter turnout, and the emergence of migrant-led political movements, and investigate those movements' stances vis-à-vis populist politics.
  - **Nationalism and Anti-Migrant Sentiment:** Investigate the impact of nationalist ideologies and anti-migrant sentiment on electoral politics in different European countries and regions.
  - **Immigrant Political Mobilization:** Study the strategies and effectiveness of immigrant-led advocacy groups and political movements in counteracting anti-immigrant policies, both at national and EU levels.
  - **Migration and Welfare State Politics:** Analyze how immigration affects the design and sustainability of welfare state policies, including debates about social benefits, welfare chauvinism, and access to healthcare for migrants, and in this context, explore the impact of populist discourses on welfare state policies.
  - **Asylum Policies and Populist Discourse:** Examine the relationship between asylum policies, populist rhetoric, and public opinion, particularly regarding the acceptance or rejection of refugees.
  - **Border Security and Political Agendas:** Investigate how populist narratives and debates over border security, border controls, and border crises shape the political agendas of European governments and parties.



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- **Election Campaign Strategies on Migration:** Analyze how political parties use migration issues in their election campaigns, including framing policies and campaign rhetoric.
- **The European Union and Migration Governance:** Examine the EU's role in shaping migration policies across member states and the impact of EU decisions on national politics with regard to populist anti-migrant policies in member states.
- **Local Politics and Migration:** Investigate the role of local governments and municipal policies in addressing populist anti-immigrant discourse.
- **Populist Discourse and Gendered Othering:** Analyze how populist discourse constructs and reinforces gendered "othering" of migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers and its implications for policy and public opinion.
- **Migrant Women's Political Mobilization:** Study the role of migrant women in political movements and advocacy efforts, addressing gender-specific issues and advocating for gender equality within migration policies in a populist era.
- **Gender and Populist Party Support:** Examine what kind of role gender plays in support of anti-immigrant populist parties, including populist appeals to different gender groups.

Selected papers will undergo expert review and receive constructive feedback before and during the workshop. After the workshop, authors will be asked to revise their papers for publication in Populism and Politics (P&P).

The deadline for submitting the paper abstract (500-600 words) and a bio (400 words) is Wednesday, November 29, 2023. Draft papers are expected to be submitted by April 2, 2024. The workshop will be a one-day event in Brussels on 16 May 2024.

For submissions, please contact: [ecps@populismstudies.org](mailto:ecps@populismstudies.org)

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