

THE CONGRESS:

From the Department of Political Science and Public Administration of the University of the Basque Country (UPV/EHU), we would like to present the third edition of the **Critical Political Analysis International Congress**, under the name "The return of politics?".

The idea behind this question is to develop a series of reflections which have been encouraged in the last years both by **academia** and by a great plurality of **popular movements**.

Recently we are seeing **new kinds of social and political organization**, an enrichment of analysis strategies, the attribution of new theoretical concepts and instruments, and new kinds of relationships between a plurality of **social movements** and **state-building processes**. All these issues are occurring within a new logic of democratic reformulation against old oppression ones.

These and other questions will be analysed in the conference we are presenting here, which is pretended to be a forum for **meeting, reflection and debate**.

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REGISTRATION:

All entries have to be formalized through our website filling the form before November 10:

- ⇒ **Before October 15:** 40€ (20€ for students, unemployed and precarious)
- ⇒ **October 15 to November 10:** 55€ (35€ for students, unemployed and precarious)

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Working groups, this congress includes four working groups:

New politics: Processes, agents and mechanisms

1 This group will focus on the analysis and reflection around the emergence of new agents and political and social processes that, in the last years, have accompanied, to a great extent, the discourse and practice of democratic transformation. We are not specifically referring to new political parties but to new forms of social and political organization that aim to enter the political space: social movements that become political parties; confluences of municipal networks; new alliances and strategies emerging from social movements; etc. Beyond the analysis of who these agents are or where they come from, our aim is to better understand the way in which these agents are organizing themselves and how they attempt to organize the decision-making political sphere in a different manner. In this line, we will also try to address how political processes are being reformulated, by looking at processes – in their cooperative or contentious dimensions – among social agents, political agents (new and conventional) and different institutions.

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Intersectionality

2 Most of societies that are moving towards equal multiculturalism have seen an increase of deepening democratic processes. These are characterized by a diversity of strategies and perspectives in reference to its implementation. However, all of them have a common aim which is to achieve a greater social justice through the incorporation into decision making of traditional excluded social agents. Moreover, academic, political and activist field share the worry about achieving inclusive democratization experiences. Thus, there are a growing number of research works that analyses these processes from an integrating perspective, or collective actions that become visible how the position of an agent depends on the intersection of multiple inequalities. From this work group, we want to deepen on the experiences and reflexions about democratization from intersectional viewpoint. Theoretical, methodological and experiential contributions about intersectionality and democratization are welcome in this discussion. In other words, we are interested in works that analyze multiple oppression on different social groups and how they face these intersectional inequalities. We hope to create conditions which promote the debate about different ways to understand the intersectionality from an dialogue between experiential and theoretical viewpoints.

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Democracy and Populism: Europe and Latin America facing the mirror

3 Europe and Latin America have become two of the most dynamic regions in the international political scene during the last years. Policy changes driven in Latin America against neoliberalism and looking for greater sovereignty is still a space of undoubted reference. Fifteen years later, we have an excellent opportunity to think about progress made, as well as about evident contradictions. At the same time, most recently Europe has shown the first firm answers to the neoliberal pillaging that is hurting the continent. European hegemonic project is suffering the first rifts from various territories and very different positions (both left and right) various proposals are gathering strength: some of them alternative and other reactionary. In order to analyze the complex changes taking place in these two regions, two political concepts are remarkable today: democracy and populism. On the one hand, democracy is a major civic claim facing economic and multiple authoritarianism we suffer and that is the reason why it has become a fundamental thermometer to assess any political project. Populism, as well, a widely polysemous word, has achieved an important centrality in contemporary political debate and it appears as a valuable theoretical tool to identify the limits and potentials of both the new and the old political projects in dispute.

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State-building and people's movement construction

4 How should the relationships between social movements and institutions be? Is it possible to combine these two schools of thought? Should we build links between them or should we define better each one's space? What kind of influences have social movements on institutions? When leftist parties reach government, what happens in a social movement's political practice? Is there any possibility of strengthening social movements through the governments which are critical of capitalism? In this group, we will reflect on the dichotomous and convergent elements between these two paradigms. To do so, we will try to analyse different cases, not only cases from the Basque Country but also others from the Spanish state, in order to explain the similarities and differences between unlike experiences and to look into the study of social movements and state-building schools of thought.

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AGENDA

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September

Deadline for **abstract's** submission. Abstracts must be sent by e-mail both to the working group's coordination team and to the conference's scientific committee.

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October

Response to the proposals.

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October

Deadline for sending **communications**. Must be sent by e-mail both to the working group's coordination team and to the conference's scientific committee.

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November

Resolution and programme.