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## WORKSHOP

**7-8 November  
2024**  
11 - 13:20

Scuola Normale Superiore  
Faculty of Political and  
Social Sciences  
"Altana" Conference Hall  
Palazzo Strozzi  
Florence

Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna  
**Aula Magna**  
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Pisa

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# CONSPIRACIES AND CONFLICTS

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## DAY ONE: 7 NOVEMBER

Scuola Sant'Anna, Pisa (Aula Magna)

11.15-11.30 opening and welcome

11.30-13.30 **panel 1**, presentation and Q&A

15.00-16.30 **panel 2**

16.30-17.00 Coffee break

17.00-18.30 **panel 3**

Free time

19.45 dinner in Pisa

## DAY TWO: 8 NOVEMBER

Scuola Normale Superiore, Firenze (Altana)

11.00-13.00 **panel 4**

End of the conference

### **PANEL 1. What are Political Conspiracy Theories?**

Chair: **GIUSEPPE MARTINICO** and **MARCO SOLINAS**

Presenters:

**NICOLAS GUILHOT** (European Institute – Florence)  
*Neoliberalism and Anti-Conspiracism*

**SIMONA STANO** (Università di Torino)  
*In Search of a Culprit: Conspiracy Theories, Hermetic Semiosis, and Scapegoating*

**MARCO SOLINAS** (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna)  
*The Magic Power of Political Conspiracism*

**PAUL TAGGART** (University of Sussex)

### **PANEL 2. Raising Awareness for and Debunking Fake News: Journalism and counter Strategies**

Chair **HANS-JÖRG TRENZ**

**MAXIMILIAN CONRAD** (University of Iceland)  
*Fake News Narratives, Violence against Journalists and the Post-Truth Condition: Evidence from Germany and Canada*

**ELENA GARCIA GUITAN** (University Autònoma di Madrid)  
*Reinforcing democracy in a post-truth context: institutional responses to rebalance the disruptions of the political public sphere*

**JACOPO CUSTODI AND HANS JOERG TRENZ** (Scuola Normale Superiore)  
*Counter-Strategies to disinformation and the re'organisation of journalism in Europe: A comparative perspective*

### **PANEL 3. Environmental Issues Between Denialism and Misinformation**

Chair: **MANUELA CAIANI** and **BALSA LUBARDA**

**GIORGIA BULLI** (University of Florence)  
*The Europeanization of Climate Change Disinformation in Far-Right Magazines: the case of The Primato Nazionale and Compact*

**KEVIN WINTER** (Tubingen)  
*Against the wind: How conspiracy belief hinders the energy revolution*

**MORENO MANCOSU and CECILIA BIANCALANA**  
*The Politics of Climate Denial: A Cross-National Analysis in the Wake of the 2024 European Elections*

### **PANEL 4. Radical right and Conspiracies**

Chair: **MANUELA CAIANI**

**SUSI MERET** (Aalborg University)  
*Dystopian Fantasies and Gender Politics: Analyzing Far-Right Gender Extremism in Contemporary Participatory Platforms*

**OSCAR MAZZOLENI** (University of Zurich)

**KLAUDIA KOXHA** (Salzburg)  
*Populism and Conspiracy in European radical right-wing politics. A supply-side discursive perspective*

**ELA DRAZKIEWICZ** (Lund University)  
*Conspirational Clutter: dealing with conspiracy theories in Polish politics*

**MICHAEL ZELLER**  
*Framing conspiracism: right-wing extremist trends in post-pandemic Europe*