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## You-Dare Insight #1

Dear ,

We are delighted to share with you the first You-Dare Insight of the project ! In this newsletter, you will find highlights from our ongoing research and activities, insights from our partners, as well as upcoming opportunities to engage with our work.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your interest and support are essential to advancing democratic values in Europe.

### Tune into the You-Dare to ask Podcast !



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In our inaugural episode, **Kathleen M. Blee**, distinguished Professor of Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh and a leading expert on far-right and racist movements, joins **Susi Meret**, associate Professor in Political Sociology at Aalborg University and scientific coordinator of the YOU DARE project.

Together, they delve into the **complexities of defining the far right**, exploring its historical roots, core beliefs, and evolving forms across Europe.

*The far right is a complex... a constellation. It's a bit of everything, but there are some core issues that unite these different actors. - Susi Meret*

Our **next podcast episode** will be released in the coming weeks! This time, we **take a closer look at the role of masculinity in far-right politics**. Why do far-right proposals often resonate among men, especially young men? How is masculinity framed within these ideological positions? And why do these narratives seem particularly attractive to male audiences?

Stay tuned for an insightful discussion!



## Spotlight on our latest publications

Bellè, E. *When the Local is Illiberal: Local Welfare Chauvinism and the Populist Radical Right. Government and Opposition*. Published online 2025:1-20.

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Pichel-Vázquez, Alexandre, Cabezas Fernández, Marta, & Enguix Grau, Begonya (2025). *Discussing Gender among Right-Wing Men: Censorship, Dilemmas and Dissents Between Spanish Conservatives and Radicals*. Asparkia. *Investigació Feminista*, 47.

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Beyer Gregersen, A., Meret, S., Rolandsen Agustín, L. (2025). *"So Common to Score Cheap Points on Being an Antifeminist": The Rise of Antifeminist and Anti-Gender Mobilizations in Denmark and the Feminist Response*. In: Smrdelj, R., Kuhar, R. (eds) *Anti-Gender Mobilizations in Europe and the Feminist Response. Palgrave Studies in European Political Sociology*. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.

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## YOU-DARE in action

### **ECPR SG Extremism and Democracy Conference at Queen Mary, University of London (9–10 June 2025)**

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Elisa Bellè, Research Associate at Glasgow University and researcher for the YOU DARE project, attended the ECPR SG Extremism and Democracy Conference at Queen Mary, University of London (9–10 June 2025). The conference provided an opportunity to engage with leading scholars, exchange ideas, and discuss recent developments in the study of extremism and democratic processes.

### **5th ISA Forum of Sociology in Rabat, Morocco, July 2025**

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Begonya Enguix Grau, Associate Professor and Alexandre Pichel-Vázquez, Dr. in Humanities and Communication, from the Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

(UOC); participated in the 5th ISA Forum of Sociology in Rabat, Morocco, in July 2025. In line with the YOU DARE project's research, they organized a panel on "Gender and Emotions in the 'New' Far Right: 'Re-Constructing' Gender and Masculinities", fostering discussion on the intersections of gender, emotions, and far-right politics.

### SISP Napoli conference (4–6 September 2025)

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Susi Meret, our scientific coordinator recently participated in the SISP Napoli conference (4–6 September 2025), where we organized a panel titled Digital Leadership, Online Arenas and the Gendered Metapolitics of the Far Right. The panel included a presentation on "Far-right influencers: Using gender to mobilize", sparking discussion on the intersections of gender, digital media, and political engagement.

## Next steps with YOU-DARE

Looking ahead, the YOU-DARE project continues to investigate how far-right youth movements across Europe use gender narratives to shape identity, build influence, and impact democratic values. We also aim to share the knowledge generated by the project through upcoming events and collaborative opportunities. In this section, we highlight future activities, conference calls, and initiatives where you can engage on the topic and contribute to ongoing discussions on gender, digital politics, and far-right movements.

### Discover our sister projects

Our sister project, **FIERCE**, may have concluded, but its **Gender and Intersectionality online course** remains available to all.

This free, **self-paced program** offers a comprehensive understanding of feminist and anti-gender movements, while providing **valuable tools to strengthen feminist alliances and counter anti-gender discourses**. A real opportunity to expand your knowledge and skills!

The **MEN4DEM** project develops strategies and tools to transform political masculinities and support European democracy through **collaborative co-creation**.

The project invites panel proposals for the **European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG), 15–17 June 2026, Newcastle University**. This major event fosters critical debate on gender, sexuality, and intersectionality in politics, academia, and public life.

[Access the course](#)[Propose a panel](#)

## Upcoming events & participation

We are preparing for the **32nd International Conference of Europeanists (CES)**, taking place in **Dublin, June 2026**. Our team looks forward to participating and contributing to discussions on European politics and society by submitting a panel proposal.

## Thank you for reading us !

You're on the free list for The To learn more about YOU-DARE, visit [our website](#) and follow our research on how gender shapes youth radicalization and far-right leadership, using an intersectional approach across traditional and digital spaces. Between. For the full experience, become a paying member.



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