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## You-Dare Insight #2

Dear ,

Welcome to the next edition of the YOU-DARE newsletter!

We've kicked off 2026 in a focused and productive way across the consortium, with new research developments, publications, and preparations well underway for the months ahead. It's already shaping up to be an exciting year for the project!

We are especially looking forward to meeting in person at our next progress meeting in Barcelona, kindly hosted by our partners at the **Universitat Oberta de Catalunya**. These moments to come together, reflect on our work, and plan the next stages of YOU-DARE are always energising and invaluable for the collaboration that sits at the heart of this project.

In this edition, you'll find updates on our latest activities, research outputs, events, and ways to stay connected with the work of the YOU-DARE consortium.

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



Listen now !

What do we really mean when we talk about “hypermasculinity”? And what might we be missing when we use that word too easily?

In our latest episode of **YOU-DARE to Ask**, Sam de Boise and Begonya Enguix Grau unpack how the idea of hypermasculinity is used in debates around gender, power, and far-right politics, and why this label can sometimes flatten the complex, contradictory, and deeply human experiences of men.

Drawing on their research into masculinities, culture, and far-right movements, they explore how masculinity becomes politicised, why certain narratives resonate with young men, and how we can think more carefully and critically about gender without falling into stereotypes.

*“Hypermasculinity is really about excess; excess, exaggeration, and expectation.” — Begonya Enguix*

Our **next podcast episode** will be released in the coming weeks! This time, we explore how regional and cultural contexts influence far-right movements across different European countries, and why what is considered “far” in one place may be mainstream in another.

Make sure you don't miss it!



## Spotlight on our latest publications

Scrinzi, F. (2024). *The racialization of sexism: Men, women and gender in the populist radical right*. Routledge.

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Scrinzi, F. (2025). *Populist radical right frames of gender and sexuality in France and Italy: Targeting feminists and other enemies of the people*. *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*.

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Gallo, E., & Scrinzi, F. (2025). *Moralized Mobilities. A Multi-scalar Analysis of the Role of Religion in Migrant Care Work*. *Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society*.

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Pichel-Vázquez, Alexandre; Cabezas Fernández, Marta y Enguix Grau, Begonya (2025). Discussing Gender among Right-Wing Men: Censorship, Dilemmas and Dissents Between Spanish Conservatives and Radicals. *Asparkia. Investigació feminista*, 47, 1-26.

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### **YOU-DARE on your screens**

ARTE Documentary "Are the Kids Alt Right?" is very close to the YOU-DARE research topics and it will be available online until 18th February 2026.

It explores the rise in popularity of Far-right parties from Romania to Spain, with Gen Z playing a notable role in that rise and looks into the gendered ideological split is taking shape: young men are more likely than young women to support the far right, but young girls are also increasingly engaging with far-right gendered discourses

Watch until 18th February!



### **Bringing Research to Policy: YOU-DARE Expertise at the Parliament of Catalonia** +

On 15 December 2025, YOU-DARE researcher Professor Begonya Enguix was invited to appear before the Equality and Feminism Committee of the Parliament of Catalonia in her capacity as an expert on masculinities and feminist futures. This invitation reflects the growing relevance of YOU-DARE's research themes beyond academia and into institutional and political spaces, where nuanced understandings of gender are essential for shaping effective equality and social policies.

## **Upcoming events featuring YOU-DARE researchers**

Over the coming months, YOU-DARE partners will be actively contributing to major international conferences across Europe, bringing the project's emerging insights into

dialogue with scholars, practitioners, and policymakers working at the intersections of gender, politics, youth cultures, and extremism.

Below are some of the key events where YOU-DARE expertise will be visible in 2026.

**European Conference on Politics and Gender (ECPG)  
Newcastle University | 15–17 June 2026**

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YOU-DARE researchers Sara Farris (Goldsmiths) and Francesca Scrinzi (University of Glasgow) are organising a panel at the European Conference on Politics and Gender, one of the leading international forums for scholarship on gender and politics. Their panel will explore current debates at the intersection of gender, political change, and radicalisation, offering an important platform to share emerging insights from the YOU-DARE project. Conference details: <https://ecpr.eu/Events/343>

**E&D-Endorsed Section: "Extremism in Extreme Times: Moving  
Beyond the Mainstream" Part of ECPG 2026**

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YOU-DARE researchers are also participating in the E&D-endorsed section Extremism in Extreme Times: Moving Beyond the Mainstream, co-chaired by Kathy Kondor (University of Oslo), Greta Jasser (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen), and Ryan Switzer (University of Copenhagen). This section brings together scholars examining how the boundaries between mainstream and extremist politics are shifting — a theme central to YOU-DARE's focus on gendered narratives and far-right youth mobilisation. Section details: <https://ecpr.eu/Events/Event/SectionDetails/1637>

**European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)  
Conference 2026 Poznań, Poland | 21–24 July 2026**

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YOU-DARE researchers Begonya Enguix, Susi Meret, and Alexandre Pichel are organising the panel: "Gender and polarisation in pop and youth cultures: Influencers, communities and other political 'bits and pieces'." The panel explores how gendered narratives circulate through youth cultures, digital communities, and influencer spaces, contributing to wider processes of political polarisation.

**III International Conference on Feminist Anthropology  
Tarragona | 1–3 July 2026**

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Begonya Enguix, together with Andrea García Santesmases, is organising the panel: "Entre algoritmos y patriarcados: disputas sobre el género en tiempos de

la manosfera.” This panel examines contemporary disputes around gender in digital environments shaped by algorithms, online communities, and manosphere cultures, closely aligned with YOU-DARE’s interest in gender, youth, and online political spaces.

## Discover our sister projects

Sister Project **EMMELO** is a Horizon Europe research project examining how online extremist movements in Europe use and perform specific masculinities to attract and influence men’s views on democracy, rights, and EU values. By exploring these gendered narratives across several countries, EMMELO aims to shed light on how these dynamics operate and to develop gender-sensitive tools and insights that policymakers, practitioners, and citizens can use to counter harmful online extremism and strengthen democratic engagement.

[Learn more](#)

The **MEN4DEM** project develops strategies and tools to transform political masculinities and support European democracy through **collaborative co-creation**. A new report explores how men across Europe are socialized into democratic (or anti-democratic) masculinities from childhood. By comparing the EU27, it highlights how cultural norms and national contexts shape these patterns. The findings offer fresh insights for promoting more democratic gender norms across Europe.

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## Thank you for reading us !

To learn more about YOU-DARE, visit [our website](#) and follow our research on how gender shapes youth radicalisation and far-right leadership, using an intersectional approach across traditional and digital spaces.



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