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## You-Dare Insights #3

Dear ,

YOU-DARE's third newsletter is here, and we have had a productive 2026 so far! This edition is packed with publications and events by our researchers; a testament to the level of activity within our consortium. We invite you to read the excellent work produced, ranging from explorations of gender and sexuality in populist radical right movements, to masculinities and feminist responses to far-right mobilisation, influencer-driven conspiracy discourse, and the role of religion in migrant care work. We also share updates from our first progress meeting in Barcelona and our first Open Policy Lab in Venice; two important milestones in the life of the project. As YOU-DARE continues to grow, we are proud to see our partners' work reaching academic, policy, and public audiences alike.

### Our First Progress Meeting, hosted by UoC



In February, the YOU-DARE project reached an important milestone as partners came together in Barcelona for our first progress meeting; a vibrant two days of updates, discussion, and shared momentum.

We are hugely grateful to our hosts, the University de Catalunya, whose excellent support and beautiful venue made for a wonderful setting in which to take stock of the project's journey so far. Barcelona provided the

perfect backdrop for the energy and enthusiasm that filled the room throughout.

We left Barcelona encouraged by the hard work and dedication our partners have shown in the early stages of the project, and genuinely excited about where the road ahead will take us. The foundations are strong, and the best is yet to come.

Watch this space for more updates as the project continues to develop.



### **Spotlight on our latest publications**

Gottzén, L. & Switzer, R. (2026). Building the fascist body: Combat sports, violence and masculinity in far-right extremism. *Critical Studies on Terrorism*.

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Gottzén, L., Fangen, K. & Qvotrup Jensen, S. (2026). Masculinity, masculinism and political extremism. *Journal of Gender Studies*.

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Bellè, E., & Burchietti, O. (2026). Governing space, constructing place: An ethnographic study of two towns governed by the Lega and Rassemblement national. *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*.

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Scrinzi, F. (2026). Populist radical right frames of gender and sexuality in France and Italy. *Social Politics*.

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Gallo, E., & Scrinzi, F. (2025). Moralized mobilities: A multiscalar analysis of the role of religion in migrant care work. *Social Politics*.

Read



## YOU-DARE's 1st Open Policy Lab

In March, YOU-DARE held its first **Open Policy Lab** in Venice, Italy, brought to life by our partners at Smart Venice. The session brought together representatives from 24 external organisations (including policy designers, public officials, practitioners, educators, community organisations, and activists) united by a commitment to preventing and countering far-right radicalisation among young people.

Participants explored existing policies and practices targeting far-right youth extremism, exchanged case studies and insights from a range of national

settings, and engaged in structured discussion on effective counterstrategies. A particular focus was placed on how gender narratives are (or could be) more meaningfully integrated into prevention and de-radicalisation policies.

We are grateful to all the organisations who gave their time and expertise to make this such a valuable and thought-provoking occasion. The Open Policy Lab is a vital part of the YOU-DARE journey, and this first example has set an excellent tone for the work ahead.

## YOU-DARE in action



### Seminars



Elisa Bellé, The Challenge of Ethnography: Studying the Far Right | Durham University | March 2026 (with Agnieszka Pasięka, University of Montreal and Jan Hatlen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology) Elisa Bellé, Populism and Contestation of EU Values | University of Florence, 7th Erasmus+ International Week | April 2026 (with Oscar Mazzoleni, University of Lausanne and Paula Diehl, University of Kiel)

## Guest Lectures



Begonya Enguix Grau | El que pot fer un cos [What a body can do: complicities, limitations, possibilities] | Monestir de Pedralbes / Diputació de Barcelona | April 2026  
Begonya Enguix Grau | La potencia del género [The power of gender: limitations and possibilities of a concept] | Universidad de Jaén | March 2026  
Francesca Scrinzi | University of Florence International Week | April 2026  
Francesca Scrinzi | University of Piemonte Orientale | March 2026

## Keynotes



Lucas Gottzén, Between Contemplation and Remasculinization: Masculinity as Individual and Political Project | Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences, Berlin | March 2026  
Lucas Gottzén, Guttekris? [Boys' Crisis?] | The Christie Conference, University of Bergen | April 2026  
Susi Meret, Feminist Movements as Democratic Innovators in Times of Backlash | University of Lund | March 2026  
Begonya Enguix Grau, Masculinidades ante los desafíos feministas [Masculinities in the face of feminist challenges] | UNED, Madrid | September 2025  
Begonya Enguix Grau, Ruge el león [The lion roars: men, bodies and politics] | CIMASCIGUAL III, Universidad Miguel Hernández de Elche | April 2025  
Begonya Enguix Grau, Nacions, gènere i afectes [Nations, Gender and Affects] | Autonomous University of Barcelona | March 2025  
Begonya Enguix Grau, Desbordant els cossos i els gèneres [Overflowing bodies and genders] | IV Jornada D-Generades, Disseny Hub Barcelona | February 2025

## Roundtables & Panel Discussions



Lucas Gottzén, Masculinities and Counter-Terrorism/PCVE | UN Office of Counter Terrorism, UN Security Council CTED & UN Women (webinar) | April 2026

## Conference Papers & Presentations



An Intersectional Approach to Analyzing Far-Right Activism: Gender, Generational and Class Differences Among Members of the Lega and the Rassemblement National  
Theorizing Fascism Through Ethnography | University of Turin | February 2026 (in synergy with ERC project F-WORD)

 **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 manófera." 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.

## 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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