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Workshop: Discourse, Politics, and Extreme Ideologies

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In a literal and de-contextualised sense, the term 'extremism' carries the meaning of pushing a value or a set of values to the limit. In a social context, extremism refers to the radical actions against prevailing social norms and rules that are recognized by the majority of actors in a certain environment, for instance in a religious or a political domain (Mölder, 2011). According to Kilp (2011, 16), the term refers primarily to a nature of commitment rather than content of the cause or goal. This commitment can be realised as much in words as in actions.

A number of scholars at the University of Granada are involved in research projects (together with the European Commission and the Spanish Ministry for Economy and Competition) which focus on Islamic extremism in its online form, from a variety of frameworks. Fields and frameworks include critical discourse analysis, psychology, social science and artificial intelligence. We will listen as well to scholars currently working on other, similar projects that explore how ideologically driven groups use

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language to persuade, recruit, or manipulate or marginalize others.

Topics include:

- Populism
- Online trolling and hate speech
- Far right extremism
- Islamic extremism/radicalization
- Political debates on extremism
- Terrorism/counter terrorism
- The psychology of radicalization and deradicalization

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