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Working Group for Polarization, Populism, and Democratization (WG)

Objectives and Scope: Working Group for Polarization, Populism, and Democratization is a research based joint initiative of academics from Kadir Has University Faculty of Communication, and independent researchers working under the umbrella of ADHOC Research and Consultancy Company, and YADA Foundation.

The WG has a multidisciplinary framework and philosophy with 10 renown researchers and ESRs in different disciplines (political science, sociology, communication, anthropology, statistics, and city planning). The major objective of WG is to understand the dynamics of political radicalism, political polarization, and infiltration of extremism into mainstream political system with a specific focus on populist political parties, movements, and instances. WG aims to produce scientific knowledge beyond state of the art to support evidence based policy making; and tackle recent challenges in promoting a democratic, pluralist, and participatory political culture; sustaining and empowering a free media, and media pluralism.

The WG's expertise covers the wide range of methodologies comprising quantitative and qualitative approaches, comprehensive literature review, historical and comparative analysis in different disciplines. Nationwide research infrastructure that leads continuous innovation, creative data gathering, analyzing and visualization techniques including discourse and content analyses, segmentation, big data analysis, data mining, fuzzy cognitive mapping, network analysis, ethnography and online ethnography, and so on.

Recent Successful Projects - Only in the last couple of years the constituents of the WG have completed more than 30 significant projects in partnership with or by the funding provided by the EU (Strengthening Civil Society Development), British Council (Next Generations-Youth Voices in Turkey), UNDP Turkey (Forest Villages, Non-Wood Forest Products, States of Youth in Turkey), TUBITAK (TV Consumption, Interactions on the Internet, Kurdish Voters in Turkey, Collective Political Memory, NGOs), Johns Hopkins University (NGOs), Kadir Has University (New Media Use), Galatasaray University (Opinion Leaders in Social Media), AÇEV-UNWOMEN (Fatherhood in Turkey), and Wenner Gren Foundation USA (Media anthropology workshop).

The WG mobilizes several platforms for disseminating its researches and campaigns including Civilpages.org (as a part of EU IPA Project); Community Seminars; Academic Conferences; Media coverages (Traditional and social media); Communication materials (Infographics and interactive dashboards).

Topics of Interest in H2020: Populism, political and cultural polarization, intolerance, media discourse, media practices, media consumption, youth, civil society empowerment primarily within the Work Programmes: 13. Europe in a changing world - inclusive, innovative and reflective societies 2018-20 ; 14. Secure societies – protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens 2018-20 ; 15. Spreading excellence and widening participation 2018-20 ; 16. Science with and for society 2018-20.

Role as a partner: The WG may take active part in project design and implementation; basic and applied research; comprehensive and nationwide data gathering and analysis; policy monitoring and advancement; case-studies and trials for new methodologies; dissemination strategies advancing the impact on various stakeholder groups; and event management (conferences, workshops, meetings etc.)

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