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Political Communication in a Divided World:
Polarisation, Populism and the Power of Group Representation

APSA Pre-Conference in Political Communication
Sept. 14, 2022

Contemporary politics has been defined by the salience of social identities, from polarized political identities to the mobilisation of marginalized groups in society making claims on the state for redress. How has the media framed these intergroup conflicts? How do people and movements communicate their claims? And when are they effective? In this pre-conference workshop, we welcome paper submissions that show how social and political conflicts are communicated – between people, by movements and in the larger media environment. We are particularly interested in papers that focus on 1) how specific group claims are formulated, transformed and/or disseminated and 2) how people interpret information about groups and group conflicts in contemporary societies. Papers using a wide variety of approaches and methods drawn from communication studies, political science, social psychology and related disciplines are welcome.

Papers that do not directly address the larger conference theme but deal with core issues of political communication are welcome to apply, though priority will be given to papers related to the theme.

Submissions are due by **May 16, 2022**. Proposals should include full contact information for all authors, as well as a 250 word abstract. To apply, please use the following link:
<https://tinyurl.com/PolComm2022>

The pre-conference will be held at the Université du Québec à Montréal in the Cœur de Science (175, avenue du Président-Kennedy, Montréal H2X3P2). For questions about your submission, please contact Allison Harell at lacpop@uqam.ca. We expect to hold the workshop in-person, but some hybrid options may be offered. Please indicate your preferences in the submission portal. All public health guidelines in place at the time will be followed. The Political Communication section will make available several travel awards to allow section members to travel to Montreal.

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