



International Workshop

Modeling Common Ground Across Divides: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Polarized Political Discourse

11–12 June 2026, University of Tübingen

Alte Aula, Münzgasse 30, 72070 Tübingen

Preliminary Schedule

Joint workshop of the projects [C1](#) and [C3](#)
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Thursday, 11 June 2026		
08:30–09:00	<i>Coffee</i>	
09:00–09:10	<i>Welcome</i>	
09:10–10:10	C1/C3 projects (University of Tübingen, IDS Mannheim)	Modeling Common Ground Across Divides
10:10–10:40	<i>Coffee</i>	
10:40–11:30	Nicholas Asher (Institute de Recherche en Informatique de Toulouse)	Conversational strategies for interactive tasks and learning
11:30–12:20	Sara Hodges (University of Oregon, Eugene)	Beware the bridge that still has two sides: Perspective taking and polarization
12:20–13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30–14:20	Bart Geurts (Radboud Universiteit)	Polarisation outside face-to-face settings
14:20–15:10	Simon Meier-Vieracker (TU Dresden)	Person reference and affective resonance: far-right self-trivialisation on TikTok and Instagram
15:10–16:30	<i>Poster session (coffee, cake, and controversy [CG])</i>	
Evening Program		
16:30–17:30	John S. Dryzek (University of Canberra)	Rhetoric and deliberation in polarized democracies
17:30–18:30	<i>Podium discussion</i> Sara Hodges, Britta Stolterfoht, John S. Dryzek, André Bächtiger, Simon Meier-Vieracker	
Friday, 12 June 2026		
08:30–09:00	<i>Coffee</i>	
09:00–09:50	Constanze Spieß (Philipps-Universität Marburg)	Positioning as a basic category of communicative polarisation strategies in public discourses
09:50–10:40	Lisa Rhein (TU Darmstadt)	Multimodal positioning and boundary setting in political talk shows
10:40–11:10	<i>Coffee</i>	
11:10–12:00	Floris Biskamp (University of Tübingen)	The practices of drawing, transgressing, and shifting discursive boundaries
12:00–13:10	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:10–14:00	Elizabeth Camp (Rutgers University)	Rational disagreement and perspectival Smothering
14:00–14:50	André Bächtiger (University of Stuttgart)	Depolarization and Common Ground
14:50–15:20	C1/C3 projects (University of Tübingen, IDS Mannheim)	Concluding remarks: <i>Where to go from here?</i>