

One-Day Conference on Political Behavior and Psychological Biases

An old ideal is that democratic citizens and legislators should approach politics with reason and, through careful deliberation, reach a consensus on how to best solve the problems of society. Yet, a host of emerging empirical studies shows that this ideal is very far from how people actually approach the realm of politics. Instead, political behavior and attitudes are shaped by deep-seated psychological processes including emotions, genetics and evolved predispositions, that often biases behavior and attitudes away from normative rational standards and facilitate polarization rather than consensus.

Please join us for this one-day conference where experts on the psychology of political behavior introduce and discuss their most recent evidence of the psychological processes that underpin political behavior.

When: November 23, 10:00-17:00 followed by conference dinner.

Where: The Department of Political Science, room 126, building 1330 (the large meeting room).

How: All are welcome to the conference but please register your participation at this link: https://auws.au.dk/Political_Behavior_and_Psychological_Biases. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, November 15. Participation in the conference and lunch are free of charge. For non-presenters, the fee for participation in the conference dinner is 500 DKK.

Conference Program:

- 10.00-10.15 Welcome by Michael Bang Petersen
- 10.15-11.15 Keynote presentation by Stuart Soroka, University of Michigan:
Negativity Bias as a Moderator of Media Effects: Exploring Psychophysiological and Online Video Game-Based Indicators
- 11.15-11.30 Coffee Break
- 11.30-12.10 Presentation by Robert Klemmensen & Asbjørn Sonne Nørgaard,
University of Southern Denmark: *Preference Stability and Ideology; Evidence from a Panel Study of Twins*
- 12.10-13.00 Lunch break
- 13.00-13.40 Presentation by Asmus Leth Olsen, University of Copenhagen:
Lost Ark Found: A Century Old Psychology of Performance Information
- 13.40-14.20 Presentation by Alexander Bor, Aarhus University: *Intention and Competence in Leader Evaluations*
- 14.20-14.30 Coffee Break
- 14.30-15.10 Presentation by Rune Slothuus, Aarhus University: *How Powerful are Partisans in Shaping Public Opinion? Evidence From Two Quasi-Experiments*
- 15.10-15.50 Presentation by Lasse Laustsen, Lene Aarøe & Michael Bang Petersen, Aarhus University: *The Deservingness Heuristic and Political Communication*
- 15.50-16.00 Coffee Break
- 16.00-17.00 Keynote presentation by Sven Oskarsson, Uppsala University: *Intra-Family Relations and Political Participation*
- 18.30-21.30 Dinner at Restaurant Früd