

Understanding Euroscepticism Through the Lens of Big-Data

The Digital Age is changing the way researchers examine social phenomena. The unprecedented availability of vast amounts of digital sources provides tremendous opportunities for political scientists, social and cultural historians as well as for economists and sociologists. The overall intention of this workshop is to examine how this new abundance of primary sources could be adopted for better understanding the Continent-wide rise of Euroscepticism. To this end, the workshop will bring together scholars from the fields of political and computer science to explore the potential of mixed-method approaches for understanding how opinions on European integration emerge, are expressed and can be detected in textual data. In a three-day interactive seminar (a “hackathon”) researchers will have the possibility of sharing methodologies, discussing research questions and collaboratively working together in interdisciplinary small groups for selecting, analysing and presenting the findings on a collection of specific datasets.