Plan Overview

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Title: Emotions and Religion in Times of Populism: A Sociological and Theological-Ethical Analysis

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Project abstract:

This project takes the appeal of right-wing populism in Western Europe as the point of departure to investigate its intersection with emotions and religion. Understanding the role of emotions and religion in populist political mobilization and its narrative appears to be a key to understanding the rise of populism in our contemporary world. The central aim is to explore, by means of both literature review and qualitative research, which emotions - both 'associative' and 'dissociative' - underpin the emergence of populism in Europe, how these emotions intersect with time-space imaginaries and religion, and whether associative emotions and religion can help to rearticulate populism into a more inclusionary communality rather than exclusionary demarcation. From an interdisciplinary perspective, including the combination of different methodologies, this research brings an innovative contribution to both the sociological and theological-ethical debate on populism, emotions and religion.

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Research Data Summary

List and describe all datasets or research materials that you plan to generate/collect or reuse during your research project. For each dataset or data type (observational, experimental etc.), provide a short name & description (sufficient for yourself to know what data it is about), indicate whether the data are newly generated/collected or reused, digital or physical, also indicate the type of the data (the kind of content), its technical format (file extension), and an estimate of the upper limit of the volume of the data.

Dataset name / ID	Description	New or reuse	Digital or Physical data	Data Type	File format	Data volume	Physical volume
		Indicate: ***N****(ew data) or* ***E****(xisting data)*	Indicate: **D**(igital) or **P**(hysical)	Indicate: **A**udiovisual **I**mages **S**ound **N**umerical **T**extual **M**odel **SO**ftware Other (specify)		Indicate: <1GB <100GB <1TB <5TB >5TB NA	
Textual data	This includes all secondary data collected for analysis: newspaper articles, party manifestos, written speeches and interviews, documents, reports, position papers etc.	E	D	T	.txt, .pdf		
Textual analysis database	This includes all data generated through analysis of secondary data using the software NVivo	N	D	T	.xml	<1GB	
Informed consent forms	This includes all informed consent forms produced and completed prior to conducting interviews	N	P	T	.txt		About 60 sheets of A4 paper
Interview recordings	Audio files of the interviews	N	D	S	.wav	<100GB	
Interview transcripts	Pseudonymized transcripts of audiofiles of the interviews	N	D	T	.odt	<1GB	
Interview notes	Notes taken during interviews	N	D	T	.txt	<1GB	
Qualitative data analysis	his includes all data generated through analysis of secondary data using the software NVivo	N	D	T	.xml	<1GB	

If you reuse existing data, please specify the source, preferably by using a persistent identifier (e.g. DOI, Handle, URL etc.) per dataset or data type:

All existing data used in this research consists of publicly available data provided online by the actors under study, including political parties, national newspapers, and civil society actors. These datasets do not have persistent identifiers such as DOIs or URLs. Instead, the data will be accessed directly from the official websites and publicly available online sources of the respective organizations. Proper referencing and documentation of the sources will be ensured throughout the research.

Are there any ethical issues concerning the creation and/or use of the data (e.g. experiments on humans or animals, dual use)? If so, refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate and provide the relevant ethical approval number.

- Yes, human subject data (Provide SMEC or EC approval number below)

Part of the research data will be generated through semi-structured interviews, which involve the collection and processing of personal data, including interview recordings and transcripts. To ensure compliance with privacy regulations, appropriate measures will be taken regarding data collection, pseudonymization, processing, and storage. Informed consent will be obtained from all interviewees through prior consent forms.

Data will be securely stored on a restricted-access network drive, accessible only to the primary researcher and primary supervisor. Their computers are password-protected and encrypted. Pseudonymization measures will be applied to protect participants' identities and personal data. As audio recordings may contain identifiable information, they will be transcribed by the researcher and deleted as soon as possible.

A PRET review and data handling protocol will be submitted to the Social and Societal Ethics Committee (SMEC) for formal ethics and privacy approval before this phase of the research begins. The research complies with ethical guidelines set forth by the GDPR (AVG) and SMEC.

Will you process personal data? If so, please refer to specific datasets or data types when appropriate and provide the KU Leuven or UZ Leuven privacy register number (G or S number).

- Yes (Provide PRET G-number or EC S-number below)

This research involves the processing of personal data collected during the interview phase. The personal data includes both identifiers and demographic information, such as names, phone numbers, age, gender, education level, employment status, place of residence, and voting behavior. While names and contact details will only be used for organizational purposes and stored separately from the research data, other demographic variables—such as gender, education, employment status, place of residence, and voting behavior—will be analyzed at a sufficiently aggregated level to examine patterns of social stratification. This ensures that individual respondents cannot be indirectly identified.

The interviews will follow a semi-structured format and will be audio-recorded. These recordings will capture participants' opinions on various topics, including their views on their neighborhood, migration, the welfare state, politics, and religion.

A PRET ethical request will be prepared. This review will ensure that all data collection, processing, and storage methods align with ethical guidelines and privacy regulations. Data collection complies with GDPR regulations, ensuring informed consent, pseudonymization, and secure data storage

Does your work have potential for commercial valorization (e.g. tech transfer, for example spin-offs, commercial exploitation, …)? If so, please comment per dataset or data type where appropriate.

- No

Do existing 3rd party agreements restrict exploitation or dissemination of the data you (re)use (e.g. Material or Data transfer agreements, Research collaboration agreements)? If so, please explain in the comment section to what data they relate and what restrictions are in place.

- No

Are there any other legal issues, such as intellectual property rights and ownership, to be managed related to the data you (re)use? If so, please explain in the comment section to what data they relate and which restrictions will be asserted.

- No

Documentation and Metadata

Clearly describe what approach will be followed to capture the accompanying information necessary to keep data understandable and usable, for yourself and others, now and in the future (e.g. in terms of documentation levels and types required, procedures used, Electronic Lab Notebooks, README.txt files, codebook.tsv etc. where this information is recorded).

To ensure the data remains understandable and usable now and in the future, a structured approach will be followed for documentation and metadata. This includes:
Folder Structure and Organization: A clear folder structure will be developed on KU Leuven's OneDrive, with a main project folder containing subfolders for different types of data (e.g., audio files, transcripts). This organization will simplify data retrieval and consultation.
README.txt files: Each folder will contain a README.txt file, ensuring accurate interpretation and future data reuse. These files will describe key features of the data (e.g., creation date, file type) and provide a detailed description of each dataset's contents. The README.txt files will include: Project description and research design; Ethical approval number; Data management plan; Step-by-step explanation of how data was used and analyzed; A structured data codebook, including file type, authors, publication date, and keywords.
File Naming Conventions: Each file will follow a standardized naming convention: Respondent number (e.g., 1, 2, 3); Data description (e.g., Interview); Date in YYYYMMDD format.
These conventions will be outlined in the main README.txt file to ensure consistency. By following this approach, the data will be well-documented, accessible, and usable by current and future researchers, facilitating efficient data management and reuse.

Will a metadata standard be used to make it easier to find and reuse the data?
If so, please specify which metadata standard will be used.

If not, please specify which metadata will be created to make the data easier to find and reuse.

- No

A specific metadata standard will not be used. README.txt files will explain the folder structure and file naming scheme, ensuring the data is findable and understandable.

Data Storage & Back-up during the Research Project

Where will the data be stored?

- Personal network drive (I-drive)

How will the data be backed up?

- Standard back-up provided by KU Leuven ICTS for my storage solution

Is there currently sufficient storage & backup capacity during the project?

If no or insufficient storage or backup capacities are available, explain how this will be taken care of.

- Yes

How will you ensure that the data are securely stored and not accessed or modified by unauthorized persons?

Data will be securely stored in I-drive , with full access restricted to the PhD researcher. Documents can be selectively shared with supervisors via a secure network disk only made accessible to the primary researcher and primary supervisors, whose computers will be password protected and encrypted.
Physical documents will be securely stored in a locked drawer accessible only to the PhD researcher.

What are the expected costs for data storage and backup during the research project? How will these costs be covered?

There are no expected costs for data storage and backup during the research project.

Data Preservation after the end of the Research Project

Which data will be retained for 10 years (or longer, in agreement with other retention policies that are applicable) after the end of the project?

In case some data cannot be preserved, clearly state the reasons for this (e.g. legal or contractual restrictions, storage/budget issues, institutional policies...).

- All data will be preserved for 10 years according to KU Leuven RDM policy

Most data will be retained for 10 years to ensure reproducibility and support potential follow-up research. Participant contact details will be deleted once they are no longer needed for communication or study invitations. Audio recordings will be erased after transcription to prevent participant identification.

Where will these data be archived (stored and curated for the long-term)?

- KU Leuven RDR

Upon completion of the project, the data will be deposited in the KU Leuven Research Data Repository (RDR), the university's institutional repository for research data, ensuring long-term accessibility and compliance with best practices for research data management.

What are the expected costs for data preservation during the expected retention period? How will these costs be covered?

There are no expected costs for data preservation during the expected retention period.

Data Sharing and Reuse

Will the data (or part of the data) be made available for reuse after/during the project?
Please explain per dataset or data type which data will be made available.

- Yes, as open data
- Yes, as restricted data (upon approval, or institutional access only)
- No (closed access)

Open data
Data will be open unless access is restricted or closed where necessary because of ethical issues regarding privacy.
Restricted Data
Pseudonymized transcripts, questionnaire responses, data analysis documents, log data and researcher notes from interviews will be restricted and only made available upon approval.
Closed access
Sensitive data, including informed consent forms, will remain securely stored and inaccessible to external parties to ensure privacy and compliance with ethical guidelines.

If access is restricted, please specify who will be able to access the data and under what conditions.

During the project, the collected data will be accessible to the phd researcher , the main project supervisor (prof. Dr. Ellen Van Stichel) and the co-promotor (Dr. Koen Abts).

Are there any factors that restrict or prevent the sharing of (some of) the data (e.g. as defined in an agreement with a 3rd party, legal restrictions)?

Please explain per dataset or data type where appropriate.

- No

Where will the data be made available?

If already known, please provide a repository per dataset or data type.

- KU Leuven RDR (Research Data Repository)

When will the data be made available?

- Upon publication of research results

Which data usage licenses are you going to provide?

If none, please explain why.

- CC-BY 4.0 (data)

Do you intend to add a persistent identifier (PID) to your dataset(s), e.g. a DOI or accession number? If already available, please provide it here.

- Yes, a PID will be added upon deposit in a data repository

What are the expected costs for data sharing? How will these costs be covered?

There are no expected costs for data sharing.

Responsibilities

Who will manage data documentation and metadata during the research project?

During the project, the doctoral student (Ruben Scheunders) will be responsible for documenting data and generating metadata to improve data readability. He will be closely supported by the main promotor of the project (prof. Dr. Ellen Van Stichel) and the co-promotor (Dr. Koen Abts).

Who will manage data storage and backup during the research project?

During the project, the doctoral student (Ruben Scheuncders) will be responsible for managing the data. They will be supervised in this task by the main promotor of the project (prof. Dr. Ellen Van Stichel) and the co-promotor (Dr. Koen Abts).

Who will manage data preservation and sharing?

The co-promotor of the project (Dr. Koen Abts) will be designated responsible person for longterm management, preservation and facilitation of data generated within this research project.

Who will update and implement this DMP?

This is the collective responsibility of all three involved researchers: Ruben Scheunders, Ellen Van Stichel, and Koen Abts.