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International Conference (online)

## The Politics of *Weird* and the *Weirdness* of Politics

November 2, 2024

**14:00 – Welcome & Opening Remarks**

**14:15-15:15 – Session 1 (The World)**

Chair: Andreea Mosila

- 1. The Outsider that Attracts: Weirdness and Populist Communication in Europe**  
Daniele Battista, University of Salerno
- 2. The Weirdness of the ‘Insane’: Misinformation and Discrediting as Tools to Manipulate Public Opinion in Contemporary American and Indian Politics**  
Shubham Singh, University of Allahabad

15:15-15:30 – Virtual Coffee Break

**15:30-17:00 – Session 2 (The Magician)**

Chair: Gabriela Debita

- 1. Alien Logic and Political Weirdness: How *The Three-Body Problem* Exposes the Strange Politics of Rejecting Science**  
Andreea Mosila, American Public University
- 2. The Dispossessed Cultural Body of the Latina in American Literature**  
Oana Condurache, West University of Timișoara
- 3. Mothers and Cat-Ladies: JD Vance’s Gilead**  
Gabriela Debita, Dunărea de Jos University of Galați

17:00-17:15 – Virtual Coffee Break

**17:15-18:15 – Session 3 (The Star)**

Chair: Linda Levitt

- 1. The Power of ‘Weirdness’: Uniqueness as a Catalyst for American Innovation and Resilience**  
Barbara Renzi, Berlin School of Business and Innovation
- 2. Fighting to Keep Austin Weird**  
Linda Levitt, Stephen F. Austin State University

18:15-18:30 – Virtual Coffee Break

**18:30-19:30 – Round Table**

**19:30 – Closing Remarks**