

NU RHO PSI
ANNUAL THEME

NEURO POLITICS

**NEUROSCIENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH AT THE
INTERSECTION OF POLITICS, PUBLIC POLICY, & ADVOCACY**



NEUROPOLITICS

DEFINITION

“**Neuropolitics** is a field of study that combines **neuroscience** and **political science** in order to better understand the decision-making process involved in political behavior and political decision-making. Why do we vote the way we vote? Why are current political systems structured the way they are? How does the way our brain processes information influence our political attitudes and beliefs?”

Dana Foundation Career Network in
Neuroscience and Society

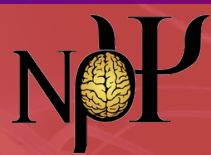


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IMPORTANCE

Neuropolitics was selected as the Annual Theme at the 2024 National Meeting, only weeks before the U.S. election. For the 2025-2026 Academic Year, the Society wanted to focus on the importance of understanding political decision making, and its direct and indirect impacts on perception, mental health, fear, survival responses, bias, funding, and the fabric of the institutions, communities, and world to which we belong.

We hope that, by analyzing the intersection of neuroscience and political science, members will feel empowered to utilize their unique strengths, interests, and understandings of Neuropolitics to (a) apply and disseminate information to the broader contexts of societies & structures we are part of, (b) get involved and enact change at the local, state, and federal levels in the ways that are meaningful to them, and (c) strengthen the importance of scientific communication and its various intersections.



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GUIDANCE FOR CHAPTERS

Chapters may consider exploring programming that involves (a) neuroscience and mental health at the intersection of politics, public policy, and advocacy, (b) the neuroscience subspecialties of Neuropolitics, Neurolaw, and Neurosociology with a focus on political structures, political framework analysis, AND/OR (c) ways to advocate for neuroscience and mental health research, resources, and support at the local, state, and federal levels.



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RESOURCES & PROGRAMMING IDEAS

- Watch a lecture from UCI's Center for Neuropolitics, and discuss as a group: <https://sites.uci.edu/centerforneuropolitics/>
- Host a book or journal club around Neuropolitics
- Your Brain is Built for Politics - TEDx Talk by Dr. Dan Schreiber: <https://youtu.be/Ati0x7x3T40?si=7h3QTK0ldY46ZapP>
- Browse the Neuroethics Today website and find a piece of media of interest to discuss: <https://www.neuroethicstoday.com/>
- Browse Dana's Network x Society page on Neuroethics: <https://neuroxcareers.org/neuropolitics/>
- Find media/resources from the above sub-specialties and organize a watch party/engagement meeting.
- Co-host an event with on-campus clubs in political science, sociology, ethics, and law.

The Society encourages accompanying programming with political analysis - we recommend Haymarket Books for a plethora of book resources based in different aspects of political analysis.



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FURTHER DIRECTIONS

If you're interested in further pursuing public policy or directly engaging in the political sphere, the Society encourages students to (a) utilize their institution's course catalog to take a course in political science, public policy, or additional non-science electives of interest, or (b) pursue internships and opportunities with your institution and/or local, state, or federal policymakers, including student government opportunities.



Nu Rho Psi Annual Meeting



Sunday, November 2

10:30 AM PST/ 11:30 AM MST/

12:30 PM CST/ 1:30 PM EST



Register here!



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**Join Nu Rho Psi for our annual
virtual society meeting! Recognize
award & grant recipients, meet
your peers, be part of selecting
the 2026-2027 annual theme, and
enjoy our exciting keynote lecture
from neuropolitical theorist and
author, Dr. Liya Yu!**

**Open to all, Nu Rho Psi
membership is not required to attend.**

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Liya Yu, PhD.

LiyaYu.com



**Dr. Liya Yu is a
neuropolitical
scientist,
philosopher,
theorist, author, and
performance artist
located in Berlin.**



**“One of the most
important intellectual
Asian German voices.”**

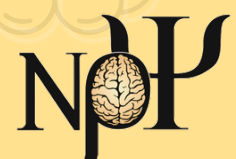
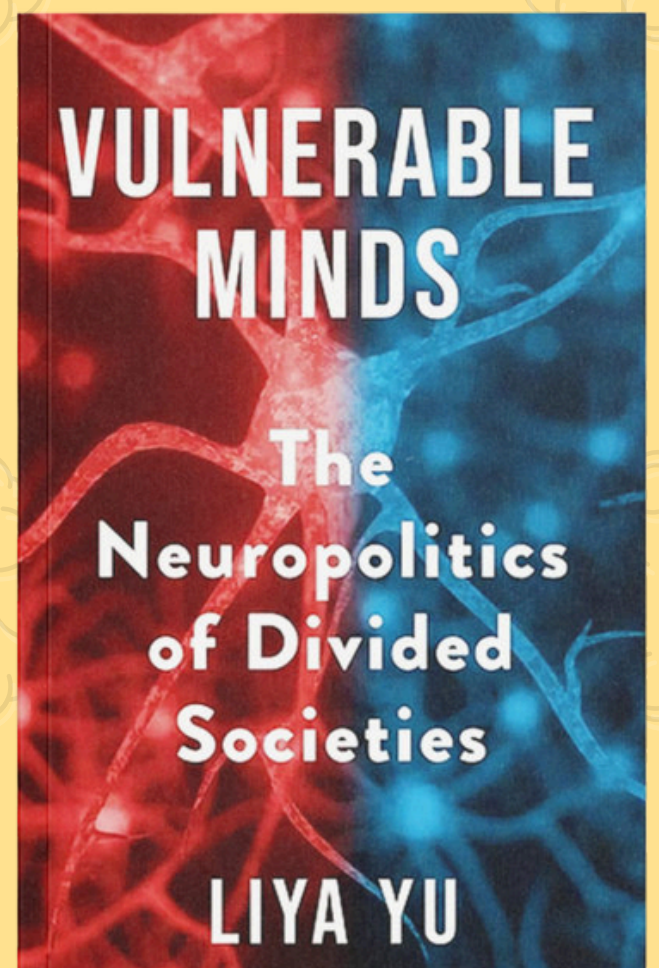
Keynote address

**"The Neuropolitical Social
Contract: Neuroscience as the
foundation for overcoming
dehumanization, polarization and
the collapse of our liberal
democracies"**

November 2, 2025 at 1:30 PM EST



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Keynote Speaker Dr. Liya Yu, PhD.



By attending the National Meeting, all attendees will be entered into a raffle to receive a copy of Dr. Yu's book, *Vulnerable Minds!*

Raffle will be drawn at the end of the meeting; attendees must be present at the time of the drawing to receive their copy.



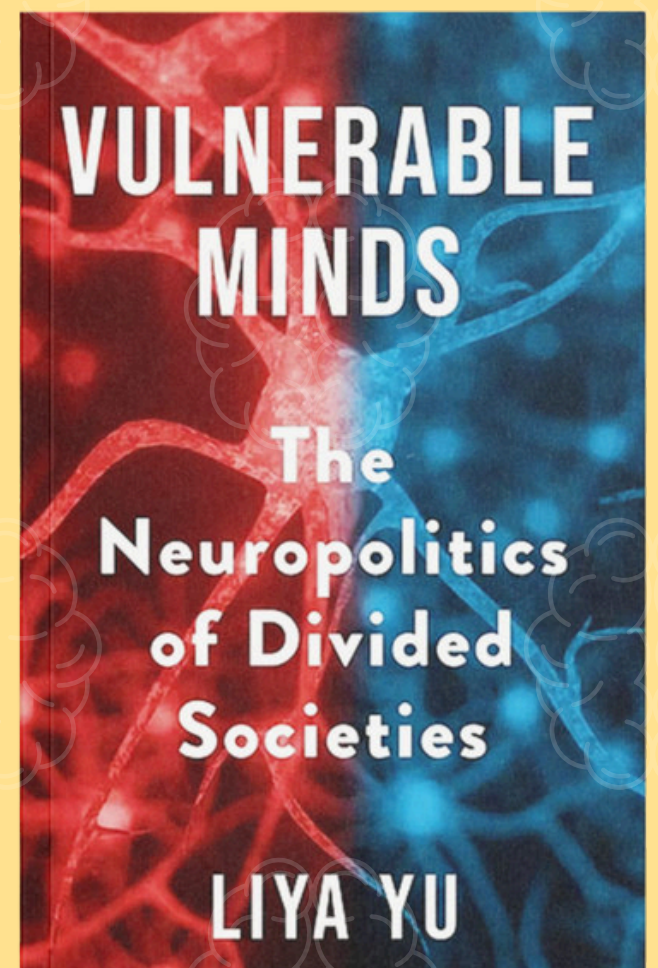
Academia

Education

- University of Cambridge, UK (B.A.)
- Columbia University, New York (M.Phil., Ph.D.)

Teaching appointments

- University of Virginia
- Taiwan University
- LMU Munich
- Berlin University of Arts: new interdisciplinary neuropolitical course in 2025



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