Bottom-up Workshop “Populism in Europe: A Critical Debate for Interesting Times”

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May 3rd and May 4th 2018

9h-13h30 and 14h30 to 19h
Description

The electoral success of populist parties in Europe is on the rise. From the victory of SYRIZA in the Greek election 2015 to the recent entry of the AfD to the German parliament, the increasing electoral support to these parties has concerned scholars, politicians, journalists, and mass audiences alike. This bottom-up workshop aims to provide researchers with basic knowledge of key topics in the scholarly literature on populism, while fostering critical debate on some of the most contested issues surrounding it.

The workshop will be divided into three sessions throughout two days (morning and afternoon of May 3rd, and morning of May 4th). Each session will begin with a presentation by one of the invited instructors, followed by a discussion by two researchers and a general discussion. Then, there will be time for two researchers to present papers authored by them, which will be discussed by the invited instructors, as well as by the researchers attending the session.

To be awarded 10 credits for participating, EUI researchers should participate either as paper presenters or as discussants of the presentations by the invited instructors. Please send an email to Vicente.Valentim@eui.eu if you are interested in taking the workshop for credits, by taking one of the slots that are still available.
Sessions and Readings

Session 1 (May 3rd, 9h-11h and 11h30 to 13h30)

Title: Differences and Similarities Between Left- and Right-wing Populism

Instructor: Prof. Luke March (University of Edinburgh)

Suggested readings:


Further readings:


Discussants:

1. Maciej Sobocinski
2. Giorgos Venizelos (SNS)

Researchers presenting papers:

   Discussant: TBC
2. Neil Dullaghan, Paper title TBC
   Discussant: TBC
Session 2 (May 3rd, 14h30 to 19h)

Title: Populism as a graduational property? Varieties of Populism and the Italian case.

Instructor: Prof. Manuela Caiani (Scuola Normale Superiore)

Suggested readings:


Discussants:

1. Jasper Paul Simons
2. Tobias Widmann

Researchers presenting papers:

1. Sophia Hunger, Paper title TBC
   Discussant: TBC
   Discussant: Vicente Valentim (to be replaced in case new students register for the workshop and want to discuss this paper)
Session 3 (May 4th, 9h-11h and 11h30 to 13h30)

Title: The Ins and Outs of Measuring Populism

Instructor: Prof. Andrej Zaslove (Radboud University)

Suggested readings:


Further readings:

1. Akkerman, Agnes, Andrej Zaslove, and Bram Spruyt. “‘We the People’ or ‘We the Peoples’? A Comparison of Support for the Populist Radical Right and Populist Radical Left in the Netherlands’. *Swiss Political Science Review* 23, no. 4 (1 December 2017): 377–403.

Discussants:

1. Jakob Bøggild Johannsen
2. Ana Ruipérez Núñez

Researchers presenting papers:

1. Ofra Klein, “LOLitics: The Content and Impact of Dutch Political Internet Memes”
   *Discussant: TBC*
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