

Conference programme

The Current Trends of

Populism

in Europe

A Threat to Liberal Democracy?

The conference takes place under the auspices of
H.M. Tomáš Zima, Rector of the Charles University in Prague
and

H.E. Arndt Freiherr Freytag von Loringhoven, Ambassador of the Federal Republic
of Germany to the Czech Republic

18 - 19 May, 2015

Goethe-Institut Prague, Masarykovo nábř. 32, Prague 1

Monday, 18 May

9:00 – 9:45 Registration

9:45 – 10:00 **Opening of the Conference:**

Eva van de Rakt, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Prague
Martin Mejstřík, Charles University Prague

10:00 – 12:00 **Morning Session: Theoretical approaches towards current populism**

Chair + discussant: **Dieter Segert**, University of Vienna

Marco Tarchi, University of Florence
Populism: Ideology, Political Style or Mentality
Daniele Albertazzi, University of Birmingham
Right-wing populist parties in Europe: Here to stay?
Vassiliki Georgiadou, Panteion University, Athens
Expanding populism in times of crisis
Vlastimil Havlík, Masaryk University, Brno
Ben Stanley, University of Sussex
New populist parties in Central and Eastern Europe: Conceptualization and their position in political space

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 15:00 **Afternoon Session I: Conceptualization of the new populism**

Chair + discussant: **Jiří Kocian**, Charles University Prague

Stijn van Kessel, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf
Populist Parties in Europe: Agents of Discontent?
Emilia Zankina, American University, Sofia: Theorizing the New Populism in Eastern Europe: A Look at Bulgaria
Luca Manucci, University of Zurich
New Populism - The Dark Side of Democracy?
Peter Učeň, International Republican Institute, Bratislava
The Many Uses and Abuses of Pop.: A Focus on a "Colloquial" Notion

Afternoon Session II: Populism and other actors (mainstream parties and social movements)

Chair + discussant: **Kateřina Králová**, Charles University Prague

Regula Hänggli, Caroline Dalmus, University of Fribourg
Mainstream Politicians' Reaction to Populism
An Investigation of Counterframing
Paris Aslanidis, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki
Occupy populism: a quantitative comparative analysis of populist discourse in the European Indignados and Occupy Wall Street
Daniel Leon, University of Leipzig
Populism Financed by What? The Case of Podemos in Spain
Pranvera Tika, Panteion University, Athens
Populism in Greece. Political parties of different ideological orientations under one common denominator

Public program of the conference

15:30 – 15:45

Opening of the Public Part of the Conference

Lenka Rovníá, Vice-Rector of the Charles University
Maike Freytag-Pitrocha, Counsellor, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Czech Republic

15:45 – 16:30

Keynote Paper

Jacques Rupnik, Sciences Po, Paris
Populisms and the crisis of politics in a European perspective

16:30 – 17:30

Roundtable Discussion

Daniele Albertazzi, University of Birmingham
Luke March, University of Edinburgh
Othon Anastasakis, University of Oxford

Chair: **Eva van de Rakt**, Heinrich Böll Foundation

17:30 – 18:00

Coffee Break

18:00 – 20:00

Evening Discussion: Impacts of populism on the political system

Discussant: **Jacques Rupnik**, Sciences Po, Paris

Panelists: **Marco Ferraro**, Middle East Technical University, Ankara
European populist parties, Russia and the new anti-Europe narrative.

Sergey Lagodinsky, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Berlin
Challenges of populism to democratic cultures in Europe

Miroslav Mareš, Masaryk University, Brno
Securitization of Populism? Perception of Populism as a Threat

Pál Tamás, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest
New populism and the Central European Left: Future Options

Chair: **Hana Scharffová**, journalist

20:00

Reception

Working languages: Czech/English (simultaneous translation will be provided)

Populism

Tuesday, 19 May

- 9:00 – 9:30 Registration
- 9:30 – 10:20 **Keynote Paper**
Luke March, University of Edinburgh
Left-wing vs. right-wing populism: Mirror images or antitheses?
- 10:20 – 10:30 Coffee Break
- 10:30 – 12:30 **Morning Session I: Populism in Central and Eastern Europe**
Chair + discussant: **Michal Kubát**, Charles University Prague
Peter Spáč, Masaryk University, Brno
From Populism to Mainstream. The case of Slovakia
Olga Wysocka, Adam Mickiewicz Institute, Warsaw
Populism, no longer so new: case of Poland
Zoltán Pállinger, Andrassy University, Budapest
Making Sense of Orbán's Conception of Illiberal Democracy
István Hegedüs, Hungarian Europe Society, Budapest: How to call you: the Orbán-regime
- Morning Session II: Populism in the Balkans**
Chair + discussant: **Kateřina Králová**, Charles University Prague
Vedran Horvat, Heinrich Böll Foundation, Zagreb
Left-wing populism in post-Yugoslav states
Timofey Agarin, Queen's University, Belfast
Who do they really represent? Political tolerance and party preferences in the Western Balkans
Blagovesta Cholova, Free University, Brussels
Populism in Bulgaria: a winning formula on a fertile ground?
Dimitar Nikolovski, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw
Ljupcho Petkovski, CET Skopje
Populism and Progressive Social Movements in Macedonia: from rhetorical trap to discursive asset
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch
- 13:30 – 14:30 **Keynote Paper**
Othon Anastasakis, University of Oxford
The far right landscape in the 2014 European elections in the shadow of the Eurozone crisis
- 14:30 – 16:30 **Afternoon Session I: Radical right-wing populism**
Chair + discussant: **Steven van Hauwaert**, UC Louvain
Stefanie Mayer, Edma Ajanovic, University of Vienna
Spaces of Right-Wing Populism and Anti-Muslim Racism in Austria
Maria Grazia Martino, Free University, Berlin
The Radical Right and Religious Discourse: a Comparative Analysis
Miloš Brunclík, Charles University Prague
Sweden Democrats Welfare chauvinists who disrupt Swedish politics?
Christian Schimpf, University of Salzburg
A Drunken Guest in Europe? The Influence of Populist Radical Right

Afternoon Session II: Populism in Germany and the Czech Republic

Chair + discussant: **Benjamin Zeeb**, Project for Democratic Union, Munich

Tanja Wolf, University of Würzburg

Is the German AfD really right-wing populist?

Vladimír Handl, Charles University Prague

AfD – a new actor in German politics

Andreas Goffin, Charles University Prague

Populism in the radical left: cases of Germany and the Czech Republic

Kateřina Kňapová, Charles University Prague

Three puzzles for political science: Case study of entrepreneur's projects of Babiš, Janeček and Okamura in Czech politics

16:30 – 16:45

Coffee Break

16:45 – 18:45

Evening Session I: Eurosceptic populism in Western Europe

Chair + discussant: **Zuzana Kasáková**, Charles University Prague

Julien van Ostaaijen, University of Tilburg

Aversion and Accommodation. Populist politics and the Dutch Consensus Democracy

Lee McGowan, Queen's University, Belfast

Populism and Protest: Assessing the impact of the Farage Factor and the United Kingdom Independence Party on British politics

Dario Quattromani, Roberto de Rosa, Roma Tre University

The Italian Po(pu)li(s)tical system(?)

Jan Bíba, Sára Vidimová, Charles University

Towards the left-wing populism: the case of Front de Gauche?

Evening Session II: Charismatic leader or authoritarian populist? (Venue: Václav Havel Library, Ostrovní 13, Praha 1)

Chair + discussant: **Lucia Najšlová**, Charles University Prague

Giacomo Chiozza, Vanderbilt University, Nashville

The Myth of the Strong Leader in Russian Public Opinion

Tuba Eldem, Yeni Yuzil University, Istanbul

Populism and the Rise of Competitive Authoritarianism in Turkey

Esin Köroglu, Middle East Technical University, Ankara

Populism and Democracy in Turkey: Misperception of Liberal Democracy under the Shadow of Populism

Nasim Basiri, Osmania University, Hyderabad

Democracy and Populist Elections: A Focus on Contemporary Afghanistan

18:45 – 19:00

Concluding Remarks

Working language: English

Please, register by 15 May 2015 on populism@fsv.cuni.cz

More information about the conference on <http://populism.fsv.cuni.cz>

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