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PROGRAM ABROAD: POPULISM IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

SAIS Europe: Via Belmeloro, 11, 40126 Bologna
Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri: 9:00am – 12:00pm

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Course Description:

The Hopkins Summer Program in Bologna is a collaborative, team-taught program featuring two courses and held at the SAIS Europe campus in historic Bologna, Italy. This first course, “Populism in Comparative Perspective,” will focus on right wing populism in the world, providing students with a broad understanding of the historical and theoretical underpinnings of right wing populism as well as contemporary expressions of populism as both a social movement and a political ideology. Cases to be explored in the course include Italy, Germany, France, Norway, Hungary, Turkey, India, Russia, the UK, and the US.

Course Texts:

All required and recommended readings will be posted on Blackboard in the E-reserves folder.

Course Requirements:

Each student will write two reflection papers on the day’s readings. These papers should include (1) a brief synthesis of one or more central arguments of the week’s reading and (2) two or three questions for in-class discussion. Reflection papers should be uploaded to the blackboard site no later than 8pm (Italy time!) of the day before the relevant class session. Reflection papers should be no more than one page, single-spaced. Students will offer brief presentations of their reflection papers at the beginning of class.

Each student will write a 7-8 page final paper, which discusses a particular case of right wing populism by critically engaging with texts, concepts, theory, or analysis used in lectures.

Grading:

20% (each) presentation

30% class participation

30% final paper

WEEK 1

Day 1. June 12 (Monday)

Introduction

Mudde, Cas. 2011. "Right Wing Parties in Europe: What, Who and Why?" *Participation*. 34(3), pp.12-15

Judis, John B. 2016. "What is Populism and Why is it Important?", in *The Populist Explosion: How the Great Recession Transformed American and European Politics*. New York: Columbia Global Reports, pp.12-18

Day 2. June 13 (Tuesday)

What Is Right Wing Populism?

Ryden, Jens. 2007. "The Sociology of the Radical Right". *Annual Review of Sociology* 33(1): 241-262

Pelinka, Anton. 2013. "Right Wing Populism: Concept and Typology", in Wodak, KhosraviNik and Mral, *Right Wing Populism in Europe*, London: Bloomsbury, (Ch. 1, pp.3-22)

Human Rights Watch. 2017. "Dangerous Rise of Populism" <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2017/country-chapters/dangerous-rise-of-populism>

Day 3. June 15 (Thursday)

Global Social Change, Neoliberalism, and Right Wing Populism

Betz, Hans Georg, 1994, "Radical Right Wing Populism and the Challenge of Global Change" in *Radical Right Wing Populism in Western Europe*. London: MacMillan (Ch.1, pp. 1-36).

Mudde, Cas. 2007. "It's not the Economy, Stupid!" *Populist Radical Right Parties in Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Ch. 5,, pp.119-137).

Jacques, Martin. 2016. "The death of neoliberalism and the crisis in western politics" <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/aug/21/death-of-neoliberalism-crisis-in-western-politics>

Day 4. June 16 (Friday)

Boundaries, Politics of Fear, and Far Right Populism

Mudde, Cas. 2007. *Populist Radical Right Parties in Europe*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (Ch. 3, "Who is Afraid of?", pp.63-89).

Wodak, Ruth. 2013. "Anything Goes! The Haiderization of Europe". in Wodak, KhosraviNik and Mral, "Right Wing Populism in Europe: Politics and Discourse", London: Bloomsbury, (Ch. 2, pp.23-38)

Additional recommended reading:

Betz, Hans Georg, 2013. "Mosques, Minarets, Burqas and Other Essential Threats: The Populist Right's Campaign against Islam in Western Europe." In Wodak, KhosraviNik and Mral, "Right Wing Populism in Europe: Politics and Discourse", London: Bloomsbury, (Ch. 5, pp.71-87)

WEEK 2

Day 5. June 19 (Monday)

Social Base of Far Right Populism

Seymour M. Lipset. "Fascism as 'extremism of the middle class'", in Kallis, Aristotle A. 2003. *The Fascism Reader*. London: Routledge, (Ch. 8 pp.112-119).

Betz, Hans Georg, 1994, *Radical Right Wing Populism in Western Europe*. London: MacMillan, (Ch.5 "The Social Bases of Political Resentment", pp.141-168

Marsdal, Magnus E. 2013. Loud Values, Muffled Interests: Third Way Social Democracy and Right-Wing Populism, in Wodak, KhosraviNik and Mral, "Right Wing Populism in Europe: Politics and Discourse", London: Bloomsbury, (Ch. 3, pp.39-54)

Mason, Paul. 2015. "Podemos: how Europe's political centre is being eaten by the radical left and nationalist right".

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/dec/21/podemos-europe-political-centre-radical-left-nationalist-right-spain-anti-austerity-party>

Day 6. June 20 (Tuesday)

Classical Fascism: Germany, Italy, and the Rest of Western Europe

Selected Readings from Kallis, Aristotle A. 2003. *The Fascism Reader*. London: Routledge

Ch. 6. Robert O. Paxton. "The Five Stages of Fascism", pp.89-100

Ch.10. Geoff Eley. "Fascism as the Product of Crisis", pp.129-136

Ch. 12. Ernest Nolte. The "Era of Fascism and the Uniqueness of Fascist Ideology", pp. 149-155

Ch. 29. Macgregor Knox. "Fascist Regime and Territorial Expansion: Italy and Germany", pp.301-310

Kumral, Şefika. 2015. "Hegemonic transition, war and opportunities for fascist militarism:" The Longue Durée of the Far-Right: An International Historical Sociology, in Saull, Anievas, Davidson and Farby (eds). *The Longue Duree of the Far Right: An International Historical Sociology*, (Ch3. pp. 64-84).

Additional recommended reading:

Roger Griffin. "Fascism: Rebirth and Ultrationalism", in Kallis, Aristotle A. 2003. *The Fascism Reader*. London: Routledge (Ch. 15 pp. 149-155).

Polanyi, Karl. 2001 [1944]. *The Great Transformation*. Boston:Beacon Press (pp.231-268).

Day 7. June 22 (Thursday)

Populism in Italy in The Longue Duree: City-State Chauvinism, Classical Fascism, and Neoliberal Far Right Populism

Karatasli, Şahan S. 2016. "From Communal Patriotism to City-State Chauvinism: The Crisis of the Fourteenth Century and the Transformation of Collective Identities in Northern Italy, 1000-1500", *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society*, 29(1), pp. 73-101

Abse, Tobias. [1996] 2003 "Italian Workers and Italian Fascism", in Kallis, Aristotle A. (ed) *The Fascism Reader*. London: Routledge, (Ch.38, pp.391-398)

Ruzza, Carlo & Laura Balbo. 2013. "Italian Populism and the Trajectories of Two Leaders: Silvio Berlusconi and Umberto Bossi", in Wodak, KhosraviNik and Mral, "Right Wing Populism in Europe: Politics and Discourse", London: Bloomsbury, (Ch. 11, pp.163-175)

Additional recommended reading:

Short, Nicola. 2015. "Passato e Presente? Gramsci's analysis of fascism and the far-right". in Saull, Anievas, Davidson and Farby (eds). *The Longue Duree of the Far Right: An International Historical Sociology*, (Ch5. pp. 106-128).

Day 8. June 23 (Friday)

FAR RIGHT POPULISM BEYOND WESTERN EUROPE: INDIA, TURKEY, HUNGARY AND RUSSIA

Rajagopal, Arvind. 2016. "The Rise of Hindu Populism in India's Public Sphere." *Current History* 115.780 (2016): 123-129

Kumral, Sefika. 2017. "Democracy, Crisis and Geopolitics: Anti-Kurdish Riots and AKP's Authoritarian Turn in Turkey". In Albert Bergesen and Christian Suter (eds) *Return of Geopolitics* New York: LitVerlag (in press)

Kovacs, Andras. 2013. "The post-communist extreme right: the Jobbik Party in Hungary", in Wodak et al. eds. 223-233

Baggini, Julian. 2016. Why Putin and the Populists Love Each Other Deeply,
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/putin-trump-populists_us_58506581e4b0ee009eb41e14

Additional recommended reading:

Corbridge, Stuart, and John Harriss. Reinventing India: Liberalization, Hindu nationalism and popular democracy. John Wiley & Sons, 2013.

Tugal, Cihan. 2016. The Fall of the Turkish Model: How Arab Uprisings Brought Down Islamic Liberalism. Ch.4

WEEK 3

Day 9. June 26 (Monday)

Contemporary Cases: Brexit

Inglehart, Ronald & Pippa Norris, "Trump, Brexit, and the Rise of Populism: Economic Have-Nots and Cultural Backlash," Faculty Research Working Paper Series, Harvard Kennedy School, August, 2016. https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2818659

Day 10. June 27 (Tuesday)

A Brief History of Populism In The United States

Judis, John B. 2016. *The Populist Explosion: How the Great Recession Transformed American and European Politics*. New York: Columbia Global Reports. (Chapter 1, "The Logic of American Populism: From the People's Party to George Wallace," and Chapter 2, "Neoliberalism and Its Enemies: Perot, Buchanan, the Tea Party, and Occupy Wall Street")

Day 11. June 29 (Thursday)

Dysfunctional Class Politics During the Obama Presidency

Frank, Thomas. 2016. *Listen, Liberal, or, What Ever Happened to the Party of the People?* New York: Metropolitan Books. (Chapter 1, "Theory of the Liberal Class")

Hochschild, Arlie Russell. 2016. *Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right*. New York: The New Press. (Chapter 9, "The Deep Story")

Day 12. June 30 (Friday)

Beyond Cities And Suburbs In 2016

Vance, J. D. 2016. *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*. New York: Harper.
(Introduction and Chapter 1)

Cramer, Katherine J. 2016. *The Politics of Resentment: Rural Consciousness in Wisconsin and the Rise of Scott Walker*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (Chapter 3, "The Contours of Rural Consciousness")