



Conference Program

CONTEMPORARY POPULISM AND ITS POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES: DISCOURSES AND PRACTICES IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE Belgrade, 12-13 December 2019

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Populism in Central-Eastern Europe and South-Eastern Europe has been framed through theoretical ideas and expectations based on West European experience. However, the region's experience of populist politics has diverged from that of Western Europe in important ways. In older West European democracies, the most typical vehicle for populism are, for the moment, new or previously marginal illiberal challenger parties which confront an essentially liberal, non-populist mainstream. In Central-Eastern Europe and South-Eastern Europe, it is the "mainstream" which is or has become populist. Therefore, it is important to elaborate which of these universal indicators of populism can be applied to the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Western Balkans, and what kind of particularities will crystallize as a consequence of the socialist background. The main aim of the conference is to gather scholars that are researching different aspects and manifestations of populism in the region.

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Thursday, December 12th, 2019
University of Belgrade, Studentski Trg 1, room 16 (Sessions A1, A2)

11:30-12:00 Registration of the participants

12:00-13:00 Conference opening

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12:00-12:15 Haris Dajč

Populist rebellion against modernity in 21st-century Eastern Europe

12:15-12:30 Nikola Samardžić

Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

Keynote speaker

12:30-13:00 Ljubomir Madžar

Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade

13:00-14:00 Coffee and snacks break

14:00-15:00 Session A1: Populism beyond borders

Chair A1: Jarić Isidora

14:00-14:15 Perianes Ana: **Contemporary Populism and its Political Discourses and Practices: Consequences in the EU Foreign and Security Policy**

14:15-14:30 Zbytniewska Karolina: **Eastern Promises of Populism**

14:30h-14:45h Weisner Aleksandar: **Captured State or Poisoned Society**

14:15-15:00 Discussion Session A1

15:15-16:15 Session A2: Historical roots of Contemporary Populism

Chair A2: Weisner Aleksandar

15:15-15:30 Bešlin Milivoj and Žarković Petar: **Continuities of Populism in Serbia: 19th-21st centuries**

15:30-15:30 Dajč Haris, Jovanović Ajzenhamer Nataša, and Pantelić Nikola: **Socialist Party of Serbia: the populist chameleon**

15:30-15:45 Orzechowska-Wačlawska Joanna: **The Winning Story: The analysis of Electoral Campaigns of United Right in 2015 and 2019 Elections in Poland**

15:45-16:00 Filipović Luka: **Social and cultural structures behind Eastern nationalism as the defining factor of the unique characteristics of Eastern populism**

16:00-16:15 Discussion Session A2

Friday, December 13th, 2019

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University of Belgrade, Studentski Trg 1, rooms 8 (Sessions C1, C2, C3, C4) and 16 (Sessions B1, B2)

9:15-10:45 Session B1: Metamorphosis or Creation of New Political Parties

Chair B1: Vasiljević Maja

9:15-9:30 Nikola Venkov: **Discourse circulation, access to political discourse and the retreat of illiberal values in Bulgaria**

9:30-9:45 Mesarovich Alexander: **Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Strategies of Political Cooperation in Populist World**

9:45-10:00 Volk Sabine: **Eastern German Right-Wing Populism as a Symptom of “Delayed Transformational Fatigue” in Eastern and Central Europe**

10:00-10:15 Kurtović Amer: **BIH Political Parties’ EU Discourses in a Time of Populist Euroscepticism: An Analysis of their Performative Structure**

10:15-10:30 Chiruta Ionut: **Challenging the Rule of Law in Romania: the Metamorphosis of Political Discourses towards Populism as Last Resort**

10.30-10.45 Discussion Session B1

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15 - 12:15 Session B2: Enemy at the Gate

Chair B2: Jovanović Ajzenhamer Nataša

11:15-11.30 Đorđević Aleksandra: **Migrants on the Road to Nowhere and Public Opinion in Serbia**

11:30-11:45 Thevenin Elodie: **Anti-Migration Populist Discourse in the Polish Parliament: What Future for Europe?**

11:45- 12:00 Jovanović Teodora: **The Argument about Cultural (In)Compatibility in Far-right Populist Discourse: Constructing the Figure of a “Migrant”**

12.00-12.15 Discussion Session B2

9.30-10.45 Session C1: Populist Answer to Contemporary Political Challenges

Chair C1: Radonjić Ognjen

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9.30h-9.45h Styczyńska Natasza: **Populist Euroscepticism in Poland – Defending the Main Research Areas**

9.45-10.00 Petrović Nikola: **Historical Grievances and Contemporary Populism: “Western Betrayal” Euroscepticism in Central and Southeastern Europe**

10.00h-10.15h Sadecki Andrzej: **Fighting the Foreign Elites – the Populist Rewriting of the Memory of 1848 and 1956 Revolutions in Orban’s Hungary**

10:15-10:30 Krtolica Marko: **The Particularities of Populism in Macedonian Society – Past, Present and Future Tendencies**

10:30-10:45 Discussion Session C1

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:45 Session C2: Negotiating Gender in Populist Times

Chair C2: Sadecka Agnieszka

11:15-11:30 Galić Branka: **Some Sociological Elements of Contemporary Misogyny, Cleric-fascism and Neoconservative Politics in Populist Movements of Croatian Society**

11:30-11.45 Jarić Isidora, Krek Maja and Gajić Nikola: **Populist Rebellion against Feminism: The Rise of Masculinist Activism in Serbia**

11:45-12:00 Dekić Slobodanka: **Negotiating Family in Populist Time: Family Politics and LGBTIQ Organizations in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia**

12:00-12:15 Radulović Mladen: **Educational Attainment and Acceptance of Patriarchal Values: Comparative Study**

12:15-12:30 Yermakova Olena: **Homophobia as an Element of Contemporary Populist Discourse in Poland**

12:30-12:45 Discussion Session C2

12:45-13.30 Coffee and snacks break

13:30- 14:45 Session C3: Culture: Elites Vs People

Chair C3: Radulović Mladen

13:30-13:45 Sadecka Agnieszka and Piekarska-Duraj Łucja: **The Curse of/on the Clergy: Backlash against the Catholic Church in Poland post-2015**

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13:45-14:00 Vasiljević Maja and Dajč Haris: **Serbian Orthodox Church Comeback since 1980s: Dialogue with Rogers Brubaker**

14:00-14:15 Hill Caroline: **“Gay Propaganda” and Russia’s Survival: Orthodox Framing of LGBT Rights**

14:15-14:30 Vesić Ivana and Peno Vesna: **The Revitalization and Construction of the Distant Past in the SFR Yugoslavia of the 1980s: The Case of Serbian Cultural Elite**

14:30-14:45 Discussion C3

15:00-16:15 Session C4: Populism and its Impact on State

Chair C4: Styczyńska Natasza

15:00-15:15 Radonjić Ognjen and Kotorchevikj Rosana Antoni: **Theories on the Roots of the EU and Western Balkans Rise of Populism**

15:15-15:30 Cem Mert Dalli: **Exploring Determinants of Welfare State Development in Post-Communist States: A Quantitative Comparative Analysis**

15:30-15:45 Lenik Paulina: **What Orbanoconomics means for Hungary: Fidesz’s Policy Making since 2010**

15:45-16:00 Tmušić Marko: **Populism and its Implications on Economic Growth Model in Serbia: What have We Learned So Far?**

16:00-16:15 Discussion C4

16:15 - 16:45 Coffee break

16:45-18:00 Session C5: New Media and Populism

Chair C5: Haris Dajč

16:45-17:00 Jarić Isidora and Balaban Danica: **Instrumentalization of Unnamed Sources as a Method of Political Defamation**

17:00-17:15 Ninković Vladimir: **Securitization of the Migration Crisis in Serbian New Media**

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17:15-17:30 Simone Neads: **How Systemic Problems in Digital Media are Breeding Radicalism: A Case Study of Jaromir Balda, 71**

17:30-17:45 Csáki-Hatalovics Gyla Balázs and Molnár Péter: **Balance in the Force? Social Media as a Tool and Counterweight of Populism**

17:45-18:00 Discussion Session C5

18:00-18:45 Final Discussion

18:45 Conference closing

Saturday 14th December

**11:30 - 13:30 Belgrade walking tour: From Roman time until Post-socialism
Meeting in the front of the University of Belgrade, Studentski Trg 1**

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