

## Synopsis

The dream of a united Europe seems to be on the ropes. Anti-EU platforms are on the rise, producing the first major *faits accomplis* such as Brexit.

Hungary and Poland are governed by parties that portray Brussels as a second Moscow and oppose the European federalist ideal. Arguably, the most shocking event in this development is the election of a right-wing populist as President of the United States. The big-tent parties in Europe, which have so far maintained the post-war liberal order, have found no effective antidote to the wave of populism. In the post-socialist countries, the democratic achievements since 1989 seem under threat by policies that draw a clear line between “us” and “them”, foster hatred and offer easy solutions to complex problems. However, populism also indicates wide-spread frustration about inequality and alienation under the current capitalist system.

This year's conference of the Graduate School, organized jointly with the School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES, UCL) will put populism in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe in perspective: it will draw comparisons with other regions of the world and elucidate the contexts of populist politics. The four panels of this interdisciplinary conference will engage with the languages of populism; the typologies of populist politics; the historical trajectories of populism in the region; and populist subjectivities. In a public round-table, journalists reporting from the region will discuss the causes and likely consequences of populist politics (in German). The keynote speakers are: John B. Judis, Michał Krzyżanowski, Jan Kubik and Gwendolyn Sasse.

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# THE END OF THE LIBERAL ORDER?

CENTRAL, EAST AND SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN  
POPULISM IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE



1–3 June 2017  
Regensburg

IV Annual Conference  
of the Graduate School for East  
and Southeast European Studies

in cooperation with  
School of Slavonic and East  
European Studies,  
University College London

## THURSDAY, JUNE 1

18.00

### Opening

**Ulf Brunnbauer** (Regensburg) and  
**Martin Schulze Wessel** (Munich)

18.30–20.00

### Keynote 1: The Populist Explosion: How the Great Recession Transformed American and European Politics

**John B. Judis** (Washington)  
Chair: **Ger Duijzings** (Regensburg)

## FRIDAY, JUNE 2

### THE LANGUAGE OF POPULISM

9.30–10.30

### Keynote 2: Populism in/and Politicisation and Mediatiation of Immigration: The Case of the 'Refugee Crisis'

**Michał Krzyżanowski** (Örebro)

Coffee break

10.45–12.45

**Daniel Weiss** (Zurich)  
How (not) to Recognise Populist Discourse?  
A Glance at East European Varieties

**Tanja Zimmermann** (Leipzig)  
'Alternative' Histories in Fake Environments

**Peter Zusi** (London)  
The Literature of Dark Charisma: Hermann Broch and Viktor Dyk  
Chair: **Björn Hansen** (Regensburg)

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### TYPOLOGIES OF POPULISM

14.00–15.00

### Keynote 3: How Distinctive a Phenomenon is East European Populism?

**Gwendolyn Sasse** (Berlin)

15.00–17.45

**Eric Gordy** (London)  
"Don't Mourn, Balkanize":  
What the Post-Democratic West Can Learn from the Balkans  
**Martin Mejstřík** (Prague)  
Current Populism in Central East Europe.  
Threat to Liberal Democracy?

Coffee break

**Alan Sikk** (London)  
Populist Parties and Other Creatures: Towards a Typology of  
'Populism' in Central and Eastern Europe

**Florian Bieber** (Graz)  
Populism at the European Periphery:  
Negotiating Popular and External Legitimacy  
Chair: **Melanie Arndt** (Regensburg)

18.00–19.30

### Öffentliches Podiumsgespräch in deutscher Sprache: Das Ende der Liberalen Ordnung? Zentral-, Ost- und Südosteuropäischer Populismus im Vergleich

**Andreas Ernst** (Belgrad/Zürich), **Boris Schumatsky** (Berlin) und  
**Reinhold Vetter** (Warschau/Berlin)

Moderation: **Marie-Janine Calic** (München)

Conference venue: Landshuter Str. 4, room 319 (3rd floor)

The conference language is English.  
Only the public round table on Friday evening will be in German.  
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## SATURDAY, JUNE 3

### HISTORICAL TRAJECTORIES

9.00–10.00

### Keynote 4: Beyond Populist Politics: Communities of Despair, Rudderless Lives, and Cultures of Redemption

**Jan Kubik** (London)

Coffee break

10.15–12.15

**Egbert Klautke** (London)  
Antisemitism, Charisma, Infrastructure:  
Karl Lueger and the Invention of Populism in Vienna 1900

**Elizabeth White** (Bristol)  
'Narodnichestvo' and 'neo-narodnichestvo': Revolutionary  
Populism in Russian, Soviet and Eastern European History

**Balázs Trencsényi** (Budapest)  
Comparing Populist Discourses in East Central Europe in the  
Twentieth Century – Continuities, Contexts, and Typologies  
Chair: **Martin Schulze Wessel** (Munich)

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### POPULIST SUBJECTIVITIES

13.15–15.15

**Ger Duijzings** (Regensburg)  
Smears and Insults: Performative Acts of Denigrating Others

**Margit Feischmidt** (Budapest)  
Policing of Borders, Production of Boundaries:  
Structural, Political and Cultural Conditions of Anti-Migrant  
Mobilization in Rural Hungary

**Don Kalb** (Budapest/Utrecht)  
From Populist Reason to the Rationality of Populists

**Cathrine Thorleifsson** (Oslo)  
In Pursuit of Purity: Understanding the Appeal of  
UKIP's Populism in Precarious England  
Chair: **Čarna Brković** (Regensburg)

15.30–16.00

### Concluding discussion