

Populism and Authoritarianism (soc 286)

Course Description	What's wrong with "the people"? Since the invention of democracy, we can observe the rise and fall of populisms and authoritarianisms. But what exactly makes a democracy populist or authoritarian? And under what circumstances do populist and authoritarian sentiments and movements gain strength? This course tackles the sociological as well as the political problem of populism and authoritarianism discussing classical and contemporary authors. In order to complete the course, all participants have – among other things – to submit a final paper examining populist and authoritarian phenomena in different national contexts empirically.
Course Requirements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regular attendance (miss more than two times and you are out!) 2. Being able to demonstrate knowledgeability of the required readings 3. Six response papers (2-3 pages) each on the required readings of a session (and three of them before the reading week!) 4. Either a presentation in class (10-15 minutes) or a final essay (6-8 pages, submission till 15th of June)
Assessment Methods	Participation in class (20%), six response papers (60%), presentation or final essay (20%, deadline is June 15, 2019)
ECTS points	9
I (21.2.) Organizational meeting	
II (28.2.) What is Populism?	
Required Reading	Müller, Jan-Werner (2016): <i>What is Populism?</i> [Introduction + chapter 1] Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, pp. 1-40. Sullivan, Andrew: "America Has Never Been So Ripe for Tyranny". <i>New York Magazine</i> , May 2, 2016.
Presentation	Plato: <i>The Republic</i> . [Focus on Book VIII]
III (7.3.) Populism and Brexit	
Required Readings	Freeden, Michael (2017): "After the Brexit Referendum: Revisiting Populism as an Ideology". In: <i>Journal of Political Ideologies</i> 22(1), 1-11. Clarke, John & Janet Newman (2017): "'People in this country have had enough of experts': Brexit and the Paradoxes of Populism". In: <i>Critical Policy Studies</i> 11(1), 101-116.
Presentation	On the history of EU, British membership and Brexit
IV (12.3.) Discussion with students of the University of Northampton (12.00-13.40)	
V (14.3) Authority and Charisma	
Required Readings	Weber, Max (1978): "Types of Legitimate Domination". In: <i>Economy and Society. Outline of an Interpretative Sociology</i> . Berkeley: University of California Press, pp. 212-216, 241-254. Arendt, Hannah (1961): "What is Authority?" [section 1] In: <i>Between Past and Future. Six Exercises in Political Thought</i> . New York: Viking Press, pp. 91-141 [only pp. 91-104]. Isaac, Jeffrey C.: "How Hannah Arendt's classic work on totalitarianism illuminates today's America", <i>Washington Post</i> , December 17, 2016.

Presentation	Arendt, Hannah (1976): <i>The Origins of Totalitarianism</i> . San Diego et al.: Harvest (joint presentation possible).
VI (21.3.) Authoritarianism and Moral Politics	
Required Reading	Amanda Taub, "The Rise of American Authoritarianism," <i>Vox</i> , March 1, 2016. Available online: http://www.vox.com/2016/3/1/11127424/trump-authoritarianism . Lakoff, George: "A Minority President: Why the Polls Failed, And What the Majority Can Do", November 22, 2016; available online: https://georgelakoff.com/2016/11/22/a-minority-president-why-the-polls-failed-and-what-the-majority-can-do/ Gordon, Peter E.: "The Authoritarian Personality Revisited: Reading Adorno in the Age of Trump", <i>boundary 2</i> , June 15, 2016; https://www.boundary2.org/2016/06/peter-gordon-the-authoritarian-personality-revisited-reading-adorno-in-the-age-of-trump/
Presentations	Adorno, Theodor W., Else Frenkel-Brunswick, Daniel J. Levinson, and R. Nevitt Sanford (1950): <i>The Authoritarian Personality</i> . New York: Norton; also available online: http://www.ajcarchives.org/main.php?GroupingId=6490 (focus on introduction and conclusion). Lakoff, George (2006): <i>Moral Politics. How Liberals and Conservatives Think</i> . Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
VII (28.3.) The Cultural Logic of Populism	
Required Reading	Laclau, Ernesto (2005): "Populism: What's in a name?" In: Panizza, Francisco (ed.), <i>Populism and the Mirror of Democracy</i> . London, New York: Verso, 32-49. Alexander, Jeffrey C. (1998): "Citizen and Enemy as Symbolic Classification. On the Polarizing Discourse of Civil Society". In: Alexander, Jeffrey C. (ed.), <i>Real Civil Societies. Dilemmas of Institutionalization</i> . London: Sage, 97-114.
Presentations	Laclau, Ernesto (2005): <i>On Populist Reason</i> . London; New York: Verso. Alexander, Jeffrey C. (2006): <i>The Civil Sphere</i> . Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press.
Reading week	
VIII (11.4.) Populist Authoritarianism as Cultural Backlash	
Required Reading	Inglehart, Ronald & Pippa Norris (2017): "Trump and the Populist Authoritarian Parties: The Silent Revolution in Reverse". In: <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> 15(2), 443-454. Alexander, Jeffrey C. (2019): "Frontlash/Backlash: The Crisis of Solidarity and the Threat to Civil Institutions". In: <i>Contemporary Sociology</i> 48(1), 5-11.
Presentation	Inglehart, Ronald & Pippa Norris (2019): <i>Cultural Backlash: Trump, Brexit, and Authoritarian Populism</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
Free Session (18.4.)	
IX (25.4.) Populism as Performance	
Required Readings	Gauna, Aníbal F. (2018): "Populism, Heroism, and Revolution. Chávez's Cultural Performances in Venezuela, 1999–2012". In: <i>American Journal of Cultural Sociology</i> 6(1), 37-59. Moffitt, Benjamin (2015): "How to Perform Crisis: A Model for Understanding the Key Role of Crisis in Contemporary Populism". In: <i>Government and Opposition</i> 50(2), 189-217.
Presentation	Moffitt, Benjamin (2016): <i>The Global Rise of Populism. Performance, Political Style, and Representation</i> . Stanford: Stanford University Press. http://eds.b.ebscohost.com/eds/ebookviewer/ebook/bmxlymtfXzEyMTk0NjdfX0FO0?sid=97d519d2-e8d6-4295-afb4-376c6afb47@sessionmgr101&vid=7&format=EB&rid=1

X	(2.5.)	Populism and Class
Required Reading		Ostiguy, Pierre (2017): "Populism: A Socio-Cultural Approach". In: Kaltwasser, Cristóbal Rovira, Paul Taggart, Paulina Ochoa Espejo & Pierre Ostiguy (eds.): <i>The Oxford Handbook of Populism</i> . Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 1-27. Kanzler, Katja & Marina Scharlaj (2017): "Between Glamorous Patriotism and Reality-TV Aesthetics: Political Communication, Popular Culture, and the Invective Turn in Trump's United States and Putin's Russia". In: <i>Zeitschrift für Slawistik</i> 62(2), 316-338.
Presentation		Hochschild, Arlie Russel (2016): <i>Strangers in their Own Land. Anger and Mourning on the American Right</i> . New York; London: New Press. [Focus on p. 135-153]
XI	(9.5.)	Populism in Power
		Müller, Jan-Werner (2016): <i>What is Populism?</i> [chapter 2] Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 41-74. Enyedi, Zsolt (2016): "Paternalist Populism and Illiberal Elitism in Central Europe". In: <i>Journal of Political Ideologies</i> 21(1), 9-25.
XII	(16.5.)	How to Fight Populism?
Required Readings		Müller, Jan-Werner (2016): <i>What is Populism?</i> [chapter 3 + conclusion] Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 75-103. Eco, Umberto: "Ur-Fascism", <i>The New York Review of Books</i> , June 22, 1995.
Additional Literature		
Classics		Cassirer, Ernst (1955): <i>The Myth of the State</i> . Garden City: Doubleday Anchor Books. Freud, Sigmund (1949): <i>Group Psychology and the Analysis of the Ego</i> . London: Hogarth. Hobbes, Thomas (1998): <i>Leviathan</i> . New York; Oxford: Oxford University Press. Le Bon, Gustave (2002): <i>The Crowed. A Study of the Popular Mind</i> . Mineola: Dover. Machiavelli, Niccolo (2005): <i>The Prince</i> . New York; Oxford: Oxford University Press. Popper Karl (2013): <i>The Open Society and its Enemies</i> . Princeton: Princeton University Press.
Authoritarianism		Brownlee, Jason (2007): <i>Authoritarianism in an Age of Democratization</i> . New York: Cambridge University Press. Dahl, Robert A. (1989): <i>Democracy and its Critics</i> . New Haven: Yale University Press Linz, Juan J. (2000): <i>Totalitarian and Authoritarian Regimes</i> . Boulder: Lynne Rienner. Jennifer Gandhi (2008): <i>Political Institutions under Authoritarianism</i> . Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Brooker, Paul (2013): <i>Non-Democratic Regimes</i> . Houndmills: Palgrave. Svolik, Milan (2012). <i>The Politics of Authoritarian Rule</i> . New York: Cambridge University Press. Levitsky, Steven and Lucan Way (2011): <i>Competitive Authoritarianism. Hybrid Regimes after the Cold War</i> . New York: Cambridge University Press. Zakaria, Fareed (2003): <i>The Future of Freedom. Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad</i> . New York: Norton.
Populism		Canovan, Margaret (2005): <i>The People</i> . Cambridge: Polity Press. Mudde, Cas and Christóbal Rovira Kaltwasser (2016): <i>Populism. A Very Short Introduction</i> . Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press. Judi, John B. (2016): <i>The Populist Explosion. How the Great Recession Transformed American and European Politics</i> . New York: Columbia Global Reports. Kazin, Michael (1998): <i>The Populist Persuasion</i> . Cornell University Press, 1998. Taggart, Paul (2000): <i>Populism</i> . Open University Press.