

## Culture and Politics of Populism (GLCb2003)

<b>Course Description</b>	What's wrong with "the people"? Since the invention of democracy, we can observe the rise and fall of populist leaders and parties. But what exactly makes a politician and party populist? And under what circumstances do populist movements and parties gain strength and, last but not least, is populism dangerous for democracy? This course tackles the sociological as well as the political problem of populism. In order to complete the course, all participants have – among other things – to submit a final paper examining populist phenomena in different national contexts empirically.
<b>Course Objectives</b>	This course focuses on populism as a challenge for democracy and civil society. It offers an introduction to political and cultural approaches to populism, discussing definitions and theories of populism (e.g., as ideology, discourse or style), introducing relevant concepts (such as charisma, performance or class) as well as examining empirical case studies from all over the world. From the perspective of political science, specific attention is paid to the relationship of populism and democracy and to explanation of electoral success of populist parties and characteristics of their voters. From a cultural sociological perspective, the focus lies at the cultural logic of populism, its symbolic forms and social contexts.
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	At the end of the course students should be able to explain basic approaches in the study of populism as a political ideology and cultural phenomenon, to define main features of populism and to describe the development and characteristics of the main populist parties and movements in modern democracies. Also, they will be able to describe the relationship of populism and democracy and the most common explanations behind the success of populist political parties. From a political science perspective, stress will be placed on explanations related to recent societal and economic changes and challenges (crisis of political representation and/or globalization and Europeanization). Furthermore, students will be able to understand the complexities of the relation between populism and civil society. From a cultural sociological perspective, there will be an emphasis on the explanation of the success of populism through forms of symbolic representation and action (narratives, performances, icons) in their specific social and cultural environment (class structure, media, popular culture).
<b>Course Requirements</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regular attendance (miss more than two times and you are out!)</li> <li>2. Being able to demonstrate knowledgeability of the required readings</li> <li>3. A presentation in class (5-10 minutes)</li> <li>4. Final paper (10-15 pages)</li> </ol>
<b>Assessment Methods</b>	Participation in class (10%), presentation (10%) and final paper (80%, deadline is January 15, 2023)
<b>ECTS points</b>	5
<b>I</b>	
<b>18.9.</b>	<b>Organizational meeting (Binder &amp; Havlík)</b>
Zoom-Link	<a href="https://cesnet.zoom.us/j/96257488555">https://cesnet.zoom.us/j/96257488555</a>
<b>II</b>	
<b>25.9.</b>	<b>What is Populism? (Havlík)</b>
Required Readings	<p>Mudde, C. (2017). "Populism: An Ideational Approach." In: C. R. Kaltwasser, P. A. Taggart, P. O. Espejo, P. Ostiguy (eds.): <i>The Oxford handbook of populism</i>, pp. 27-47.</p> <p>Rooduijn, M. (2013). "The Nucleus of Populism: In Search of the Lowest Common Denominator." In: <i>Government and Opposition</i> 49 (4), 573-599.</p>
Presentation	Stanley, Ben (2008). "The thin ideology of populism." In: <i>Journal of Political Ideologies</i> , 13(1), 95-110.

<b>III</b>	<b>2.10.</b>	<b>What's Wrong with "the People"? The Cultural Logic of Populism (Binder)</b>
Required Readings	<p>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.</p> <p>Müller, Jan-Werner (2014): "'The People Must Be Extracted from Within the People': Reflections on Populism". In: <i>Constellations</i> 21(4), 483-493.</p>	
Presentations	<p>Mouffe, Chantal (2018): <i>For a Left Populism</i>. London: Verso.</p> <p>Müller, Jan-Werner (2016): <i>What is Populism?</i> Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.</p>	
<b>IV</b>	<b>9.10.</b>	<b>Many Faces of Populism (Havlík)</b>
Required Readings	<p>Pauwels, Teun (2014): <i>Populism in Western Europe</i>. London: Routledge, pp. 12-31.</p> <p>Učeň, Peter. (2004). "Centrist Populism as a New Competitive and Mobilization Strategy in Slovak Politics." In Gyarfášová, Oľga and Grigorij. Mesežnikov (eds.), <i>Party Government in Slovakia: Experience and Perspectives</i>. Bratislava: Institute for Public Affairs, 45–73.</p>	
Presentation	<p>Mudde, C. (2007): <i>Populist Radical Right Parties in Europe</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, pp. 11-59.</p>	
<b>V</b>	<b>16.10.</b>	<b>Is Populism Bad for Democracy? (Havlík)</b>
Required Readings	<p>Canovan, Margaret (1999): "Trust the People! Populism and the Two Faces of Democracy." <i>Political studies</i> 47 (1), 2 – 16, online <a href="http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1467-9248.00184/pdf">http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1467-9248.00184/pdf</a>.</p> <p>Mudde, Cas and Rovira Kaltwasser, Cristóbal (2012): "Populism and (liberal) democracy: A framework for analysis", in Mudde Cas and Rovira Kaltwasser Cristóbal (Eds.): <i>Populism in Europe and Americas. Threat or Corrective for Democracy?</i> Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1-26.</p>	
Presentation	<p>Zaslove, Andrej, &amp; Meijers, Murits (2023). "Populist Democrats? Unpacking the Relationship Between Populist and Democratic Attitudes at the Citizen Level." <i>Political Studies</i>, online: <a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/00323217231173800">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/00323217231173800</a>.</p>	
<b>VI</b>	<b>23.10.</b>	<b>Political Business as Usual? Populism, Democracy and the Civil Sphere (Binder)</b>
Required Readings	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Morgan, Marcus (2021): "Populism's Cultural and Political Dynamics". In: Alexander, Jeffrey C., Peter Kivisto &amp; Giuseppe Sciortino (eds.): <i>Populism in the Civil Sphere</i>. Cambridge; Medford: Polity, 17-43.</p>	
Presentation	<p>Alexander, Jeffrey C. (2006): <i>The Civil Sphere</i>. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press.</p>	
<b>VII</b>	<b>30.10.</b>	<b>Reading week</b>
<b>VIII</b>	<b>6.11.</b>	<b>Why Do Populist Succeed? (Havlík)</b>
Required Readings	<p>Pauwels, T. (2014): <i>Populism in Western Europe</i>. London: Routledge, pp. 53-70.</p> <p>Rooduijn, Matthijs (2018). "What unites the voter bases of populist parties? Comparing the electorates of 15 populist parties." <i>European Political Science Review</i>, 10 (3), 351-368.</p>	
Presentation	<p>Stanley, Ben (2017): "Populism in Central and Eastern Europe." In: Kaltwasser, Cristóbal Rovira, Paul A. Taggart, Paulina Ochoa Espejo, Pierre Ostiguy (eds.): <i>The Oxford Handbook of Populism</i>, 140-160.</p>	

<b>IX</b>	<b>13.11</b>	<b>Populism as Performance (Binder)</b>
Required Readings	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
Presentations	<p>Ostiguy, Pierre (2017): "Populism: A Socio-Cultural Approach". In: Kaltwasser, Cristóbal Rovira, Paul Taggart, Paulina Ochoa Espejo &amp; Pierre Ostiguy (eds.): <i>The Oxford Handbook of Populism</i>. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 1-27.</p> <p>Alexander, Jeffrey C. (2011): <i>Performance and Power</i>. Cambridge: Polity.</p>	
<b>X</b>	<b>20.11</b>	<b>Populism and Emotions (Binder)</b>
Required Reading	<p>Salmela, Mikko &amp; Christian von Scheve (2017): "Emotional Roots of Right-wing Political Populism". In: <i>Social Science Information</i> 56(4), 567-595.</p> <p>Joose, Paul &amp; Dominik Želinský (2022): "Bersek! Anger and the Charismatic Populism of Donald Trump". In: <i>Critical Sociology</i> 48(6), 1073-1087.</p>	
Presentations	<p>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]</p> <p>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.</p>	
<b>XI</b>	<b>27.11.</b>	<b>Beyond Populism? Political Polarization and Culture Wars (Binder)</b>
Required Readings	<p>Revers, Matthias (2023): "Performative Polarization: The Interactional and Cultural Drivers of Political Antagonism". In: <i>Cultural Sociology</i> 0(0), 1-22.</p> <p>Reckwitz, Andreas (2021): <i>The End of Illusions. Politics, Economy, and Culture in Late Modernity</i>. Cambridge; Medford: Polity. 1-32.</p>	
Presentations	<p>Reckwitz, Andreas (2020/2017): <i>The Society of Singularities</i>. Cambridge; Medford: Polity.</p> <p>Barša, Pavel, Zora Hesová &amp; Ondřej Slačálek (2021, ed.): <i>Central European Culture Wars: Beyond Post-communism and Populism</i>. Prague: Filozofická fakulta Univerzity Karlovy.</p>	
<b>XII</b>	<b>4.12</b>	<b>Anti-Populism: New Wine in Old Bottles? (Havlík)</b>
Required reading	<p>Moffitt, Benjamin. (2018): "The Populism/Anti-Populism Divide in Western Europe." <i>Democratic Theory</i>, 5(2), 1-16.</p> <p>Havlík, Vlastimil &amp; Alena Kluknavská (2022): "The Populist Vs Anti-Populist Divide in the Time of Pandemic: The 2021 Czech National Election and its Consequences for European Politics". In: <i>JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies</i> 60, 76-87.</p>	
Presentation	<p>Hamdaoui, Soraya (2022). "A "stylistic anti-populism": An analysis of the Sardine movement's opposition to Matteo Salvini in Italy". In: <i>Social Movement Studies</i>, 21(4), 436-452.</p>	
<b>XIII</b>	<b>11.12</b>	<b>Concluding Discussion (Binder &amp; Havlík)</b>
Required Readings	<p>Will be announced, if any.</p>	