

Joint MA in Political Science: Integration and Governance

Module: Political Theory

Course: Populism and Democracy

Course Title	Populism and Democracy
Course Number	
Module	Political Theory
Type of Courses	
ECTS credits	6
Number of teaching hours	30
Lecturers	Valida Repovac Nikšić
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Department	University of Sarajevo
Curricula	PoSIG
Compulsory/elective	Elective
Entry level criteria	
Recommended for semester	[3]
Course description	<p>The course is designed to provide an understanding of two intertwined political phenomena, populism and democracy. Populism is intended in singular and plural describing not only the concept per se but also its varieties. Being located in the wider frame, that of political theory, populism and democracy shall be analysed in how populist practices emerge in the context of representation. The course shall explore the dimension of how the term people and populism is/are intended. Secondly the course shall provide an analysis providing populist arguments and criticism toward democracy. A third dimension will cover populism as a national phenomenon and its relation to international commitments. The course shall cover some specific cases of populism comparatively.</p>

<p>Intended learning outcomes</p>	<p>Knowledge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to locate populism in the context of political theory describe various types of populism <p>Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse empirical cases dealing with populism and democracy argue empirical findings in order to construct an interpretation of political fact <p>Competences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> summarize different alternative approaches to democracy and populism to judge which approach fits better to empirical findings 												
<p>Contribution of this course to the learning outcomes of the module (or program)</p>	<p>The course will enable students to understand better contemporary debates on power and democracy, as well as on modern political ideologies. The course will enhance their ability to critically approach contemporary political reality and analyze political movements and ideologies. The course will improve students' ability to conduct independent and innovative research in political theory and the history of political ideas to examine political ideologies critically and understand them in their social and historical contexts.</p>												
<p>Expected prerequisite knowledge</p>	<p>Completed module of Political Theory (recommended)</p>												
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<p style="text-align: center;">Course content</p>	<p>The course is divided into three parts. In the first one, concepts are analysed and defined especially concerning the People and Democracy. In the second part the course analyses the reasons and the ideological dimension of populism, actualized in a series of seminars on specific populist topics spread across the left-right spectrum. The third part focuses on the historical dimension of populism and single case studies across three continents of Latin America, North America and Europe.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">List of contents/topics</p>	<p><i>Topic</i></p>	<p><i>Required reading</i></p>
	<p>1. Introduction to concepts and definitions</p>	<p>Daniele Albertazzi and Duncan McDonnell (edited by) <i>Twenty-First Century Populism: The Spectre of Western European Democracy</i>, Palgrave MacMillan, 2008 -selected readings;</p> <p>Sergiu Gherghina, Sergiu Miscoiu and Sorina Soare (edited by), <i>Contemporary Populism: A Controversial Concept and Its Diverse Forms</i>, Newcastle, Cambridge Scholars, 2013 – selected readings.</p>
	<p>2. Democracy, representation and engagement</p>	<p>Daniele Albertazzi and Duncan McDonnell (edited by) <i>Twenty-First Century Populism: The Spectre of Western European Democracy</i>, Palgrave MacMillan, 2008 -selected readings;</p> <p>Margaret Canovan, <i>Trust the People! Populism and the two faces of democracy</i>, «Political Studies», XLVIII (1999), pp. 2-16;</p>
	<p>3. Who is the people</p>	<p>Margaret Canovan, <i>The People</i>, Cambridge, Polity Press, 2005;</p>
	<p>4. The other: local and international dimension</p>	<p>Cas Mudde and Cristobal Rovira-Kaltwasser, <i>Populism in Europe and the Americas: Threat or Corrective for Democracy?</i>, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2012</p>
	<p>5. Twilight of party politics</p>	<p>Stijn Van Kessel, <i>Populist Parties in Europe: Agents of Discontent?</i>, New York, Palgrave, 2015</p>

	6. The ideological dimension of populism	Francisco Panizza <i>Populism and the Mirror of Democracy</i> , London, Verso 2005 (edited by), selected readings.
	7. Resentment	Hans-Georg Betz, <i>Radical Right-Wing Populism in Western Europe</i> , New York ST. Martin's Press, 1994;
	8. Identity	Canovan, <i>The People</i> ;
	9. Against the elites	Gherghina et al.,
	10. Inclusion	Gherghina et al., Mudde and Rovira-Kaltwasser,
	11. Varieties of populism: Old and New	Gherghina et al.,
	12. Seminar: US	Michael Kazin, <i>The Populist Persuasion: An American History</i> , Cornell University Press, 1995;
	13. Latin America	Mudde and Rovira Kaltwasser; Gino Germani, <i>Authoritarianism, Fascism and National Populism</i> , New Brunswick, Transaction Books, 1978
	14. Populism in Europe: West vs East	Gherghina et al., selected readings; Mudde and Rovira-Kaltwasser, selected readings; Van Kessel
	15. UK & France	Van Kessel; Mény and Surel, <i>Par le peuple...</i> ; Mény and Surel, <i>Democracies...</i>
	16. Italy & Greece	Daniele Albertazzi and Duncan McDonnell (edited by) <i>Twenty-First Century Populism: The Spectre of Western European Democracy</i> , Palgrave MacMillan, 2008-selected readings
	17. Hungary & Poland	Van Kessel

	<p>18. Western Balkans</p>	<p>Populist Political Communication across Europe: Contexts and Contents, Stępińska (ed.). Nedžma Džananović, Valida Repovac Nikšić: Populism in Bosnia and Herzegovina - Horizontal Traditions and Vertical Novelities. Berlin: Peter Lang. 2020.</p> <p>How we understand populism? - Popular responses to populist politics in Bosnia and Herzegovina in Postcommunism reload or revert Case studies from Russia, Balkans and Central Asia, Maja Savić Bojanić, Valida Repovac Nikšić, <i>SOCIOLOGICAL problems, Special issue</i>. Sofia. 2019.</p>
<p>Mandatory literature</p>	<p>See above</p>	
<p>Optional literature</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jan-Werner Müller, <i>What Is Populism?</i>, Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016. 2. Chantal Mouffe, <i>For a Left Populism</i>, London: Verso, 2018. 3. Nancy Fraser, <i>The Old Is Dying and the New Cannot Be Born</i>, London: Verso, 2019. 4. Cas Mudde, Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser, <i>Populism: A Very Short Introduction</i>, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017. 5. Ernesto Laclau, <i>On Populist Reason</i>, London: Verso, 2005. 6. Marco Revelli, <i>The New Populism</i>, London: Verso, 2017. 7. Paul Taggar, <i>Populism</i>, Philadelphia: Open University Press, 2000. 8. Enzo Traverso, <i>The New Faces of Fascism</i>, London: Verso, 2019. 	
<p>Scheduled dates</p>		
<p>Additional Information (supplementary issues, related topics, additional learning opportunities associated with the course)</p>		

