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

1-3 June 2017, Regensburg (Germany)

The Fourth Annual Conference of the Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies, a joint program by the Ludwig-Maximilian-Universität München (LMU Munich) and the Universität Regensburg (Regensburg University), is dedicated to populism in Central, East and Southeast Europe.

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 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 special round-table, journalists reporting from the region will discuss the causes and likely consequences of populist politics.

The keynote speakers are: John B. Judis, Michal Krzyzanowski, Jan Kubik and Gwendolyn Sasse.

Conference language is English; for attending the Graduate School's Fourth Annual Conference please register until May 15, 2017 via email: graduiererschule@ur.de

PROGRAMThursday, June 1

- 18:00 **Opening**
 Ulf Brunnbauer (Regensburg) and Martin Schulze Wessel (Munich)
- 18:30-20:00 **Keynote** - John B. Judis (Washington):
 The Populist Explosion: How the Great Recession Transformed American and European Politics
Chair: Ger Duijzings (Regensburg)

Friday, June 2

- THE LANGUAGE OF POPULISM**
Keynote - Michal Krzyzanowski (Örebro):
 9:30-10:30 Populism in/and Politicisation and Mediatisation of Immigration: The Case of the 'Refugee Crisis'
Chair: Björn Hansen (Regensburg)
- 10:30-10:45 Coffee break
 Daniel Weiss (Zurich):
 How (not) to Recognise Populist Discourse? A Glance at East European Varieties
- 10:45-12:45 Tanja Zimmermann (Leipzig):
 "Alternative" Histories in Fake Environments
 Peter Zusi (London):
 The Literature of Dark Charisma: Hermann Broch and Viktor Dyk
- 12:45-14:00 Lunch
- TYPOLOGIES OF POPULISM**
Keynote - Gwendolyn Sasse (Berlin):
 14:00-15:00 Title tba
Chair: Melanie Arndt (Regensburg)

- 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?
 15:00-17:45 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
Public Roundtable / Öffentliches Podiumsgespräch (in deutscher Sprache)
DAS ENDE DER LIBERALEN ORDNUNG?
 18:00-19:30 **Zentral-, Ost- und Südosteuropäischer Populismus im Vergleich**
 With Andreas Ernst (Belgrad/Zurich), Boris Schumatsky (Berlin) und Reinhold Vetter (Warsaw/Berlin)
 Chair/Moderation: Marie Janine Calic (Munich)

Saturday, June 3

- HISTORICAL TRAJECTORIES**
 9:00-10:00 **Keynote** - Jan Kubik (London):
 Title tba
 Chair: Martin Schulze Wessel (Munich)
 10:00-10:15 Coffee break
 Egbert Klautke (London):
 Antisemitism, Charisma, Infrastructure: Karl Lueger and the Invention of Populism in Vienna 1900
 Elizabeth White (Bristol):
 10:15-12:15 '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
 12:15-13:15 Lunch

POPULIST SUBJECTIVITIES

- 13:15-15:15 Ger Duijzings (Regensburg):
 Smears and insults: the role and impact of performative acts 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 UKIPs Populism in Precarious
 England
 Chair: Carna Brkovic (Regensburg)
- 15:30-16:00 Concluding discussion

Conference venue: Graduate School for East and Southeast European Studies, Landshuter Str. 4,
 93047 Regensburg, Room 319 (3rd floor)

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