To Attend: GSOSES's IV. Annual Conference | The End of the Liberal Order? Central, East and Southeast European Populism in Comparative Perspective |

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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 fait 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: graduiertenschule@ur.de
**PROGRAM**

**Thursday, 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**

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

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 Mejstrik (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

18:00-19:30
Public Roundtable / Öffentliches Podiumsgespräch (in deutscher Sprache)
DAS ENDE DER LIBERALEN ORDNUNG?
Zentral-, Ost- und Südosteuropäische 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):
‘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**
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)

13:15-15:15

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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