

## [The End of the Liberal Order? Central, East and Southeast European Populism in Comparative Perspective | GSOSES's IV Annual Conference](#)

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### **The End of the Liberal Order? Central, East and Southeast European Populism in Comparative Perspective**

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

in cooperation with the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London

**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, organized jointly with the School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES, UCL), 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;

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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: [graduierenschule@ur.de](mailto:graduierenschule@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

- 9:30-10:30    **THE LANGUAGE OF POPULISM**  
**Keynote** - Michal Krzyzanowski (Örebro):  
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
- 14:00-15:00   **TYOLOGIES OF POPULISM**  
**Keynote** - Gwendolyn Sasse (Berlin):  
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?**  
**Zentral-, Ost- und Südosteuropäischer Populismus im Vergleich**
- 18:00-19:30 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: Performative Acts of 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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