CONTEMPORARY POPULISM AND ITS POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES: DISCOURSES AND PRACTICES IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE
Populism in Central-Eastern Europe and South-Eastern Europe has been framed through theoretical ideas and expectations based on West European experience. However, the region’s experience of populist politics has diverged from that of Western Europe in important ways. In older West European democracies, the most typical vehicle for populism are, for the moment, new or previously marginal illiberal challenger parties which confront an essentially liberal, nonpopulist mainstream. In Central-Eastern Europe and South-Eastern Europe, it is the “mainstream” which is or has become populist. Therefore, it is important to elaborate which of these universal indicators of populism can be applied to the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Western Balkans, and what kind of particularities will crystallize as a consequence of the socialist background. The main aim of the conference is to gather scholars that are researching different aspects and manifestations of populism in the region.

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11:30-12:00 Registration of the participants,
12:00-13:00 Conference opening
12:00-12:15 Haris Dajč
Populist rebellion against modernity in 21st-century Eastern Europe
12:15-12:30 Nikola Samardžić
Faculty of Philosophy University of Belgrade
Keynote speaker
12:35-13:00 Ljubomir Madžar
Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade
13:00-14:00 Coffee and snacks break
14:00-15:00 Session A1: Populism beyond borders
Chair A1: Jarić Isidora
14:00-14:15 Zbytniewska Karolina: Eastern Promises of Populism
14:15-14:30 Mesarovich Alexander: Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Strategies of Political Cooperation in Populist World
14:30-14:45 Weisner Aleksandar: Captured State or Poisoned Society
14:45-15:00 Discussion Session A1
15:15-16:15 Session A2: Historical roots of Contemporary Populism Chair A2: Weisner Aleksandar
15:15-15:30 Bešlin Milivoj and Žarković Petar: Continuities of Populism in Serbia: 19th-21st centuries
15:30-15:45 Dajč Haris, Jovanović Ajzenhamer Nataša, Pantelić Nikola: Socialist Party of Serbia: the populist chameleon
15:45-16:00 Orzechowska-Waclawska Joanna: The Winning Story: The analysis of Electoral Campaigns of United Right in 2015 and 2019 Elections in Poland
16:00-16:15 Filipović Luka: Social and cultural structures behind Eastern nationalism as the defining factor of the unique characteristics of Eastern populism
16:15-16:30 Discussion Session A2
Friday, December 13th, 2019
University of Belgrade, Studentski Trg 1 rooms 8 (Sessions C1, C2, C3, C4) and 16 (Sessions B1, B2)

9:15-10:45 Session B1: Metamorphosis or Creation of New Political Parties
Chair B1: Vasiljević Maja

9:15-9:30 Nikola Venkov, Discourse circulation, access to political discourse and the retreat of iliberal values in Bulgaria

9:30-9:45 Volk Sabine: Eastern German Right-Wing Populism as a Symptom of “Delayed Transformational Fatigue” in Eastern and Central Europe

9:45-10:00 Kurtović Amer: BiH Political Parties’ EU Discourses in a Time of Populist Euroscepticism: An Analysis of their Performative Structure

10:00-10:15 Chiruta Ionut: Challenging the Rule of Law in Romania: the Metamorphosis of Political Discourses towards Populism as Last Resort

10:15-10:45 Discussion Session B1

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15 - 12:15 Session B2: Enemy at the Gate
Chair B2: Jovanović Ajzenhamer Nataša

11:15-11.30 Đorđević Aleksandra: Migrants on the Road to Nowhere and Public Opinion in Serbia


11:45-12:00 Jovanović Teodora: The Argument about Cultural (In) Compatibility in Far-right Populist Discourse: Constructing the Figure of a “Migrant”

12:00-12:15 Discussion Session B2

9:30-10:45 Session C1: Populist Answer to Contemporary Political Challenges
Chair C1: Radonjić Ognjen

9:30-9:45 Styczynska Natasza: Populist Euroscepticism in Poland – defining the main research areas

9:45-10:00 Petrović Nikola: Historical Grievances and Contemporary Populism: “Western Betrayal” Euroscepticism in Central and Southeastern Europe
0.00-10.15 Sadecki Andrzej: Fighting the Foreign Elites – the Populist Rewriting of the Memory of 1848 and 1956 Revolutions in Orban’s Hungary

10:15-10:30 Krtolica Marko: The Particularities of Populism in Macedonian Society – Past, Present and Future Tendencies

10:30-10:45 Discussion Session C1

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:45 Session C2: Negotiating Gender in Populist Times
Chair C2: Sadecka Agnieszka

11:15-11:30 Galić Branka: Some Sociological Elements of Contemporary Misogyny, Cleric-fascism and Neoconservative Politics in Populist Movements of Croatian Society

11:30-11.45 Jarić Isidora, Krek Maja and Gajić Nikola: Populist Rebellion against Feminism: The Rise of Masculinist Activism in Serbia

11:45-12:00 Dekić Slobodanka: Negotiating Family in Populist Time: Family Politics and LGBTIQ Organizations in Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia

12:00-12:15 Radulović Mladen: Educational Attainment and Acceptance of Patriarchal Values: Comparative Study

12:15-12:30 Yermakova Olena: Homophobia as an Element of Contemporary Populist Discourse in Poland

12:30-12:45 Discussion Session C2

12:45-13.30 Coffee and snacks break

13:30- 14:45 Session C3: Culture: Elites Vs People
Chair C3: Radulović Mladen


13:45-14:00 Vasiljević Maja and Dajč Haris: Serbian Orthodox Church Comeback since 1980s: Dialogue with Rogers Brubeker

14:00-14:15 Hill Caroline: “Gay Propaganda” and Russia’s Survival: Orthodox Framing of LGBT Rights


14:30-14:45 Discussion C3
15:00-16:15 Session C4: Populism and its Impact on State
Chair C4: Styczynska Natasza

15:00-15:15 Radonjić Ognjen and Kotorchevikj Rosana Antoni: Theories on the Roots of the EU and Western Balkans Rise of Populism


15:45-16.00 Tmušić Marko: Populism and its Implications on Economic Growth Model in Serbia: What have We Learned So Far?

16:00-16:15 Discussion C4

16:15-17:30 Session C5: New Media and Populism
Chair C5: Haris Dajč

16:15-16:30 Jarić Isidora and Balaban Danica: Instrumentalization of Unnamed Sources as a Method of Political Defamation

16:30-16:45 Ninković Vladimir: Securitization of the Migration Crisis in Serbian New Media

16:45-17:00 Simone Neads: How Systemic Problems in Digital Media are Breeding Radicalism: A Case Study of Jaromir Balda, 71

17:00-17:15 Csaki-Hatalovics Gyla Balays and Molnar Peter: Balance in the Force? Social Media as a Tool and Counterweight of Populism

17:15-17:30 Discussion Session C5

17:45-18:30 Final Discussion

18:30 Conference closing

Saturday 14th December
11:30 - 13:30 Belgrade walking tour: From Roman time until Post-socialism
Meeting in the front of the University of Belgrade, Studentski Trg 1