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AND TECHNOLOGY

Module name:	Populism: Its Past and Present Disguises				
Academic year:	2017/2018	Code:	HUX-1-233-s	ECTS credits:	4
Faculty of:	Humanities				
Field of study:	Social Informatics	Specialty:	—		
Study level:	First-cycle studies	Form and type of study:	Full-time studies		
Lecture language:	English	Profile of education:	Academic and practical	Semester:	2
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Module summary

Phenomenon of populism.

Description of learning outcomes for module

MLO code	Student after module completion has the knowledge/ knows how to/is able to	Connections with FLO	Method of learning outcomes verification (form of completion)
Social competence			
M_K001	participate in open discussion on political phenomenon of populism	UX1P_K06	Activity during classes
Skills			
M_U001	trace signs of populism in present-day global politics	UX1P_U02	Activity during classes
Knowledge			
M_W001	locate the phenomenon of populist politics in terms of concepts and approaches	UX1P_W02	Essay
M_W002	undertand populism basing on case studies mostly dealing with East Central Europe	UX1P_W13	Essay

FLO matrix in relation to forms of classes

MLO code	Student after module completion has the knowledge/ knows how to/is able to	Form of classes										
		Lectures	Auditorium classes	Laboratory classes	Project classes	Conversation seminar	Seminar classes	Practical classes	Fieldwork classes	Workshops	Others	E-learning
Social competence												
M_K001	participate in open discussion on political phenomenon of populism	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Skills												
M_U001	trace signs of populism in present-day global politics	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
Knowledge												
M_W001	locate the phenomenon of populist politics in terms of concepts and approaches	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-
M_W002	undertand populism basing on case studies mostly dealing with East Central Europe	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-

Module content

Seminar classes

This course shall familiarize students with the phenomenon of populism. Approached from the perspective of its social-economic base, leadership, mobilization narratives, relations with religion, socialism, and capitalism, populism is particularly discussed on the material from East European past and present.

The course is divided into three parts. The first aims to locate the phenomenon of populist politics in terms of concepts and approaches. The second focuses on case studies mostly dealing with East Central Europe. The third part goes back to conceptual issues and asks to what extent shall we take into account populism in present-day global politics.

There are fifteen topics that might be discussed individually and/or in pairs. The particular sessions and basic texts for the course are:

1. People and politicians

Canovan, M. 1984. 'People', Politicians and Populism. *Government and Opposition* 19: 213-322.

2. Integralism

Holmes, D. 2000. *Integral Europe: Fast-Capitalism, Multiculturalism, Neofascism*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

3. Populist Zeitgesit

Cas Mudde (2004) *The Populist Zeitgeist*. *Government and Opposition* 39/4, pp. 541-563.

4. Why populism?

Rogers Brubaker (2017) Why Populism? Theory and Society 46/5, pp 357-385.

5. Populism and/as Civilisationism

Brubaker (2017) Between nationalism and civilisationism: the European populist moment in comparative perspective. Ethnic and racial studies.

6. Populism in Eastern Europe

Ionescu, G. 1969. Eastern Europe. In G. Ionescu and E. Gellner, eds., Populism: Its Meanings and National Characteristics, pp. 62–96. London: Weidenfeld and Nicholson.

7. Class and populism

Kalb, D. (2011). 'Headlines of Nation, Subtexts of Class: Working Class Populism and the Return of the Repressed in Neoliberal Europe', in D. Kalb and G. Halmai, (eds). Headlines of Nation, Subtexts of Class. Working Class Populism and the Return of the Repressed in Neoliberal Europe. London: Berghahn Books

8. Populism and 'inteligentsia'

Zarycki, T. (2015). 'Class analysis in conditions of a dual-stratification order'. East European Politics and Societies and Cultures 29(3): 711–8.

9. Populism and race

Gingrich, A. 2004. Concepts of Race Vanishing, Movements of Racism Rising? Global Issues and Austrian Ethnography. Ethnos 69 (2): 156–176.

10. Populism and religion

Buzalka, Juraj (2008). 'Europeanization and post-peasant populism in Eastern Europe', Europe-Asia Studies, 60:5, 757–771.

11. Populism and fascism

Umberto Eco (1995) Ur-Fascism. NYRB.

12. Populism as authenticity

Ballinger, P. 2004. 'Authentic Hybrids' in the Balkan Borderlands. Current Anthropology 45 (1): 31–60.

13. Populism and Memory

Juraj Buzalka (forthcoming 2018) Post-Peasant Memories: Populist or Communist Nostalgia. East European Politics, Societies, and Cultures.

14. Rethinking Populism

Ingolfur Bluhdorn and Felix Butzlaff (forthcoming 2018) Rethinking Populism: Peak democracy, liquid identity, and the performance of sovereignty. European journal of social theory

15. Populism as a myth?

Anton Jäger (2017) The Myth of Populism. Jacobin.

<https://jacobinmag.com/2018/01/populism-douglas-hofstadter-donald-trump-democracy>

Method of calculating the final grade

The student assessment consists of short mid-term discussion paper assessment (max. 1000 words) dealing with literature review and discussion about one of the topics covered by the syllabus. The end term paper is the final assessment of the course. The topic shall focus on empirical case that will be analyzed by using literature discussed on the course. Additional sources are welcomed to use in essays! The essay in English shall not exceed 2000 words.

Prerequisites and additional requirements

The course has a form of seminar. The reading of recommended texts for each session is expected for the fruitful development of discussion in the class. The texts are selected on the basis of their merits to the theme of populism and consist of 'classical' works as well as up to date analyses dealing with recent phenomena. Additional reading gathered by individual searching for analyses of particular topics is appreciated.

Recommended literature and teaching resources

Go to classes description.

Scientific publications of module course instructors related to the topic of the module

Buzalka, Juraj (2008). 'Europeanization and post-peasant populism in Eastern Europe', *Europe-Asia Studies*, 60:5, 757-771.

Juraj Buzalka (forthcoming 2018) *Post-Peasant Memories: Populist or Communist Nostalgia*. East European Politics, Societies, and Cultures.

Additional information

None

Student workload (ECTS credits balance)

Student activity form	Student workload
Participation in seminar classes	30 h
Preparation for classes	30 h
Contact hours	2 h
Preparation of a report, presentation, written work, etc.	38 h
Summary student workload	100 h
Module ECTS credits	4 ECTS