

Conference programme / Program konference

6th Prague Populism Conference

Current populism in Europe: What has changed since the start of the pandemic?



Monday, 17 May / Pondělí, 17. května

18:00 – 19:30 Opening of the Conference / Zahájení konference

Adéla Jurečková (Head of the Prague Office, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung)

Martin Mejstřík (Charles University)

Angelika Ridder (Director, Goethe-Institut Czech Republic)

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Populism and the pandemic in Central Europe /
VEŘEJNÁ DISKUZE: Populismus a pandemie ve střední Evropě

Chair: **Katarzyna Wielga-Skolimowska** (Goethe-Institut Saudi Arabia)

Paula Diehl (Christian-Albrecht University of Kiel)

Ondřej Císař (Charles University)

Viera Žúborová (Bratislava Policy Institute)

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Tuesday, 18 May / Úterý, 18. května

9:15 – 9:30 Check-in

9:30 – 10:30 Keynote Paper

Nonna Mayer (Sciences Po)

Why the pandemic does not necessarily boost support for populist radical rights: The French case

10:45 – 12:30

MORNING SESSION: Political response to populism

Chair + discussant: **Daniele Albertazzi** (University of Birmingham)

Milada Vachudová (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

Populism, democracy and party system change in Europe

Florian Hartleb (Catholic University Eichstätt-Ingolstadt)

Searching for the philosopher's stone. Counter-strategies against populism

Camille Bedock (Sciences Po Bordeaux), **Volker Best** (RWTH Aachen),

Simon Otjes (Leiden University), and **Manés Weisskircher** (University of Oslo)

A policy like no other? Mainstream parties' response to the radical right populist challenge in the field of democratic reform

Andrej Zaslove and **Maurits Meijers** (Radboud University Nijmegen)

The sovereignty of the people: Do populist citizens oppose liberal democracy?

14:00 – 15:45

AFTERNOON SESSION I: Populist discourse during the pandemic

Chair + discussant: **Bartek Pytlas** (LMU Munich)

Daniele Albertazzi, **Donatella Bonansinga**, and **Mattia Zulianello** (University of Birmingham)

The right-wing alliance in the time of the Covid-19 pandemic: all change?

José Javier Olivas (London School of Economics) and **José Rama** (Autonomous University Madrid)

COVID-19: a political virus? VOX's populist discourse in times of crisis

Federico Vegetti, **Arturo Bertero**, **Giuliano Bobba**, **Moreno Mancosu**, and

Antonella Seddone (University of Turin)

Populist language, issues, and the success of party communication on Facebook

Emre Erdoğan, **Pinar Uyan Semerci**, and **Tuğçe Erçetin** (Istanbul Bilgi University)

Belief in conspiracy theories: Populist attitudes and COVID-19

16:00 – 17:45

AFTERNOON SESSION II: Populist policies during the pandemic

Chair + discussant: **Emilia Zankina** (Anglo American University, Prague)

Zoltán Ádám (University of Salzburg)

Comparing populist and non-populist policies amidst the Covid crisis. Conceptual framework and empirical observations

Marta Lorimer (University of Exeter) and **Ethan van der Wilden** (University of Wisconsin-Medison)

Populism and the pandemic: France and the Rassemblement National

Elie Michel (Sciences Po)

Pandemic politics and the populist voter

Jülide Karakoç, Duygu Ersoy (Altınbaş University), and **Tuba Turan** (University of Essex)

Turkish politics under the impact of the pandemic

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Wednesday, 19 May / Středa, 19. května

- 9:05 – 9:20 Check-in
- 9:20 – 9:30 DEMOS Project presentation
Zsolt Boda (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)
- 9:30 – 10:30 Keynote Paper
Daniele Albertazzi (University of Birmingham)
Participation without power: Activism, community and centralisation among the populist radical right
- 10:45 – 12:30 **MORNING SESSION: Populism in Poland and Hungary**
- Chair + discussant: **Karolina Zbytniewska** (University of Warsaw)
- Attila Bartha** (Hungarian Academy of Sciences) and **Artur Lipinski** (Adam Mickiewicz University)
Majoritarianism with Polarising Narratives. Policy Making Patterns in Hungary and Poland under Populist Governance
- Roman Bäcker** (Nicolaus Copernicus University) and **Joanna Rak** (Adam Mickiewicz University)
From Neo- to Quasi-militant Democracy: Populist Modes of Legitimizing Covid-19-induced Restrictions in Poland?
- Michał Rauszer** (University of Warsaw) and **Mihnea Stoica** (Babes-Bolyai University)
Eastern European Populist Narratives in the Pandemic. Poland and Romania compared.
- István Hegedűs** (Hungarian Europe Society)
Never Say Never – The Break-up Between Fidesz and the European People’s Party and Its Impact on the European Party System
- 14:00 – 15:45 **AFTERNOON SESSION: Populism and society**
- Chair + discussant: **Emilia Palonen** (University of Helsinki)
- Eliška Drápalová** (University of Gothenburg)
Revenge of leftovers? Sources of the Success of Populist Parties in Czech Cities
- Marie Heřmanová** (Loughborough University)
Politicization of the domestic: The proliferation of populist narratives among Czech influencers
- Zsolt Boda, Béla Janky, and Tamás Keller** (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)
School bullying, empathy and populist attitudes: Exploring the micro-macro link
- Paulina Fröhlich** and **Paul Jürgensen** (Das Progressive Zentrum)
Artists and Cultural Practitioners in the Struggle Between Populist Attacks and the COVID-19 Pandemic

15:45 – 16:00 Concluding Remarks

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18:00 – 19:30 **PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK / PREZENTACE KNIHY**
“Current Populism: Gender-Backlash and Counter-strategies”

Martin Mejstřík (Charles University)

PUBLIC DISCUSSION: Populism and Gender-Backlash /
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Chair: **Adéla Jurečková** (Head of the Prague Office, HBS)

Andrea Pető (Central European University)

Robert Sata (Central European University)

Anna Grudzinska (Lazarski University)

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