

Upcoming event



The Challenge of Ethnopolitics and Authoritarian Rule in Europe
With Milada Anna Vachudova

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Milada Anna Vachudova looks at why ethnopolitics has become such a challenge to liberal democracy in Europe, and how opposition parties and civic movements have responded. She also explores how Russia's war against Ukraine is changing political contestation related to liberal democracy and to relations with Russia in key states including Poland and Germany.

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Publications

Manosphere à la russe: The "Male State" as an Ideological and Financial Project

Marlene Laruelle and Ivan Grek on the most striking example of manosphere in Russia and how the "Male State's" radical antiwomen agenda so far failed in the Russian public space.



Guillaume Faye (1949-2019): At the Forefront of a New Theory of White Nationalism

Stéphane François and Adrien Nonjon examine the legacy of Guillaume Faye, one of the most central figures of the current Euro-American Identitarian movement, and a key inspiration for global white nationalism.

Exploring the Topography of the Authoritarian: Populism, Illiberalism, and Authoritarianism

Günter Frankenberg on the topography of populism, illiberalism, and authoritarianism and whether the terms adequately differentiate between ideologies and practices.



The French Right, the European Union, and the 2022 French Presidential Election

Nicolas Lebourg on the French right's relationship with the European Union and a splintering of views in the run-up to the 2022 French presidential election.



Eric Zemmour's election woes

Jiahua You on Eric Zemmour's difficult efforts to compete with Marine Le Pen and rally the right.



Family First: Exclusionary Social Policy in Orbán's Hungary

Aaron Irion on Hungary's strengthened family policy under Viktor Orbán and its contrast with a targeted and weakened immigration policy.



The AfD under Surveillance

Patrick Kornegay, Jr. on the Cologne court ruling permitting Germany's domestic intelligence agency to surveil the AfD.

Agora

Tomás Gold on illiberalism in Latin America

Tomás Gold on populist illiberalism, the role of social media, and the transformation of online activism to offline action.



Joshua A. Tait on American Conservatism

Joshua A. Tait on the American right, its affinity for illiberal leaders, adoption of left-wing policy positions, and rhetorical tactics.

Milada Anna Vachudova on Ethnopolitics

Milada Anna Vachudova on ethnopolitical parties, anti-migration feelings, and liberal democracy in Central and Eastern Europe.



Steven Livingston on democracy and illiberalism

Steven Livingston on the role of media in weakening foundations of democracy, the interaction between religion and illiberalism, and digitally surrogate organization.

Andrea Pető on gender and illiberalism

Andrea Pető on the intersectionality of gender with illiberalism, Marxist, modernist, and feminist interpretations of history, and academic freedom.



Ruth Wodak on far-right populism and shame

Ruth Wodak on impoliteness and shameless normalization, the specific contexts of the global rise of populism, and narratives on 'fortress Europe.'



Renáta Ryko Drávcuz examines the connections between populism, democracy, and democratic theory arguing [populism is a strategic political style](#) that takes advantage of the gap between promises of democracy and the reality of democratic systems.

Ivan Tranfić explores the role of the [Catholic Church in the articulation of populist discourse](#) in modern Croatia by analyzing the frames in Catholic doctrines and their dissemination by the Croatian clergy.

Kiran Rose Auerbach and Jennifer Karterner develop a conceptual framework that identifies the [main strategies and corresponding tactics](#) that were used by Fidesz in Hungary and VMRO-DPMNE in North Macedonia to achieve state capture.

Christophe Jaffrelot provides a theoretical analysis of the boundaries and [transitions between populism and authoritarianism](#), as well as the populist constituency's support for such political ideals.

Thomas Posado examines several aspects of the [de-democratization process](#) in Venezuela, arguing it was brought upon not by Hugo Chávez, but by Nicolás Maduro.

Andrea Pető examines how the concept of gender has been used to mobilize different political forces in Hungary to [unite in shared hatred for one enemy](#): gender-studies scholars and practitioners with a historical comparative analysis of the different phases of contestations of re-productive rights, abortion policy and promoting motherhood.

Andrey Makarychev approaches [populism through the lens of biopolitics](#) and shows that populist narratives are grounded intrinsically in corporeality, sexuality, health, bodily life and religious practices through the cases of Estonia, Ukraine and Russia.

Editors Ivan Kalmar and Nitzan Shoshan present a [critical examination of Islamophobia](#) and related issues of racism and nationalism in Germany today, with particular attention to the East/West distinction through the lens of different disciplines such as anthropology, sociology, and media and literary studies.

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