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Workshop

**Post-Imperial and
Post-Socialist Legacies
in Today's Populisms in
Eastern Europe**

Online, 14 December 2021

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The exploratory workshop »Post-Imperial and Post-Socialist Legacies in Today's Populisms in Eastern Europe« is intended to analyse contemporary populism in an interdisciplinary perspective by focusing on two guiding questions:

- Do the post-imperial and post-socialist legacies play a role in the variety of populisms today?
- Can the differences between country-specific populisms be traced back to the (different) experiences of the imperial and socialist times and the subsequent transformation phases? Or do the imperial and socialist past no longer play a role in current populist discourse?

The workshop focuses on populism as a global phenomenon with regional and national features. With a comparative and contextualizing approach, it aims at examining the ways in which historical legacies combine with the witnessed rise of populist movements and parties in the Visegrad societies and Ukraine. The event is developed with an intraregional orientation that compares case studies, offering an approach to establish a transregional comparison with case studies from other parts of the world, so to contribute to the understanding of populism as global phenomenon.

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

10.00–10.30

Welcome and Introduction

Prof. Dr. Frank Hadler (GWZO), Paolo Zucconi (FGZ),
Hana Rydza (GWZO)

10.30–12.00

Populism, Euroscepticism and Foreign Policy in Eastern Europe

Chair: Paolo Zucconi (FGZ)

Zsuzsanna Végh (European University Viadrina,
Frankfurt, Oder)

Radical Right Impact on EU Foreign Policy: towards an
Analytical Model

Edit Zgut (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw)
Eurosceptic populism in Hungary and Poland

Daniel Hegedüs (German Marshall Fund of the
United States, Berlin)
Populist Foreign Policy: Critical Review of a Concept

Comment: Dr. Juraj Marušiak (Slovak Academy
of Sciences, Bratislava)

Lunch Break 12.00–13.00



13.00–14.15

Historical specifics of populism in Eastern Europe

Chair: Hana Rydza (GWZO)

Kostiantyn Yanchenko (University of Hamburg)
Post-Soviet Legacies in the Modern Populism in
Ukraine

Artur Lipiński (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań)
»This old system holds tight«. Anticommunist logic of
mediated populism in contemporary Poland

Comment: Dr. Alexander Yendell (FGZ, Leipzig)

Break: 14.15–14.30

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Concluding Discussion

Prof. Dr. Frank Hadler (GWZO), Hana Rydza (GWZO),
Paolo Zucconi (FGZ)



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Venue

This is an online event. If you wish to participate, please register via the following link:

<https://kurzelinks.de/g5dd>

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