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LEFT-WING POPULISM IN EUROPE?

Workshop

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Arts Two, Room 3.20
Mile End Campus
Queen Mary University of London

Within the European public sphere, 'populism' is *directly* and often *exclusively* associated with the extreme right, with extremist and anti-European political forces that need to be marginalized. This view is shared by most mainstream media and dominates academic debate as well. This one-day event purports to critically examine this claim. Such a restrictive association with the extreme-right seems to ignore the long historical trajectory of populist movements as well as the contemporary global picture of populist politics. In both cases, left-wing and often inclusionary variants dominate the picture, putting in serious doubt the European mainstream standpoint. One recent development that needs to be highlighted – since it seems to further destabilize the dominant view – is the development within crisis-ridden Europe of new populist movements and parties of the democratic Left both in the South (notably in Greece and Spain) and in the North (Netherlands). Focusing on these recent developments speakers will examine the historical variability of populist movements in the US, Latin America and Europe, the relationship between exclusionary and inclusionary populism(s), the place of the extreme right within the global populist canon as well as the relationship between the crisis of democracy and political mobilization in horizontal movements and vertical parties of the democratic Left (from the *Indignados* to Podemos in Spain, from *Aganaktismenoi* to SYRIZA in Greece, etc.).

Programme

9.30-10.00: Tea/coffee

10.00: Introduction and welcome

Yannis Stavrakakis and Lasse Thomassen

10.15: Plenary speech: Chantal Mouffe (University of Westminster): The Crisis of Representative Democracy and Left-Wing Populism in Europe

Chair: Kim Hutchings (Queen Mary)

11.15-11.30: Break

11.30-13.15: Panel I: Populism Re-Examined: Europe and the Global Picture

Yannis Stavrakakis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Leverhulme Visiting Professor, Queen Mary): Anti-populism and the Left in Greece and the US

Francisco Panizza (LSE): Populism, Social Democracy and the Tale of the 'Two Lefts' in Latin America

Luke March (University of Edinburgh): Understanding Left-wing Populism in Britain (and Beyond...)

Chair: Mike Kenny (Queen Mary)

13.15-14.00: Lunch (Senior Common Room, Arts Two)

14.00-15.30: Panel II: New Left-Wing Populism(s) in Europe

Paolo Gerbaudo (KCL): From Anarchopopulism to Citizenism: Ideological Trajectories in the New Democratic Populist Landscape

Alexandros Kioupkiolis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki/Populismus): Radical Democratic Populism in Spain? 'Sí, PODEMOS!'

Giorgos Katsambekis (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki/Populismus) and Gerrit Voerman (University of Groningen): Alternatives in Crisis-ridden Europe: A Comparison Between Greek and Dutch Left-wing Populism

Chair: Adam Fagan (Queen Mary)

15.30-16.00 Tea/coffee (Senior Common Room, Arts Two)

16.00-17.45: Roundtable: Populism in Europe and the British Left

Tim Bale (Queen Mary)

Anthony Painter (RSA)

Marcus Roberts (Fabian Society)

Chair: Patrick Diamond (Queen Mary)

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