

**Title:** Cultural cleavages and the rise of radical right parties in Western Europe

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**Description:** This session aims to theoretically and empirically explore and understand how culture can influence and play a role in shaping politics, specifically in European political context. After globalization, many radical right parties have been on the rise across Europe and have significantly benefited from the salience of cultural cleavages. This session helps explain the mechanism and relationship between culture and the party political landscape in contemporary Western Europe.

**Compulsory Readings:**

1. Kriesi, H., Grande, E., Lachat, R., Dolezal, M., Bornschie, S., & Frey, T. (2008). Globalization and its impact on national spaces of competition. In *West European Politics in the Age of Globalization* (pp. 3-22). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
2. Norris, P. & Inglehart, R. (2019). *Cultural Backlash Trump, Brexit, and Authoritarian Populism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (Chapter 4, pp. 87-131)

**Voluntary readings:**

1. Ivarsflaten, E. (2008). What Unites Right-Wing Populists in Western Europe? Re-Examining Grievance Mobilization Models in Seven Successful Cases. *Comparative Political Studies*, 41(1), 3–23.
2. Norris, P. & Inglehart, R. (2019). *Cultural Backlash Trump, Brexit, and Authoritarian Populism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press (Chapter 8, pp. 257-293)