

Neo-Nationalist Turn?

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Course Description

What are the similarities and differences between historical nationalisms and contemporary neo-nationalist forces?

Who are the important others of contemporary neo-nationalists?

Why is gender alarmism so prominent in their ideology?

How relevant are local specifics and to what extent can we speak about a global wave?

What results can we expect from the contemporary neo-nationalist wave?

The course is focused on the contemporary neo-nationalist turn in world politics, characterised by the successes of strong leaders, the comeback of nativist sentiments and broad demand for some elements of authoritarian politics. It will be based on critical discussion of various analytical concepts devised for this situation and on analysis of selected cases of this turn.

Requirements

- presentation focused on a selected country, based on 3 scholarly sources and 4 media sources (10 minutes)
- 9 position papers covering readings (2 paragraphs, 300 words at least, first paragraph with a summary of the most stimulating idea in the text, second paragraph with critical discussion of the reading)

Content

1. Populist or nativist cleavage?
2. Nation (and anti-Semitism?) as everyday plebiscite (Renan, Meinecke, Sand)
3. Nationalism and neo-nationalism
4. Dark side of Enlightenment vs. Dark nature of Anti-Enlightenment (Mishra vs. Tamás)
5. Civilisationalism vs. nationalism (Brubaker)
6. Defensive nations of Central and Eastern Europe (Bibó and/vs.Kundera)
7. Diaspora nationalism (Anderson, Kundera)
8. Populism: a valid description? (Werner-Müller vs. Tamás)
9. Troubles with gender order
10. Comeback of geopolitics?
11. Language of the new nationalism (Wodak)
12. Towards neo-nationalist regime(s)?

Some courses will be divided into two parts, the first based on a student presentation of the neo-nationalist turn in a selected country (US, Russia, Poland, Hungary, Brazil, Italy, Britain).