

Workshop on Populism

Central European University
Department of Political Science
MA Program, Spring Semester 2013

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Credits: 1 Credits (2 ECTS)

Contents: This course aims to explore what populism is and examine how populist are the leaders in Central and Eastern Europe, especially in comparison with leaders such as Hugo Chavez in Venezuela or Juan Peron in Argentina. In the same time students will gain insight into what causes citizens to support populist movements and what the impact of populism is on democracy. The workshop focuses not only on the definition of populism and how populist movements work, but on the measurement of populist ideas in texts and surveys but also on a set of tools that can be used to measure populism in different contexts. Prof. Hawkins is an expert on populism in Latin America, and has recently published *Venezuela's Chavismo and Populism in Comparative Perspective* (Cambridge University Press, 2010). His research explores the impact of populism on democracy and the origins of populism among ordinary citizens.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course, the students are expected to:

- have a clear understanding of the concept of populism
- be familiar with the tools that can be used to measure populism in different contexts

Grading: Pass/Fail