

**Conference on
Democracy and Populism,
Sofia**

September 12-15, 2013

Venue: Hotel Sheraton, hall PIRIN

Friday, September 13

Chair: Dobrinka Kostova

09:15-09:30 Welcome

09:30-10:20 (1) Conceptualizing the populist challenge

Hanspeter Kriesi (European University Institute, Florence)

Discussant: Mladen Lazic

PART I: POPULISM IN CENTRAL- AND EASTERN EUROPE

10:20-11:10 (2) The delayed crisis and continuous ebb of populism in Slovakia's
party system

Peter Ucen

Discussant: Ann-Cathrine Jungar

11:10-11:30 Coffee Break

11.30-12:20 (3) Against the corruption and political dinosaurs. The Public Affairs
Party and the new wave of populism in the Czech Republic

Vlastimil Havlik (Masaryk University, Brno)

Discussant: Lyuba Spasova

12:20-13:10 (4) Anti-Establishment Reform Parties in Bulgaria: A Decade of
Dominant Rhetoric

Blagovesta Cholova (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Discussant : Paris Aslanidis

13:10-14:30 Lunch

Chair: Hanspeter Kriesi

14:30-15:20 (5) Populism or demagogy in political life of Serbia?

Jovo Bakic (University of Belgrade)

Discussant: Lyuba Spasova

15:20-15:40 Coffee Break

PART II: POPULISM IN SOUTHERN EUROPE

15:40-16:30 (6) Populists and the post-2008 Crisis: The Case of Italy

Duncan McDonnell (European University Institute, Florence)

Discussant: Tuukka Ylä-Anttila

16:30-17:20 (7) The Genealogy of Populism in Contemporary Greece: From PASOK
to SYRIZA

Aslanidis Takis Pappas (European University Institute, Florence) and Paris

Discussant: Laurent Bernhard

Saturday, September 14

PART III: POPULISM IN NORTHWESTERN EUROPE

Chair: Mladen Lazic

09:30-10:20 (8) The Revenge of the “ploucs”: The Revival of Radical Populism under Marine Le Pen in France

Hans-Georg Betz

Discussant: Peter Ucen

10:20-11:10 (9) The populist discourse of the Swiss People’s Party

Laurent Bernhard (University of Zurich), Hanspeter Kriesi (EUI), Edward Weber (University of Zurich)

Discussant: Duncan McDonnell

11:10-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-12:20 (10) The Norwegian Exception: The Non-Existent Economic Crisis and The Loss of a Populist Moment

Anders Ravik Jupskas (University of Oslo)

Discussant: Paris Aslanidis

12:20-13:10 (11) Populism in Sweden (?)

Ann-Cathrine Jungar (Södertörns högskola)

Discussant: Jovo Bakic

13:10-14:30 Lunch

Chair: Takis Pappas

14:30-15:20 (12) Exploiting the Discursive Opportunity Created by the Eurocrisis: The Rise of the Populist Finns Party

Tuukka and Tuomas Ylä-Anttila (University of Helsinki)

Discussant: Mladen Lazic

15:20-15:30

Break

15:30-17:00

Round Table on Populism in Central and Eastern Europe

(Direction: Dobrinka Kostova)