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title:

So, What is Populism?

Dates:

Fridays

8 September – 13 October 2017

Time:

10 am – 12 noon

Venue:

Otago Golf Club

125 Balmacewen Road, Dunedin

Course
fee:

\$45

Tea and coffee provided

(Enrolments for this course will be limited to **150**)

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If you would like to apply for more than one course, please rank your choices. If you enrol via our website **please complete payment of the appropriate fees** EITHER by internet banking (include Membership No. in Reference box), OR by cheque (to: Programme Secretary, U3A Dunedin, PO Box 6491, North Dunedin 9059.)

All applications must be received by **Wednesday 9 August 2017** and you will receive a response to your application by Wednesday 16 August 2017.

Please contact the Programme Convenor (courses@u3adunedin.org.nz), or the Secretary (mw.potter42@gmail.com, 453 4721) with any queries.

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So, What is Populism?

Over the past few years, we have been hearing a lot about ‘populism’. But what is populism? Is there a populist revival, and is it a threat to liberal democracy? This course, offered by speakers from the University of Otago, examines these questions from a range of perspectives, drawing on a wealth of historical and contemporary examples.

- 8 Sept** ***"Bread and Circuses?" Populism in Italy from Garibaldi to Grillo (via Mussolini)***
In Italy as elsewhere, “populism” is usually applied to those who represent, or seek, a departure from the political status quo. This introductory lecture examines both the meaning and historical context of the term, then explores some particularly significant Italian exemplars. These include figures such as Giuseppe Garibaldi, Mussolini, Cicciolina, Berlusconi, and, most recently, Beppe Grillo of the Five Star Movement.
Associate Professor Mark Seymour, Department of History and Art History
- 15 Sept** ***The Rise of a “Populist International”? From El Comandante to the Viktor***
This lecture explores some of the contemporary manifestations of populism, and considers the links between them. It analyses how the term “populist” is used in political analysis today, and assesses whether there is a “Populist International” made up of movements from countries as diverse as Venezuela, Russia, and Hungary. Given their appeals to nationalism, can we even consider leaders such as Viktor Orbán as part of a wider international movement?
Dr James Headley, Department of Politics
- 22 Sept** ***Populism Made in China: One Man to Rule Them All***
What is populism from a Chinese perspective? A critical overview of “one China” and “one ruler” as key images that have shaped power (control, governance) in Chinese society, arguably for thousands of years. We will focus on a comparison between Xi Jinping and Mao Zedong. Their deployment of “strongman leadership” and “unification rhetoric” re-interprets both past ideas and ideologies (i.e. China's first emperor) and contemporary global trends.
Associate Professor Paola Voci, Department of Languages and Cultures
- 29 Sept** ***Brexit, Trump and the Rise (and Fall) of Post-Truth Populism***
Brexit and the election of Donald Trump have raised questions about the durability of a liberal international order. It is worth emphasising that opposition to globalisation and “taking back” state sovereignty was a central theme linking Brexit and Trump’s election win. Yet the liberal order has proven to be more resilient to the pressures of nationalist, populist forces than many imagined. Elections in Britain, the Netherlands and France as well as record low approval ratings for President Trump all seem to point to this. Far from ending globalisation, the major impact of post-truth populism may be to intensify liberal efforts to address its downsides – spiralling civil conflicts, environmental decline, and growing economic inequality.
Professor Robert Patman, Department of Politics
- 6 Oct** ***Turkey under Recep Erdoğan***
This talk examines the increasing authoritarianism in Turkey under President Erdoğan, including the recent referendum enhancing his powers.
Professor William Harris, Department of Politics
- 13 Oct** ***Is Populism Rising in New Zealand? The New Global Political Zeitgeist of Radicalism and its Impact on the 2017 New Zealand General Election***
There’s clearly a more radical mood in politics throughout the world at the moment, with a variety of different types of new politics emerging to challenge the status quo. This talk looks at how the rise of these many different types of anti-establishment politics, especially populism, is reflected – or not – in New Zealand politics in 2017.
Dr Bryce Edwards, Political Commentator, formerly in the Department of Politics