



Populism in Latin America and Beyond

Online Conference, 18-19 March 2021

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Recent political events in the US and Europe have focussed scholarly debate on the nature of populism and its relationship to democracy. In the context of Latin America the concept has a long history. Associated with economic nationalism and the co-optation of particular classes from the early twentieth century, from the 1990s a neo-liberal form of populism emerged in Latin America. With the diversity of 'populisms' identified, the conference seeks to examine whether the term continues to have any validity and what relationship(s) it has to democracy. Possible topics include

Day 1 | Thursday 18 March

- 14:00 **Welcome and opening remarks**
Professor Linda Newson, Director, Institute of Latin American Studies, University of London
- 14:10 **Panel 1: Theory**
- Talking with the right wing: Pernicious polarisation in Brazil and the philosophy of Paulo Freire**
Fanny Vrydagh, Universite Libre de Bruxelles and Cesar Jimenez-Martinez, U of Cardiff
- Popular sovereignty, institutionality and the dilemma of democratizing democracy**
Tony Spanakos, Montclair State University
- Articulating populism in place: The case of Kirchnerism in Argentina**
Sam Halvorsen, Queen Mary University and Fernanda Torres, National University of La Plata
- Populism and anti-globalism on twitter: Similarities of conspiratorial discourse and content diffusion on social networks in Brazil, Spain and Italy**
Ana Carolina Raposo de Mello (USP) and Felipe Estre (USP and KCL)
- 15:20 **Break**
- 15:30 **Panel 2: Political economy**

Do populists affect economic performance? The Latin American experience, 1989-2017

Alejandro Angel, Federal University of Santa Catarina

Anti-system politics in Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago

Scott Timcke, University of Havana

The effect of commodity prices on far-right populism: Evidence from Brazil

Paula Rettle, Bocconi University

Economic conditions, resentment and support for right-wing populist parties in Europe and Brazil

Diogo Ferrari, University of California at Riverside

16:40 Break

16:50 **Panel 3:** Electoral behaviour

Negative partisanship towards populist radical right parties in Western Europe

Cristobal Rovira Kaltwasser and Carlos Melendez, Diego Portales University

Voting for a killer: Efraín Ríos Montt's return to politics in democratic Guatemala

Regina Bateson, University of Ottawa

Voting for violence: The new middle class and authoritarian populist presidents in the Philippines and Brazil

Cecilia Lero, University of Sao Paulo-CEBRAP

Making the Americas great again! How the public frame morality in populism: Evidence from populism in Brazil and the USA

Fabricio Chagas Bastos, University of Melbourne

18:00 **End of Day 1**

Day 2 | Friday 19 March

14:00 **Panel 4:** Gender

The evolution of Argentine populism under Peron: Gender, poverty and exile in the new historic novels of Tomas Eloy Martinez

Mariya Dzhyoyeva, University of Toronto

“Enfrentar virus como homem”: Bolsonaro’s populism and performing hegemonic masculinity

Theo Aiolfi and Giulia Champion, University of Warwick

Women in Bolsonaro’s administration: Gender roles and the role of gender in maintaining far-right populism during the Covid-19 pandemic

Ana Carolina Nunes de Macedo Sales, Federal University of Ceará

Intellectual imperialism and selection bias in the study of populism: Violence, gender and elite support

Stacey L. Hunt, Auburn University

15:10 **Break**

15:20 **Panel 5: Institutions**

Left populism and institutions: Lessons from Ecuador on the feasibility of a republican populism

Samuel Mazzolini University of Bath

The politics of consensus and non-populism in post-authoritarian Chile 1990-2020

Soraya Hamdaoui, University of York

‘I will end everything’: Brazilian far-right populism, scorched-earth politics and the erasure of bureaucrats’ memories”

Gabriela Lotta, FGV-EAESP, Amon Barros, University of Essex, and Ana Diniz, Insper

Modi’s India: From national populism to authoritarianism

Christophe Jaffrelot, India Institute, King’s College London

16:30 **Break**

16:40 **Panel 6: COVID-19**

Populism, personalism or political calculation? Covid-19 pandemic responses under authoritarianism and democratic erosion

Kai M. Thaler, University of California at Santa Barbara

Populism, pandemic and payments: Analysing policies of aid and cash transfers in Brazil and India

Devika Misra, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Medical populists and the pandemic

David Magalhaes, PUC-SP/FAAP and Guilherme Casaroes, FGV

The pandemic and populism in Brazil: Crisis management by the Bolsonaro government
Vinicius de Souza Sturari, UNESP and Rodrigo Otavio Moretti-Pires, Federal University of Santa Catarina

17:50 **Break**

18:00 **Day 2 Keynote:**

The supply side of populism: The crisis of political establishments and what it means for democracy

Steve Levitsky, Harvard University

18:50 **Concluding remarks**

Anthony Pereira, King's College London

19:00 **End of Conference**