

Noting the global dimension of populist nationalism over the last decade, and the urgency of scrutinising this in the social sciences, this conference aims to generate comparative and contextualising perspectives on populist nationalism through examining historical instances of it globally, with a timeframe spanning the 'long' twentieth century. The conference's diverse set of experts will allow the exploration of how the present relates to the past, considering the relationship between the broad experience of twentieth-century populist nationalism and the challenges and realities of today's world. Just as importantly, it will provide a valuable and an all-too-rare opportunity to bring historians into dialogue with social and political scientists while examining them.



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International Conference

Populist Nationalism as a Global Phenomenon: Echoes of the Long Twentieth Century

30th - 31st May 2024

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30th May

9.15

Welcome and opening remarks

Robert Upton, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

9.30 – 10.45

SESSION 1

Thinking globally about populist nationalism in the 20th century

Eduardo Posada-Carbó (University of Oxford): *Latin America and the Global Rise of Populist Nationalism*

Miles Larmer (University of Florida): *Of the People?: Populist and anti-populist tendencies in mid-Twentieth Century African Nationalism*

Discussant: **Bilge Yabanci**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

11.15 – 13.00

SESSION 2

The interwar world: populist challenges from left and right

Jeffrey L. Pasley (Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, Missouri): *Taming Populism with History: Nationalist Myth and New Deal Culture*

Giulia Albanese (University of Padua): *Thinking Italian Fascism in the 1920s*

Lawrence Goldman (University of Oxford): *On the absence of Populism. Why was Britain neither fascist nor communist between the World Wars?*

Discussant: **Saipira Furstenberg**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

14.30 – 16.15

SESSION 3

Interwar populism: comparisons and contexts

Rosario Forlenza (LUISS, Rome) and **Bjørn Thomassen** (Roskilde University): *Mussolini as Trickster: Rethinking Political Leadership in Times of Crisis*

Constantin Iordachi (Central European University, Vienna): *Fascism and Democratic Backslide in Central Europe: Interwar and Post-1989 Eras in Comparison*

Robert Upton (Ca' Foscari University of Venice): *Hindu nationalism and the trajectories of anticolonial populism in India*

Discussant: **Martina Insero**, University of Bologna

16.45 – 18.00

SESSION 4

Keynote Address: **Erik Jones** (European University Institute, Florence): *Economic Adjustment and Political Transformation in the "Long" Twentieth Century*

Discussant: **Robert Upton**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice

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9.15 – 11.15 **SESSION 5**

Introductory plenary discussion of Day 1 proceedings

Reckoning with parties and populism today

Tania Saeed (Lahore University of Management Sciences): *Political Parties in Pakistan and their Transnational Networks: A Case of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf*

Emilia Zankina (Temple University, Rome): *A qualitative shift or politics as usual? Theorizing the effect of new parties and populism on democracy*

Discussant: **Robert Fletcher**, Kinder Institute on Constitutional Democracy, Missouri

11.45 – 13.00

SESSION 6

Conflict, memory, and populism

Irene Martin (Autonomous University of Madrid): *Ideology and citizens' memories about the conflicts of the past*

André Gerrits (Leiden University): *Nationalism, populism and international order: Reflections on the war in Ukraine*

Discussant: **Martina Insero**, University of Bologna

14.30 – 16.00 **SESSION 7**

Final plenary discussion, and future agenda setting

Discussant: **Robert Upton**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice