

Populism worldwide

Guest Lecture by Prof. Dr. Reinhard Heinisch

From Brexit and the presidency of Donald Trump to elections in Poland, Spain and Austria, from referenda in Greece, Switzerland and Italy to radical political change in the Philippines, international headlines point to one common factor: populism. It is a term that has become synonymous both with the rejection of unpopular out-of-touch elites and the descent of politics into demagoguery and irrational discourse. But what exactly is populism? And who are the populist leaders worldwide? Is current populism a threat to democracy? Reinhard Heinisch will provide answers to these questions and shed light on one of the most important factors in contemporary politics. Reinhard Heinisch is Professor of Comparative Austrian Politics at the University of Salzburg and also chairs the Department of Political Science and Sociology. His main research interests are comparative populism, Euroscepticism and democracy. The event is organised by the Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft (SOG) in cooperation with the Mittagsforum of the Institute of Political Science.

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