



# Populism in Eastern and Western Europe

## Guest Lecture by Prof. Dr. Cas Mudde

Populism is a central concept in the current media debates about European politics and elections. However, like most political buzzwords, the term often floats from one meaning to another, and both social scientists and journalists use it to denote diverse phenomena. So what exactly is populism? And who are the populist leaders in Eastern and Western Europe? Is current populism a threat to European democracy? Cas Mudde will provide answers to these questions and shed light on one of the most important factors in contemporary European politics. Cas Mudde is Associate Professor in the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Georgia. His research focuses on extremism and democracy, particularly populist radical right parties. The event is organised by the Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft (SOG) in cooperation with the Mittagsforum of the Institute of Political Science.

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### **Opening and Welcome**

Prof. Dr. Susanne Pickel, UDE/SOG

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### **Guest Lecture**

Prof. Dr. Cas Mudde, University of Georgia

### **Discussion**

Dr. Oliver Schwarz, UDE/SOG