

## **Power, Ethnic Conflicts and Populism in Europe and Russia**

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This Lecture series will examine how power and populism intertwine in the context of political rivalry and cooperation within countries and across Europe. We will look at a first wave of populism after the collapse of the Soviet Union, and how Putin managed to rise from a faceless bureaucrat amid competing ideologies, economic turbulence and geopolitical challenges. Then we will turn to EU and NATO enlargement and the impact of the rapid transformation of so many Eastern European countries towards western liberal democracy and capitalism.

Regional and global inequalities have also led to the unprecedented movement of people across borders and prompted rising intolerance. All of this has led to rising “Euroscepticism,” economic nationalism and the upsurge of right-wing populism in Europe. The newest turn brought to the presidency showman Zelensky in Ukraine, this case will provide us with unique details of populist communication strategies in epoch of social media.

**Lecture 1.** WHAT IS POPULISM? OH WAIT, NO, IT’S NOT!

**Lecture 2.** THE MAGIC RATIONALITY AND TOTALITY OF POWER: THE ROOTS OF POPULISM IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY EUROPE

**Lecture 3.** PUTIN, POWER AND “PETRO-MACHISMO” IN RUSSIA

**Lecture 4.** EUROSCEPTICISM AND THE POPULIST WAVE IN EUROPE

**Lecture 5.** POPULISM AND ETHNIC CONFLICT: VARIATIONS

**Lecture 6.** ANTI-ELITISM, COMMON ACTION AND NEW SOLIDARITY: THE FUTURE OF POPULISM