



# Course program and reading list

Semester 1 Year 2019

**School:** Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy & Strategy B.A

## Nationalism, Fascism, and Populism

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<b>Course No.:</b>	<b>Course Type :</b>	<b>Weekly Hours :</b>	<b>Credit:</b>
4556	Elective	2	2

<b>Course Requirements :</b>	<b>Group Code :</b>	<b>Language:</b>
Final Exam	191455601	English

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### Course Description

One of the questions we pose in this course is whether the conceptual axiom that took root in the last twenty years, i.e. the end of ideologies and the triumph of liberal democracy is really true. Although the number of democracies had increased considerably in the last decades, still, we witness the beginning of a setback not only in the non-western world, but also in Europe. The increasing number of Radical Right-Wing movements in Europe and their growing influence in the respective countries has led several scholars to rethink and wonder on whether some of the political phenomena of the last 20 century is not back. With the financial crisis in the European Union we are beginning to witness the return of nationalism, of populism and some would even say of Neo-Fascism.

This course strives to put some order in that conceptualization, while tracing the origins of nationalism, fascism and populism. We will deal with historical phenomena, ideological roots and political practice, and will try to analyze whether we are heading towards a more liberal world or back to the dark times of the 20th century. We will further discuss whether the very idea of liberal democracy is viable or is it in a steady process of decline.

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## Course Goals

A thorough theoretical understanding and practical implementation of the three concepts; Fascism, Populism and Nationalism.

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## Grading

**1) Active participation**

**2) Final exam: 100% of the final grade (includes both reading list and lectures content)**

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## Lecturer Office Hours

Wed 14:15–15:15

Please schedule ahead via e-mail.

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## Reading List

### **Weeks 1-2**

***The conceptualization challenge: What do we mean by fascism? What is the difference with nationalism and populism?***

Payne, Stanley G. *Fascism: Comparison and definition*. University of Wisconsin Press, 1983, pp.3-21.

Britt, Laurence W. (2003) *Fascism anyone?* Free Inquiry; 23 (2), pp. 20-22.

Smith, Anthony D. *Nationalism in the twentieth century*. Canberra: Australian National University Press, 1979. Ch.1

### **Internet**

[http://www.anesi.com/Fascism-TheUltimateDefinition.htm#5\\_The\\_Ultimate\\_Definition](http://www.anesi.com/Fascism-TheUltimateDefinition.htm#5_The_Ultimate_Definition)

### **Weeks 3-4-5-6 Nationalism and Modernity**

Marx, Anthony W. *Faith in nation: exclusionary origins of nationalism*. Oxford University Press, 2005.

Connor, Walker. "A nation is a nation, is a state, is an ethnic group is a...." *Ethnic and racial studies* 1, no. 4 (1978): 377-400.

Anderson, Benedict. "Imagined communities: reflections on the origins and spread of nationalism Verso." *London, UK* (1983), Introduction, Chapter 3 + Chapter 6.

Gellner, Ernest. *Nations and nationalism*. Cornell University Press, 2008. Chapter 1+ Chapter 5.

Eric Hobsbawm Introduction: "Inventing Traditions and Mass-Producing Traditions: Europe 1870-1914" in: Hobsbawm, Eric, and Terence Ranger, eds. *The invention of tradition*. Cambridge University Press, 2012, Chapter 1 + Chapter 7.

### **Weeks 7-8 Nationalism, the rebellion against Enlightenment and the early origins of fascism**

Laqueur, Walter, ed. *Fascism: a reader's guide: analyses, interpretations, bibliography*. Vol. 365. Univ of California Press, 1978.

Gregor, Anthony James. *Young Mussolini and the intellectual origins of fascism*. Univ of California Press, 1979, pp 1-28, 74-100.

Griffin, Roger. *Modernism and fascism: The sense of a beginning under Mussolini and Hitler*. Springer, 2007.

### **Week 9 – Fascism and Power, Reactionary, Racist.... Progressive?**

Gupta, Dipankar. "The Political Economy of Fascism." *Economic and Political Weekly* (1977): 987-992.

Stollmann, Rainer, and Ronald L. Smith. "Fascist Politics as a Total Work of Art: Tendencies of the Aesthetization of Political Life in National Socialism." *New German Critique* 14 (1978): 41-60.

### **Weeks 10-11-12 The post liberal populist turn. Radical Right Wing Populism in Europe**

Mounk, Yascha. "Pitchfork Politics: the Populist Threat to Liberal Democracy." *Foreign Aff.* 93 (2014): 27.

Weyland, Kurt. "Clarifying a contested concept: Populism in the study of Latin American politics." *Comparative politics* (2001): 1-22.

Ignazi, Piero. "The silent counter-revolution: Hypotheses on the emergence of extreme right-wing parties in Europe." *European Journal of Political Research* 22, no. 1 (1992): 3-34.

Mudde, Cas. "The populist zeitgeist." *Government and opposition* 39, no. 4 (2004): 541-563.

Berezin, Mabel. "The normalization of the right in post-security Europe." *Politics in the Age of Austerity* (2013): 239-261.

**Week 13**

*Debate: Is Populism good for democracy?*

Canovan, Margaret. "Trust the people! Populism and the two faces of democracy." *Political studies* 47, no. 1 (1999): 2-16.