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Populism can take different forms. However, a defining feature is that
populist movements claim to represent the common people against the
elite establishment.

It can challenge democratic institutions and norms, such as pluralism,
tolerance, human rights and the rule of law.

In our workshop, we will discuss how populist movements affect
democracy in different historical and regional contexts and if populism is
necessarily a threat to democracy.



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WORKSHOP

POPULISM - A THREAT TO DEMOCRACY?

19TH APRIL 2023



WEDNESDAY, 19 APRIL 2023

13:00 –
13:10

Welcoming words

Steffen Kailitz (HAIT)
Marianne Kneuer (TU Dresden)

Introduction to the topic

Steffen Kailitz (HAIT)

13:10 –
15:10

Panel 1

Chair: Steffen Kailitz (HAIT)

Discussant: Manès Weisskircher (TU Dresden)

13:10 –
13:50

Populism and Extremism - Problems of Conceptualisation

Uwe Backes (HAIT)

13:50 –
14:30

How early Insights about Populism have stood the Test of Time

Reinhard Heinisch (University of Salzburg)

14:30 –
15:10

Populist Authoritarianism or Authoritarian Populism? On the Difficulties of Demarcation Using the Example of Venezuela

Marianne Kneuer (TU Dresden)

15:10 –
15:40

Break

15:40 –
17:40

Panel 2

Chair: Steffen Kailitz (HAIT)

Discussant: Maik Herold (MIDEM, TU Dresden)

15:40 –
16:20

Populism in Latin America

Wolfgang Muno (University of Rostock)

16:20 –
17:00

Is there a (universal) right-wing populist voter?

Daniel Stockemer (University of Ottawa)

17:00 –
17:40

„Vox musica, vox populi“? „Frei.Wild“ and the COVID-19 Pandemic

Maximilian Kreter (HAIT)

For non-presenters it is necessary to register for the workshop in advance.

Due to the size of the room only a maximum of 15 people can participate in the event on site. Seats at the discussion table for non-presenters will be allocated according to the order in which registrations are received.

All other interested parties can follow the event online and ask questions there.

Please register under the following mail address by April 15th, 2023:

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