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Course outline and required readings

18. 04.	Introduction and central concepts	Mudde (2007, ch 1)
25. 04.	The Extreme Right before 1980	Blinkhorn (2000, pp. 8-88), Prowe (1994)
02. 05.	The supply side: Authoritarianism, the Economy, and the EU	Lange (2007) and Vasilopoulou (2011), background: Rydgren (2005)
09. 05.	France/Belgium	FR: Mayer (2013), BE: Jamin (2012), background: Hainsworth (2000)
16. 05.	Italy/Austria	IT: Bulli and Tronconi (2012), AT: Aichholzer et al. (2014), background: Ruzza and Fella (2009, ch.2), Luther (2000)
23. 05.	Scandinavia/Germany	Scandinavia: Demker (2012), DE: Arzheimer (2015), background: Sommer (2008)
06. 06.	Netherlands, Great Britain	NL: Bos and Brants (2014), GB: Ford and Goodwin (2014), background: Ford and Goodwin (2010) and Holsteyn and Irwin (2003)
13. 06.	Greece, Switzerland	GR: Ellinas (2013), CH: Skenderovic (2012), background: Ellinas (2012)
27. 06.	Ideology vs Protest	Brug (2003), Brug, Fennema and Tillie (2000)
04. 07.	The Role of Religion	Arzheimer and Carter (2009) and Zúquete (2008)
11. 07.	Immigrants	Rydgren (2008)

PDFs for all texts should be available through the reader system. Most of the articles are also available electronically on any computer connected to the university network (either on campus or via VPN).

Background and introductory readings

The introductory chapter of Mudde's 2007 book is a required reading, but I would like to urge you to go back to it over the course of this term at least a couple of times. It will help you to gain a better understanding.

The introduction to the Oxford Handbook of the Radical Right (Rydgren, 2018) is an excellent starting point for getting a high-level overview of the field. The Handbook itself has extensive literature reviews for many themes relevant for the course and also some case studies (country chapters) that provide valuable background information for your essays.

Some relevant peer-reviewed journals

- Comparative European Politics
- Comparative Political Studies
- Comparative Politics
- Electoral Studies
- European Journal of Political Research
- Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies
- West European Politics

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Assessment

1. I expect you to come to class well prepared. If you don't read the assigned texts, participation is pointless.
2. Even with a medical certificate, you may miss a maximum of two classes.
3. Assessment is based on your essay (6,000-7,000 words). Your essay title/topic *must* be chosen from the list below
4. Plagiarism is the most serious academic offence. It is both morally and legally a form of fraud and will not be tolerated. Students who cheat in this way will be awarded a mark of zero.
5. Essays must be entirely students' own work, and any passages from the work of others that are *quoted directly, or paraphrased or summarised*, must be acknowledged and accompanied by full references. Avoid internet sources as they are not normally peer-reviewed (it is of course absolutely ok to use the electronic version of an article from a peer-reviewed journal). If you absolutely have to use material from the internet, you must give the full URL and the date on which the website was accessed.
6. Essays must be typed on a computer. They must include an introduction and a bibliography (list of references) that adheres to bibliographic standards. The American Political Science Association's style manual is a useful but verbose guide (<http://www.apsanet.org/files/Publications/APSASstyleManual2006.pdf>). The main points are summarised here: <http://writing.wisc.edu/Handbook/DocAPSA.html>.
7. For German (speaking) students: there is no difference between an essay and a *Hausarbeit*
8. Essays are single-authored

Essay Titles

- Is the Radical Populist Right after 1980 really completely different from the old, interwar right?
- Why was there no successful Radical Rightwing Populist Party in Spain or Portugal, and does the recent success of Vox signal the end of this pattern?
- Why was the VB in Flanders so much more successful than the NF in Walloon?
- Is the AfD a Radical Rightwing Populist Party?
- Was there ever a chance to stop the rise of the Austrian FPÖ?
- How does UKIP fit into the Radical Rightwing Populist party family?
- How does the SVP fit into the Radical Rightwing Populist party family?
- Is populism a necessary condition for Radical Right-Wing success?
- Has the FN really changed under Marine Le Pen? If yes, how?

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