

Abstract

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The phenomenon of populism in the religion studies

The populism has been the most examined feature in social science and political science in the recent years. The former isolated phenomenon becomes the dominant trend in political movement and political communication. Therefore has the attention of researchers turned to this change. The meaning of populism is controversial, sometimes refers to demagoguery, to enemy of democracy or to anti-establishment attitude. The most important focus point in the interpretation of populism is the criticism of "old" elites, the people set against politicians and the simplifying political communication, political messages. (Canovan, Margaret (1981): Populism. New York, Harcourt Brace-Jovanovich, Eatwell, Roger- Mudde, Cas (edit.) (2004): Western Democracies and the New Extreme Right Challenge. London and New York, Routledge.) The systematic study of populism began in the late 1960s, and since then the fourth generation of scholars has dealt with this phenomenon, each corresponding to a particular time period and research agenda. They conceptualised populism as a movement / style / ideology / discourse / strategy / political culture. (Pappas, Takis, S. 2016 Modern Populism: Research Advances, Conceptual and Methodological Pitfalls, and the Minimal Definition)

In my lecture I'm going to discuss the phenomenon of populism from the view of religious studies and give a comprehensive overview of religious populism. (Jose Pedro Zúquete: 2017 Populism and Religion The Oxford Handbook of Populism)