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## POPULISM AND ILLIBERALISM IN EAST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHEAST EUROPE

2022 Annual Conference of the Irish Association for Russian, Central  
and East European Studies

15-17 September 2022, Maynooth University, North Campus, Iontas Bld.

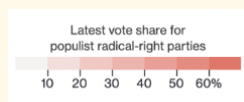
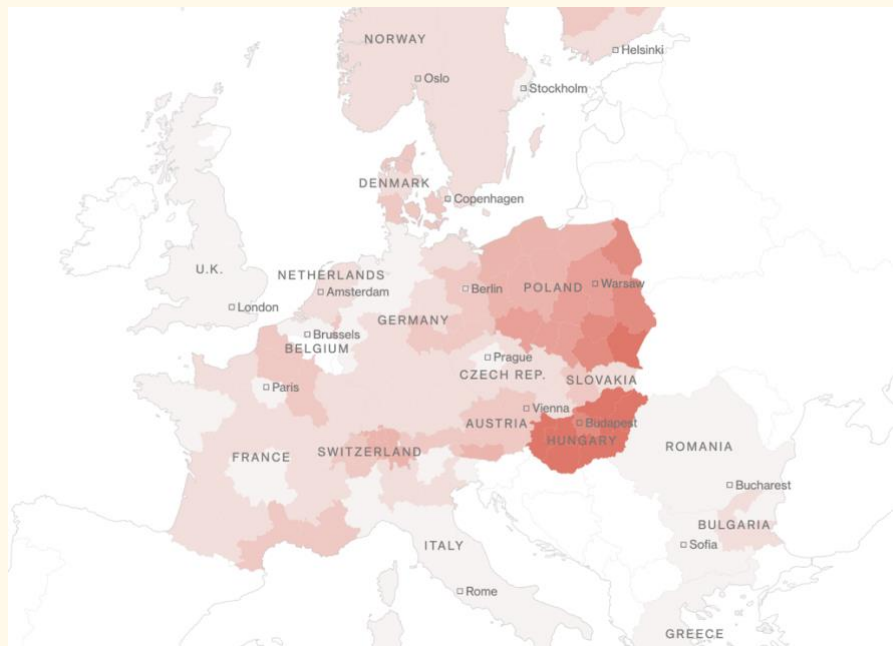


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## 15 September, Thursday, 5pm (IST)

**Keynote lecture (online) – Dr Elżbieta Korolczuk, Södertörn University & University of Warsaw**

***“Understanding the relation between populism and gender in contemporary Europe”***

Register [here](#).

## 16 September, Friday

**9:00 – Registration and coffee**

MUSSI Seminar Room 2.31, 2nd Floor, Iontas Building, North Campus, Maynooth University

**9:30 – Welcome from the conference organisers, and a message from the IARCEES president.**

### 9:40 – 10:50 Panel Session 1

***Ideologies of self-determination and militarism***

Chair: Prof. John O’Brennan

Keith Harrington (Maynooth University)

**Separatism in the Periphery: Examining How Separatism Was Experienced in Rural Transnistria and Gagauzia Between 1989 & 1992.**

Sven Milekić (Maynooth University)

**Re-Framing Patriotism: How Croatian Veterans Changed the Tune on Cooperation with the ICTY.**

Dr. Marc Stegherr (LMU Munich)

**The Kosovo Case as Blueprint of the Populist Discourse on the West, Ukraine and Russia.**

### 11:00 – 12:30 Panel Session 2

***Roots and means of illiberal politics in Central and Southeast Europe***

Chair: Dr Lili Zách

Dr. Adam Hudek (Institute of Contemporary History of Czech Academy of Sciences)

**The National Communist Roots of the Slovak post-1989 Illiberalism.**



Andrei Gheorghe (University of Bucharest)

**The Illiberalism in Eastern Europe: Populist Logic or Strategy? Romania and Hungary between 2014-2020 in a Comparative Study.**

Dr. Justyna Pyz (Trinity College Dublin)

**Gender in Poland: Between EU Standards and Local Traditions.**

**12:40 – 14:00 Lunch Break**

14:00 – 15:20 Panel Session 3

***Protest against democratic backsliding***

Chair: Dr. John Paul Newman

Dr. Olesia Zytкова (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv)

**Independent Orthodox Church of Ukraine as a Fighter Against Bolshevism and Ruscism (Rashism): A Comparative Analysis of the 1920s and 2020s.**

Ana Jovanović-Harrington (Dublin City University)

**Torches vs. Pots: Lockdown Protests in Serbia 2021.**

Dr. Lili Zách (Eötvös Lóránt University, Budapest)

**Laughter in the Face of Illiberalism: the Functions of Humour in the Stand-up Comedy of Tibor Bődöcs.**

15:30 – 17:00 Panel Session 4

***Global and local contexts of populism: comparative perspectives***

Chair: Dr. Aneta Stępień

Dr. Ruth Amir (Yezreel Valley College)

**Populism and Victimhood: A Threat to Global Governance.**

Pablo A. Sánchez-Rodríguez (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

**For the People, Without the People: The Problem of Illiberal Populism in European Revisionist States.**

Dr. Elona Gjata (Albanian University)

**Bilingualism as a Destruction of the Line of Nationalism (the Case of North Macedonia).**

**17:00 – Socialising at [O'Neill's Pub](#) in Maynooth, dinner & drinks.** (Evening meal prices are between €15-20; vegetarian options available).



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## 17 September, Saturday

**9:00 – Coffee**

9:30 – 10:50 Panel Session 5

***Interwar populist ideologies and its contemporary echoes***

Chair: Maciej Cupryś

Dr. Raul Cârstocea (Maynooth University)

**Corruption and Colonialism: Populist Tropes in the Rhetoric of the Fascist Movement in Interwar Romania.**

Anastasia De Craecker (University College Dublin)

**Soldiers as a ‘Democratic’ Force: Early Soviet Centralisation Methods in the Cases of Ukraine and Georgia.**

Dr. Blasco Sciarrino (Central European University)

**Disciples of European Authoritarianism: Anti-democratic Romanian Great War Veterans and their Transnational Influences, 1920-1939.**

11:00 – 12:30 Panel Session 6

***Discourses of Russia-Ukraine***

Chair: Dr. Tetyana Lokot

Oleg Chupryna (Maynooth University)

**Authoritarian Regressions in Ukraine During Kuchma’s and Yanukovich’s Regimes.**

Dr. Milena Iakimova and Dr. Dimitar Vatsov (Sofia University ‘St. Kliment Ohridski’)

**Populist and (pro)Russian Propaganda in the Bulgarian Media Online, 2013-2022. Its Mutations Since the Russian War Against Ukraine.**

Dr. James Horncastle (Simon Fraser University)

**Present Problem, Future Conflict? The Republika Srpska and Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine.**

**12:30 – 13:30 – Lunch Break**

13:30 – 15:00 Panel Session 7

***Paramilitarism and the Right in Southeastern Europe, 1912-1999***

Chair: Dr. Raul Cârstocea (Maynooth University)

Dr. John Paul Newman and Eamonn Milliken (Maynooth University)

**Insurgency and Counter-insurgency in South-eastern Europe During the ‘Greater War’, 1912-1923.**



Dr. Stevan Bozanich (Lethbridge University)

**Making and Breaking a Paramilitary Army: The Dinara Chetnik Division, 1941-1945.**

Dr. Iva Vukušić (Utrecht University)

**Ready and Eager: Profiles of Serbian Paramilitary Volunteers in the 1990s.**

### **15:30 – 17:00 – IARCEES AGM**

All members are invited to attend this meeting, which will be held in a hybrid format. The agenda will be circulated to members prior to the meeting.

### **Information for participants travelling to Maynooth**

This event will take place in *MUSSI Seminar Room 2.31, 2nd Floor, Iontas Building, North Campus Maynooth University. (Building marked with red arrow on map attached with the closest car parks also indicated).* The North campus is located about 15 min. walk from the train station and 10 min. walk from the university accommodation.

Morning coffee and lunch will be served on both days; lunch includes vegetarian options. Additionally, there is a shop outside the conference venue that sells coffee and snacks.

### **Travelling to Maynooth**

The best option to travel to Maynooth from Dublin Airport is city transport. Buses number 16 and 41 pick up in front of Terminal 1 and you can ride there to Drumcondra Train Station. There are regular trains from Drumcondra to Maynooth (check times on [irishrail.ie](http://irishrail.ie)). Bus fare is about 2.90 Euros (exact fare only, e.g. coins) and the train will cost 4 Euros. Depending on connections the journey will take about 60-70 minutes.

Another option is to take a taxi from the rank in front of arrivals and ask to be dropped off at the Maynooth University reception. The fare will be about 60 Euros and journey will take about 30 minutes.

### **Accommodation**

Those of you looking for accommodation, please contact Maynooth University booking at [reservations@spcm.ie](mailto:reservations@spcm.ie). They offer a discounted rate for guests of the University. For single occupancy the cost is €39.00 per night and for sharing occupancy the rate is €33.00 per person per night. The key collection reception located in the South Campus is open 8:00-23:00.



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# Maynooth University Campus Map

