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The Far Right in the Americas (North and South): Between Populism, Patriotism and Paranoia

MA-Seminar

MASS: Modul Politik und Kultur, Modul Migration, Ethnizität, Ethnozentrismus //
MES: Politikmodul
3/9 ECTS

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Dienstag, 14:15-15:45 Uhr

Raum: GD 06

For the last few decades, the far right has not only swept the European political landscape, but also other parts of the (democratic) world, most notably in the United States. The significance of this phenomenon lies, among other things, in the fact that it stands for a fundamental change in democratic politics. This seminar attempts to put the European experience into a larger comparative context by taking a closer look at recent developments in North and South America. It pays particular attention to the challenges to liberal democracy posed by populism, authoritarianism and the desire for strong political leadership. It first takes up several theoretical approaches, such as studies of the authoritarian personality, the paranoid style in politics and the normal pathology of industrialized societies, as well as nationalism/nativism, populism and authoritarianism. These are then illustrated by European examples before empirically examining in more detail case studies from the USA and Canada to Argentina, Brazil, Chile and beyond.

Literatur: Cas Mudde and Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser. 2017. *Populism. A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford: Oxford University Press; Cas Mudde, *The Far Right Today*. Cambridge: Polity Press 2019; Thomas Kestler, "Radical, Nativist, Authoritarian—Or All of These? Assessing Recent Cases of Right-Wing Populism in Latin America", in: *Journal of Politics in Latin America* (2022) 14:3, pp. 289-310.

Teilnahmevoraussetzungen/Prerequisites: Social science and/or cultural history qualifications (BA degree or advanced BA studies); good active and passive English knowledge, Spanish language proficiency welcome.

Leistungsnachweise/Requirements for credits:

- Regular class participation (maximum of 3 no shows, occasional homework) and oral presentation (incl. handout, 1-2 pages), (100 % for 6 ECTS/ 33 % for 9 ECTS), research paper (20-25 pages for MA level, 15-20 pages for advanced BA level; 66 % for 9 ECTS).
- Research paper proposal (2 pages) by July 9th, 2024 at the latest; full and final version of research paper (20-25 pages for MA level, 15-20 pages for advanced BA level) due Sep. 30th, 2024 (66 % for 9 ECTS).