



Erasmus+ Blended Intensive Programme



Populism and the Foreign Policy of Central and Eastern European Countries in an Era of Polycrisis

The Center for Security Studies is delighted to invite PhD candidates to a summer school focusing on how populism shapes the foreign and security policies of Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries amid complex global crises.

Participants will explore three core areas: i) the themes and narratives driving populist foreign and security policy, ii) the means of communication through which these narratives are conveyed, and iii) their specific manifestations across sub-regions and countries in Central and Eastern Europe. The program fosters critical engagement with these topics through a blend of seminars, practical training, and collaborative research opportunities, culminating in a final conference and potential publication in CEJISS (Central European Journal of International and Security Studies).

 **Dates: 2-6 June 2025**

 **Location: Metropolitan University Prague, Czech Republic**

 **Application Deadline: 28 February 2025**

Language of instruction: English

Participants: Ph.D. Candidates

Costs: No tuition fees are charged and participants are recommended to apply for short-term Blended Intensive Programme grants via Erasmus+ (79 EUR/day) at their home institution. MUP will help to facilitate the process. Students cover accommodation and personal living expenses (food, transportation fees etc.) from their Erasmus travel grant.

How to Apply: Send your application, including your CV and an abstract summarizing your research on populism (max. 400 words): international@mup.cz

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Speakers include:

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David Cadier, Sciences Po's Centre for International Studies (CERI), France

Kilian Spandler, University of Gothenburg, Sweden

Ana Bojinović Fenko, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Jakub Eberle, Charles University Prague, Czech Republic

Sonja Priebus, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder), Germany

and others, including colleagues from the Metropolitan University Prague:

Jacqueline Dufalla, post-doctoral fellow at the Center for Security Studies

Ales Karmazin (chief editor of the Central European Journal of International and Security Studies - CEJISS)

Michal Kolmas (chief editor of the Czech Journal of International Relations and associate editor of the Journal of International Relations and Development)

Preliminary Programme

Online Part

12 May 2025 13:00 - 15.00 CET Webinar 1. Introduction of the Programme

19 May 2025 13.00 - 15:00 CET Webinar 2. Populism and Foreign Policy in CEE

Onsite Part

	9.00-10:00	10:00 - 11:30		13:00 - 14:30	14:30-15:30
Day 1 2 June 2025	Welcome	Workshop: Introductions and research presentations	<i>lunch</i>	Lecture: Populism and Post-Populism	Networking session
Day 2 3 June 2025	Coffee and Networking	Seminar: Themes in populist narratives	<i>lunch</i>	Workshop: Discourse analysis of populist narratives	Debriefing and Discussion
Day 3 4 June 2025	Coffee and Networking	Seminar: Populism in the Digital Age	<i>lunch</i>	Workshop: Analyzing populism in the media	Debriefing and Discussion
Day 4 5 June 2025	Coffee and Networking	Seminar: Sub-regional case studies (V4, Baltics, Balkans).	<i>lunch</i>	Seminar: Country-specific dynamics	Debriefing and Discussion
Day 5 6 June 2025	Conference	Conference	<i>lunch</i>	CEJISS editors	Concluding Remarks