

Call for Papers-BISA 2020: 'Populism in South East Europe'

The 45th BISA Annual Conference 2020 will be held in Newcastle-upon-Tyne from 17-19 June 2020. This conference draws an international group of researchers and practitioners for the purposes of advancing the field of international studies. On behalf of BISA South East Europe Working Group, we will submit the panel of 'Populism in South East Europe' to this conference.

The rationale of the panel is to explore the socio-economic and political concerns/agendas of political groups (political parties, movements etc.) usually associated with populism in South East Europe.

Populism manifests itself in different versions in this region. For instance, in the Western Balkan countries like Serbia under Vucic's leadership, populist-nationalist narratives are strongly present. The populist forces usually put the blame on an external 'enemy', for example, foreigners, ethnic minorities, refugees and others. However, populist movements can be nationalist and rightist, but can also be found among greens and leftist movements or a variety of political ideologies, and can appeal to many different things. This phenomenon has recently attracted attention from scholars focusing on the radical left and left-wing contexts of populism in South East Europe in particular Greece under SYRIZA's leadership. Another type of populism in this region is also discussed in the case of Turkey. The Islamist populism led by the AKP government began to directly affect Turkish politics, especially after the coup attempt of 15 July 2016.

This panel aims to explore the emergence of the various versions of populism in South East Europe through case studies.

Topics of interest may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Populist parties and movements in the South East Europe.
- Populist strategies of the right-wing and of the left-wing political parties and movements
- How do discrimination and racist practices interact with the rise of populism in the region?
- The impact of migration crises for producing populist responses of ultra right-wing political parties and movements in Balkans
- Islamism and populism in Turkey under AKP rule
- The future of left-wing populism in Greece

This CfP welcomes abstracts for papers on above-mentioned issues about populism in South East Europe. Please email the abstract (200 words max.) and CV to Dr.Çağlar Ezikoğlu, caglarezikoglu@gmail.com by 13 December 2019. Selected applicants for the panel submission will be notified by 16 December 2019.