

The End of Democracy?

Populism and political parties in transition democracies – from political sciences theories to real life political experience in the case of Slovenia

Guest lecture with discussion by Prof. Dr. Simona Kustec

How to describe, explain and perceive changes at elections? Especially in younger developing democracies? What do every-time changes in the selection of the winning political parties, their electoral offers, campaign behaviour, voters' interest to attend the elections, political parties' coalition and opposition positions tell us about 'blood count' and 'life condition' of democracy? The aim of the lecture is to discuss the stated fundamental dilemmas of parliamentary democracies – on one side from the theoretical perspectives of political science and on the other side from the 'real-life' positions of the political parties and politicians. Simona Kustec is Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Ljubljana. As a member of the Centre for Political Sciences Research she focuses her research work to the topics related to policy analysis and public administration, governance and democracy, politics of human rights, elections and electoral behaviour and sport politics and policy.

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