

Module Details	
Module Title	Authoritarianism, Nationalism and Populism
Module Code	PES6026-B
Academic Year	2024/5
Credits	20
School	School of Social Sciences
FHEQ Level	FHEQ Level 6

Contact Hours	
Type	Hours
Supervised time in studio/workshop	2
Project Supervision	5
Lectures	11
Seminars	11
Directed Study	171

Availability	
Occurrence	Location / Period
BDA	University of Bradford / Semester 1

Module Aims
<p>To encourage critical reflection on the norms of democratic governance</p> <p>To foster an understanding of the challenges posed by populist, authoritarian and nationalist politics to domestic and international forms of liberal governance.</p> <p>To provide a comparative framework in which to study non-democratic and hybrid regime types.</p> <p>To facilitate critical engagement with historical and contemporary sources.</p>

Outline Syllabus
<p>The module will begin with case studies of non-democratic and hybrid regimes from the past, in particular assessing the impact of the two world wars, the legacy of the twentieth-century 'revolt of the masses' and the emergence of populist political movements. The module's focus will then turn to the post-Cold War era and an examination of how and why populist and nationalist political movements have emerged to pose challenges to liberal form of domestic and international governance. The module will consider variants of these challenges that have emerged in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the Americas. Throughout the module, a comparative analysis will be provided of historical and current political trends, covering different countries and regions across the globe.</p>

Learning Outcomes	
Outcome Number	Description
01	Combine, apply and critically assess the explanatory value of historical and political theories and approaches to the study of different regime types, both past and present.
02	Critically assess the explanatory value of concepts, theories and methods from politics, international relations and security studies, in analysing political violence, coercion and the abuse of human rights in authoritarian states.
03	Critically assess the explanatory value of key theoretical and conceptual debates about nondemocratic states and their roles in the international system.
04	Combine apply and critically assess the explanatory value of concepts from politics, international relations and security studies, in the analysis of autocratic and illiberal regimes, and of the challenges they pose to democratic governance and the international order
05	Understand tensions between state, community, individual security and freedom, as well as the interrelationship between politics and security, within a diverse range of countries and regions.
06	Explain and assess the explanatory value of complex concepts and theories relating to democratisation, regime types and regime behaviour in a concise, confident and accurate manner
07	Systematically review academic debates relating to the concepts of populism, authoritarianism and the politics of nationalism, showing an awareness of key differences in reasoning.
08	Exercise critical judgement in the assessment of different historical and contemporary regime types by distinguishing strengths and limitations in academic theories.
09	Recognise and discuss relationships between knowledge practices and the forms and operations of power.

Learning, Teaching and Assessment Strategy
You will learn through lectures, seminar discussions, multimedia presentations and engagement with primary sources.

Mode of Assessment			
Type	Method	Description	Weighting
Summative	Coursework - Written	Essay (3800-4000 words)	100%

Reading List
To access the reading list for this module, please visit https://bradford.rl.talis.com/index.html

Please note:

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