



'Donald J Trump Celebrity Populist': Painting–Stephen Alomes

Understanding New Populism: Causes, Characteristics, Results

**Europe Centre Seminar
(SGSC/ GUSS)
Thursday August 15 – 12.30-2.00pm
Council Chamber, RMIT University
RMIT Building 1, Level 2R, 124
Latrobe St, Melbourne**

What is populism? Journalists and most political scientists have no idea. What are its causes? How do populism researchers define its characteristics? Is it a variation on another chameleon vessel, nationalism? How can it be responded to? **Evidence** that populism is the powerful political force of today.

Populist Leaders and... Trump, Berlusconi, Salvini, Haider, Orban, Putin, Erdogan, Brexit, True Finns. Le Pens, Hanson, Tea Party. Podemos, Sanders, Melenchon. Koizumi, Howard, Morrison. Macron.

Right (predominant), Left and Centre. Marginal, mainstream and permeating.

Chair, Associate Professor Cathy Greenfield (School of Media & Communication, RMIT). *Introduction*

Adjunct Professor Stephen Alomes (SGSC, GUSS, RMIT)
Definitions and Diversities of New Populism: Causes (neo-liberalism) and Responses (particularly re Australia, France and celebrity populism)

Professor Bruno Mascitelli (Swinburne, President Contemporary European Studies Association)
Italy Plus: From Celebrity Populism (Berlusconi) to the Unholy Alliance and Illiberal Europe, the Five Star Movement and the (Northern) League

Professor Joe Siracusa (SGSC, GUSS, RMIT) *USA: From the Tea Party to Trumpism and Nativism*

Stephen Alomes *Conclusion– Futures?*