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Title of the course:	Political radicalism		
Course ID:	VE-NPT008		
Level of education:	Regular & Erasmus	Academic semester:	Fall
Professor's name:	Dr. Grajczjár István	Academic title:	associate professor
Hours per semester:	30	Credits:	4
Exam:	homework	Pre-requisites:	

The goal of seminar

The SIREN EU5 project examined whether the European employment and social safety model's crunch that took place in the 1990s and at the beginning of the new millennium had an effect on the strengthening of xenophobic, nationalist and racist attitudes among employees between 2001 and 2004, and whether these changes and strengthening extremist attitudes contributed to the development of increased susceptibility among employees in eight European countries¹ towards the messages of extreme, and radical right-wing parties. Based on results of socio-psychological research and the SIREN project, we will examine the psychological processes that had been generated by individual perceptions of radically changed working conditions. Additionally, we also attempt to understand how such perceptions, related to psychological processes of collective relative deprivation and identification with work, affect those attitudes that predispose workers to extreme right or radical right-wing populist messages.

Topics of the seminar

1. Socio-economic changes: crises of welfare state, rising of inequality and insecurity, right wing extremism and right wing populism, rebirth of the far right in Europe
2. The link between socio-economic changes and the appeal of extreme right views, the most important socio-psychological theoretical background
3. The comparison of results of the SIREN qualitative and quantitative research in eight countries, crises of neoliberalism, conclusions

Examination

- *Homework about the radicalization process in the student's country*

Literature

Jörg Flecker (eds. 2007): Changing Working Life and the Appeal of the Extreme Right, Ashgate

Recommended literature:

Jörg Flecker (eds. 2001): Modern sirens and their populist songs – European literature review on changes in working life and the rise of right wing populism

¹ The SIREN project members were: Austria, Hungary, France, Germany, Denmark, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy.