Research Seminar

Populism and the Propagation of Far-Right Extremism

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While reasons for populist voting have received a lot of attention in the political economy literature, less attention has been paid to the consequences of populist electoral success. In his presentation, Felix Hagemeister will focus on the impact that populist success in elections might have on public expressions of far-right extremism, as measured by far-right extremist protest marches in Germany after the successes of the right-wing populist AfD party in state elections between 2013 and 2017. A key finding is that far-right protests are more likely to occur in areas where populist electoral successes were more surprising, plausibly altering social norms. Hagemeister offers the interpretation that populist success in democratic elections lowers the social stigma associated with expressing far-right views, thus encouraging latently xenophobic individuals to take to the streets and join far-right protests.

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