***From post-communism to populism***

Call for Papers

The notion and phenomenon of populism have attracted the attention of observers of political and social life in Europe for a long time. Representatives of various disciplines are looking for the most adequate ways to describe this problem. Too general or overly detailed contexts, however, often leave with unsatisfactory diagnoses. These dilemmas are unavoidable considering the number of issues related to populism. With full awareness of these difficulties, the editorial staff of the *Studia Europejskie* Quarterly would like to join this discussion and devote the next issue of the journal to populism in Central and Eastern Europe. The experience of populism in this region is particularly interesting due to the unique experience of communism, rapid systemic changes, religiousness, increasing nationalism and identity politics, historical experience of the constant threat from the peripheral powers. This specificity should also be included in the discussions on populism, too often treated as mere pathology – a mix of dogmatism and unpredictability. We are interested in the following issues, in paricular:

* Views of populism adequate for post-communist countries.
* Meaning and place of social (people - elites), moral (good - evil), economic (poor - rich), ontological (us - them), antagonisms characteristic of post-communist states.
* Populist hostility towards others (states, nations, organizations and processes, etc.).
* Contexts of populism: globalization, neoliberalism, nationalism, religion, secularism, immigration, bureaucracy, modernization, etc.
* Phenomenon of Eastern European populism in the context of geographical, historical, political, socio-religious, economic conditions.
* Importance of post-communist heritage for the character of populism.
* Populism and the disfunctions of the political party systems
* Ideological varieties of populism.
* Populism and identity politics.
* Populism and social change (culture, education, morality)
* Populism and hate speech
* Psychological and ethnographic contexts of populism.
* Communication and populist discourses.
* Case studies
* Populism in comparative research.

**Timeline**

Applicants are invited to submit abstracts up to 300 words and short CVs to m.rakusa-suszczewski@uw.edu.pl by 31 April 2019.

Accepted papers will be announced on June 15, 2019.

Guideliness for authors in the attachment.