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RESPOND Project Lecture III: Migration, Heritage and Populism in Europe

This lecture aims to reveal the ways in which five populist parties in Europe (AfD in Germany, FN in France, PVV in the Netherlands, M5S in Italy, and Golden Dawn in Greece) employ the fear of Islam as a political instrument to mobilize their supporters and to mainstream themselves. The study is conducted through a discourse analysis of the speeches and manifestos of the aforementioned parties. Following the depiction of each political party, the lecture displays some of their electoral posters to be able to explicate their common tropes with regards to the use of the past and heritage as well as their Islamophobic, migrant-phobic, and diversity-phobic discourses. The main premise of the lecture is to claim that these parties have recently generated a civilizational discourse in order to expand their electorate and to become mainstream political actors.

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