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Populism and Foreign Policy in a Changing International Order

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Populism is an emergent and vibrant topic of research in international politics as over the last years we have seen a growing number of experiences in the world that use the international as a springboard to legitimate their projects at home. The set of international actions and behaviours of these leaders and governments are not innocuous. Yet, the effects, dimensions and consequences of how these actors do foreign policy and international relations still need further theorisations and empirical analyses building from the rich landscape of populist experiences around the world. Against this backdrop, this panel analyses the emerging topic of populism at the interplay of foreign policy analysis and international relations. The panel overarching goal is to unpack key drivers, ideas, psychological aspects, and motivations of populist leaders and governments in different regions of the world regarding their positioning towards international issues and different type of external relationships with other states and international institutions.

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