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**Does Such a Thing as a Distinct Populist Foreign Policy Exist?**

Most studies of populism and populist parties tend to focus on their impact on domestic policies, with an emphasis on asylum, migration and integration policies. In this seminar I would like to to discuss the possible existence of four, possibly five, different types of populist parties each with a distinct type of foreign policy. This is related to the idea that populist parties may differ in their definition of the 'people' and the 'elite' and may differ in the ideology they tend to borrow from. The actual effect of their foreign policy stands on their countries' foreign policy, however, depends on the institutional characteristics of the political system they operate in: electoral system, party system, etc. The argument will be illustrated with examples from the Netherlands, Italy, Hungary and other European countries.