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East Central Europe has recently paved its way from the role of a "democratic apprentice" running through belated modernization and democratization within the EU to a European deviant that has made a U-turn away from European integration towards rooted parochialism aimed at enforcing national sovereignty. Either way, it is commonly perceived as an economic and political periphery of the "civilized world." However, the current rise of right-wing nationalism throughout the Western world – Brexit and the US elections being the turning points herewith – arguably pushes East Central Europe to the forefront of the urgent discussion.

The goal of the seminar is to place the region in a broader context of the endangered EU and fragile liberal democracy. The main cleavage is between the unfolding tendency of neotribalism (Zygmunt Bauman), that is bordered local/national communities, and alternative universalist projects of united Europe. The main options to be discussed are a sort of multiplication of "illiberal democracy" (as Victor Orban coined it) on the one hand and grass-root European integration through pan-European demos (DiEM2025) and the "European republic" (Ulrique Guerot) on the other.

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