DESCRIPTION DE LA RECHERCHE : 

The populist tide is sweeping the world. Both parties to the (radical) left and right use a populist discourse which combines people centrism and anti-elitism, as well as the exclusion of certain population cohorts such as immigrants or the economic elites from the national community. Through the use of simple, strong, and slogan based language, charismatic leadership and simple solutions to complex problems, populist actors try to mobilize and persuade citizens. The research project, I am working on tries to provide an up to date global overview of populist actors around the globe. The focus of the project are 6 case studies on the United States of America, France, Poland, Turkey, the Philippines and Argentina. Each case study describes the history of populism in the respective country, the contemporary actors that use populist tactics, the strategies these parties and movements use and how these tactics resonate within the population. These case studies are embedded within two theoretical chapters that link the cases to the theoretical and empirical literature on populism. The students chosen for this project will help with some background literature review, they will provide a synthesis of the various cases and try to link them. They might also do some primary analysis of political speeches.

ACTIVITÉS D’APPRENTISSAGE SPÉCIFIQUES :

- Become an « expert » on one of the most pressing topics in contemporary political science
- Learn how to synthesize literature
- Discover nuances in populist discourse
- Code populist discourse
- Learn how to do document analysis