

## **Section 10 –Studi Regionali e Politiche Locali (regional studies and local policies)**

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### **Panel 10.3 Populism and Sub-National Governance**

The rise in support for populist parties is reflected in their increasing presence in sub-national governments. Recent analyses of populist parties in national office have enabled an expanded perspective on their ideology and demonstrated ways in which the transition from opposition to government necessitates changes in strategy and corresponding discourse. Scholars have largely neglected the sub-national level, despite the wealth of cases provided. This gap is especially relevant as, following the electoral success of populist mayors in Europe and Latin America, many cities are becoming 'laboratories' for small-scale experiments of populist strategy. Furthermore, regional and local governments introduce new dynamics for analysis: multi-level politics, intraparty relations, and more constrained prioritisation among competing aims in institutions often lacking policy competences. Urban governments also provide heightened opportunity for technocratic forms of populist governance: an unlikely, but increasingly prevalent, conceptual alliance.

The panel welcomes:

- papers that study the approach of populist parties of left, right and centre in executive positions at sub-national levels of government
- comparative case studies of the strategies and the impact of populist mayors on local public policy and administration
- studies on populism from a multi-level governance perspective

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