

The Paradox of Minority Accommodation

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in radicalisation and violent extremism*

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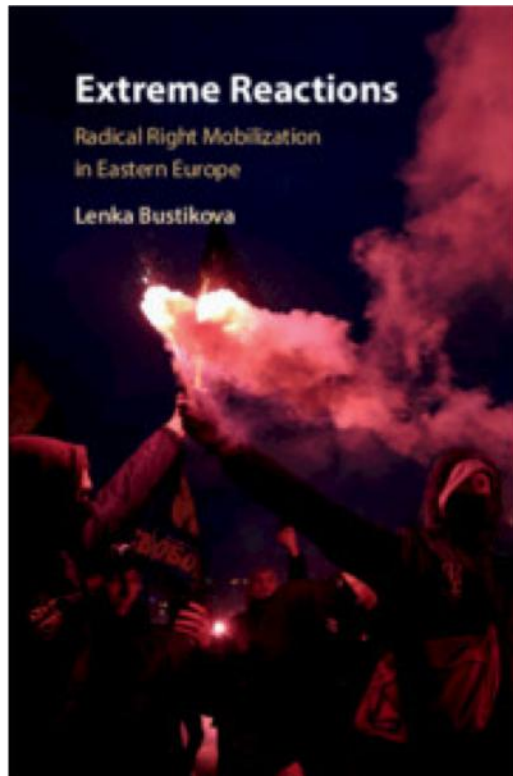
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Four topics in 10 minutes

- Volatility – dynamics of minority accommodation
- Sequencing – democracy and minority accommodation parallel processes
- Shift from nationalism to social conservatism – from ethnicity to sexuality
- Radicalization of mainstream parties
- Footnote: COVID-19

Volatility – minority accommodation



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What motivates voters to support radical right parties?

Radical right voters are driven by their resentment against aspiring minority groups.

Radical right parties mobilize to keep minorities from advancing and curtail their accommodation.

Sequencing

- Democracy and minority accommodation - parallel processes
- Fast paced
- Ethnicity, first
- Sexual rights, LGBT, second



From group to grid

- Shift from nationalism to social conservatism (from ethnicity to sexuality)
- Religious conservatism, conservative social movements, “illiberal” civil society
- EE – the new frontier: USA religious conservatives, Russian influence
- Newly politicized groups, refugees, Israel, anti-Semitism



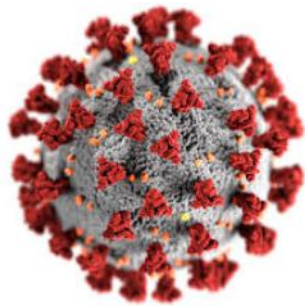
Radicalization of mainstream parties

- SMER (Slovakia), PiS (Poland), FIDESZ (Hungary) mainstream at the onset
- Becoming populist, becoming radical (danger originates from the mainstream)
- Dominant parties vs. governing coalitions with junior partners



COVID-19 - future radicalization (or not?)

- Economic downturn
- Emergency measures
- Polarization
- Democratic decay
- Riots, Radicalization (or not)



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