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Thursday Sociological Seminars

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## Tensions in representative democracies: causes and consequences

The new ways of doing politics, embodied in the appeals to populism, the appeals to technocracy, or combined both i.e. technopopulism are revealing symptoms of crises of citizen's representation and tensions in representative democracies, in different societies in the EU. Which historical conditions led to the rise of the new populist parties, populist leaders or unelected technocrats, promising to solve the *people's* problems? Why are these symptoms present both in Central-East and Western Europe? How the complex intertwining of politics and economics, in a few critical junctures, led to transformations of the societal relations, at the expense of what K. Polanyi has called the "logic of an impersonal market mechanism"?

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