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LIBERALISM, POPULISM AND DEMOCRACY: ANTI-SYSTEM POLITICS IN ADVANCED CAPITALISM

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ABSTRACT / The financial crisis and long period of stagnation since have given a boost to populist and other anti-system parties in the advanced democracies. Work on economic voting predicts voters punishing incumbent governments in times of crisis, studies of austerity and depression predict nationalist or even fascist backlash, whilst globalization theorists predict a nationalist backlash in response to the destabilizing effects of trade openness and volatile capital markets. None of these theories seem to correctly predict the form anti-system politics takes in different countries. This paper maps out the different kinds of anti-system politics that has emerged in different advanced capitalist states, and assesses potential explanations for these differences. I identify four main types of anti-system party, and tentatively relate them to differences in welfare regime, financial institutions, electoral systems and ideological traditions.

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