

Defining the Ideology of Extremism

The very term of the political extremism is a matter of usage in ordinary language today. The meaning of the term seems to be rather transparent. As such, any kind of extremism seems to be definable in the typical oppositions: extremism vs. moderateness, extremism vs. normalcy, extremism vs. common sense, extremism vs. reality, extremism vs. civilized behaviour, and so on. Not much is left to explain about extremism, since it seems as though we have to deal with a phenomenon that no matter on which grounds represents a kind of transgression of rules dominating the order of politics.

A Kind of Aliens

This very broad and superficial meaning of the political extremism is accurate; however, to the extent to which it is correct, it describes not only the phenomenon itself, but – in a different sense – affects the social, cultural and symbolic context within which it is acquired. The political extremism is only possible in a context, where moderateness, normalcy, common sense, some dominant representations of reality, civilization, etc., constitute a core of set of values and common ideas within a given political culture. Summarily, we might say that such attributes of political culture by and large may be ascribed to the so-called Western world, and increasingly to some countries, which in recent history have entered into the universe of democracy. Although very significant differences between the features