

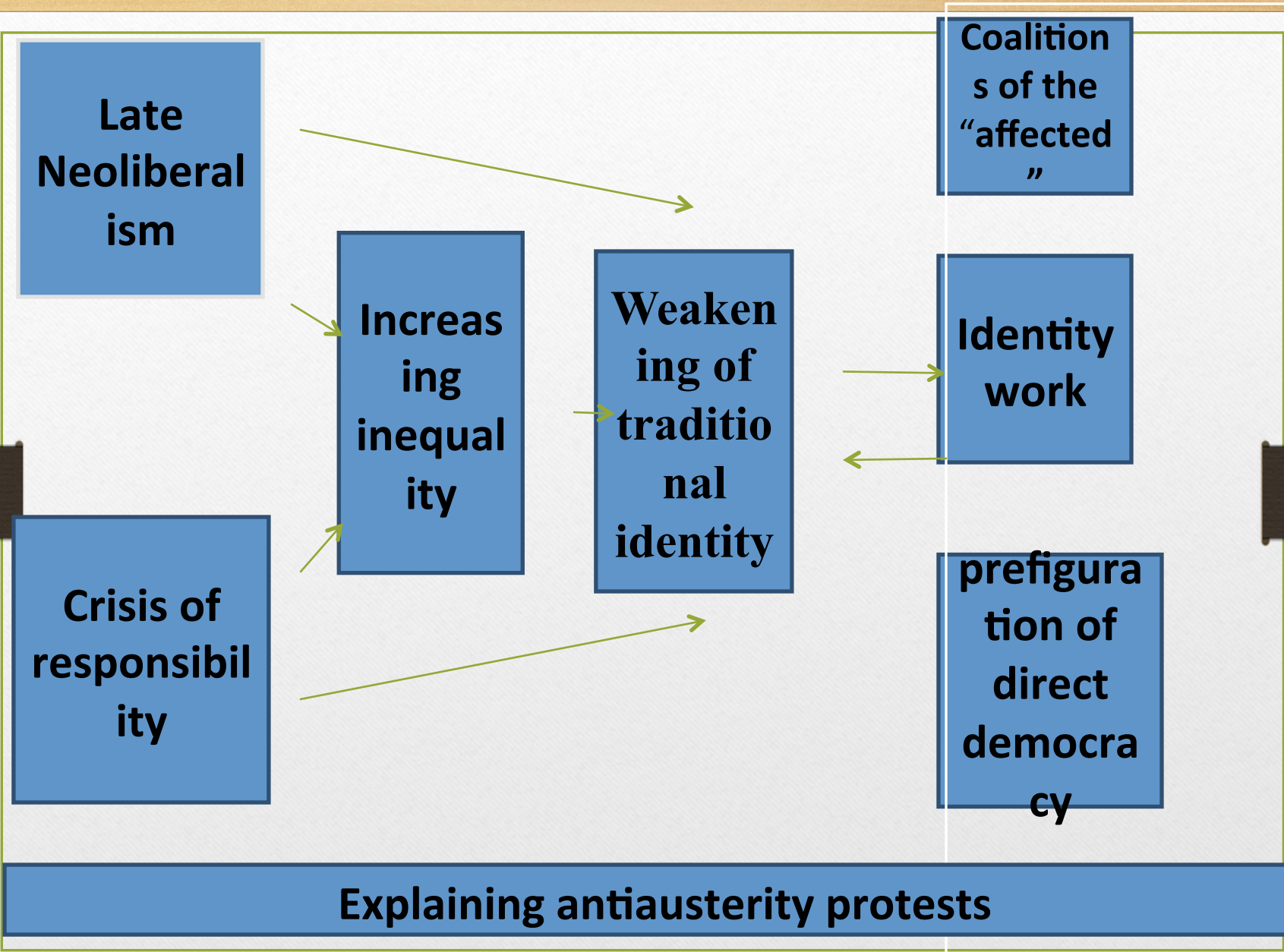
Social Movements in Times of Austerity

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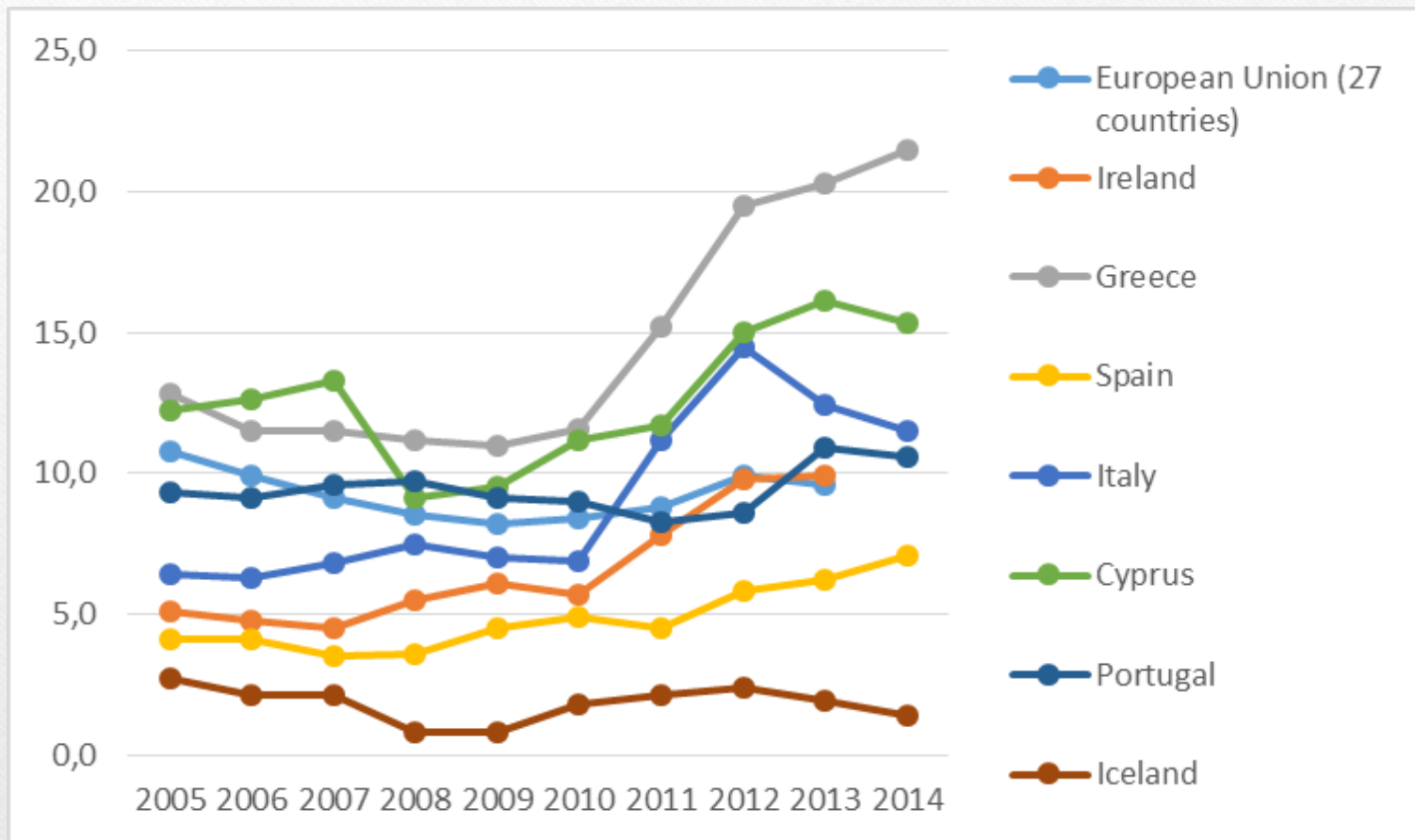
Which capitalism?

- On the big transformation in capitalist formations: Touraine and beyond
- Middle-term cycles? From Polanyi to Burawoy
- From primitive accumulation to accumulation by dispossession: David Harvey
- Short Waves: Movements of the crisis?

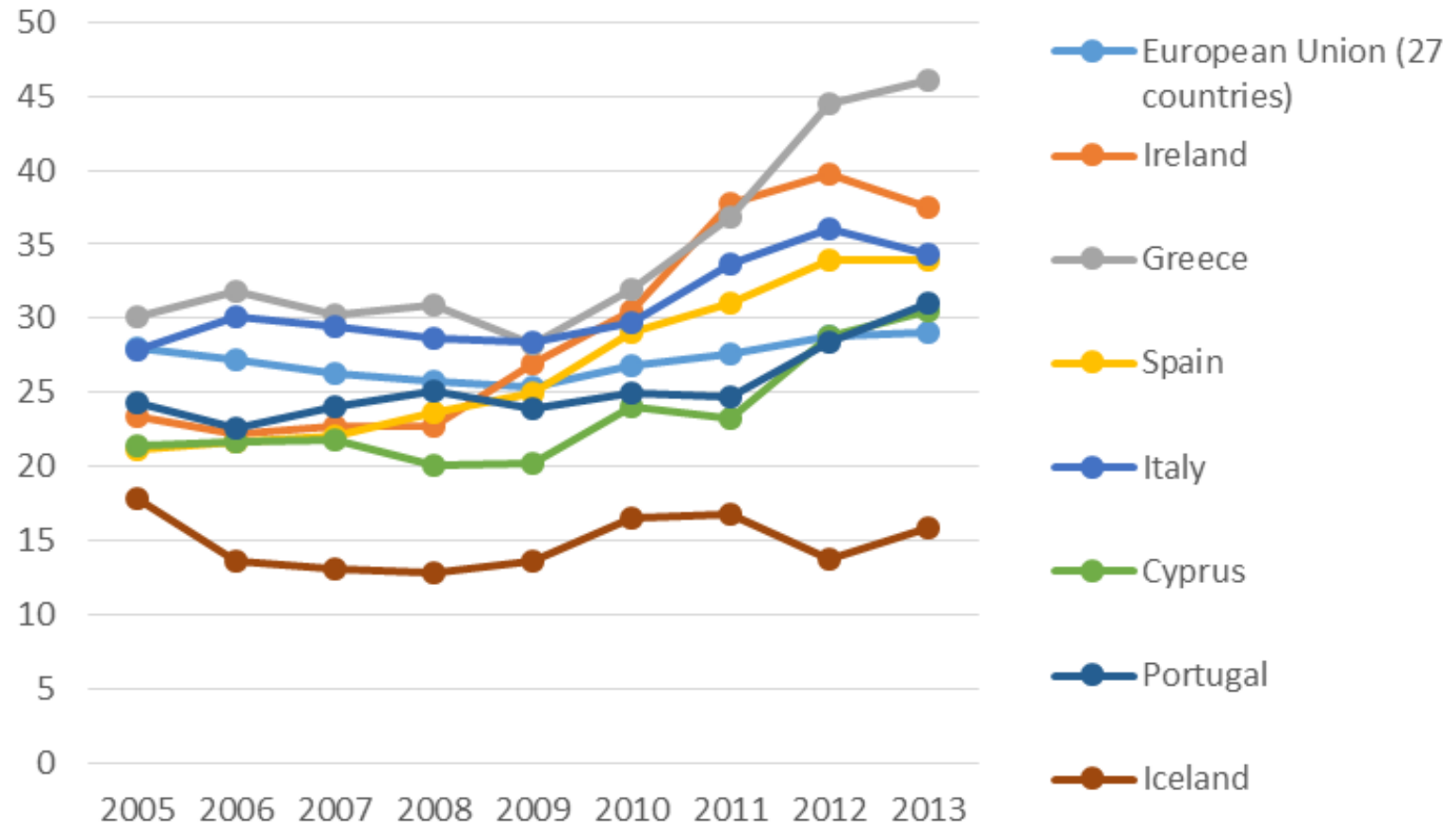
In the EU periphery: the many crises

- A bank crisis
- A debt crisis (within common currency)
- A crisis of competitiveness
- A crisis of trade unbalancess
- A social crisis

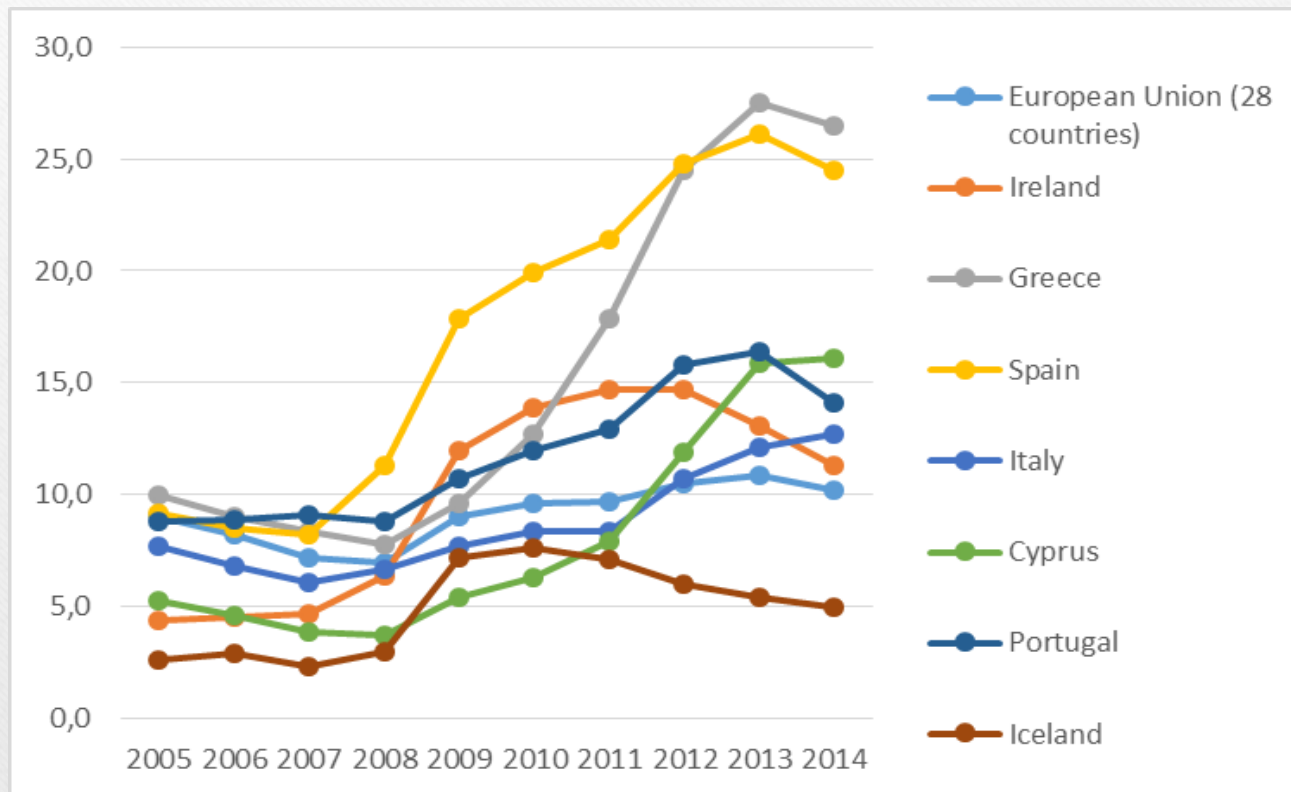
Severe material deprivation index (Eurostat)



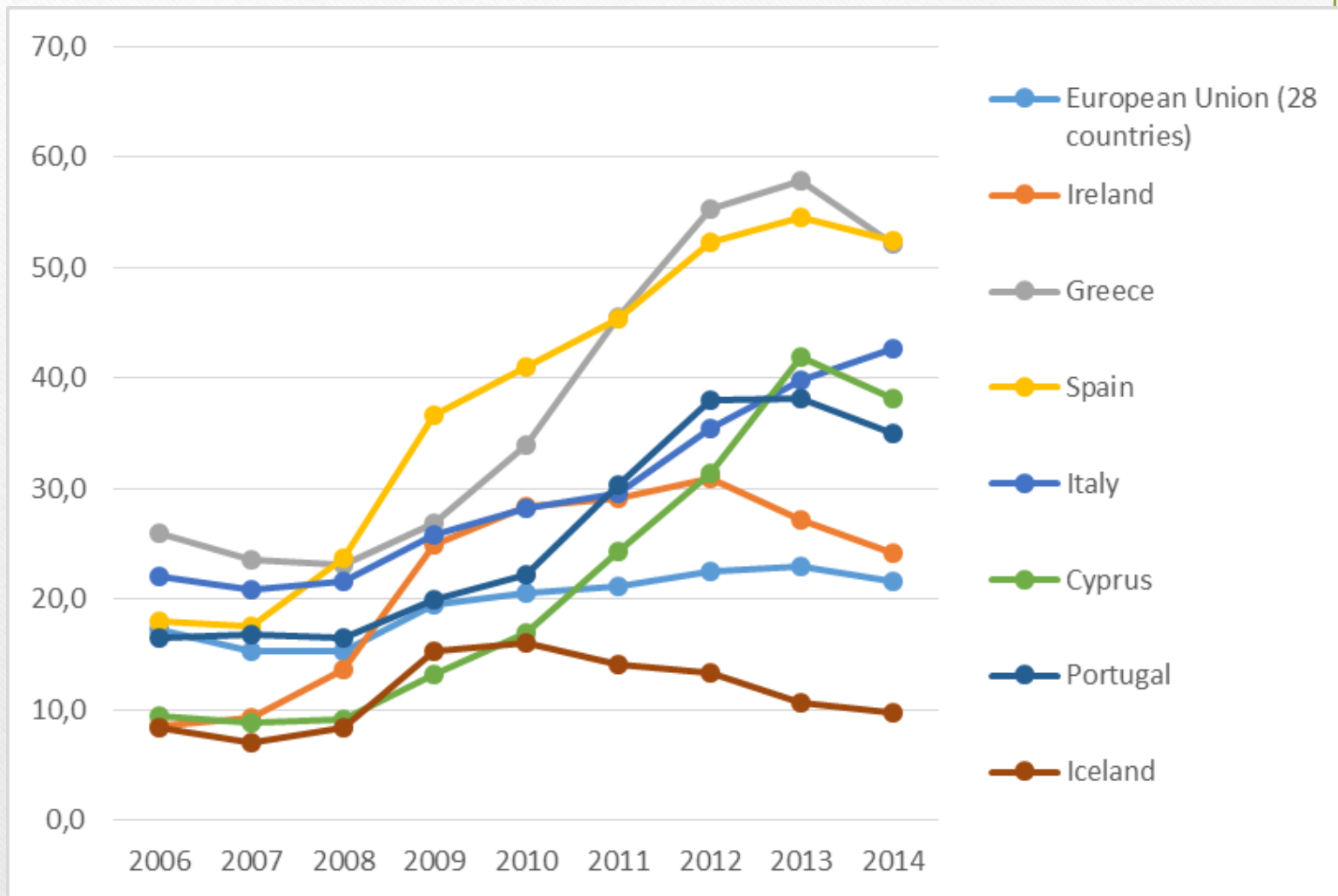
At risk of poverty rate (source Eurostat)



Unemployment rate % of active population (Eurostat)



Youth unemployment rate, % of youth active population



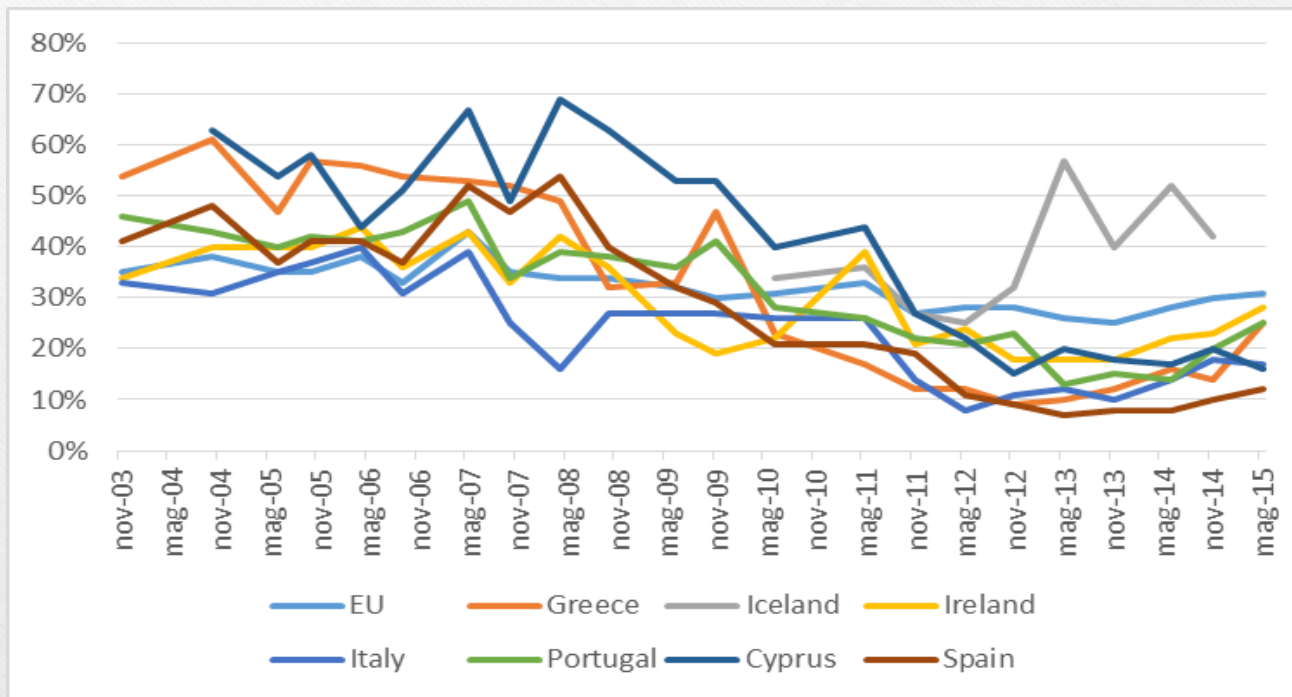
A crisis of responsibility

- reduced competences: deregulation, liberalization, privatization
- depoliticization: The dominance of the market and technicians
- Financial power: From Keynes to monetarism to private keynesianism
- Sovereignty loss

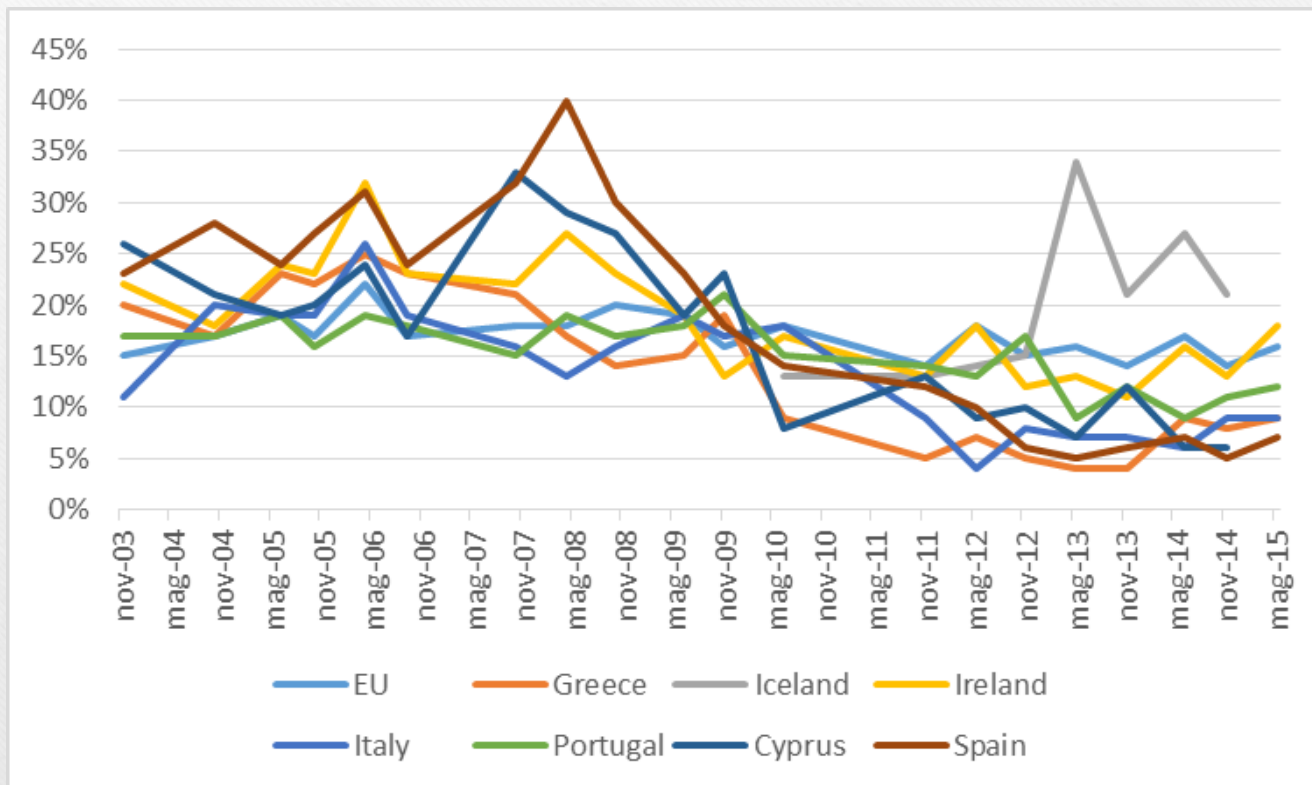
Responsibility crisis in EU

- Imposition of policy choice by unaccountable institutions
- Embedded monetarism
- Constraints on democratic dialectic government/opposition
- Anti-labour pressures
- Increasing budget control (2packs, fiscal compact, six packs)

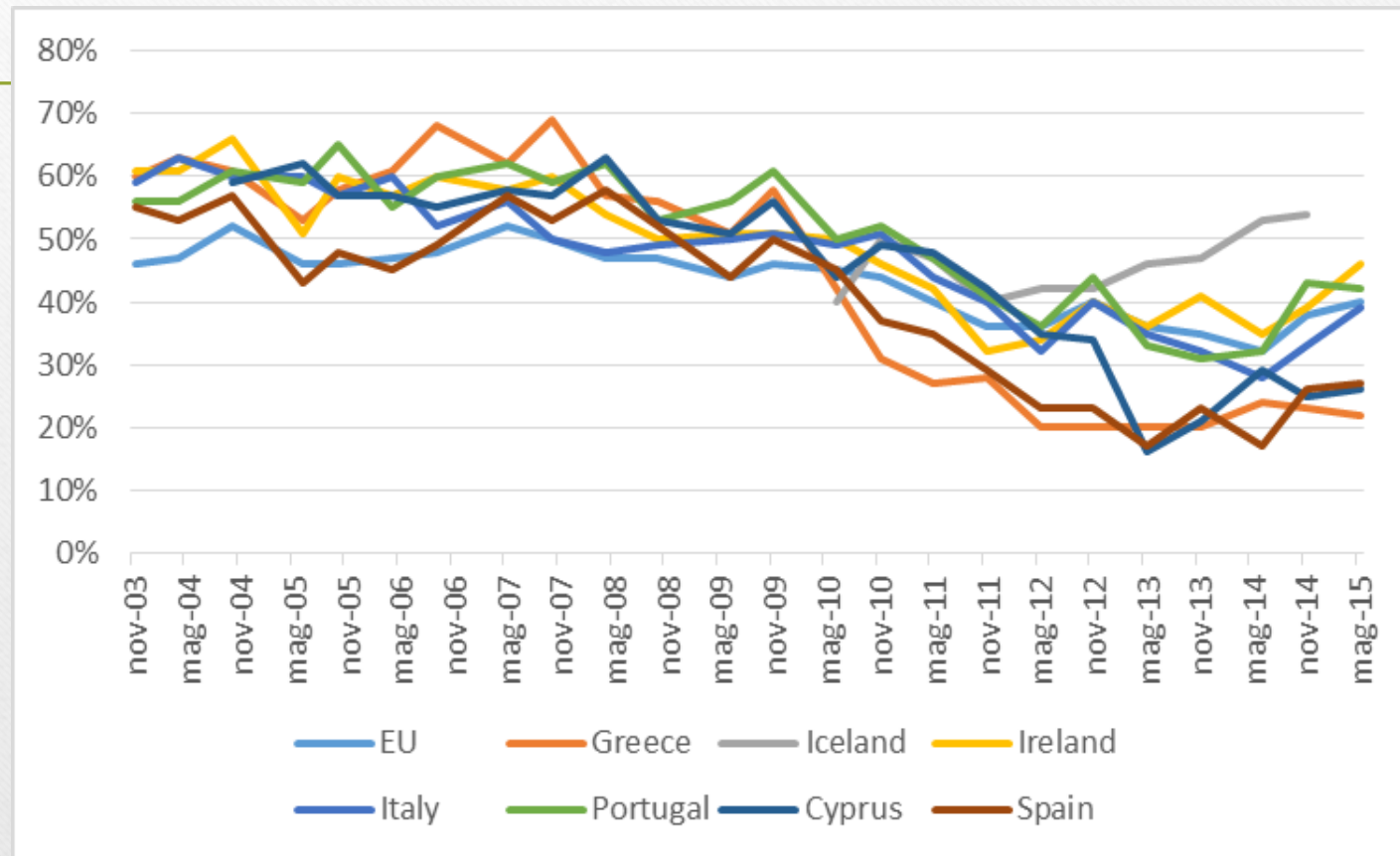
Trust in national parliaments



Trust in political parties



Trust in EU commission (Eurobarometer)

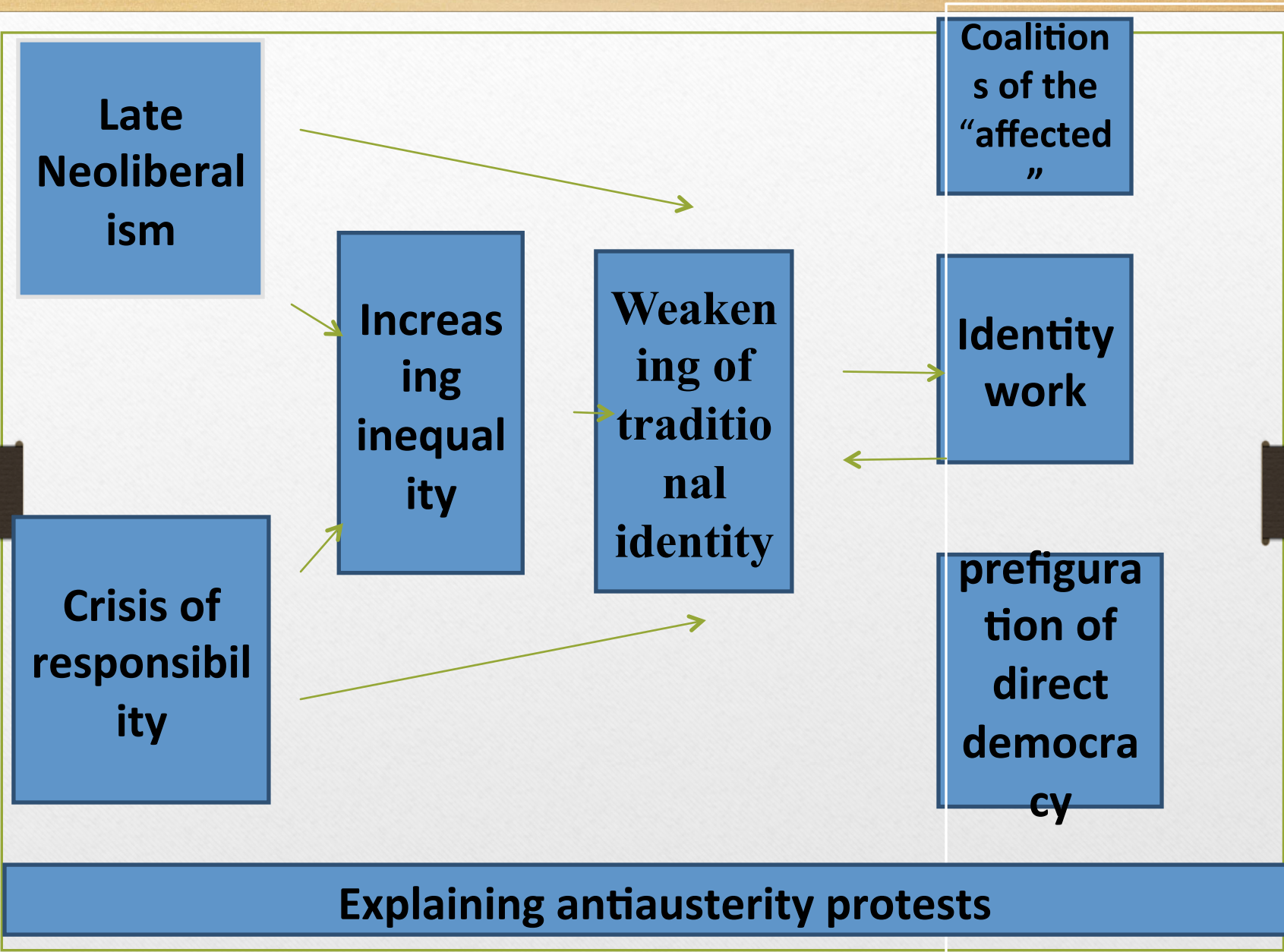


Neoliberalism as ideology

- Dominance of the market over the social
- Reversal of norms in amoral capitalism
- Dispossession of rights
- Crusading passion
- Illusion of separation state/market
- Liquid society: individualism and insecurity

Expectations

- Social movement studies: weak movement of crisis
- Polanyi-like countermovements
- World-systems antysystemic movements
- Multitudes



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	Forum	Camps
transparency	Open meeting place	In the open-air space
equality	In associational democracy	In communitarian/direct democracy
consensus	Within spoke-council and SMOs	In the assemblies, open to all
argumentation	Rational/political	Prefigurative/emotional
Orientation to	Cognitive work towards the public good	The construction of the common
Preference transformation	In the GJM	In the 99%

Democracy
is **NOT**
a spectator
Sport

-Howard Zinn