

voxEUROPP Episode 2: Eastern Europe and Democracy

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Today *EUROPP* launches the second episode in our *voxEUROPP* series of podcasts. Presented by **Chris Gilson** and **Stuart A Brown**, *voxEUROPP* draws on academic experts from *EUROPP* to discuss the latest issues across European governance, economics, politics, culture and society, both at the European Union and national levels.

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In this *voxEUROPP* episode we hear from specialists on politics in Eastern Europe and take an in-depth look at Europe's austerity policies. **Anne Applebaum**, LSE's 2012-2013 Philippe Roman Chair in History and International Affairs, speaks about the overreaching effects of 'Putinsim' on Russia's economic system and democratic processes. Romanian Expert and LSE PhD student, **Clara Volintiru**, discusses the referendum on the country's presidency and whether or not the EU could do more to support democracy in the country. Renowned political critic **Professor Noam Chomsky** talks about the long-term effects of European austerity policy in our final "Future of Europe" segment.



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